

\$525,018 ROAD JOBS LET IN WASHINGTON

One Award Held Up Until Governor Returns.

BROKER FIRM BIDDER

Committee Members Suspect Intention to Sub-Contract Job to Competitor in Bidding.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Eight contracts, totaling \$525,018, for construction work on Washington's main highways were awarded today by the state highway committee. The awards for the ninth contract, for clearing, grading, draining and surfacing with crushed rock, and seven-fifths miles of the island empire highway between Dodge and Pomeroy in Garfield county, were held up pending the return of Governor Hart, a member of the committee, who is absent on an inspection trip of state institutions. Because the committee learned that the low bidder was a broker who intended to sublet the job to a contractor against whom he was bidding, the committee decided to hold up the award until the governor's return.

Spokane Bidder Lowest.
The low bidder for this contract was Bauer & Bauer of Spokane, the broker firm, with a tender of \$112,145.60. Fitzgerald & Stanton were second with \$114,223.94, and D. Murphy & Co., third with \$117,202.60. Contracts were awarded for 7.05 miles of paving and for 4.34 miles of clearing and grading on the Pacific highway, for paving 3.5 miles of the National Park highway and for grading and surfacing with crushed rock 3.3 miles of the Central Washington highway.

More bids were received on the various contracts than on any group of contracts awarded for several years, a total of 59 bids being opened for the nine jobs. The bids averaged somewhat lower than those on contracts awarded last season, the reduction since the last group awarded last fall averaging about \$2000 a mile for paving, according to Supervisor of Highways James Allen.

Contracts Are Awarded.
Contracts were awarded as follows: Clearing, grading, draining and surfacing with gravel 4.8 miles of Pacific highway, Seattle to Lake Forest Park, King county, with \$114,223.94, to D. Murphy & Co., \$117,202.60.

Clearing, grading, draining and paving 1.9 miles of the Pacific Highway, Island of San Juan, to Everett, \$112,145.60, to Bauer & Co., Everett, \$114,223.94.

Clearing, grading, draining and surfacing with gravel 3.8 miles on Pacific highway, Salmon creek fill, Lewis county, C. W. Milley, Everett, \$117,202.60.

Grading, draining and paving .35 miles on Pacific highway, Renton to Eastington, King county, J. M. Keating, Seattle, \$114,223.94.

Clearing, grading and draining 2.88 miles on Pacific highway, between Everett and Burlington, \$114,223.94, to Andrew Sather, Burlington, \$117,202.60.

Pacific Highway Job Let.
Clearing, grading, draining and surfacing with gravel 4.6 miles of Pacific highway, from Tolt to and including Lewis county, T. O. Hendricks, Chehalis, \$114,223.94.

Grading, draining and paving 3.4 miles of highway in Lewis county, C. W. Milley, Everett, \$111,093.48.

Clearing, grading, draining and surfacing with crushed rock 3.26 miles of central Washington highway, Paha to Riverview, Mitchell Brothers, Spokane, \$117,202.60.

In withholding the awarding of the Island Empire highway contract, State Treasurer Babcock, chairman of the committee, announced that it was the purpose of the committee to award contracts to actual contractors who would do the work themselves, and not to brokers who would sublet the job to the contractor to whom Bauer & Bauer intended to sublet the job.

POINDEXTER IS PUZZLED

MANY ASK POSITION ON FOUR-POWER TREATY.

Washington Senator, Who Favors Early Ratification, Mystified by Inquiries From West.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Senator Poinexter is puzzled at numerous letters and inquiries reaching him from the Pacific northwest, either inquiring his position on the four-power treaty or upbraiding him for being opposed to it. One would get the impression, the senator said, from the number of communications coming in that almost everybody in the northwest is for the treaty and desires its speedy ratification, but how his position happens to be misunderstood, he would like to know.

"My position on the four-power treaty has never been doubtful," he asserted. "It so happened that I participated in the first debate in the senate on this treaty, answering statements made by such opposition senators as Reed, Borah and Robinson. Not only have I made my position clear in the senate, but I have given interviews to a number of the leading newspapers east and west, and have contributed articles getting forth why the treaty should be ratified without delay."

W. N. JONES MUST PAY

Supreme Court Upholds \$18,204 Decision Involving Lands.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Judgment of the U. S. supreme court returned against William N. Jones in connection with alleged land frauds on the Siletz Indian reservation in Oregon was upheld by the supreme court Monday.

It was charged that Mr. Jones made contracts with old soldiers to enter valuable timber lands in the Siletz reservation with the intention eventually through the means of contracts for improvements and loans to obtain possession of the lands for himself.

ORPHANS TO GET BEANS

One Million Pounds Reach San Francisco on Way to Russia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—One million pounds of beans that entered San Francisco in bulk arrived with colors flying the length of two cars on a banner proclaiming the shipment "to starving children of Russia and the near east."

SHIPPERS TO MEET IN TACOMA, MARCH 3

1300 Are Invited to Attend First Annual Convention.

MANY SPEAKERS LISTED

Commercial Club's Traffic and Transportation Bureau Is in Charge of Affairs.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Wilbur Love, who is being held here pending removal to the Iowa state penitentiary to serve the remainder of a five-year sentence for grand larceny, and W. E. Barry, in charge of vagrancy and drunkenness, made an attempt to dig their way to freedom last night. Using a short, heavy wire, a piece of corrugated iron and a six-inch spike, the men dug half way through the masonry before the door of the operation was heard by William Atwell, night desk sergeant.

While Love was digging, Barry paced back and forth, whistling and singing alternately to cover the noise. It was the inopportune which first aroused Sergeant Atwell's suspicions. Love has served 23 months of his Iowa sentence, and was to be taken back to answer charges of violating parole.

