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THE JETTY CONTRACT.

Our esteemed friend, the Portland Journal, is inclined to be unreasonable in dealing with the matter of the contract for jetty rock. The Astorian agrees that the Northwest Construction Co. has been unable to furnish as much rock as was desired by the government engineers, and that deliveries were short of the contract stipulations; but it does not admit that the best interests of the whole people has not been subserved on this account. To the contrary, it insists that the government's contract with the local concern and that concern's work thus far are more satisfactory than otherwise could have been arranged. Let it be known that the Northwest Construction Company is furnishing rock for 91 cents a ton, while the Portland company in which the Journal is so much interested bid \$1.35 a ton. The difference in the price is thus shown to be 34 cents per ton. The jetty will require fully 2,000,000 tons of rock in all, so that there is saved under the present contract \$680,000. Now, it may be that our Portland friend regards this sum as altogether too trifling to have been allowed to stand in the way of the awarding of the contract to Messrs. Hale & Kern, but, fortunately for the safety of the national treasury, it is not shared by those officials with whom final decision of such matters rests. To be real frank, the government is quite willing to make some concessions to the company whose offer will effect a saving of \$680,000. It would be folly to say that The Astorian is not anxious for improvement of the bar. The future of Astoria and of The Astorian depends on it, and if there were any reasonable cause for complaint in the manner in which the work was being carried on this paper would be first to voice the protest, nor would it rest content until conditions had been righted. But it fully realizes that, despite the shortage of rock delivery thus far, the work at the river's mouth has not suffered in any way, and that the Portland complaint is not based upon real interest in the improvement, but upon a desire to discredit the Northwest Construction Company with the government officials, so that future contracts, involving vast sums of money, may go to rival concerns at excessive figures. The Astorian is nearer the jetty than the Journal and may be depended upon to vigorously point out any irregularities that may be calculated to injure the commercial interests of the Columbia river.

In California, an enterprising body of men have organized themselves into a committee for the purpose of breaking up some of the large land holdings of that state and the scheme is meeting with success. The land in question is sold in one, five, and fifteen acre tracts and some of it is located in the most productive portions of the state. The committee has already received word from at least fifty large land-owners that they are willing to encourage settlement in this manner. The California plan is suggestive of what might be done in Oregon. The date of the Lewis and Clark fair is less than two years off. Emigration is coming in at

SKIN DISEASES THE OUTCROPPING OF BAD BLOOD

And while not always painful are aggravating beyond expression. With few exceptions they are worse in spring and summer when the system begins to thaw out and the skin is reacting and making extra efforts to throw off the poisons that have accumulated during the winter. Then boils and pimples, rashes and eruptions of every conceivable kind make their appearance, and Eczema and Tetter—the twin terrors of skin diseases—Nettle-rash, Poison Oak and Ivy, and such other skin troubles as usually remain quiet during cold weather, break out afresh to torment and distract by their fearful burning, itching and stinging. A course of S. S. S. now will purify and enrich the blood, reinforce and tone up the general system and stimulate the sluggish circulation, thus warding off the diseases common to spring and summer. The skin, with good blood to nourish it, remains smooth and soft and free of all disfiguring eruptions. Send for our free book on diseases of the skin and write us if you desire medical advice or any special information. This will cost you nothing.

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a more rapid rate than ever before, making a rich field for a promotion committee for this state. It should not be overlooked either that Clatsop county is an important part of this field. There is opportunity here for the real estate man who can list grazing lands, tillable lands, tide lands and timber lands, and be ready to show the incoming home seekers the means of making a living in this section. This section is favorably located to reap benefits from the fair, because of transportation facilities and the fact that the great body of eastern visitors will want to make the trip down the Columbia to see the ocean anyway.

Canada has one transcontinental railroad, has arranged to build another and projected a third. The Canadians are also near the head of the procession in improved waterways. With only 5,000,000 people, our neighbors north are making a great record in the matter of transportation facilities.

Referring to Salem people's resentment of aspersions cast on the city's water by the state board of health, Rev. I. D. Driver endorses the attitude of the Salem people and adds that if he lived in h—l he'd stand up for his country. That's too patriotic.

