

ONLY ONE FIRM BID ON OREGON STONE FOR NEW POSTOFFICE

Dinwiddie Construction Company Second Lowest Bidder on Sandstone.

WIDE MARGIN FOUND

Grant Fee of San Francisco Submits Lowest Figure on Limestone, With No Alternative As to Material.

Washington, Aug. 12.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—There was a difference of \$172,000 between the highest and lowest bids on Portland's new postoffice, using the figures on Indiana limestone as the basis.

After the bids have been fully checked up and duly pondered an award will be announced, in which the character of the material and the comparative prices of the different stones for the purpose in view will be considered.

All but one of the 17 bidders submitted offers on Indiana limestone. Several of them failed to submit estimates on one or more varieties of sandstone for which proposals were invited.

Following are the bids in detail as submitted at the office of the supervising architect of the treasury:

- On construction of building: George Baker Long, Worcester, Mass.—Bedford limestone, \$329,200; Tenno sandstone, \$326,200; Boise sandstone, \$337,300; Wilkinson sandstone, \$382,200.

- Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co., Seattle in three different quantities of Indiana limestone, \$311,200; \$358,300 and \$328,300; Boise sandstone, \$351,200; Tenno sandstone, \$328,200; Wilkinson sandstone, \$362,100; Pioneer, Or., sandstone, \$342,200; Phoenix, Or., sandstone, \$351,200; Charles Wash. sandstone, \$341,400.

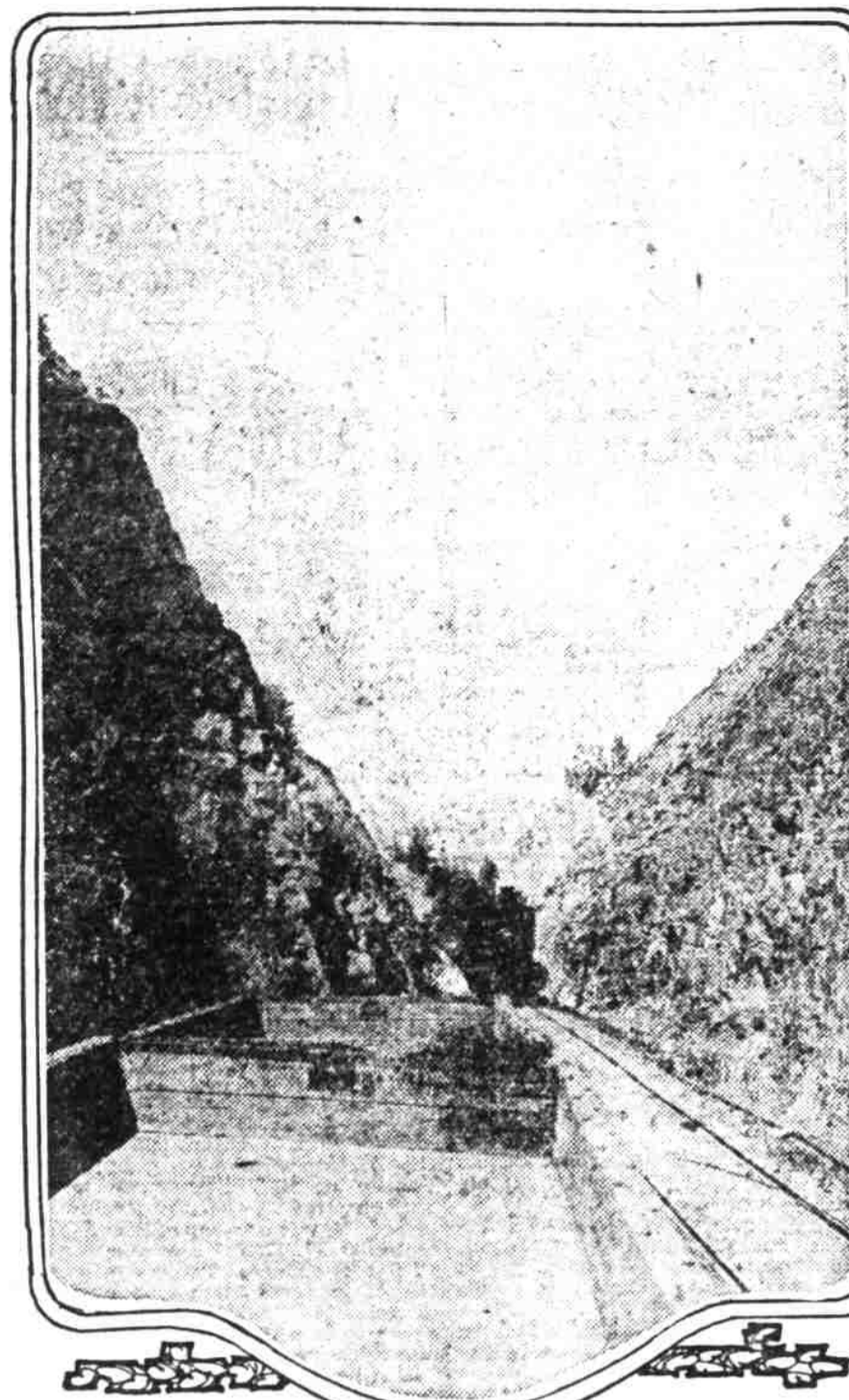
- National Ironpiping Co., Los Angeles—On three quantities of Indiana limestone, \$327,400; \$344,500 and \$325,000; Boise sandstone, \$328,700; Tenno sandstone, \$325,700; Wilkinson sandstone, \$353,700.

