

CITY MOVES TO TAKE UP PAVING MEASURE

Three Bids, Indicating Close Combine, Rejected.

PRICES HIGHLY BOOSTED

Commissioners Reveal Intention to Use Municipal Plants to Obtain Sand, Gravel and Rock.

Intention of the city of Portland to enter the paving business in direct competition to private industries was revealed by City Commissioner Barbur yesterday in a discussion of bids offered by three firms for a year's supply of sand, gravel and crushed rock to be used by the municipal paving-repair plant.

The bids in question were rejected upon the joint recommendation of City Commissioners Perkins and Barbur because each bid was identical, and, according to Commissioner Barbur, were indicative of a "close combine established for the sole purpose of boosting prices of materials necessary in the operation of the city's paving-repair plant."

City to Take Steps. Following the reading of a report from Commissioner Perkins, city purchasing agent, recommending the rejection of all bids offered, City Commissioner Bigelow stated that this was not the first instance of paving firms entering into combines for the purpose of boosting prices.

"Many times it has come to my notice that certain firms in this city," said Commissioner Bigelow, "have pooled together and set certain prices on materials or work. These combines cannot exist long, and I would recommend that Commissioner Barbur be instructed to take steps to make possible the entry of the city into the paving business."

Bids Indicate Combine. "We are already working on such a plan," explained Commissioner Barbur. "We have several sites in view to be used as bunkers, and I believe that we can enter into agreement with the Port of Portland for all the sand and gravel which we would need."

These three bids for sand, gravel and crushed rock, he continued, "are identical, indicative of an agreement between the various contracting concerns. The prices have been boosted in the case of sand, for instance, 300 per cent of what they were during the past year. In view of the fact that the city can secure the same prices, if not lower ones, in the open market, I favor the rejection of these bids. It is not necessary for the city of Portland to bow to the will of any combine."

City Has Own Repair Plant. The three bids, which were rejected by unanimous vote of the council, were offered by the Columbia Diggor company, Star Sand company and Nickum & Kelly.

At the present time the city operates a paving-repair plant, confining its work to the repair of streets on which the private contractor's maintenance agreements have expired. The city has done several paving jobs on property owned by the city, such as Terwilliger boulevard, and in several instances in which property owners paid cash for the work.

Official Casualty Report. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Casualty lists today, in addition to corrections, contain 2475 names: 12 killed in action, 7 died from wounds, 7 from accident, 49 of disease, 254 wounded severely, 1013 degree undetermined, 1023 slightly. Following is the total of casualties to date:

Deaths—Reported Today Total Killed in action 30,554 12 30,566 Lost at sea 381 381 381 Died of wounds 13,013 7 13,020 Died of disease 409 409 409 Died of accident 2,778 70 2,789 Total deaths 68,178 75 68,254 Wounded 184,077 2,350 186,427 Missing and prisoners 11,290 11,290 Total casualties 241,488 2,425 243,913

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WASHINGTON. Died of disease—Springer, Irving R., Stellacoast, Wash. Wounded severely—Burdorff, Henry M., Seattle, Wash. Cahn, Charles, Sedro-Woolley, Wash. Burson, R. B., Dixie, Wash. Burns, William E., Twisp, Wash. Killed in action (previously reported missing)—Reichert, George W., North Yakima, Wash. Wounded, undetermined (previously reported died from wounds)—Bettfreund, Adolph F., Valley, Wash. Wounded severely (previously reported missing)—Manning, Herbert, Everett, Wash. Wounded, degree undetermined—Dregolevich, Niko, Buckley, Wash. Harvey, Delbert R., Sedro-Woolley, Wash. Frazee, Carl E., Everett, Wash. Kruger, Frank J., Spokane, Wash. Young, Thomas (Cpl.), Seattle, Wash. Kruss, Frederick (Cpl.), Port Angeles, Wash. Parvi, Jaimur (Mach.), Brush Prairie, Wash. Fowell, David, Eastington, Wash. Coffey, William J., Seattle, Wash. Alfonso, Giovanni, Seattle, Wash. Hall, Guy H., Colville, Wash. Johns, Miles E. (Lt.), Seattle, Wash. Miller, Adolph, Hobart, Wash. Wounded slightly—Latah, Wash. Kietz, Walter H., Seattle, Wash. Seattle, Bernard (Sgt.), Seattle, Wash. Mills, McBeth A. (Sgt.), Buxley, Wash. Dahlstrom, H. A. E. (Cpl.), Seattle, Wash. Lapinski, Ben, Bayne, Wash. Marquis, Joseph Arno, Custer, Wash. Dalton, Earl, Tacoma, Wash. Dulak, Maximilian P., Maple Valley, Wash. Kelly, Lester R. (Lt.), Tacoma, Wash. Snyder, Morrill D. (Wag.), Spokane, Wash.

