

UNITED STATES MAIIS. OREGON.

Post Office Department, Washington July 31, 1865.

Proposals will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 3 p.m. of Wednesday, February 28, 1866, for conveying the mails of the United States from July 1, 1865, to June 30, 1870, in the State of Oregon, on the routes and by schedules of departures and arrivals herein specified.

Decisions announced by March 14, 1866. (Examine the laws, forms, and instructions annexed.)

15101 From Portland, by Vancouver and Saint Helen, to Monticello, 56 miles, and back, three times a week, in steam boats. Leave Portland Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Monticello same days by 12 m.; Leave Monticello Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1 p.m.; Arrive at Portland by 7 p.m.

15102 From Portland, by Springville, Sonris Island, Vancouver, Fisher's Landing, Sandy, Washougal, Cascade, and Hood River, to The Dalles, 113½ miles, and back, six times a week. Leave Portland daily, except Sunday, at 5 a.m.; Arrive at The Dalles next day by 10 p.m.; Leave The Dalles daily, except Sunday, at 5 a.m.; Arrive at Portland next day by 10 p.m.

15103 From Portland, by Taylor's Ferry (n.e.) and Chachalap Gap (n.e.) to Lafayette, 39 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Portland Monday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Lafayette by 6 p.m.; Leave Lafayette Tuesday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Portland by 6 p.m.

15104 From Portland, by Hillsborough, Forest Grove, and Wauato, to Lafayette, 42 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Portland Monday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Lafayette by 8 p.m.; Leave Lafayette Wednesday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Portland by 8 p.m.

15105 From Oakland, by Cottage Grove, Eugene City, and Freedom to Corvallis, 90 miles, and back, daily. Schedule from April 1 to November 1.

Leave Oakland daily at 4 p.m.; Arrive at Corvallis next day by 6 p.m. (in 25 hours); Leave Corvallis daily at 10 a.m.; Arrive at Oakland next day by 11 a.m. (in 25 hours).

From November 1 to April 1.

Leave Oakland daily at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Corvallis next day by 6 p.m.; Leave Corvallis daily at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Oakland next day by 6 p.m.

If service on this route be let, that on No. 14782, California, will not be.

15106 From Corvallis, by Albany, Jefferson, Salem, Beaverton, Aurora Mills, Oregon City, and Milwaukie, to Portland, 107 miles, and back, daily. Schedule from 1st April to 1st November.

Leave Corvallis daily at 6 p.m.; Arrive at Portland next day by 11 p.m. (in 29 hours); Leave Portland daily at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Corvallis next day by 9 a.m. (in 29 hours).

From 1st November to 1st April.

Leave Corvallis daily at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Portland second day by 6 p.m.; Leave Portland daily at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Corvallis second day by 6 p.m.

If service on this route be let, that on No. 14782, California, will not be.

15107 From Salem, by Eola, Independence, and Mount Hood to Dallas, 22 miles, and back, twice a week. Leave Salem Monday and Thursday at 1 p.m.; Arrive at Dallas by 7 p.m.; Leave Dallas Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m.; Arrive at Salem by 12 m.

15108 From Salem, by Jefferson, Lebanon, Brownsville, Diamond Hill, Pine, Williamette Forks, and Eugene City, to Pleasant Hill, 82½ miles, and back, once a week. Leave Salem Tuesday at 12 m.; Arrive at Pleasant Hill Friday by 5 p.m.; Leave Pleasant Hill Saturday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Salem Tuesday by 10 a.m.

15109 From Salem, Valfontes, to Lafayette, 22 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Salem Monday at 5 p.m.; Arrive at Lafayette by 12 m.; Leave Lafayette Monday at 1 p.m.; Arrive at Salem by 8 p.m. Bids to run by a slower schedule, to be specified in the bid, invited.

15110 From Lafayette, by McMinnville, Muddy, and Williamson, to Grande Ronde, 30 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Lafayette Wednesday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Grande Ronde by 5 p.m.; Leave Grande Ronde Tuesday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Lafayette by 5 p.m.

