

CONTRACT LOOKS GOOD TO BIDDERS

Many Would Have Job to Build Boat for Government.

FIGURES RUN CLOSE AT SMALL MARGIN

Willamette Iron & Steel Works Offers to Build First-Class Boat of High Speed on Low Draft for \$35,245.

The Willamette Iron & Steel Works was the lowest bidder this morning for the construction of a steamboat for use on the upper Columbia and Snake rivers by the United States corps of engineers. Its figure for the complete job was \$35,245, \$225 less than the next lowest.

Colonel S. W. Rossmore, United States engineer corps, will investigate the bids and make his recommendations accordingly, but in the event that all the terms of the specifications have been conformed with the contract will go to the lowest bidder. Confirmation will be had from the chief of the department before the contract is formally awarded.

Competition for the job was keen and it is said that the government was fortunate in asking for bids at this time when labor is more plentiful than a few months ago and material easier to get.

Following is a complete list of the bidders and their figures: Portland Iron Works, complete, \$35,245; Willamette Iron & Steel Works, complete, \$35,245; machinery only, \$32,745; Knudsen & Stoneberg, hull only, \$22,500; Phoenix Iron Works, machinery only, \$32,000; Joseph Supple, hull only, \$27,400; Smith & Watson Iron Works, machinery only, \$22,150.

From this it will be seen that the bid of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works is only \$155 higher than the combined figures for the complete job of the Phoenix Iron Works and Knudsen & Stoneberg. It is said that seldom if ever before have bids on so large a contract ranged so close.

The boat is to be a first-class stern wheeler, 160 feet in length and 34 feet wide while her draft is not to exceed two feet. She is to be equipped with apparatus for blasting, raking and towing and must develop a speed of not less than 16 miles an hour.

Bids for the construction of a large ocean going dredge will be opened by the government engineers in a couple of days.

OFF FOR CALIFORNIA

Danish Vice-Consul Leaves on Roanoke for Pleasure Trip.

The steamers Roanoke and Senator left yesterday afternoon for California ports both carrying a number of passengers. Among those leaving on the Roanoke was Dr. William T. Eilen, Danish vice-consul in this city, who is making a brief tour of Mexico. The Roanoke goes to San Pedro via Eureka and San Francisco.

The Senator left for San Francisco with a full cargo of freight and a fairly good list of passengers considering the time of year when stormy weather drives the bulk of traffic to the trail. The craft reached Astoria about midnight, and should be well on their way south by this time.

LONGSHOREMEN ELECT

Union No. 265 Selects Delegates to Convention at Rainier.

Longshoremen's union No. 265 held a meeting last night and elected the following officers: President, J. P. Riley; vice-president, John Murphy; secretary and business manager, P. D. Hall; recording secretary, E. Erickson; marshal, J. M. Madson; John Mohr, William Smith and Walter Anderson were elected delegates to the Pacific coast convention of longshoremen, which is to be held at Rainier the first Sunday of January.

TWO VESSELS ARRIVE

Missing Bark Castor Not Among Foreign Visitors.

The British ship Walden Abbey, from Newcastle, England, the British ship Clackmannanshire, from Mefflon, a port near Antioch and not far from Tripoli, on the west coast, arrived in Astoria this morning. It was hoped that the missing British bark Castor would also show up but the lookout searched the horizon in vain.

The Walden Abbey has been out a good while and she was quoted at five per cent reinsurance yesterday. The Clackmannanshire is in ballast and made the run from the west coast port in 13 days. She bears reputation for being a speedy craft.

In reference to the Castor it is argued that she should show up or else give cause for actual anxiety concerning her safety. It has been suggested to send a government cutter in search for the vessel, but Captain Campbell, over-looker for her owners, who is here, says he cannot see just yet that such action would be of any avail. He feels quite confident that the bark will show up all right.

WRECKAGE OFF COAST

Captain of Schooner Albert Finds Drifting Hatchway.

Captain Johnson of the American schooner Albert Meyer reports to the hydrographic office having sighted December 7, 1907, in latitude 48, 20 degrees north, longitude 124, 05 degrees west, part of a vessel's deck, containing a small hatchway with coverings attached. This location is off Cape Blanco and it is possible that it might have come from the power schooner Sotoyoma, which was recently on fire in that vicinity.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Regular Liners Due to Arrive.
Costa Rica, San Francisco, Dec. 22
Arabia, Orient, Dec. 22
G. W. Elder, San Pedro and way, Dec. 24
Alliance, Coos Bay, Dec. 25
Breakwater, Coos Bay, Dec. 25
Senator, San Francisco, Dec. 25
Haniel, San Francisco, Dec. 25
Roanoke, San Pedro and way, Dec. 27
Alesia, Orient, Dec. 27
Nicomedia, Orient, Dec. 27
Numantia, Orient, Dec. 27

