

START IN BRIDGE MARCH IS ASSURED

Plans and Specifications Are Adopted and Bids Will Be Opened February 23.

HOME PRODUCTS FAVORED

Slight Change Requested by Association of Lumbermen Granted So as to Permit Use of Wood Blocks for Flooring.

By the middle of March, it is now practically assured, the interstate bridge, the biggest structure of its kind in the world, will be actually in course of construction.

BONDING CHANGE URGED

BROKERS TO CONFER WITH COUNCIL ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. Lower Interest, Change of Denomination and Semi-Annual Payments Desired in Bancroft Act.

Bond-buyers and representatives of bonding companies will meet with the City Council at the City Hall at 3 o'clock today to consider a measure which the Council proposes to submit to the State Legislature making important changes in the Bancroft bonding act.

By W. R. Mackay, president of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, and accompanied by E. C. Gilmer, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and George M. Corwall, F. H. Ransom and F. B. Burns.

Engineer Howard said that, if authorized by the Commission, he would issue a supplementary letter to the plans, setting forth other data which would permit of the use of wooden blocks.

The original plans called for a five-inch concrete base to hold the steel girders, and a two-inch wearing surface on top.

Advertisements for bids will be printed immediately. This will take 30 days. Bids will be opened on February 23 at 2 o'clock P. M.

From end to end the bridge will be 11,900 feet long. The actual steel portion of this, crossing the Columbia River, Oregon Slough and Columbia Slough, will occupy 5,600 feet.

The Commission made no decision on the style of draw span to be installed. Bids are asked on both the draw and swing spans, and engineers' drawings of the bridge show both styles.

Steel Only Foreign Product Needed. "We have shown in the specifications," said Mr. Howard, "that the members of the Commission prefer the use of home products to the greatest possible extent."

James Grady, an old-time favorite and character actor of ability, in "The Toll Bridge," by Jimmie Barry, carries away all the honors at the Empress.

One of the Ward sisters, in an act of note, is a mechanical doll, easily lifted from the floor at one moment and, at the next, not to be budged by the strongest man.

Mabel Douglas makes her bow to her many Portland friends. With her is Lacey Sampson to assist in their original fun and frolics.

Qualit Spaniards are the two acrobats, Les Casados, who do some sensational and comical tumbling.

Optimism for the new year is voiced in the general letter to the Merchants' National Bank. Increases in advertising campaigns by houses doing a nationwide business are considered a harbinger of approaching good times.

Assurance having been given by the majority of the members of the City Council that the ordinance introduced recently by Mayor Albee, creating the position of public defender for the Municipal Court, will be passed at tomorrow's council meeting, the list of applicants for the position is rapidly growing.

The position, which is to be established for the benefit of persons unable to pay for legal aid, will carry a salary of \$150 a month according to present plans. Applicants are doing all kinds of wire-pulling.

C. S. Prouty, of North Bend, is at the Perkins. E. C. Ward, of Goldendale, Wash., is at the Eaton.

Dr. and Mrs. Tyler Smith, of Sheridan, are at the Imperial. O. R. Gurnsey and wife, of Spokane, are at the Nortonia.

Mrs. J. P. Reddy, of Medford, is registered at the Oregon. J. S. McIlroy, of Salem, registered at the Nortonia.

Charles Smith, a Eugene business man, is at the Nortonia. Clyde Roberts is registered at the Perkins from Willamina.

W. Poliak, an Albany merchant, is registered at the Oregon. C. M. Speck, a Medford orchardist, is registered at the Imperial.

Mrs. Henry Serr, proprietor of a hotel at Dallas, is registered at the Multnomah.

H. S. Hagan, of San Francisco, is visiting at the Multnomah. J. C. Scott, a grainman of Walla Walla, is at the Multnomah.

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M. B. O'Leary, a merchant of Ridgefield, Wash., is at the Carlton. Charles Starr, of Gold Beach, registered at the Carlton yesterday.

A. McRae, a realty operator of Goldendale, Wash., is at the Perkins. E. C. McDougall, a Seattle contractor, arrived at the Seward yesterday.

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January Clearance. In Every Section of the Store--The Biggest Values of the Year! Follow the Crowds! Demonstration and Sale Aluminum Ware

Every day this week by Miss Emily Horgan, the noted authority on "Wear-Ever" brand Aluminum Ware. Today, cakes will be cooked on griddle without grease.

Men's \$1 Union Suits--Heavy fleeced cotton in silver gray and cream. Sizes 6 to 16 years. 39c. Men's \$6 Union Suits--Gantner & Mattern--Fancy silk like effects. Reduced to 2.98. Men's \$8 Union Suits--Fine Egyptian cotton, heavy weight, well finished, form fitting. Extra special, garment. 55c.

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February "Delineator" Now Ready--Price 15c. This issue contains a very intimate mother and babe story by Dorothy Canfield, lead, the Delineator's most authentic fashion predictions.

An All-Week Stationery Sale. \$1 to \$1.25 Crane's Fancy Gold Edge Stationery, 40 letters, 60 envelopes, cards, white and colors, box 71c.

Women's \$1.25 "Harvard Mills" Union Suits--White cotton, medium weight, tucked attached; high neck, long sleeves, ankle length. Regular sizes, 79c.

House Dresses. Women's \$2.25 to \$3.75 House Dresses--Old assortment from our regular stocks, including many styles. All perfect garments--a few mended slightly. Clearance 1.48.

Bedding. \$2.25 Stuffed Comforters--Filled with pure white downy cotton, attractively covered with good quality silk-velvet floral patterns and Oriental designs. Clearance Sale Price 1.89.

Books. All Standard Sets ONE-THIRD OFF. All Bibles now ONE-FOURTH OFF.

Grocery Specials. Peas Can 10c. The Well-known "Victor" Brand. Four-ounce variety, medium size.

Victor Sliced Pineapple. Intest Hawaiian pack, No. 2 cans, doz. \$1.30. Red salmon, No. 1 (all cans, dozen \$1.40; can 12c).

Grangeville Quintet is on Trip. (Special).--The all-star basketball team of this city is taking a week's trip, playing return games.

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