- Sound Construction & Engineering company, Seattle—Indiana limestone, \$327,400; Boise sandstone, \$325,777; Tenno sandstone, \$324,777; Wilkinson sandstone, \$353,777.

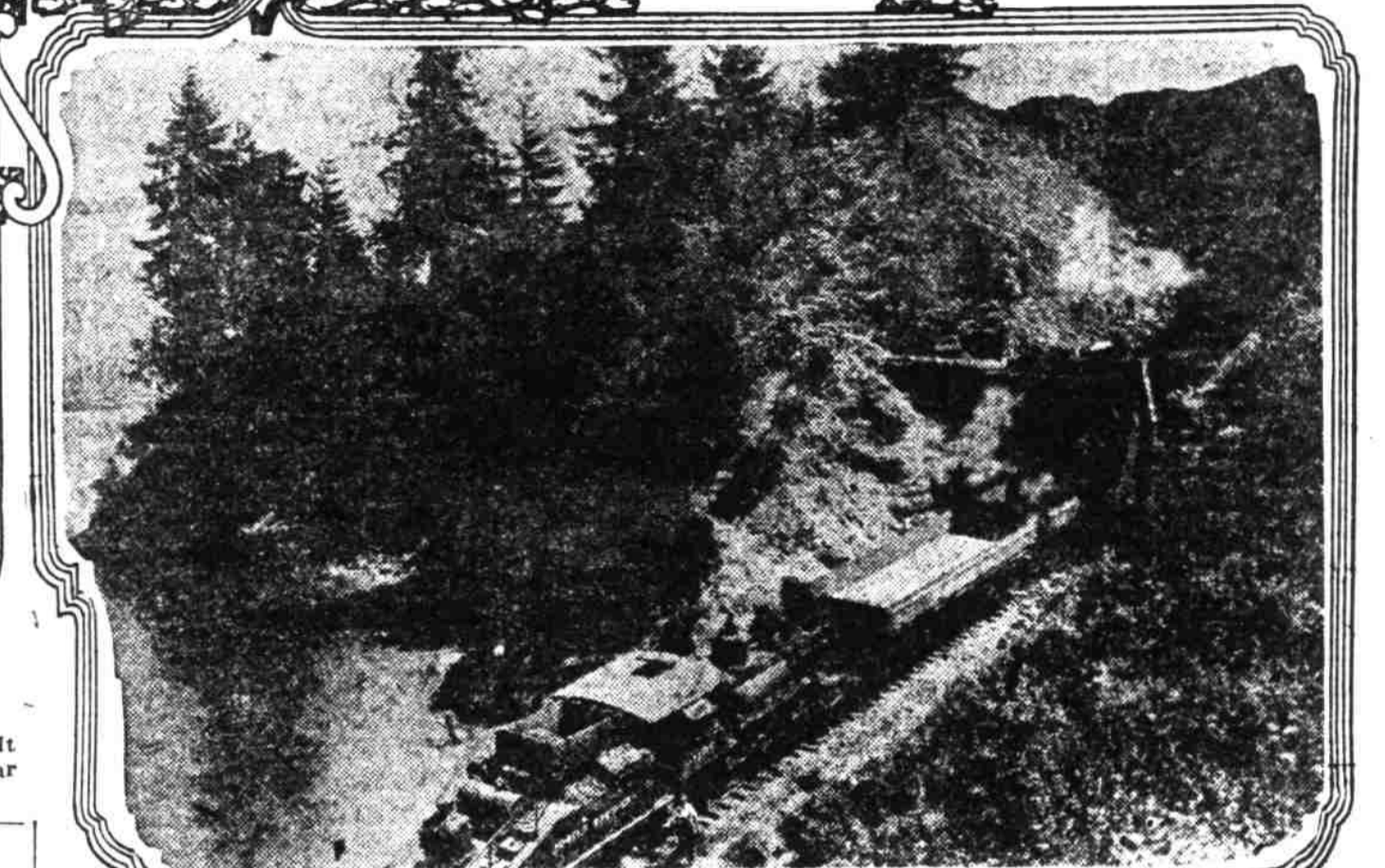
- Boysajoy road company, Portland—On three quantities of Indiana limestone, \$346,160; \$347,330 and \$354,500; Boise sandstone, \$344,000; Tenno, \$349,000; Wilkinson, \$387,700.