Regular Liners to Depart.
Haniel, San Francisco, Dec. 20
Alliance, Coos Bay, Dec. 21
Breakwater, San Francisco, Dec. 21
Alesia, San Francisco, Dec. 21
Costa Rica, San Francisco, Dec. 22
Geo. W. Elder, San Francisco, Dec. 22
Arabia, Orient, Dec. 22
Senator, San Francisco, Dec. 23
Roanoke, San Pedro and way, Jan. 2
Nicomedia, Orient, Jan. 10
Alesia, Orient, Jan. 10
Numantia, Orient, Feb. 15

Vessels in Port.
St. Nicholas, Am. sh., Astoria
Berlin, Am. sh., Astoria
Port Patrick, Br. sh., Elevator
Annie M. Campbell, Am. sh., T. & C.
Claverdon, Br. sh., T. & C.
James A. Garfield, Am. sh., Astoria
Parramatta, Am. sh., Linnton
Verallied, Fr. sh., Stream
Martha Roux, Fr. sh., Mersey
Millonburg, Br. sh., Victoria Dolphins
Ostara, Ger. sh., Montgomery No. 2
Cullion, Fr. sh., Albina
Henry Villard, Am. sh., Stream
Europe, Fr. sh., Greenwiche
Omga, Am. sh., Astoria
Duchalburn, Br. sh., Elevator
Glenstrae, Br. sh., Montgomery No. 2
Schuback, Ger. sh., Irving
Acme, Am. sh., Portland Lbr. Co.
Windor Park, Br. sh., Elevator
Strathgryfe, Br. sh., Hanfield
Carnarvon Bay, Br. sh., Columbia No. 2
Buccleuch, Br. sh., Columbia No. 2
Alliance, Am. sh., Couch street
Sully, Br. sh., Stream
Largo Bay, Br. sh., Mill street
Eugene Schneider, Fr. sh., Stream
Glenelvan, Br. sh., Stream
Clady, Br. sh., Stream
Strathendrick, Br. sh., Columbia No. 2
Valdivia, Br. sh., O. R. & N. Albina
Ravina, Br. sh., Astoria
Elgin, Br. sh., Astoria
Strathord, Br. sh., N. P. Lumber Co.
Alvena, Am. sh., Westport
Oakland, Nor. sh., San Francisco
Buffon, Fr. sh., Stream
Herm, Nor. sh., Mersey
Haniel, Am. sh., Rainier
Haidia, Nor. sh., Seattle
Lansing, Am. sh., Linnton
Breakwater, Am. sh., Oak street
George Loomis, Am. sh., Portsmouth
Excelsior, Am. sh., San Francisco
Comper, Am. sh., San Francisco
F. S. Loop, Am. sh., San Francisco
J. Marhofer, Am. sh., San Francisco
Hyades, Am. sh., San Francisco
St. Helens, Am. sh., San Francisco
F. E. Sanders, Am. sh., San Francisco
Echo, Am. sh., Calico
King Cyrus, Am. sh., Redondo
Glendale, Am. sh., San Francisco
J. M. Griffith, Am. sh., San Francisco
Alice MacDonald, Am. sh., Redondo
Yosemite, Am. sh., San Francisco

En Route With Cement and General.
Brenn, Fr. sh., Hull
Ville de Mulhouse, Fr. sh., Antwerp
Guethar, Fr. sh., Antwerp
Pierri Loti, Fr. sh., Antwerp
Walden Abbey, Fr. sh., Antwerp
Glenelvin, Fr. sh., Antwerp
General de Negrier, Fr. sh., London
Bayard, Fr. sh., Antwerp
Jule de Dijon, Fr. sh., Antwerp
Alice Marie, Fr. sh., Antwerp
Eugene Regalline, Fr. sh., Antwerp
H. Haefield, Or. sh., Honolulu
Arctic Stream, Br. sh., Rotterdam
Crown of India, Br. sh., Antwerp
Cornell Hart, Fr. sh., Antwerp
General de Negrier, Fr. sh., London
Edward Dettelle, Fr. sh., Antwerp
Emilie Galline, Fr. sh., London
Ernest Legouve, Fr. sh., Antwerp
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Ardenburg, Br. sh., Newcastle, A.
Castle Rock, Br. sh., Sydney, A.
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Ancaloe, Br. sh., Newcastle, A.
Broadford, Br. sh., Newcastle, A.
Calluna, Br. sh., Newcastle, A.
Largiemore, Br. sh., Newcastle, A.
Sudoro, Am. sh., Newcastle, A.
Agnes Oswald, Br. sh., Newcastle, A.
Hatumet, Br. sh., Newcastle, A.

