

CONTRACT FOR FUEL SUPPLY WILL NOT BE LET UNTIL ALLEGED "PRICE MAKING AGREEMENT" IS INVESTIGATED.

Determined to learn whether there was any collusion between agents of the various oil companies that submitted bids to supply the county with fuel oil, County Judge Cleeton said today that he is planning to call the company representatives before him for a conference.

This statement follows a decision of the county commissioners yesterday not to make any oil contracts until assured that the county is not a victim of a "price making agreement." At present the county consumes approximately 1400 barrels of oil monthly, at the courthouse, the county hospital, Kelly Butte and the forties Mason and Webster, and it is planned to use oil for fuel aboard the ferry St. Johns and at the county farm.

When the bids were opened early this week Judge Cleeton openly charged the company representatives present with "standing together." They laughed and entered no denials at that time.

Commissioners Lightner and Hart take the same stand in regard to the bids as Judge Cleeton. They said today that they believed there was a "job" somewhere, but don't know whether the alleged "job" was put up here or in California.

The companies that submitted bids were the Standard Oil, the Union Oil, Associated Oil and Oregon Road Oiling company.

Bids submitted by the Union Oil and Associated Oil companies were exactly alike in every respect, save in one instance, where the Union failed to make a price. Each offered to supply oil at the courthouse for \$1.10 a barrel, at the hospital for \$1.05, the forties Webster and Mason for \$1, the St. Johns for \$1.10, to tank wagons for 92 cents, and in carload lots for 90 cents. Each neglected to bid on Kelly Butte, leaving two bids open, the Standard's at \$1.25 and the Oregon Road Oiling company at \$1.15.

"I am frank to admit that the bids did not look just right to me," said Judge Cleeton today. "And I intend to have a little talk with the local representatives of the oil companies. Things may be all right, but I want to find out if private business concerns have not been quoted better figures recently. We have some figures which show that a number of business houses are getting off much cheaper. Presumably the raise in oil is responsible. That's what we want to know."

PASTOR HOWARD, MAN OF PEACE, FIGHTS ARMORIES

Salem, Feb. 20.—Representative Howard, of Douglas county, fought a bill to establish a \$20,000 armory in Roseburg, metropolis of his own county, in the house this morning, because he declared armories foster a warlike spirit.

Howard is a minister and opposed to fighting. "For all that, he is one of the best little fighters in the house when a measure is up in which he is interested."

He announced that he would fight all armory appropriations on the same ground.

Honors of Harney, gave notice that he would "whistle the window lights" put of any armory bill. He insisted that armories are not necessary.

The bill carried by 35 votes to 11.

LIFESAVERS WILL GET LIBRARIES AS REWARD

Each one of the lifesavers who did such valiant work in the rescue of the survivors of the oil tanker Rosecrans, wrecked on Peacock Spit in a terrible storm about two months ago, will be presented with a library from the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary E. C. Giltner will prepare a list of the names of the lifesavers and the several libraries, consisting of about 50 volumes each, and subscriptions to standard magazines, will be forwarded as soon as possible.

The action of this morning was the result of a motion made by W. W. Cotton, general attorney of the O. W. R. & N. company, at the recent annual meeting and banquet of the chamber, when Mr. Cotton spoke of their work as the greatest and most magnificent of which he had ever heard.

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HEARD OF, OLYMPIA

(Special to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Feb. 20.—The general omnibus appropriation bill was taken up in the house at the morning session and adopted section by section without amendment to the printed bill until the appropriation for the Soldiers' home at Orling was reached, when an effort was made to increase the appropriation to permit construction of an additional dormitory.

Chairman of the appropriation committee, Davis, explained that as a former member of the board of control he would inform the legislature this the number of inmates had been decreased from 300 to 250 during the past biennial, owing to the married men being removed to Fort Orchard, where they can have their wives with them in cottages.

The item for the attorney general's department was increased by \$3000, to permit of legislative legal aid during the next session. At this point the house adjourned till afternoon, when the bill will be taken up.

Representative Goss' bill to abolish capital punishment was on the morning calendar, but was shelved to make way for the appropriations budget.

Friends of the plan to make county elections nonpartisan felt optimistic today, as the result of the skirmish in the senate Wednesday, when an attempt to postpone the bill indefinitely failed. Opponents of nonpartisanship, however, succeeded in killing off the plan to make state elections, as well as county officers subject to nonpartisan elections.

All states for congressional reapportionment were enacted Wednesday afternoon in the house, one section of the state apportionment, and as a result, several are disestablished.

Seattle was made into a congressional district by itself at first, but later complications in the formation of other congressional districts caused a rear attack on the King county by Representatives Davis of Pierce and Conner of Skagit, and Skagit county was added to Seattle district as the last piece of spite work.

Representative Murphy tried all the bills in the senate yesterday, but did not get final decision in the matter, but the bill was passed on to third reading with the anti-king county amendment tacked on.

Technical club to support Celilo plan. Based upon a report of H. L. Vorse, as special representative, the Technical club, composed of Portland architects and engineers, will vigorously support the Celilo power project of State Engineer John H. Lewis.

Money and valuables taken from prisoners at the city jail will hereafter be kept in a "safe" built for the purpose, and conveniently located at headquarters. Moreover a patrolman will be detailed to watch over the strong box and will be held personally responsible for its contents.

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Notes of Wednesday's Happenings.

Brief Paragraphs Give Journal Readers the News of Late Yesterday Afternoon and Last Night.

Congressional. Plans for prompt reorganization of the house will be made and Democratic members of the new ways and means committee will be selected at a caucus of the Democratic representatives to be held March 3.

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