

LOWEST BIDDER TO GET CONTRACT

Port of Portland Decides to Advertise for Bids on Food Supplies for Dredges.

ALL WILL HAVE CHANCE TO SUBMIT PROPOSITION

Secretary John Driscoll Brought Matter Up at Regular Meeting of the Commission Yesterday Afternoon—Several Applications Are Filed.

Upon motion of Secretary John Driscoll, the port of Portland will henceforth purchase food supplies for the men employed on the dredges and the tenders from the lowest bidder and the clerk of the commission has instructions to advertise for bids to be opened September 25. The contract will be made for one year from October 1 next. This action was taken on account of a number of complaints having been made because heretofore the commission has been purchasing its food supplies in the open market. Butchers in competition with John Driscoll, who operates a meat market at First and Burnside streets, have complained in particular, asserting that Mr. Driscoll, by reason of his position as secretary of the port, has been shown favoritism. According to the expense bills now before the commission the supplies amount to about \$400 a month.

The matter came up at the regular monthly meeting of the commission held yesterday afternoon and it was discussed briefly. Routine matters of little importance, such as auditing of accounts and acting upon communications of trivial nature, occupied most of the time of the commissioners.

Several requests for the use of the dredges were received and it was decided to grant these requests soon as possible, although they are flooded with work at present and for some time to come. Both the Portland and Columbia are under engagement to the government for the improvement of the channel to the sea and for that reason can be used for private work only when not worked by the United States engineer department.

Among those seeking the services of the dredges were the North Pacific Lumber company and the Brien & Wilson company, which operates a cedar pole cutting establishment down the Columbia river. This latter company wants a cut made from the regular ship channel to its dock and the North Pacific Lumber company wants the channel from its mill to the main channel deepened.

ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

British Steamer Visigoth Completes First Run After Leaving Shipyard.

The British steamer Visigoth, which arrived in the harbor yesterday afternoon from Antwerp via San Francisco, commenced loading lumber this afternoon at the mills of the Eastern & Western Lumber company for China, Balfour, Guthrie & Co. furnishing the cargo. The Visigoth is under charter to the Clyde last February. She is as trim a vessel as was ever seen in this harbor and is built along the most modern lines, insuring low draft and a big carrying capacity.

The Visigoth is in command of Captain W. Rule. Second Officer G. Prince was in Portland 10 years ago as mate on the British ship City of Benares, and last night when he went to take a look at the city he discovered that he had lost his bearings entirely. He remembered First street as being the principal thoroughfare when last here, but the scenes had changed so wonder-

fully that he was no better off than First Officer W. Gracy and Third Officer H. Cromie, whom he had volunteered to pilot around the city.

"My, but this city has grown," he exclaimed this morning. "I had told the other officers that I knew all about Portland because I have been here four times before, but upon my word, I couldn't get my bearings at all after getting into the city proper. I recognized an old landmark here and there, but they did me little good because the surroundings were all new. Portland has certainly passed through a great transformation scene. But the mountains are still here and the river better than ever. Didn't have such large steamers coming into port them days."

Coming out from Antwerp the Visigoth passed through the Straits of Malacca in order to avoid the stormy weather off the Horn, but she nevertheless had a touch of high life because even in the lee of the land the wind was so fierce that it took four days to make the run from ocean to ocean, whereas under calm weather it can easily be made in 25 hours. The snowstorm was blinding and anchor had to be dropped every once in a while.

LIKE A DARK HORSE

British Steamer Gymeric Arrives in Columbia River Unexpectedly.

Considerable surprise was created this morning when the lookout at North Head reported to the weather bureau here that a British steamer believed to be the Gymeric was crossing the bar. No announcement had been made here to the effect that the Gymeric was on the way to Portland and shipping men were inclined to believe that the steamer was making a mistake, which could easily occur in heavy weather.

The arrival of the Gymeric in the bay off Astoria a few minutes after 10 o'clock, however, proved the lookout right and now the local agent of the steamer is wondering for what purpose she put into the Columbia at this time. According to Ernest Laidlaw, who is Portland agent for the Eric line of steamers, of which the Gymeric is one, the big tramp is under charter to load lumber on Puget sound for Australia or the west coast. She arrived at San Diego several weeks ago with a cargo of cement and building material from London and was supposed to have received instructions to proceed to Puget sound after finishing discharging.

A solution to the mystery may be found in the fact that the steamer Foreric was chartered recently to load lumber either at Portland or Puget sound and her charterers may have negotiated with the owners for the use of the Gymeric instead in order to gain quicker dispatch. The Foreric is at Eureka, California, under charter to load for Fremantle, Australia.

RUNS TO THE FISH TRAPS

Gasoline Launch Swift Is Regularly Employed Carrying Salmon.

Jack Reid is busy hauling salmon from the traps along the upper Columbia to the Portland markets, making a trip a day with as many fish as his gasoline launch Swift will carry, which means about three tons. Yesterday afternoon he brought down the biggest load since the Swift was placed in the trade.

Mr. Reid says the salmon are coming thick and fast in the traps, and they are fine ones, too, silver sides and steelheads predominating. This is the first time that a boat of good carrying capacity has been engaged exclusively in hauling salmon from the traps on the upper river to Portland, shipments having heretofore been made on the river steamers passing the traps. The new system is considered a great advantage to fish dealers as well as the trap men because it brings the fish into market without delay and in fine condition.

LAUNCH EVA DISABLED

Police Carry Away Electric Batteries That Captain Amos Bought.

Captain Amos, master and proprietor of the gasoline launch Eva, thinks the Portland police are cruel. He says the police are not doing the right thing going after the little fellows and letting the big fish escape, that's what he says.

Several days ago Captain Amos expanded a big \$30 gold piece for an electric battery necessary for the operation of the Eva's propeller. He bought it from a man supposed to be O. K. and never suspected anything in the way of trouble should come from the deal.

Yesterday his surprise when yesterday the police entered his boat, uncrewed the batteries and carried them away on the ground that once upon a time they had been stolen property.

"Why, the ideal!" Captain Amos exclaimed. "I bought those batteries at the same time that Mr. Bene bought his and from the same fellow. While I don't know where the man got them, I supposed they were his when he came around and offered them for sale."

Captain Amos is as honest a man as ever walked a gangway and everybody knows it along the waterfront, but at the same time the police claim that he was uncrewed when sold those batteries and the only thing for them to do was to take them to the station.

"Of course, they know I have no money to fight the case," said the skipper, "and so I am out the batteries, or the \$30 gold piece. But why don't they go after the other fellows that buy bugs that bought batteries from the same heap. That's what bothering me. Shiver me fibbons!"

Frederic Jones at her moorings because Captain Amos has not been able to get a new set of spark producers.

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Kelso now has the largest enrollment in the county and is in need of one or two new teachers, as two rooms are badly crowded.

The newly organized high school department opened with an enrollment of 30.

There are many Want Ads in today's Journal that will interest you.