15111 From Lafayette, by Dayton, Amity, Bethel, Etina, Dallas, Bridgeport, and Luckenbach, to Corvallis, 60½ miles, and back, once a week. Leave Lafayette Tuesday at 2 p.m.; Arrive at Corvallis next day at 7 p.m.; Leave Corvallis Monday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Lafayette next day by 11 a.m.

15112 From Lafayette to Tillamook (n.e.) 40 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Lafayette Monday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Tillamook by 6 p.m.; Leave Tillamook Tuesday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Lafayette by 6 p.m.

15113 From Albany, by Peoria, Burlington, Harrisburg, and Willamette Forks, to Eugene City, 45 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Albany Thursday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Eugene City by 7 p.m.; Leave Eugene City Friday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Albany by 7 a.m.

15114 From Corvallis, by Starr's Point, Long Tom, Suislaw, and Yoncalla, to Oakland, 90 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Corvallis Wednesday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Oakland next day by 5 p.m.; Leave Oakland Friday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Corvallis next day by 5 p.m.

15115 From Oakland, by Kellogg's, Elkton, Scottsburg, and Gardner, to Umpqua City, 73½ miles, and back, once a week. Leave Oakland-Saturday at 12 m.; Arrive at Umpqua City Monday by 5 p.m.; Leave Umpqua City Wednesday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Oakland Friday by 5 p.m.

15116 From Umpqua City, by Empire City and Randolph, to Port Orford, 82 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Umpqua City Wednesday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Port Orford Friday by 6 p.m.; Leave Port Orford Saturday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Umpqua City next Tuesday by 2 p.m.

15117 From Roseburg, by Ten-mile Creek, [n.e.] Camas Valley, [n.e.] Junction of Middle and South Fork of Coquille, [n.e.] Letheras Prairie, [n.e.] and Six Miles, [n.e.] to Port Orford,

120 miles, and back, once a week. Bidders to propose a schedule of departures and arrivals.

15118 From Jacksonville, by Applegate, State Creek, and Kirby, to Waldo, 64 miles, and back, twice a week. Leave Jacksonville Monday and Thursday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Waldo next day by 12 p.m.; Leave Waldo Tuesday and Friday at 2 p.m.; Arrive at Jacksonville by 7 p.m.

15119 From Astoria, by Cathlamet, Westport, Oak Point, and Rainier, to Monticello, 55 miles, and back, twice a week, in steamboats. Leave Astoria Tuesday and Saturday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Monticello by 6 p.m.; Leave Monticello Monday and Friday at 1 p.m.; Arrive at Astoria by 7 p.m.

15120 From Auburn, by Pocahontas, Riggsville, [n.e.] and Dealy's Station, (n.e.) to Umatilla, with a branch to Granite Creek Mine (n.e.) and Independence City, (n.e.), from Dealy's Station—miles, and back, once a week.

Bidders to state distance, and propose schedules of departures and arrivals.

15121 From Marshall to Umatilla, 32 miles, and back, once a week. Leave Marshall Monday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Umatilla by 6 p.m.; Leave Umatilla Tuesday at 6 a.m.; Arrive at Marshall by 6 p.m.

The letters (n.e.) indicate that no office exists at the point of name at the date of this advertisement.

Form of Proposal, Guarantee, and Certificate.

Proposal.

The undersigned, —, whose post office address is —, county of —, State of the United States, from July 1, 1866, to June 30, 1870, on route No. —, between — and —, under the advertisement of the Post Master General, dated July 31, 1865, with "certainty, certainty, and security," for the annual sum of — dollars.

This proposal is made with full knowledge of the distance of the route, the weight of the mail to be carried, and all other particulars in reference to the route and service and also after careful examination of the laws and instructions attached to the contract.

Dated (Signed)

Guarantee.

The undersigned, residing at —, State of —, undertake that, if the foregoing bid for carrying the mail on route No. — be accepted by the Postmaster General, the bidder shall, prior to the 1st day of July, 1866, enter into the required obligation or contract to perform the service proposed, with good and sufficient sureties.

