## 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 when the James F. Clarkson company was awarded the job of grading 12.5 miles between Scuferts and the Des-chutes river in Wasco county. This means that the Columbia highway is means that the Columbia highway is now being pushed toward completion from the Pacific ocean at Seaside to Pendieton, beyond which point it is called the Old Oregon Trail, and it may be said that the highway is approaching completion from the ocean to the summit of the Blue mountains. Viewed from this angle, the contract awarded to the James F. Clarkson company was the most important

son company was the most important proceeding of the meeting. Most of the highway is already finished. The section between Mosler and Hood river will be macadamized within a couple of weeks. One of the big jobs is between Mosler and Rowena. The Johnson Construction company asked the commission to declare an emergency in order that the several hun-dred men employed on this rock work can be employed more than eight hours a day. The storms of last win-ter threw the work behind schedule, and if it is to be finished within reasonable time this season longer hours will be necessary. The commission granted the request, especially as the ntractor declared that while eight contractor declared that white eight hours has its advantages for workers in the city, a man out in a camp gets lonesome in the long ditys when he has completed his eight-hour shift and is not permitted to work longer and there is no place for him to seek

Large Contracts Awarded. Contracts for grading and graveling 29.80 miles, aggregating \$347.022.10 were awarded by the commission, while proposals for 39.44 miles, rep-

resenting \$267,124, were referred to the state engineer. The commission also awarded bridge jobs aggregating \$73,808 and referred one for \$22,425 and rejected a blanket bid for six wooden bridges for \$171,000.

Compared with sessions the com-mission has been holding for the past 18 months, there was reintively a small amount of work ready to be contracted, but there was more spirited bidding among the con-tractors, as between 65 and 70 bids were received all told. There was a great divergence in the bigs, the lowest bid being at times only half as high as the highest proposal for the same piece of work. Until the state highway commis-

sion 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 com-mission is not in position to map out any extensive undertakings of road construction. This fact had to be repeated over and over again to the various delegations which appeared and asked for road work.

Delegations Disappointed. Among others impressed with this

urging paving to Oswego. There is a short section unpaved and the peo-ple of Oswego are anxious to have it surfaced. A delegation from Hood River wanted to know what the high-River wanted to know what the high-way commission would promise to-ward building a loop road in the Hood River valley which wobid connect with the Mount Hood loop. They stated that it would be difficult to carry a bond election for this pur-pose without having some promise from the commission, and even want-ed to have a private session with the commission to discuss it. The Hood commission to discuss it. The Hood River people were informed, 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 financially to the point of carrying out the big state programme. Klamath, Grant, Baker and a few other counties wanted to know what they could expect under the market road bill. The Grant county district attorney informed the commission that Grant county levied 2 mills and in entitled to \$16,000 from the state, but that the commission has allotted only \$8000, the equivolent of a 1-mill levy. 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 went higher.

highway. The commission aunounced that it will go over the Arlington Biggs routes, which are clashing, and will examine the country between Prairie City and Ironside to see about

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 guich. Plans for these and divided and the nerves are in fine condition and the

and Miller's gulch. Plans for these structures have long been prepared.

Winds are playing hob with the

Gilliam county, Columbia highway: Bialock to Arlington, gravel surfac-ing, 7 miles. Porter & Connelly, 44,825.

Wallowa county, canyon section, grading, 8.4 miles: A. D. Kern, 12,336. Wasco county, Columbia highway, to make to order from your own materials, or cutting and fitting only.

Seufert-Deschutes eection, grading, 12.5 miles: James F. Clarkson Co., \$180,871.

Big Eddy concrete viaduct, Colonial Bullding company, Spokane, \$16,928.

Wasco county, overhead crossing at Dillon, Columbia highway. Colonial Building company, \$20,505.

Wasco county, Columbia highway, viaduct near Seufert, Colonial Building company, \$32,405.

Crook county, McKengie highway, bridge at Prineville, Oskar Huber, \$3970.

Bids on six wooden bridges in Crook county submitted by A. Guth-rie company, were rejected, as there were no other bidders. The Curtis-Gardiner bid of \$16,235 for a bridge Gardiner bid of \$16,235 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 \$17,460 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 \$152,624,

Bridge Bid Rejected.

WOMAN BUILDS UP STRENGTH BY AERIAL FEATS.



Vera Patts.

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

Pantages this week.
Miss Patts sets forth her own case as an argument in behal of her statement. A few years peze work and similar feats, Miss Patts developed her phy-sique and her health and now her happlest moments are when she is flying high above her audiences in her several original aerial creations.

and the other was 22 miles of gravel from Echo to Pendleton, in Umatilia county, on which Porter & Connelly were low bidders at \$113,500.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 23.-(Special.)-Aberdeen now has a total registration of 3020 for the spring municipal election which is set for April 6. Of those registered 1980 are men and 1040 are women

MRS. LUCILE HIXSON, of Kansas City, only weighed 79 pounds when she began taking Tanlac. She has already gained 36 pounds and says this wonderful medicine has been the great est blessing of her life.



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"Before I began taking Tanlac," Echo Residents Protest.

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 continued Mrs. Hixson, "I had become so weak from seven years of suffer-

Winds are playing hob with the grades in several counties where the soil is light or sandy and the commission directed that maintenance of these grades be taken care of without delay. The idea is to oil them in some instances and gravel the surface in others.

disappeared altogether. I have gained thirty-six pounds in weight, can do my housework by myself and I am stronger than I have been in years. Taniac has certainly been the greatest blessing of my life and I will never be able to praise it enough for what it has done for me."

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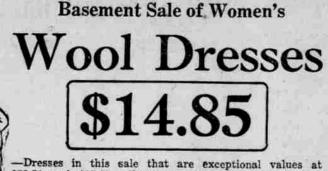
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and ribbons. These are shown in several different colors. Priced special at 59c

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and toe. Shown in dark gray

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range of sizes to se- \$1.89

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Boys' Pants \$1.49

Basement-Boys' Pants of good serviceable materials. Dark

striped patterns. Knickerbocker

style with belt loops \$1.49

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Basement - Women's New Spring Suits in a feature offering for today at forty-five dollars. Made up in splendid quality Tricotine in navy blue. Beautiful models trimmed with braids and buttons and lined with fancy silks. These Suits are high-class and the tailoring is of the best. Special \$45.00

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\$1.95 Basement-Odd lot of dain-

At \$3.48

ty Voile Waists underpriced for today's selling. Several attractive styles in the showing. Trimmed with tucks, laces, etc. A good opportunity to \$1.95

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Basement - Girls' Bloomers of good grade jersey material in pink and a few in white. Made with elastic at top and at knee. Sizes for girls 6 to 14 49c years. Priced pair only

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