

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.

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 and 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.

LAUNCH EVA DISABLED

Police Carry Away Electric Batteries That Captain Amos Bought.

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 'pon 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."

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.

VOYAGE WAS ROUGH

Passengers on Steamer Kibburn Now Appreciate Life on Shore.

Rough weather was encountered all the way from the Golden Gate to the mouth of the Columbia river by the steamer F. A. Kibburn which arrived here last night and berthed at Greenview wharf. She had to wallow in big seas every moment, and the 24 passengers had a time of it. But they did not complain because good headway was made with the gale blowing from behind and they knew they would soon sniff the breeze from shore, when everything would be all right.

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.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The steamer Costa Rica sails for San Francisco this evening with a full cargo of freight. It was learned this morning that the steamer Columbia will not be ready to go on the Portland-San Francisco run before October 30.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Sept. 14.—Arrived down at 6 and sailed at 10:10 a. m., steamer Roanoke, for San Pedro and way ports. Left up at 6 a. m., ship Berlin. Sailed at 8:30 a. m., steamer Annapolis, for San Francisco. Arrived at 10:10 a. m., schooner W. F. Jewett, from Redondo. Arrived at 1:30 and left up at 9 a. m., steamer Redondo, from San Francisco. Arrived at 10:10 a. m., British steamer Gymeric, from San Diego. Outside at 11 a. m., a three-masted schooner and oriental liner Arabia.

SAVED FROM DEATH BY TOP OF CARRIAGE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Medford, Or., Sept. 14.—A few days ago, while I. W. Berry, former warden of the state penitentiary at Salem, was driving out from Medford to his fruit ranch with his family in a covered rig, an electric wire, which had short-circuited with the telephone system, burned in two and fell across the roadway. The live wire struck the rubber top of the carriage and a sudden "zing" called attention to the danger. The horses sprang forward when a coil of the wire touched one of the animals, throwing him under the pole. The other horse reared and the wire was disengaged. After a moment the injured animal was able to struggle to its feet and the journey was continued.

HEARTLESS PARENTS SHIP CHILDREN OFF

New York, Sept. 14.—A cable to the Sun from Liverpool says: "This city is shocked at the revelation by the local government board of a number of children sent to this port on Atlantic liners without guardians. The board reports 209 cases, in 25 per cent of them the children being chargeable upon the poorhouses. The shipping companies took unusual pains for the protection and comfort of the unprotected little travelers, not suspecting that they were aiding a merciless American parent to rid themselves of their offspring."

A CHANCE

To establish a profitable confectionery store and branch bakery may be found at the corner of Front and Gibbs streets. Living rooms in the rear would make the total rent bill very light. A large basement also in connection. Low rent, long lease, fixtures cheap. An opportunity for man and wife to make good income. Gervais & Sons, 172 1/2 Front Street.

TO RECLAIM AND ROGUE TRACT

Josephine Irrigation Project is Presented to Boise Congress for Approval.

ENGINEERS CONSIDER SCHEME TO BE FEASIBLE

Government Experts Say Plan as Outlined Will Be Best Yet Undertaken by the United States Reclamation Service.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Grants Pass, Or., Sept. 14.—Judge Governor Jewell, representing the county, and R. S. Wilson, representing the Grants Pass Commercial club, have returned from the irrigation congress at Boise, where, aside from attending the meetings and deliberations they also had a conference with the Washington representatives of the government reclamation service, the result of which is an assurance from the officials that an investigation into the needs of Josephine county and southern Oregon for irrigation, will be looked into at once.

Judge Jewell has been working for several years in an attempt to secure government aid in the construction of a huge irrigation ditch for this section of the state, and he feels assured, since his meeting and talking with the reclamation officials, that such aid will be given. A map showing the water grades and elevation and character of lands adjacent to Grants Pass was shown the reclamation men by Judge Jewell and Mr. Wilson, and the map was taken as a basis on which to compute the cost of an irrigation system for this district.

The main project of irrigating the 50,000 acres of arid land on the south bank of Rogue river, near Grants Pass, was considered feasible and received much encouragement from the men who have the reclamation projects in hand. On account of the excellent grades and abundant water supply, this scheme is considered the best, by the reclamation officials, of any system yet attempted by the government. It was estimated by them that the cost of putting water on this land would be about \$40 an acre.

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PURPLE MOTHER RENOUNCED BY COLONEL OLCOTT

Theosophists Expose and Disclaim Spiritualists and Ghost Dancers.

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Sept. 14.—Spiritualists, mediums and ghost charmers for revenue only, those who boast they are true-blooded theosophists, also with powers occult derived from the learned pundits of the orient, who hold claims in occultism for a tuition fee, are to be exposed and disclaimed, and fellowship with true theosophists will be denied to them by Colonel H. S. Olcott, founder of the Theosophical society, early in the progress of the annual meeting of the American section of the society, which begins on Sunday at the Victoria hotel. Even Mrs. Tingle of Point Loma fame will be declared outside the pale.

TEMPERANCE WOMEN CONVENE IN EUGENE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Sept. 14.—The annual Lane county W. C. T. U. convention met at the Methodist church in this city yesterday and will end with tonight's session. A large number of delegates are in attendance and the meetings are all exceedingly interesting.

SLAYER OF KRECHTER IN PRISON AT SALEM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Sept. 14.—Sheriff Culver, returned home Wednesday evening from St. Paul, where one of the bloodiest tragedies ever recorded in this county was enacted. Fred Bastrin, the slayer of Marshal Krechter, occupies a cot in the county jail and has a bullet lodged near his heart and several ribs fractured. After a partial examination of Bastrin's wounds made by Dr. F. E. Smith, county physician, it is believed the man has fair chances to recover.

KELSO SCHOOLS ARE OPEN FOR THE YEAR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Kelso, Wash., Sept. 14.—Kelso schools opened last Monday under the management of Superintendent Smith with the largest enrollment in the history of the schools. The enrollment the first day was 276, 85 per cent more than the first day last year, and this number will be considerably increased next week when the hopickers return.

Several days ago Captain Amos expanded a big \$30 gold piece for an electric battery necessary for the operation of the Eya'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.

Instantly his curiosity 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 duped 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 bought 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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