Benefit Skating Party Given.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The auditorium of Isaac Hughes was the scene tonight of a benefit roller skating party under the auspices of the athletic committee of the Ridgefield Community church. Refreshments were on sale and the Ridgefield brass band played under the leadership of Bradford L. Gaukel, director of music at the Ridgefield high school. The entire proceeds will be used in buying athletic paraphernalia and remodeling the basement of Community church, which will be used for the community gymnasium, under the direction of the church.

Case Sent to Federal Court.

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Judge Sheeks has granted a motion to transfer the trial of the R. R. Sturdevant versus Western Union Telegraph company damage suit from his court to the United States district court. He denied the plaintiff the right to amend the complaint in such manner as to bring the amount of damages asked for within the jurisdiction of the superior court. Sturdevant originally asked \$4000 damages, holding the company liable to transmit \$25 by telegram to his sick wife.

Presbyterial Meets in March.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The Columbia River Presbyterial churches south and west of Centralia, will hold its annual meeting here March 23 and 24. The meeting of the delegates will be guests of the missionary society of the local church at a luncheon. Officers of the presbyterial are Mrs. Hugh McMaster, Camas, president; Mrs. W. J. Sharp, Centralia, vice-president; Mrs. N. L. Witherspoon, Centralia, secretary, and Miss Fannie Andrew, Vancouver, treasurer.

Baptist Rally March 7.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Sixteen world-wide guilds in the Coville Baptist association will send delegates to a rally to be held in Centralia March 7. Mrs. F. D. Matthews of Seattle, state secretary, will speak. A dinner, served by the Centralia guild, will be an entertainment feature. Mrs. Tom Stoy, secretary of the local guild, organized a guild at Winlock Saturday with 15 members. Miss Ruth Baldwin was elected president.

Artisans to Meet in Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—United Artisans of Tacoma, Seattle, Hoquiam, Aberdeen and other western Washington cities will assemble in Centralia at an early date for the conferring of the Al-Azar Pyramid degree. The meeting will be held at the Centralia lodge, announced today. The degree will be conferred by a Portland team of 40 members.

Pioneers Plan Home.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Local architects have been asked to prepare tentative plans for the new Pioneer Home building, which it is proposed to erect this summer. The cost is limited to \$10,000. A building 50x100 feet in size was suggested as suitable.

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the police last week, pleaded guilty to illegal possession of liquor when he appeared before Justice Eignold for trial, and was sentenced to pay \$100 and serve 30 days in jail. Matt Makl, arrested at the same time, was fined \$50 and costs on a possession charge. J. O. Chalmers and A. F. Helwig were found guilty of disorderly conduct. They were arrested at a dance in McCleary, Saturday night. Chalmers was fined \$5 and costs and Helwig \$10 and costs.

Trackless Trolley Considered.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Officials of the Grays Harbor Railway & Light company have been considering the substitution of the trackless trolley system for the present method of operating the lines. The system, which is in use in the east, was said to reduce operating expenses materially, and to enable the cars to run more easily through congested traffic. The Grays Harbor company may apply for franchises to outlying districts of the harbor cities in order to test the new system.

Missionary Society Elects.

KELOSO, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The Missionary society of the Presbyterian church held its annual meeting and dinner in the church basement, and re-elected all officers for the ensuing year. They are: Mrs. E. P. Jenkins, president; Mrs. A. E. Down, first vice-president; Mrs. Josephine McFarland, second vice-president; Mrs. E. D. Holbrook, treasurer; Mrs. A. I. Maurer, secretary; and Miss Nettie Hargrave, secretary of literature.

Kelso to Hold School Election.

KELOSO, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The annual school election in the Kelso district will be held next Saturday, when two directors will be chosen. George A. Poland, clerk, is a candidate to succeed himself for the three-year term, and H. T. Ames is a candidate for the two-year term left vacant by C. R. Abbott. W. E. Stone, who was appointed in Mr. Abbott's place, says private affairs prevent his holding the office.

Receiver Asked for Fruit Growers.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Feb. 28.—A petition has been filed in superior court here asking that a receiver be appointed for the Manson Fruit Growers, a co-operative organization. It is alleged in the complaint that an attempt was made in February, 1920, to change the by-laws of the organization without the authority and with no notice being given the plaintiffs.

Boiler Works Sold.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Frank Hupp of Seattle has purchased the Aberdeen Welding & Boiler Works from Lewis L. Mackert. The deal included the building at Market and E streets, and all equipment. Mr. Hupp recently sold a similar business in Bellingham, and has had ten years' experience in the business.

Eastern Star Entertains Masons.

KELOSO, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Kelso lodge of the Eastern Star enjoyed a "hard times" party at the lodge rooms last Friday evening when members of the Masonic order were their guests. It was a costume affair and everyone came dressed in childhood attire, and all the games of childhood were played. A box social was a feature of the event.

Assault Case Postponed.

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The trial of G. E. Winnie, on an assault charge, scheduled to begin before a jury in superior court, has been postponed until the next term of court because of the illness of an important witness for the defense. The state charges Winnie with stabbing Ora Cassidy, Elma in the back with a butcher knife.

Western Union Hunts Site

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Tacoma is the possible location for a big Western Union Telegraph company supply base to serve the entire Pacific slope and as far east as Nebraska, employing 200 or more men.

Announcement to this effect was made by E. L. Gross, who is here from New York city as a representative of the engineering department of the company. Mr. Gross declared that he was on a tour of survey of coast cities from Tacoma south to San Francisco.

Seattle, he said, was not included in his itinerary and is not considered for the base.

Mr. Gross declared he had come directly from New York to Tacoma and will begin his survey here. He will work unassisted, he said, looking over possible sites and conditions.

Two Fined on Liquor Charge.

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—John Hoffman of Aberdeen, arrested at his houseboat by

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