Tramp Steamers En Route.
Strathdillan, Br. sh., Vancouver, B. C.
Qoto Maru, Jap. sh., San Francisco
Craigiall, Br. sh., San Francisco
Riverdale, Br. sh., Orient
River Forth, Br. sh., San Francisco
Minerva, Nor. sh., San Francisco
St. Hugo, Br. sh., Montenegro
Sungari, Russ. sh., Guaymas
Hamilton, Br. sh., San Francisco
Haidia, Nor. sh., Seattle
Sommerstad, Nor. sh., San Francisco
Halvard, Nor. sh., Puget sound
Tungus, Nor. sh., Puget sound
Germanicus, Ger. sh., San Francisco
St. Egbert, Br. sh., Puget sound

En Route in Ballast to Load Grain.
Castor, Br. sh., Valparaiso
Alsterkamp, Ger. sh., Calista Colosa
Amazon, Br. sh., Mollendo
Alexander Black, Br. sh., San Diego
Cun Bucanara, Br. sh., Santa Rosa
Clackmannanshire, Br. sh., Valparaiso
Eglishire, Br. sh., Caldera
Armen, Fr. sh., San Francisco
Lady Woolsey, Br. sh., Calista Colosa
Cambusdon, Br. sh., Calista Colosa
Earl of Dunmore, Br. sh., Callao
Cloch, Br. sh., Talit
Wayfarer, Br. sh., Valparaiso
Nordsee, Ger. sh., Callao
Andre Theodore, Fr. sh., San Francisco
Jordanhill, Br. sh., Valparaiso
Atlas, Am. sh., San Francisco

Along the Waterfront.
The steamer Breakwater arrived this morning from Coos Bay with 400 tons of coal and about 100 tons of general freight. She also brought a full list of passengers. The Breakwater is bound to leave for Coos tomorrow night.

The steamer Alliance will leave for Coos bay tomorrow night instead of this evening as intended. Coming up from



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OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

The drydock to Couch street wharf last night a cylinder head gave way and the repairs will delay her sailing about 24 hours. The steamer will go out full to the hatches.

The British steamer Craigvar left down yesterday with a full cargo of wheat bound for Europe. She will be followed tomorrow by the British steamers Glenstrae and Elgin.

The British steamer Valdivia grounded in the mud above the Madison bridge this morning while being towed from the mills of the Inman-Poulsen company's dock to the lower harbor. She was being handled by two small towboats and swerved out of the channel. It is expected she will be floated this afternoon.

The steamer Montana is expected here Monday to load general cargo for San Francisco in the Harriman line.

MARINE NOTES

Astoria, Dec. 20.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m. rough; wind, southwest; weather, cloudy. Sailed at 8:40 a. m. steamer Senator for San Francisco, steamer Roanoke for San Pedro and way ports. Arrived down at 10 a. m.

British ship St. Mirren. Arrived down last night, British steamer Craigvar. Arrived at 9:15 a. m. British ship Clackmannanshire, from Mejillones. Arrived at 11:20 a. m. British ship Walden Abbey, from Newcastle.

Bromerton, Dec. 20.—Sailed, Norwegian steamer Minerva for Portland, via Ladysmith.

Tides at Astoria today.—High, 6.8 feet, 1:45 a. m.; 8.8 feet, 1:02 p. m. Low, 3.4 feet, 7:20 a. m.; 0.6 feet, 8:06 p. m.

Constipation causes headache, nausea, dizziness, languor, heart palpitation. Drastic physics gripe, sicken, weaken the bowels and don't cure. Doan's Regulators act gently and cure constipation. 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

Ladies' Night at Expo.

This will again be ladies' night at the Expo rink and with the special act of the Bireons, will be a pleasing treat. There will be plenty of instructors on hand.

"Pfeffer Kuchen"—something new for Xmas! Royal bakery.

TEETERS LANDING TERMINUS PRO TEM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 19.—Teeter's Landing, on the Klamath river, 12 miles below Klamath Falls, presents a scene of activity, as it is the terminus of the stage line now in operation connecting with the California Northwestern railway, and two surveying parties are now laying out a townsite there for Abel Ady of this city.

The Klamath Development company of this city has excessive holdings at Teeter's Landing, a part of which now leased to the stage company. Large wharves, a warehouse, stage barns and a hotel have been built by the stage company, and the landing will be a place of considerable activity until the California Northwestern reaches this city.

Christmas Gifts at White House.

(United Press.)—Christmas boxes for the president's family are already arriving at the White House in goodly number. Express wagons roll

into the grounds at frequent intervals and deliver boxes and packages to servants or attaches. Every Christmas thousands of gifts from loyal strangers reach the White House. Those of any considerable value are invariably returned to the sender, with a note explaining the president's attitude in regard to receiving gifts. The presents of edibles, drinkables, toys and other things of no great value are usually turned over to hospitals or other charitable institutions in Washington.

Costs Money to Run Trains.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 20.—Again there is no early train for the Sound, and there will probably be none again until next summer. The loss of this train is felt greatly here, as by it one could go to the Sound, have several hours for business, and return the same evening. As it now is, it takes the better part of three days to do the same amount of business.

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