

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

THE NEWS HAS A CINCH

Evening Paper the Ecneficiary of Jobbed Contract.

The ways and means committe has just awarded to the Daily News a con- where Mr. Cawker will engage in the tract for printing city notices that calls for the highest rate ever paid in this county. The contract was smoothly again. He was struck by the train, drawn, and the News is the beneficiary. The rate under new contract is \$1.624 street in Astoria, and was severely cents per actual inch for the first in- hurt. sertion and 65 cents per actual inch for each subsequent insertion. The Astorian recently presented a bid of \$1.20 and 60 cents, which was turned down; . as "excessive." Presumably the committee had personal reasons for taking this latest action, but there is little question that the council will take steps to annul the contract.

It will be remembered that the council has been involved in a dispute with the three daily papers for some weeks over the matter of printing city notices. When offers were first invited, The Astorian presented the lowest bid, which was promptly rejected, along with those from the other papers. Later on the committee determined to secure new bids without the formality of advertising therefor, and members are said to have visited the various offices and secured statements of the minimum price that would be charged. However, no bid was formally tendered in writing, and the whole proceeding was questionable. The committee secured an offer of 75 and 30 cents per "square inch" from the News, The Astorian and Budget informally stating that perhaps they could do the work for 80 cents and 40 cents.

But the contract entered into between the committee and the News puts a different light on the matter. The expression "square inch" is so interpreted that it is made to mean more than two inches. The wording of the contract in this respect is as follows:

'IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT A SQUARE INCH IS ONE INCH IN SPACE UP AND DOWN THE COLUMN AND RUN-NING LENGTHWISE OR HORIZON-TALLY ACROSS SUCH COLUMN ONE INCH."

Now, a newspaper inch means one inch of a column. A column is two and one-sixth inches in width, so under the interpretation put on the expression in this contract, each column has two and one-sixth inches. It will be noted that the language is explicit in the extreme, and it is evident that the contract was jobbed with determination. The specification is in effect that there shall be two and one-sixth inches in each newspaper column, and; of course, the beneficiary shall be paid two and one-sixth times as much as the general public would suppose from the committee's aunouncement.

The contract has been awarded for a period of two years, which gives the News a cinch that does not fall every day to the lot of the toller in the newspaper business.

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lery, 50c. Seat sale opens Thursday ed for Cleveland in 1890 and 1891, and morning at Griffin's Book Store. previous to this was a member of the

WEST SIDE NOTES

Jas. M. Turney of Flavel is reported

Miss Polly Pawson is home for short visit. Fodie Bidwell has accepted a position

at Fort Stevens. Miss Rose Kindred has returned from a visit to Westport, Wash

George May is so much improved that he is able to be up and about. J. K. Wirt and son Arthur spent

several days in Skipanon this week. Miss Evelyn O'Harra has gone to Westport, Wash., with Mrs. Cawker and family.

Miss E. V. Hess is spending the latter part of the week in Astoria attending the teachers' examination. W. R. Dean and family are moving

where they will live this summer. The West boys are running their logs

down from Culiby lake into Skipanon creek preparatory to rafting them. Professor Clark and Professor Lyman were in Warrenton on Tuesday

hall. J. W. Cawker and family left Warrenton on Friday for Westport, Wash. clam canning business.

evening and gave a lecture in Warren's

George Omen is able to be around while trying to jump on at Eleventh

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the post office Astoria, 30 days, to February 13: Anderson James E-2 Andrews Luke

Benson Ole Birchard Ed Buggs J O Burke Mike Cohorn W C Will Chamberlin J C Cockran R Y Mrs Davis Frank L

Dean Ed Dooley J Gregory Joe Hamilton Frankie Miss Hamilton Wm Hansen Wm Hansen Capt

Henderson Victor Hugs Mr Johnson Mart Mr Keelign Wathy Kitzuman A. Lante Theodore

Lane Joe Law J J Euchholu Chris Mallon James Malovich A Mayer Johanna A McGregor Hellen M Mrs McDonald E S

filler Jack Montgomery Lou Murray A R Parrott L S Payne W D Ross William W Mr Ross V A Siders Jennie Miss Shick & Co Smith William

Taylor Tom Taylor J Dr Welcome Richard Woode Louise

DETERMINED TO LAY PIPE.