- J. H. Wise, Omaha, Neb.—Indiana limestone, \$325,000; Wilkinson, \$382,000; Hartington-Peters company, Seattle—Boise sandstone, \$319,000; Wilkinson, \$363,000.

ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA LINE IS TO BE MADE A DAYLIGHT ROUTE



At left—All that is left of Tunnel 1, six miles west of Rainier. It now looks up to the open sky. At right—Above, tunnel near Pyramid; below, loading dump cars after blast.



PROMINENT CITIZENS GATHER TO PAY HONOR TO JOSEPH BUCHTEL

Funeral of Pioneer and Up-builder of Portland Held—Dr. Staub Officiates.

A large number of prominent citizens, pioneers, members of the fire department and other friends, assembled yesterday afternoon at the Finley chapel to pay their last respects to Joseph Buchtel, the veteran fireman, pioneer of 1852 and up-builder of Portland.

Rev. J. J. Staub conducted the services. E. J. Werlein made remarks concerning the character, life and devotion to ideals of his life-long friend. Flowers were piled about the altar and throughout the chapel in great profusion. The body was later taken to the Portland Crematorium. The following were honorary pallbearers: Joseph M. Healy, A. R. Stringer, C. B. Moore, Whitney L. Boise, W. H. Mall, Will Kindorf, T. Goer, and Captain L. B. Sanborn.

Starts Tabernacle for Billy Sunday

Boston, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Joe Speice, the Billy Sunday tabernacle builder, arrived in Boston this week and will begin construction of the edifice in which the revivalist will work during his stay in the city.

TUNNELS ARE BEING CUT OUT OF ASTORIA & COLUMBIA RAILROAD

Line Is Being Reconstructed to Make Roadbed Ready for Heavy Traffic.

When the mountain refused to come to Mahomet, Mahomet obligingly compromised by going to the mountain. But that was many years ago before the artistic dynamiter had achieved the technique of cutting the mountain assunder for its impertinence.

Who knows but that the time may come when the railroads of the United States shall be tunnel-less. The North Bank is trying to make its line so, starting with the Astoria division. Two tunnels are now being unroofed, making the hole in the mountain an open cut instead of a dark and dangerous gopher-burrow.

Tunnel 1 Is Longest. Tunnel 1 was the longest of the four between Portland and Astoria. It was 273 feet long and was the passageway through one of the most attractive scenic portions of the railroad.

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GOVERNMENT EXPERT STUDIES METHOD OF RAISING LOGANBERRY

George M. Darrow of Vermont Is Also Taking Some Side Glances at Cranberry

George M. Darrow of Vermont is studying the habits and social instincts of the Oregon loganberry. Many people of Vermont and Texas and Nebraska and Illinois are doing the same thing, but with the difference that Mr. Darrow is doing it officially as berry expert of the United States department of agriculture.