This we do, understanding distinctly the obligations and liabilities assumed by guarantee under the 27th section of the act of Congress of July 2, 1856.

Dated (Signed by two guarantors)

Certificate.

The undersigned, postmaster at —, State of —, certifies, upon his oath or verior, that he is acquainted with the above guarantors and knows them to be men of property, and able to make good their guarantee.*

Dated (Signed)

InSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND POSTMEN.

Containing also conditions to be incorporated in the contracts to the extent the Department may deem proper.

1. Seven minutes are allowed to each intermediate office, when not otherwise specified, for assorting the mails, but on railroad and steamboat routes there is to be no more delay than is sufficient for an exchange of the mail pouches.

2. On railroad and steamboat lines and other routes where the mode of conveyance admits of it, the special agents of the Post Office Department, also post office blanks, mail bags, locks and keys, are to be conveyed without extra charge.

3. On railroad and steamboat lines the route agents of the department, also the British and Canada mails, when offered, and the agents accompanying them, are to be conveyed without charge, and for the use of the United States agents a commissary car, or apartment in the center of a car, properly lighted, warmed, and furnished, and adapted to the convenient separation and due security of the mails, is to be provided by the contractor, under the direction of the department.

Railroad and steamboat companies are required to take the mail from and deliver it into the post offices at the beginning and end of their routes, and to and from all offices not more than eighty rods from a station or landing. Proposals may be submitted by the companies for the performance of all other side service—that is, for offices over eighty rods from a station or landing.

There will be "way-bills" prepared by postmasters, or other agents of the Department, to accompany the mails conveyed on railroads and steamers, specifying the number and destination of the several bags. On other principal routes, likewise receipts will be required and way-bills forwarded; the latter to be examined by the several postmasters, to insure regularity in the delivery of mails.

4. No pay will be made for trips not performed; and for each of such missions, not satisfactorily explained, three times the pay of the trip may be deducted. For arrivals so far behind time as to break connection with preceding mails, and not sufficiently excused, one-fourth of the compensation for the trip is subject to forfeiture. For repeated delinquencies of the kind herein specified, enlarged penalties, proportionate to the nature thereof, and the importance of the mail, may be made.

5. For leaving behind or throwing off the mails, or any portion of them, for the admission of passengers, or for being concerned in setting up or running an express conveying intelligence in advance of the mail, a quarter's pay may be deducted.

6. Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by certificates of postmasters or the affidavits of other credible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time; for neglecting to take the mail from or delivering it to a post office; for suffering it to be wet, injured, destroyed, robbed, or lost; and for refusing, after demand, to convey the mail as frequently as the contract runs, or is concerned in running a coach, car, or steamboat on a route.

7. The Postmaster General may annul the contract for repeated failures to run agreeably to Contract; for violating specific office laws, or disobeying the instructions of the department; for refusing to discharge a carrier when required by the accepted bids, their legal liabilities will be enforced against them.

8. Present contractors, and persons

department to do so; for running an express as aforesaid; or for transporting persons or packages contrary to lawable matter out of the mail.

8. The Postmaster General may order an increase of service on a route by allowing therfor a pro rata increase on the contract pay. He may change schedules of departures and arrivals in all cases, and particularly to make them conform to connections with railroads, without increase of pay, provided the running time be not abridged. He may also run an increase of speed, allowing, within the restrictions of the law, a pro rata increase of pay for the additional stock or carriers, if any. The contractor may, however, in the case of increase of speed, relinquish the contract, by giving prompt notice to the department that he prefers doing so to carrying the order into effect. The Postmaster General may also discontinue or curtail the service, in whole or in part, in order to place on the route a greater degree of service, or whenever the public interest, in his judgment, shall require such discontinuance or curtailment for any other cause; he allowing as a full indemnity to contractor one month's extra pay on the amount of service dispensed with, and pro rata compensation for the amount of service retained and continued.

