

PORTLAND ASKS A SQUARE DEAL

Manufacturers Demand Right to Bid on Contracts to Supply Government Timber.

ADVERTISING ORDERS PUGET SOUND DELIVERY

Portland, Greatest Lumber Cutting Port in World, Is Ignored—Millmen Pass Resolutions Setting Forth Facts.

Give Portland and the Columbia river a square deal is the burden of a demand made yesterday afternoon by the Oregon Lumber Manufacturers' association.

Recently the government asked for bids on 2,500,000 feet of fir lumber, for use in the Philippines. The advertisement for the lumber specified that it must be delivered on Puget sound, at any point within reach of deep draft vessels.

Portland wants a chance. "Why should not Portland be given full and fair opportunity to bid on such contracts?" is the question asked.

Whereas, The United States government has advertised for bids for lumber, as follows: "Lumber—Said proposals will be received until 11 a. m., December 6, for furnishing and delivering at Seattle or Tacoma, Washington, or other points on Puget sound, accessible to vessels of deep draught, 2,500,000 feet, board measure, of fir lumber for shipment to Manila, Philippine islands, as specified on schedule, which will be furnished to applicants by F. A. Grant, quartermaster, United States army; and,

Resolved, That the Oregon Lumber Manufacturers' association does hereby earnestly protest against such discrimination in favor of Puget sound orders; and be it further

To Take Final to Headquarters. "Resolved, That the matter be called to the attention of the chamber of commerce of this city and to the senate and congressmen from the state of Oregon, requesting them to take the matter up with the United States department and ask said department to give Columbia river mills an opportunity to bid on all government bids for lumber in the future."

Portland firms have decided to bid on the forage contract which will be let by the government tomorrow, supplying 2,500 tons of oats and 1,500 tons of baled hay for shipment to the Philippines since they have been granted the privilege of making deliveries at this point instead of in Seattle. They were allowed to bid with the privilege of delivering the grain and hay at Portland only after Albers Bros. had entered a strong protest against the original arrangement of favoring the Puget sound city.

In response to their urgent request Senator Fulton took the matter up with Quartermaster-General Humphrey and sent the local firm a wire on Friday to the effect that no discrimination would be shown against Portland. It is now said that about a dozen local firms will bid for the oats part of the contract and that a number will submit proposals for furnishing the hay.

Eight Hundred Prisoners. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Dec. 16.—The monthly report of the state board of control, just issued, shows that the state penitentiary at Walla Walla contains 784 inmates. Thirty prisoners are out on parole. Per capita tax for maintenance for the month amounted to \$10.70.

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SMALLPOX DANGER IS ALL OVER

City Physician Says There Are Only Two Mild Cases in Quarantine.

NO CASES DEVELOPED IN PAST TWELVE DAYS

Fifty-Three Cases of Typhoid Fever in State During November and Forty-Seven of Diphtheria—Some Not Quarantined.

Dr. Frank Cauthorn, city physician, said last night that the efforts to prevent an epidemic of smallpox have been successful and that there are now only two cases in quarantine and these of mild type.

"When the first cases were discovered a few weeks ago," said Dr. Cauthorn, "every precaution was taken to insure putting a stop to the spread of the disease. The city health department is able today to announce that at the present time there are practically no cases of smallpox remaining untraced. The last new case developed 12 days ago and the patient rapidly is nearing the condition that will warrant his discharge from quarantine."

"Many reports were circulated, in some instances maliciously, in other thoughtlessly, and the public was more or less excited as a consequence. But the health department can assure the people now that so far as the existing status indicates, in a few days there will not be one case remaining in the city."

The contagious diseases which are most prevalent throughout the state at the present time, as shown by the monthly report for November of the state board of health, are typhoid fever and diphtheria. There have been 53 cases of typhoid fever reported, from which have resulted 11 deaths, and 47 cases of diphtheria, with 3 deaths. The majority of the cases of both diseases were in Multnomah county. There were 23 cases of smallpox.

The board is anxious to emphasize the necessity of more stringent quarantine measures in all contagious diseases, and especially diphtheria and smallpox, and urges the more frequent use of the laboratory for detecting doubtful cases of diphtheria. Culture tubes will be furnished free of charge on application. Several instances recently have come to the attention of the board where there have been diphtheria and smallpox cases without any quarantine whatever being maintained.

A plan is being made to bring the subject of hygiene in the public schools to the attention of the teachers. The board will petition the state superintendent of schools for permission to allow a member of the board to attend each teachers' institute throughout the state and give a lecture on hygiene in the public schools.

MYSTIC SHRINERS ELECT OFFICERS

At Kader Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held its annual meeting last night and elected the following officers: George H. Hill, re-elected illustrious high priest; D. W. Taylor, re-elected illustrious chief rabbi; J. G. Mack, re-elected illustrious assistant rabbi; L. G. Clarke, re-elected illustrious high priest and prophet; A. Thurlow, re-elected illustrious oriental guide; J. W. Newkirk, illustrious treasurer; B. G. Whitehouse, illustrious recorder; to attend the imperial shrine at Los Angeles, May 7 and 8. B. G. Whitehouse, George H. Hill, A. M. Knapp and Elmer B. Colwell.