Mr. Darrow's department is especially the study of the technique of growing berries. He came west to study first the strawberry in its various climates and circumstances. Now he is looking into the loganberry with some side glances at the cranberry of the Hiwaco marshes.

Other branches of the department of agriculture look after the packing and shipping and still others, the marketing of fruits. So Mr. Darrow's studies of the actual growth and ripening conditions, cultivation, soils, moisture and the thousand and one elements that make for success or failure of growing berry fruits are in a department of their own.

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FAMILY ON A LONG TRIP WITH BURROS



"We should worry about interstate commerce rates."

Having traveled about 2000 miles with a pack train of six burros, H. W. Yager, accompanied by his wife and two small daughters, Emma and Florence, pitched camp at Multnomah falls yesterday afternoon, where he intends to take up permanent residence providing certain plans mature favorably.

On their journey westward many beautiful sights of grandeur, which could not have been viewed other than by means of travel adopted by Mr. Yager, were beheld.

Vacation for Soldiers in Macedonia Plan

Men in Blocks of Ten Will Be Allowed to Knock Off for Ten Days Just as in Peace Life. Salonika, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—A rather novel idea of a summer holiday for troops in the field is being realized by the French during the prevailing heat, which in treeless Macedonia is very severely felt.

GREATEST FINANCIER IN JAPAN RETIRES AT AGE OF 86 YEARS

Baron Shibusawa Will Devote His Life to Bettering International Relations.

Tokyo, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Baron Shibusawa, president of the First National Bank of Japan, resigned his position at the annual meeting of the bank and retired into private life.

The baron is well known in America, to which he made his last visit early this year. When in New York he had long consultations with leading American financiers, his object being to interest them in the propositions which Japan intends to exploit in China.

Proposition Turned Down. The proposal was turned down. New York business men thought if they were going to find the money they threw out the idea that the Anglo-Japanese alliance should become an economic as well as a military pact.

Shibusawa's first mission out of Japan was an educational trip to Europe with one of the Shogun's sons who did not dream that his family's tenure of the sovereignty of Japan was over. This was in 1857-68 when Andrew Johnson was president of the United States in the interval between Lincoln's assassination and Grant's election.

Man Worked Long Without Vacation

Chicago, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Forty-nine years without a working day off. That is the record of Joseph T. Bean, who has just retired on a pension by the New York Central lines. For the greater part of that time, he had his hand on a throttle as a locomotive engineer and was retired because he had reached the age of 70.

Half Hose for Girls Fad in Eastern Town

Choir Singers Who Had Brothers Invalued Supply of Male Books, Others Mailed Their Stockings Down.

Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 12.—The prevailing craze here in business for girls is socks. This startling fact became known when the news spread that girl choir singers of one of the leading churches had appeared wearing varicolored half-hose that peeked from beneath skirts not too long. Girls who have no brothers to borrow from are doing the next best thing, which is to roll their own full length half down from the top.

J.P. FINLEY and SON MONTGOMERY AT FIFTH "The Better Way"

Holy Cross Institute A Boarding School for Boys under twelve years of age. OPEN ALL YEAR. The number of boarders is limited to thirty, thereby facilitating individual attention to children. Conducted by the Sisters of St. Mary. For particulars address: Sister Superior, 779 Oberlin St., Portland, Oregon. Phone Col. 651, or Col. 524.

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Ring Recovered From Fish. Lexington, Ky., Aug. 12.—From the stomach of a bass caught by Louis Fisher of Lexington, Ky., at Lake Loretta was taken a gold ring lost by Thomas O'Day in the pond at Walnut Hills farm, eight miles distant, an hour before Fisher made his catch. O'Day identified the ring by initials engraved on the inner side.

41 Widows in Little Town. Corydon, Ind., Aug. 12.—Georgetown, a place of about 500 inhabitants, near the Harrison-Floyd county line, has for some time been noted for the number of its widows. A census was taken recently by some curious person, who said the town now has 41 widows. Most of them are comparatively young and live in comfortable homes.