IDAHO. Wounded severely—Coompton, Frank M., Idaho Falls, Idaho. Minch, Harold (Sgt.), Orofino, Idaho. Wounded, degree undetermined—Reop, Frank, Montpelier, Idaho. Wounded slightly—Peterson, John, Leodore, Idaho. Babin, Carl, Homedale, Idaho. Fife, Chauncey R., Mohler, Idaho. Goan, James A., Mount Idaho, Idaho. Ronck, Frank, Focastello, Idaho.

ALABAMA. Died of disease—Haynesville, Ala. Davis, George, Haynesville, Ala.

ARKANSAS. Died of accident and other causes—Jones, John Wesley, Plummerville, Ark. Died of disease—Sims, William E., Eudora, Ark.

CALIFORNIA. Died of wounds—Sanders, Jacob E., Orsai, Cal.

CONNECTICUT. Died of disease—Moore, Raymond (Sgt.), Naugatuck, Conn.

FLORIDA. Died of disease—Scherfeld, Phillip, Norum, Fla. Arrant, William D., Darlington, Fla.

GEORGIA. Died of disease—Odum, W. J., Odum, Ga. Green, Walter, Macon, Ga.

ILLINOIS. Died of wounds—Madison, John, McLeansboro, Ill. Died of disease—Mead, William G., Chicago. Curtis, A. H., Charlestown, Ill. Holton, Floyd, Decatur, Ill.

INDIANA. Killed in action—Smith, Waverly, Bristow, Ind.

IOWA. Died of disease—Buller, Ernest J., Des Moines, Iowa.

KANSAS. Died of wounds—Sutton, C. A. (Cpl.), Cawker City, Kan.

KENTUCKY. Died of disease—Brecken, Treacy, Franklin, Ky.

MAINE. Killed in action—Pearson, John R., Cape Girardeau, Me.

MASSACHUSETTS. Died of disease—Minney, Charles, Millbury, Mass. Perkins, Arthur E., Salem, Mass. Boyle, Charles E., Cambridge, Mass.

MICHIGAN. Killed in action—Rosenburg, Henry C., Adrian, Mich. Died of disease—Mason, A. N., Chippewa Falls, Mich. Mayo, Charles F., Medina, Mich.

MINNESOTA. Killed in action—Jakes, Charles, Olivia, Minn. Died from accident and other causes—Haslan, Alfred C. (Sgt.), St. Paul, Minn. Died of disease—Husby, John, Minneapolis, Minn.

MISSISSIPPI. Died of disease—Harrell, William, Perkinston, Miss.

MISSOURI. Died of disease—Henson, Harold C., Seneca, Mo.

NEBRASKA. Died of wounds—Scribner, Charles E., Omaha, Neb. Died of accident and other causes—Dunlap, Frank, Superior, Neb.

NEW YORK. Killed in action—Riordan, J., New York. Died of accident and other causes—Carmichael, A. E., Schenectady, N. Y. Rosenberg, Alex., New York. Died of disease—Giescke, Edgar W. (Chef), New York. Hitchcock, Frank (Cook), Cairo, N. Y. Bonasoria, Dolphino, Rochester, N. Y. Heck, A., Brooklyn, N. Y. Hegel, August, Ridgewood, N. Y.

NEW JERSEY. Died of disease—Frandsen, F. P. (Cpl.), South River, N. J. McConnell, Louis, Toms River, N. J. Schultz, Fred J., West Norwood, N. J. Felix, Fred D., Passaic, N. J. Joyce, G. A., Newark, N. J.

NEW MEXICO. Died of disease—Davison, C. W., Roswell, N. M.

NORTH CAROLINA. Died of disease—Ivy, Arthur James, Lemonspring, N. C.

OHIO. Killed in action—Redding, Frank M., Cleveland, O. Died of wounds—Phillips, Charles W. (Sgt.), Youngstown, O. Died of disease—McManis, Jesse, Hamden, O. Sandiman, Frank, Akron, O. Claus, C. J., Louisville, O.