BURGLARS GOT LITTLE BOOTY FOR TROUBLE

Two batings and 80 cents was the amount of booty secured by burglars who ransacked the house of N. Hodgson, 1099 East Main street, some time between 2 and 11 o'clock p. m. yesterday. They entered the basement while the family was absent and climbed into the house through a wood elevator. Everything in the place was topsy-turvy when the family returned last night. Bureau drawers were opened and contents strewn over the floors. Trunks and cupboards had also been searched for valuables.

The burglars had barricaded themselves against surprise, as every door had been braced from the inside to prevent entrance. They made their exit from the building the way they had entered and left the doors fastened. The family experienced considerable difficulty in getting inside the house when they returned.

SPOKANE LAWYER FOUND GUILTY OF BLACKMAIL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., Dec. 16.—After hearing the evidence in the case of the state versus Attorney George Nethercutt, charged with blackmail of County Commissioner George Collins, Justice Crocker today found the attorney guilty and imposed a fine of \$100, the maximum penalty, with costs amounting to several hundred dollars. An appeal has been taken by Nethercutt.

ACCUSED OF PIRATING BY WILLIAM BRADY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16.—William Brady, owner of the rights of the play "Way Down East," has instructed northwestern representatives of the Playwrights' association to at once begin action against Mack Swain, who is playing in the Tacoma theatre in what Brady says is a pirated version of the above named play. Swain has been producing the production through the northwest. The courts will be asked to enjoin him from continuing the use of the play.

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PRICE OF SALMON MAY SOAR

Action of Cold Storage Men May Revolutionize Packing Industry on Columbia.

PLANNING TO PICKLE SMALL SIZED FISH Result Will Be to Force Cannermen to Pay More Money for Catch—Reasoned That Shortage of Puget Sound Sockeyes Will Help Outlook

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Dec. 16.—In the opinion of salmon packers, the cold storage men of the Columbia river will next season accept 20-pound fish for pickling purposes. Heretofore the cold storages have confined themselves to handling 25-pound fish, smaller salmon being considered not large enough for the trade; but next season the limit will probably be decreased by five pounds.

Should this action be taken, salmon packing on the Columbia will be revolutionized. The cold storages have elevated the price of the raw material, and the reduction of the limit would mean a still further advance in price. The cannermen heretofore have been able to secure under-sized fish at 5 cents a pound, but if the cold storages accept such salmon they will pay 6 cents, and the packers will be compelled to meet this advance, else they will pick a choice grade.

Packers are confident that Columbia river prices will soar next year, and already it is predicted that \$1.10 will be the opening price for halves, \$1.65 for flats and \$1.75 for the best. The present sound run of sockeyes will be a failure for at least three years to come—and some sound fish dealers have declared that the run will never again assume its erstwhile proportion—and it is reckoned that the Columbia river product will be left almost alone in the high grade market. This will make it comparatively simple for the packers to fix prices to suit themselves, and if they can but get together the figures quoted above will prevail.

Made Little Money. Of late years the packers have made little money. The fish for which they pay 6 cents a pound goes into first class cans, while 5-cent salmon seldom gets out of the second and third grades. This leaves the margin of profit so small that business interruptions eliminate profit. Petty differences have stood in the way of agreement in the past, but the sentiment is growing that closer relations are necessary.

As evidencing the value of advertising, the statement of a prominent packer relative to the creation of a market for "Alaska reds" is interesting. When Alaska reds were first packed they could not be disposed of. The trade demanded Columbia river fish and the sockeyes. The Alaska product had no claim for greatness and the prospect was dark. It occurred to a prolific packer one day that the color cry might be set up to advantage, and his idea was tried.

Cry Made Good. The Alaska packers declared that color was everything and that fish which were not red were not good. The cry made good, and now the trade—in other words, the brokers—demand red fish. As a matter of fact, the color of salmon has nothing to do with the quality, but the trade cannot be made to believe it. The tendency of the fishing industry is toward the cold storage business. Every year the cold storage output increases, and it is estimated that 25 per cent more fish will be pickled next year than was put in brine during the past season. If the trade wants canned salmon, it must pay more for it, for packers must compete with the cold storage men for the raw material.

U. OF W. AND PACIFIC TO MEET IN DEBATE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 16.—The debating council has chosen the following question for the debate between Pacific university and the University of Washington: "Resolved, That the Fifteenth Amendment Should Be Repealed." The Seattle university has the choice of side, the selection to be made within 10 days after receipt of the official communication. Hugh Sparks, the secretary of the council, will forward the question Monday.

The debate will take place in this city in the middle of April. The local trout to select the team to represent Pacific in the Whitman and Washington debates, will be held Tuesday evening. There are eight contestants. The best three speakers will make up the first team and the next three successful contestants will form the debating triumvirate that will argue with the representatives from O. A. C. at Corvallis.

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