

### AWARD FOR BRIDGE PRESSED BY CLATSOP

Highway Commission Urged  
to Act, Despite High Bid.

### EXPENSIVE TYPE WANTED

Present Structure Across Youngs  
Bay Declared Dangerous; Ear-  
ly Construction in Prospect.

Notwithstanding that the lowest bid was 20 per cent above the estimates, the Clatsop county court, Port of Astoria commission and chamber of commerce of Astoria, urged the state highway commission yesterday to award the contract for a bascule bridge across Young's bay, between Astoria and Seaside. The proposed bridge, some 1800 feet in length, including the approaches, and 150 feet clear span, is the biggest bridge undertaking the highway commission has handled.

Under the record of agreement, Clatsop county is to bear one-third of the expense, the remaining cost to be borne by the state highway commission and the federal government, the bridge being a post-road project and therefore co-operative.

**Action by the State.**  
Commissioner R. A. Booth, after consulting his colleague, E. E. Kiddie, announced that the commission wants time to consult with Simon Benson, chairman of the commission, who is in California, and with Mr. Purcell, of the bureau of public roads, before making a decision. It was stated that the commission will make an award or reject the lowest bid not later than December 23. This date was satisfactory to the low bidder, J. S. Gilpin, of the Gilpin Construction company of Astoria.

Proposals were received from various parts of the country, as the bridge is large. The Gilpin Construction company bid \$273,282.20 for the semi-permanent type, and \$311,502.30 for the lighter type.

### Expensive Type Favored.

The difference in the types consists in the material used in the approaches. The lighter construction calls for timber, while the more permanent type is a combination of concrete and timber, so arranged that the timber can be replaced with concrete in the future should necessity demand and money be available. The Clatsop county delegation assured the state highway commission that it favors the heavier and more expensive type, and that it favors awarding the contract to the Gilpin Construction company, despite the fact that its bid is higher than recently made estimates of the engineering department.

### Port Proposal Withdrawn.

Earlier in the agitation for this new bridge the Port of Astoria made a proposal to contribute toward the cost, provided the bridge was made adaptable for rafting purposes, but later this proposal was withdrawn.

It has been the policy of the commission, explained Mr. Booth, that when bids are received, consideration in excess of the estimate to reject the bid and readvertise in the hope of securing a better figure and this policy has been usually successful. This big bridge, however, presents phases somewhat out of the common run. There is no assurance that steel will be cheaper later than it is now; in fact steel companies, said the commissioner, have declined to bid to the commission any prices beyond this month.

### Bridge Held Dangerous.

Assurance was given the commission that the present bridge across Youngs Bay is dangerous, that lives may be lost if the structure is made to serve traffic of New Year's eve and that the sentiment of Clatsop county, as expressed, was to let the contract, even though the bid may be high, and begin construction immediately. The belief of the delegation is that steel will not be lower in price for two or three years.

The only road contract awarded yesterday was for 2588 feet of fencing on the Columbia highway between Astoria and Svenson, which went to R. M. McClanahan for \$2846.40. Bids for graveling 2.62 miles of canyon section of the Baker-Cornucopia highway were rejected. Bids for bridge work in Yamhill county were opened by the commission for the county and referred to the state engineer and the county for determination. Steubinger Bros. were bidders at \$46,513 for one structure and E. D. Olds was low bidder at \$3912 for the bridge across Chatham creek.

### Syndicate Bids for Bonds.

For the \$1,000,000 road bonds, bearing 4 1/2 per cent, the high bidder was a syndicate consisting of the First National bank of New York, Keenan Taylor, Anglo, Paris & London bank and Ralph Schneeclock & Co. The bid was \$38,110.

Assurance was given James Stewart by the commission that bids will be called for the January meeting on the Mayville-Thirty-Mile section of the John Day highway, provided the engineering force in Salem can prepare the specifications in time. Mr. Stewart was also assured by Commissioner Booth that the Sarvice creek-John Day river section will be built when funds are available.

"We are anxious to finish the work on the map which the legislature made," stated Mr. Booth, to the assembled delegations who were demanding road work, "and if money is granted we will prosecute the road programme as quickly as possible and get it done, if we can do so at a reasonable price."

