

ENTIRE COLUMBIA HIGHWAY BUILDING

Last Link Is Now Under State Contract.

OCEAN-MOUNTAINS JOINED

Spirited Bidding on Commission Work Gives 50 Per Cent Difference on Some Jobs.

Throughout its entire length the Columbia river highway is now completed or under contract. The very last link in the entire highway was contracted for at yesterday's meeting of the state highway commission...

Large Contracts Awarded.

Contracts for grading and graveling 29.50 miles, aggregating \$347,922.19 were awarded by the commission, while proposals for 39.44 miles, representing \$271,714, were referred to the state engineer...

Compared with sessions the commission has been holding for the past 15 months, there was relatively a small amount of work ready to be contracted, but there was more spirited bidding among the contractors...

Until the state highway commission knows the result of the election in May on the proposed measure to increase the state's credit for road work from 2 to 4 per cent, the commission is not in position to make any extensive undertakings of road construction...

Delegations Disappointed.

Among others impressed with this fact was one from Clackamas county urging paving to Oswego. There is a short section unpaved and the people of Oswego are anxious to have it surfaced...

Delegation from Hood River wanted to know what the highway commission would promise toward building a loop road in the Hood River valley, which would connect with the Mount Hood road...

Klamath, Grant, Baker and a few other counties were informed of the same as others, that everything depends on the outcome of the May election. The only assurance the commission could give or would give was that it would recognize whatever money Hood River county puts into the proposed loop if the commission ever gets around financing it...

Chairman Benson replied that the appropriations were being made on the 1-mill basis with the counties and that any surplus left will be divided later when the commission knows where it stands. Twenty-one counties voted a 1-mill levy and a few voted higher.

No decision was made regarding further locations of the John Day Highway. The commission announced that it will go over the Arlington Highways routes, which are changing, and will examine the country between Prairie City and Ironton to see about making the location of that section.

Echo delegates appeared to protest against the Columbia highway being located east of the town instead of going through it, and Commissioners Benson and Kiddle decided to hold the result in abeyance until Commissioner Booth, now in California, can be present. It will also be guided in its decision, to some extent, by whether the Umatilla county court will pay about 30 per cent of the cost of an overhead crossing.

Announcement was received that the city of Drain will give a 40-foot right of way for the Pacific highway, although it will necessitate the moving of some buildings. Owing to the conditions of some bridges in Josephine county, the commission will immediately call for proposals for the bridge at Graves creek, at Bird's Eye and Miller's gulches. Plans for these structures have long been prepared.

Contracts were awarded as follows: Clatsop county, Columbia highway; Blalock to Arlington gravel surfacing, 7 miles. Porter & Connelly, \$14,825. Wallawa county, canyon section, grading, 8.4 miles. A. D. Kern, \$11,225. Wasco county, Columbia highway, Seufert-Deschutes section, grading, 12.5 miles. James F. Clarkson Co., \$12,571. Wasco county, Columbia highway,

Big Eddy concrete viaduct, Colonial Building company, Spokane, \$16,928. Wasco county, overhead crossing at Dillon, Columbia highway, Colonial Building company, \$20,595. Wasco county, Columbia highway, viaduct near Seufert, Colonial Building company, \$22,406. Crook county, McKenley highway, bridge at Prineville, Oskar Huber, \$2970.

Bridge Bid Rejected. Bids on six wooden bridges in Crook county submitted by A. Guthrie company, were rejected, as there were no other bidders. The Curtis-Gardiner bid of \$16,226 for a bridge at Pole creek, in Malheur county, was referred to the engineer, and the bid for a bridge across the Santiam near Mehama, in Marion county, was referred to the county. The Pacific Foundation company bid of \$17,469 to furnish steel for the Nestucca bridge was referred to Tillamook county.

The two largest grading jobs were not awarded yesterday, but were referred to the engineer. One was for 17.44 miles of grading and graveling in Jefferson county from Madras to the Deschutes county line, the low bidder being Oskar Huber, at \$152,524.

WOMAN BUILDS UP STRENGTH BY AERIAL FEATS.



Vera Patts. For good health there is no better prescription than a few turns and twists in mid-air, according to Vera Patts, the daring young aviator who is attracting much attention at Pantages this week.

Miss Patts sets forth her own case as an argument in behalf of her statement. A few years ago she was a weakling, but once interested in mid-air trapeze work and similar feats, Miss Patts developed her physique and her health and now her happiest moments are when she is flying high above her audience in her several original aerial creations.

and the other was 22 miles of gravel from Echo to Pendleton, Umatilla county, on which Porter & Connelly were low bidders at \$112,500.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—Aberdeen now has a total registration of 2979 for the spring municipal election which is set for April 6. Of those registered 1980 are men and 1040 are women.

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