9. Payments will be made by collections from or debts of postmasters, or otherwise, after the expiration of each quarter—say, in February, May, August, and November.

10. The distances are given according to the best information; but no increased pay will be allowed should they be greater than advertised, if the points to be supplied are correctly stated. Bidders must inform themselves on this point, and also in reference to the weight of the mail, the condition of roads, hills, streams, etc., and all toll bridges, ferries, or obstructions of any kind by which expense may be incurred. No claim for additional pay based on such ground, can be considered; nor for bridges destroyed, ferries discontinued, or other obstructions increasing distance, occurring during the contract term. Office established after this advertisement is issued, and also during the contract term, are to be visited without extra pay, if the distance is not increased.

11. Bidders are cautioned to mail their proposals in time to reach the department by the day and hour named, (3 p.m. February 28,) for bids received after that time will not be considered in competition with bid of reasonable amount received in time. Neither can bids be considered which are without the guarantee required by law and a certificate of the sufficiency of said guarantee.

12. Bidders should first propose service strictly according to the advertisement, and then, if they desire, separately different service; and if the regular bid be the lowest offered for the advertised service, the other propositions may be considered.

13. There should be but one route bid for a proposed combination bid ("proposing one sum for two or more routes"), it is forbidden by law, and cannot be considered.

14. The route, the service, the yearly pay, the name and residence of the bidder, (that is, his usual post office address) and those of each member of a firm, where company offers, should be distinctly stated.

15. Bidders are requested to use, as far as practicable, the printed proposals furnished by the department, to write out in full the sum of their bid, and retain copies of them.

Altered bids should not be submitted; nor should bids once submitted be withdrawn. No withdrawal of bidder or guarantee will be allowed unless the withdrawal is dated and removed before the last day for receiving proposals.

Each bid must be guaranteed by two responsible persons. The bid and guarantee should be signed plainly with the full name of each person.

The department reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed extravagant, and also to disregard the bids of failing contractors and bidders.

16. The bid should be sealed, superscribed "Mail Proposals, State of —," addressed "Second Assistant Postmaster General, Contract Office," and sent by mail, not by or to an agent; and postmasters will not enclose proposals (or letters of any kind) in their quarterly returns.

17. The contracts are to be executed and returned to the Department by or before the 1st day of July, 1866; but the service must be begun on that day, or on the mail day next after it, whether the contracts be executed or not.

Transfers of contracts, or of interest in contracts, are forbidden by law, and consequently cannot be allowed. Bidders will therefore take notice that they will be expected to perform the services accepted to them through the whole term of the contract.

18. Postmasters at offices on or near railroads, but more than eighty rods from a station, will, immediately after the 30th of March next, report their exact distance from the nearest station, and how they are otherwise supplied with the mail, to enable the department to direct a messenger supply from the lat. of July next.

19. Section eighteen of an act of Congress approved March 3, 1845, provides that contractors for the transportation of the mail shall be let, "in every case, to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient guarantees for faithful performance, without other reference to the mode of such transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due certainty, certainty and security of such transportation." Under this law, bids that propose to transport the mails with "certainty, certainty and security," having been decided to be the only legal bids, are construed as providing for the entire mail, however large, and whatever may be the mode of conveyance necessary to insure its "certainty, certainty and security," and have the preference over all others, and no others are considered.

20. A modification of a bid in any of its essential terms is tantamount to a new bid, and cannot be received, so as to interfere with regular competition, after the last hour set for receiving bids. Making a new bid with guarantee and certificate, is the only way to modify a previous bid.

21. Postmasters are to be careful not to certify the sufficiency of guarantors or securities without knowing that they are persons of sufficient responsibility; a disregard of this instruction by postmasters is a violation of their oath of office, subjecting them to immediate removal. All bidders, guarantors, and securities are distinctly notified that on a failure to enter into or perform the contracts for the service proposed for in the accepted bids, their legal liabilities will be enforced against them.

22. Present contractors, and persons

LOVE & BILGER

California Street, Jacksonville.

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