

BIDS FOR JETTY ROCK OPENED

Three Firms Tender Proposals and Each Will Receive Share of Contract.

MONEY IS AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE WORK

Large Quantities of Rock Will Be Needed From the Start and First Delivery Will Be Made Tuesday—Work to Be Pushed.

Three firms tendered proposals this morning to supply rock for the extension of the government jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Colonel S. W. Roessler will forward the bids to Washington, but it is believed that he will be authorized to let the contract tomorrow, as the government is anxious to get the work started without unnecessary delay.

The Columbia Contract company owns the Fisher quarry, which has supplied the greater portion of the rock out of which the existing jetty has been built.

Money is Now Available. An appropriation of \$400,000 was made by congress for the jetty and this sum is now available for immediate use.

Workmen are now being employed at the jetty. It is estimated that 150 men will be needed at the start. Train crews will be required to operate the cars carrying rock over the trestle leading out to the jetty for a distance of seven miles.

Improvement work on the rivers is also receiving considerable attention by the United States engineers Wednesday they sent the snagboat Mathias up the Willamette river, where she will be kept the greater part of the season.

YARDS CROWDED.

Half a Dozen Steamers in Need of Repair Lying in Harbor.

On account of the large number of barges which are being built at the Suplee yards for the Portland & Seattle Railway company, half a dozen steamers in need of repairs are lying idle in the harbor.

These barges will be used at the proposed site of the bridge which will span the Willamette river. They are of about the same size as those being used at the Columbia river bridge.

other barges will also be built for operation at the latter structure, making 18 in all which will be constructed at the Suplee shipyards. They will soon be needed and a large force of mechanics has been employed to get them ready for service as quickly as possible.

The steamer Volga, which is now on the ways at the same yards, will be launched in a day or two and taken to Astoria, where she will be placed in commission on the lower river as a freight and passenger boat.

"I was also in command of the steamer Harpscott, which was recently in the harbor, when she was captured by the Japanese on the charge of carrying contraband of war to the Russians," said the skipper.

RATS STEAL GRAIN. Sample Wheat Stolen by Rodents, Who Enter Office Through Transom.

For the past two weeks T. M. Stevens & Co. have been missing samples of wheat which were kept in their office for exhibition purposes.

As the grain disappeared in the night it was decided that one of the men should remain in the office until morning to see if he could determine what became of the samples.

Now the clerks close the transom at night and the grain is not disturbed. How the rodents got into the building is a mystery, as it is modern in construction and supposed to be rat proof.

WILL RUN TO COAST.

Steamer Telegraph to Adopt Schedule Between Portland and Astoria.

Beginning May 14, the steamer Telegraph will be placed in regular service between Portland and Astoria in the freight and passenger business.

Since last fall the Telegraph has been given a general overhauling and is said to be in far better shape than last season.

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WILL MAKE DAILY TRIPS.

Steamer Charles R. Spencer to Run Between Portland and The Dalles.

On Monday the steamer Charles R. Spencer will begin making daily round trips between Portland and The Dalles, with the exception of Sundays, when she will be operated in the excursion trade.

Recently the machinery of the Spencer was given an extensive overhauling and since then it is claimed that her wheel makes four more revolutions a minute than it did previously.

SWEEP BY STORM.

Steamer Redondo Forced to Put Back to Sea.

With her smokestack carried away by a violent northwester and possibly damaged in other ways, the steamer Redondo, when off Eureka and headed for Portland, was forced to return to San Francisco for repairs.

Two hundred dollars will pay transportation charges and defray all other expenses of a 6,000-mile trip from Portland to the interior of Alaska and return.

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Steamship Companies Agree on Fare Schedule for Alaska Travel.

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CIGARS UNITED TO-MORROW at the sign of the UNITED Shield a UNITED CIGAR STORE will be opened in this city at 147 Third Street. SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS AND SOUVENIRS. And something to ask for on coming in—a UNITED CIGAR STORE value —CAPT. MARRYAT Invincible. The price 4-for-25 cts., box of 25, \$1.50 —the cigar a proof of our proposition. UNITED CIGAR STORES COMPANY

Baker telephoned from Astoria this morning that a fierce storm was raging off the coast all day yesterday.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT. Captain Guedo Misner will leave New York today for Portland to take command of the oriental liner Niomedea.

With a shipment of sugar, the steamer Carina is expected to arrive tomorrow night from San Francisco.

MARINE NOTES. Astoria, May 4.—Arrived at 5:15 and left at 7:50 a. m.—Steamer Alliance from Eureka and way ports.

Astoria, May 3.—Sailed at 5:25 p. m.—U. S. steamer Heather and Lightship for Seattle. Arrived down at 7 p. m.—British steamer Oceano.

Astoria, May 4.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m. smooth; wind northwest; weather cloudy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS CLOSE THEIR CONVENTION. Last night's open meeting at the First Congregational church closed the twenty-first convention of the State Sunday School association.

Eastern Outfitting Company. \$3.50 Smyrna Rugs for \$2.25. Tomorrow we offer choice variety of 30x60 inch fringed end all wool reversible Smyrna Rugs which regularly sell for \$3.50—Special \$2.25—50 cents a week. To Our San Francisco Patrons. To our old San Francisco patrons and their friends who are now located in Portland we wish to call your attention to the fact that the local Eastern Outfitting Company will do everything in its power to extend to you every possible accommodation regarding furnishing your home, just as our late San Francisco store has been doing.

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