Water Company Has Force of Men Out in Dead of Night.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 16.-Between midnight and 4 o'clock Sunday morning, 50 Italian laborers, believed to be in the employ of the Rochester and Lake Ontario Water company, dug a the provisions of this act will be prosefive-foot trench across Culver road and cuted and all gear found in violation North Union street near the New York | thereof will be seized and condemned. Central roalroad and were preparing to drop a line of pipe when a squad of policemen drove them away. The city fees for the year 1903 are now due and

were filled up before 10 o'clock. Commissioner McClintock of the de partment of public works had the police reserves and the fire department is readiness to prevent further tampering with the streets and all the cros-

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21 sings and roads in the city are guarded The water company has been endeavoring to secure a foothold in Rochester for some time in the face of strenuous opposition on the part of the administrator. Mayor Lodenbeck says if the pipe had been laid an injunction might have prevented the city from interferring.

Warrants for the arrest of the fore man of the gang have been issued and that of Casey and Furray, the contract ors, is expected.

GREAT BALL PLAYER DEAD.

Mind Had Been Affected by Injury Received in Game.

Chicago, Feb. 16.-Phil Recius, a well known baseball pitcher, is dead at the State Insane asylum, where he had been for several months, says a dispatch to the Tribune from Louisville,

In July 1894, while pitching a game for Spokane against Seattle, he was hit on the head by a batted ball. The injury affected his mind, finally sending him to the asylum. Reccius pitchteam taken by James A. Hart to the Pacific coast. He was on the Eclipse of Louisville in the '80s.

Phil Receius' greatest game was in 1890 in Louisville, where he pitched against Detroit, which had just won the championship of the world. Receius won by a score of three to nothing. He was 41 years old and unmarried.

ARE AFTER HIM

Baker City Promoter Induced New York People To Invest in

Bogus Lands.

Baker City, Feb. 16-Miss Rose Shu nan, a wealthy lady of New York, was here today looking for C. J. Christie whom she says induced herself and a number of wealthy ladies and gentlemen of New York city and Philadelout to the old James Kindred place. phia to invest large sums of money in REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE timber lands in Oregon. He was sup plied with all the money he required, and from the day he left New York until the present time he has not been

heard from. Miss Shuman is on his trail and pur poses to locate him if possible.

Christie agreed to supply his clients with 200,000 acres of timber lands in upper Burnt river for \$4.50 and \$5 per acre. Contracts were made last July. Chiritie was in Sumpter this fall but no one knows where he is now.

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT.

New York, Feb. 16.-The Carnegie trust will issue today, according to the Tribune's London advices, a scheme which it has drawn up for the endowment of post-graduate study in Scottish universities.

Besides grants inaid of speciali researches, it includes scholarships and fellowships in two groups of subjectsone, science and medicine; the other, history, economics, modern languages and literature. The value of a scholarship is £100 a year. A fellowship £150, and the holder of either is debarred rom undertaking any other remunerative work except by permission.

EUROPE TO BE INVOLVED

Vienna, Feb. 16.-It is rumored that in the event of Turkey failing to execute demanded reforms in Macedonia. Russia and Australia will convoke the European congress to deal with the Surplus fund situation.

ABOUT WASHINGTONS BIRTHDAY National Bank notes out-

Washington's birthday was made a Individual deposits subject legal holiday by vote of the Massachusetts lgeislature, the first one ob- Demand certificates of deserved being February 22, 1867. Prior to that time his birthday was only ob- Time certificates of deserved by personal friends. The birthday of the celebrated Hostetters' Stom- | Certified checks 2,500 00 464,131 25 ach Bitters was 50 years ago, and the fact that it has remained before the positive proof that it is founded on I. J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above true merit. There is also positive named bank proof of its value in the record of cures the above statement is true to the of heartburn, indigestion, fatulency, best of my knowledge and belief. dizziness, dyspepsia, constipation, bil-Housness, and malaria, fever and ague that is back of it, also in the hundreds of voluntary testimonials received annually. Give it a fair trial. It will cure you even after other remedies have falled. Be sure to get the genuine:

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