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| mouth of the Columbla river was to <br> have been completed in <br> Fort stevens is that not over half a mile <br> can possibly be completed within that time. <br> As a matter of fact as near an The Journat <br> of a mille may cover what will actually be <br> done, at the present rate of progress, <br> nothing better cain reasonably be looked <br> for under existing arrangements. The im- <br> portance of this work cannot be overes- <br> vart section of country tributary to the <br> river. This being true, it is of the greatest <br> fmportance that the work be pushed as ex- <br> peditiously as is consistent and if its pro- <br> which can be overcome it is a public duty <br> to expose them and do whatever can be <br> done to brihg about a remedy. <br> The Journal's investigations appear to clearly tndicate that the trouble lies in the stone eontract. This end of the work in- volves in reality two contracts, the first of which covers 150,000 tons of stone and the second 450,600 tons. Taking up the first contract, It may be said that the speciffeaquality as regards strength and durablity, compact, tough and not subject to disin- tegration and wear and must welgh not fess than 160 pounds per cublc foot. The stone is divided into three classes according to weight. In class A the pleces must welfh not less than four tons nor more than ten; in class B, an average of two tons $\begin{array}{lll}\text { and in class } C \text { from } 21 & \text { pounds to } \\ \text { pounds each. } & \text { Of class } A & 25 \\ \text { per cent } \\ \text { is to }\end{array}$ be furninhed; of class B 50 per cent, of class ${ }^{*}$ C 25 per cent. Delivery was to begin June 1. The first month the minimum daily amount was to be 1,000 tons and the max- |
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