Commissioner of the general land office, Richards, says opportunity for a hearing will be given entrymen on "held-up" lands before cancellation is made. This is very assuring to the settler.

FEROCIOUS COUGAR KILLED.

The past week developed a cougar story over in Pacific county, Wash. The cougar was an elderly female and had been forced down out of the mountains by hunger. Dan Markham, superintendent of the Lebam hatchery, and another fish expert had been at the hatchery dam, near which a dog belonging to Solomon Markham came across the cougar. The beast showed fight at once and in less than a jiffy was rolling the dog around in the road. Another dog joined in the combat, but the cougar was too much for the domestic animals and had little difficulty in putting them to flight. While the battle was in progress Edward Kirsch happened along with a rifle and took three shots at the cougar as she was advancing to renew the attack on the dogs. One of the bullets penetrated her head and she took to a tree, where she was killed by a well directed shot. The dog that first became involved with the cougar was badly injured, and it was evident that the beast had leaped from a tree onto the back of the dog.

OYSTER BUSINESS BOOMING.

According to William Mills, the Bay Center merchant, the oyster business on Willapa bay is booming. "We practically control the market now," says Mr. Mills. "The beds on the sound are nearly depleted, and it has been necessary to curtail the output there in order to give the beds a chance to recuperate. The price there has been forced up to \$4 and \$5 a sack. This is forcing the dealers to come our way. It has been a long time since the demand for our oysters has been as great as it is now, and of course the price is constantly going up. We are now receiving \$3 per sack and are shipping about \$300 worth of oysters per day."

CHARGES AGAINST MOTHER

Father Seeks to Have Children Taken From Her.

County Judge Trenchard yesterday issued an order requiring the appearance in the county court, on October 22, of Christopher C. Grimes, his wife, Sarah A. Grimes, and their children, Cynthia, aged 14, and Beatie, aged 12. The citation was the result of a petition filed in the court by Mr. Grimes, who states that he and his wife are living apart; that the mother of the children, Sarah A. Grimes, is a woman of notoriously bad character, and has grossly abused her parental authority over the children, and is totally unfit to have their care and custody. The petition embodies the request that the girls be surrendered to the custody of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Portland, which request will be complied with unless the mother is able to show cause why the court should permit the children to remain in her care. The case will be heard at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTION.

Next Monday the Wiedemans' big show will inaugurate a week's season at Fishers' opera house, opening in the four-act, sensational laughable comedy entitled "A Pair of Tramps." The company this season is entirely new and will present a repertoire of plays that has never been presented in the west at popular prices. During the acts the following vaudeville turns will be put on: Nellie Wiedeman in a new and startling electric dance; the classical baritone, Mr. Ben Brown, in the latest musical successes; Pickett and Whipler, an eastern Orpheum circuit team; Chris Allen, who will talk to the ladies on the Turkish trouble; Frank Arthur, a minstrel man with a pair of nimble feet, and a solo orchestra will please lovers of high class music. Seat sale opens Saturday morning at Griffin's book store.

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SCOGGIN HAS RECOVERED.

Arthur Scoggin, who has been confined in the city jail ever since ammonia was thrown on Printer Boy, has almost recovered from a severe illness. Scoggin has been suffering from stomach trouble and for a time was very ill. His mother came down from Butteville to care for him, and there has been such decided improvement in his condition that she returned home last night.

CONFESSIONS OF A PRIEST.

Rev. John S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes: "For 12 years I suffered from yellow jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for 12 years." If you want a reliable medicine for liver and kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Charles Rogers. Only 50 cents.

Office Chief Commissary, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., October 10, 1903.

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Office of Chief Commissary, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., Sept 21, 1903.

Sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering fresh beef and mutton for six months beginning January 1, 1904, will be received here and at office of commissaries at Fort Stevens, Oregon; Boise Barracks, Idaho; Fort Casey, Columbia, Flagler, Walla Walla, Wright, Worden, Lawton and Vancouver Barracks, Wash., until 10:30 a. m., October 21, 1903, and then opened. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for fresh beef and mutton," and addressed to commissary of post to be supplied, or to Major George B. Davis, Chief Commissary. 8-21-0-20

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