PENNSYLVANIA. Killed in action—Kirk, Frank R. (Lt.), Ingram, Pa. Jones, Harold W., Esport, Pa. Miller, Howard B., Hyndman, Pa. Fitzpatrick, Geo. W. (Cpl.), Harrisburg, Pa. Gable, Wm. A. (Horsehour), Philadelphia. Giasper, Rexford M. (Maj.), Harrisburg, Pa. O'Neil, James P. (Cpl.), Scranton, Pa. Smith, James M. (Cpl.), Parkersburg, Pa. Link, Adam, Pittsburg, Pa. Phillips, Joseph, Dickson City, Pa. Hebo, John, St. Clair, Pa.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Killed in action—Bols, James L. (Lt.), Camden, S. C. Died of wounds—Mooneyham, P. B. (Cpl.), Spartanburg, S. C.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Died of disease—Anderson, Conrad, Viborg, S. D.

TENNESSEE. Died of disease—Brown, Charles M., Murfreesboro, Tenn. King, Jim, Arrington, Tenn.

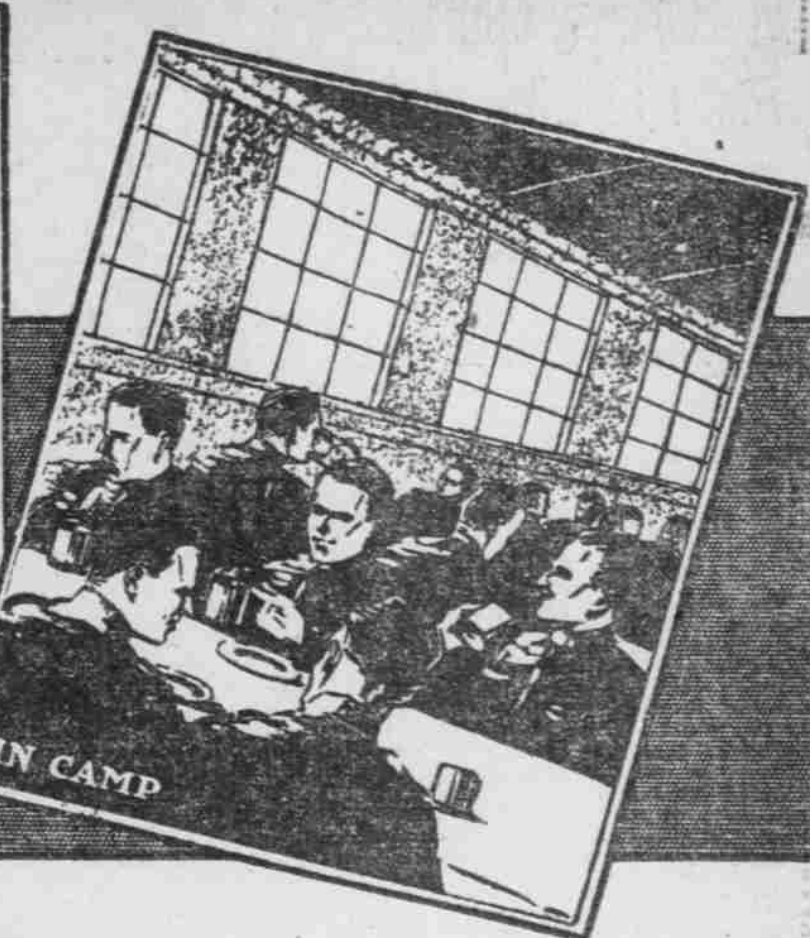
TEXAS. Died of disease—O'Kell, Alma E. (Sgt.), El Paso, Tex. Nabors, T. H., Ladonia, Tex. Garner, W. G., San Antonio, Tex.

VIRGINIA. Killed in action—Nichols, Emmett, Baywood, Va. Died of disease—Monroes, Harry (Lt.), Waynesboro, Va.

WEST VIRGINIA. Killed in action—Perks, Joseph W., Charleston, W. Va.

WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED KILLED)—Brown, Harry L. (Cpl.), Marion, Ind. Returned to duty (previously reported died from wounds)—Stroman, M. C., Orangeburg, S. C. Died from wounds (previously reported died of disease)—Hilip, H., Columbia Falls, Me. Missing in action (previously reported wounded severely)—Preston, Frank A., Marinette, Wis. Preslyne, Michael, Ludington, Mich. Killed in action (previously reported missing)—Copperstein, Harry, Rock Island, Ill. Picklin, William A., Duplissis, La. Mather, Frank R., Zanesville, O. Elsin, Hugo, Batesville, Ind. Putcimo, John, Altoona, Pa.

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