### Finance Programme Next.

This announcement immediately fired members of the legislature present to work for a finance programme at the special session of the legislature next month.

Crook county, through County Judge Wallace, offered \$40,000 of the estimated \$75,000 cost for a post road project east of Prineville to the forest reserve. This, when completed, will be a section of the McKenzie highway. The judge also asked for 32 miles of additional work extending from the Shorty Davis ranch to Paulina. No action was taken by the commission.

### County Judge Hare of Tillamook In-

quired about a 15-mile stretch of hard surface which has been promised and received the reply that the commission is committed to it, but that nothing will be done until there are more funds. Judge Hare declared that Senator T. B. Handley will be at Salem to see that relief is afforded.

### Union Offers to Lend Money.

Union county explained to the commission that it has voted a bond issue for pavement and that the plan provides a paved road to every town in the county. On the old Oregon trail, which is an extension of the Columbia highway, the county will pave from Kamela to North Powder. The county wants action on the road from La Grande to Minam, in Wallowa county.

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Christmas is not Christmas without a plentiful supply of good candies for both the children and the grown-ups. The choicest Candies we could find, daintily boxed for gift giving—Vogan's, Thompson's, Krause's, Johnson's, Hoefler's and Canterbury's. Also Christmas Bulk Candies.

### ELKS' TRAIN HITS ROCK

SLIDE NEAR DILLARD NEARLY CAUSES DISASTER. Engine, Running Slowly, Is Damaged—Huge Boulder Rolled Down Into Umpqua.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Elks' special train, returning from Glendale to this city at an early hour this morning, narrowly escaped being thrown into the Umpqua river when a slide of rock and earth was encountered at a point just north of Dillard. Two slides were encountered, the first being discovered before the train reached the spot, and the obstructions were removed by the train crew. Proceeding slowly, owing to the heavy rain that had fallen most of the night, the train collided with a huge boulder, partly breaking the rock and slightly damaging the engine. This obstruction finally was rolled off the track and went crashing over the cliff into the river and at Green siding No. 13 was notified of the bad conditions near Dillard. All trains were delayed somewhat today on account of these slides and unsafe stretches of track both north and south.

St. Helens Woodmen Elect. ST. HELENS, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—St. Helens camp No. 10999, Modern Woodmen of America, has elected the following officers: Consul, W. H. Faxon; past consul, H. A. Colt; adviser, B. L. Month; clerk, H. E. Le Bore; banker, W. A. Levi; escort, W. E. Hoover. The installation of officers will be held on January 7.

Umatilla Asks Survey. Umatilla county asked for a survey from Pendleton to the John Day highway and from Nye, via Albee and Ukiah, to Dale. The county has a large sum to spend for its share in co-operation. Also Umatilla county asked that the 19 miles between Echo and Pendleton be gravelled by June 1.

From Yamhill county came a delegation requesting that the rockings of the Gaston and Forest Grove road be held up for the time being, as the two counties, Yamhill and Washington, want to have a concrete road from McMinnville to Forest Grove laid during the summer. The commission again reiterated the statement about shortage of funds, which Representatives Dennis and Graham understood and promised to help remedy at Salem.

The commission ordered resolutions adopted on the death of the late J. N. Burgess, member of the commission.

Guards Meet Waverleigh. The Multnomah Guards second team will play the Waverleigh Athletic five on the Washington high school floor Monday night. The Multnomah team will be selected from the following players: H. H. Edlund, Irvine, Gilman, Wright and Tuma.

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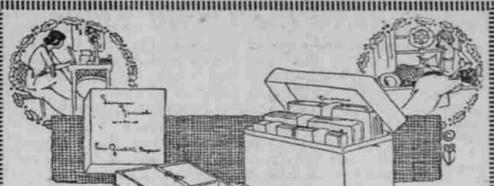
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CELLULOID BALLS**



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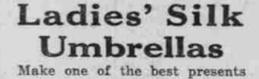
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The kind that men appreciate and are always glad to receive.

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Twinplex Razor Strop—\$5.00 to \$7.00.  
Gillette Safety Razor—\$5.00 up.  
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Shaving Outfits complete, with Mirror, Mug and Brush—\$5.50 to \$14.00.

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## STAR Electric Vibrator

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