

HIGHWAY COMMISSION SELLS SOME BONDS; CONTRACTS AWARDED

First Twelfth of \$6,000,000 Issue Disposed Of at All Day Meeting Tuesday.

MATCHING PLAN HELD UP

Much Time Taken Up by Yamhill and Polk County Folk Relative to New River Road.

Salem, Or., Aug. 8.—At an all day session Tuesday the state highway commission sold the first \$500,000 bonds of the \$6,000,000 highway bond issue, awarded a number of contracts for highway projects, awarded contracts for concrete bridges or crossings on the Columbia river highway in the Beaver Creek valley, and listened for two hours to residents of Yamhill and Polk counties interested in the location of the west side highway between McMinnville and Dallas.

Control Board Also Acts

Meeting in conjunction with the highway commission, the state board of control opened bids on \$400,000 bonds to be issued by authority of the Board-Barrett act to match the federal funds for forest and post roads. The Lumbermen Trust company was also the best bidder for these bonds, but as the bid was under the \$400,000 issue, the board of control rejected it and decided to advertise for bids on a different basis.

For the \$400,000 bonds, the Lumbermen Trust company bid \$372,720. There were three other bidders in both instances. These proposed bonds were to run 20 years, with the option of retiring one half at the end of 10 years.

Jobs on Force Account

Bids were opened for nine different road construction projects. In only three instances did the commission accept the low bid and award the contract. In four other cases the commission awarded the contracts on force account, plus 12 per cent profit, with guaranteed unit price costs. In the remaining two instances the work will be done by the counties on a force account basis. Following are the contracts awarded:

Macadam Roads Ordered

Columbia county, macadam, 17 1/2 miles of Columbia river highway between Clatsop county line and Goble, to Clark and Flippin, \$109,591; highway engineer's estimate \$92,620.

Wheeler County, Crushed Rock

macadam, 3 1/2 miles of John Day highway, to Warren Construction company on force account. The company's bid was \$19,179.40 and the highway engineer's estimate was \$15,714.

Clatsop County, Macadam

15 1/2 miles of Columbia river highway, from Svenson to Westport, to Warren Construction company on force account. The company's bid was \$124,375.30, and the highway engineer's estimate was \$84,731.

Gilliam County, Broken Stone

and macadam, 5 1/2 miles between Condon and Thirty Mile creek, to Warren Construction company on force account. The company's bid was \$23,344.

Grading Contract Let

Clackamas county, grading from New Era to Oregon City, 2 1/2 miles, to Warren Construction company, force

NEUTRAL SHIPPING SUNK BY GERMANY

Following are the losses inflicted on neutral shipping from August 8, 1914, to April 26, 1917, by Germany. The list was carefully prepared by Professor W. Macnille Dixon of the University of Glasgow: SUMMARY OF THE LOSSES

	Mined.	Torpedoed.	Total Ships Sunk.	Total Tonnage.
Dutch	41	35	76	148,921
Swedish	30	71	101	99,623
Norwegian	54	382	436	987,816
Danish	20	94	114	123,385
Spanish	2	33	35	75,769
American	4	16	20	59,256
Brazilian	1	2	3	6,719
Greek	1	59	60	147,923
Argentine	1	1	2	281
Peruvian	1	1	2	1,419
Uruguayan	1	1	2	2,537
Total	152	697	849	1,653,654

account. The company's bid was \$32,125, and the highway engineer's estimate was \$25,490. The state funds available for the work total \$20,000.

For building a volcanic cinder road from Bend to La Pine, 17 miles, the Warren Construction company bid \$47,810, which was rejected.

The county has \$17,000 available for the work, and will build by force account so much as can be done for that sum.

County to Do Work

Only one bid was received for the improvement of four and a half miles of the Columbia river highway between McMinnville and Dallas. The bid was for \$25,145, and was rejected. The county will do the work by force account.

Five bids were received for the construction of 16 concrete bridges and crossings on the Columbia river highway through Beaver Creek valley in Columbia county. The contract was awarded to L. O. Herford of Salem for \$56,929, which was the low bid. The bid is \$9000 under the highway engineer's estimate. The bridges are to be completed by June 1, 1918.

The highway commission did not attempt to reach a decision on the location of the west side Pacific highway between McMinnville and Dallas, but announced that further hearings will be held at McMinnville and Dallas, on dates to be named.

Nearly 100 residents of Yamhill and Polk counties were here advocating one or the other of the three routes which have been suggested for the highway. The largest delegation, headed by State Senator Vinton of McMinnville, favored the route by way of Amity and Rickreall.

The highway commission has been divided on the question. Chairman Benson favors a route running in a direct line north and south through Amity and McCoy, leaving Dallas five miles to one side. He would build a stub line to connect Dallas.

Planners Dodge Issue

Commissioners Adams and Thompson, who had previously voted to route the highway around by Ballston, asked nearly every speaker if he considered the direct route, putting Dallas on a stub line, would be carrying out the spirit of the \$6,000,000 highway bonding act, which provides that the west side Pacific highway shall run through McMinnville and Dallas. Most of the replies were evasive.

Old Route Intended

"I never dreamed it would be built any place except along the old established route," replied Senator Hawley. "The person with as active a brain as to think of the roundabout route by Ballston had not appeared then. If the road is built on a direct line through Amity it will be in the center of the population and wealth of Polk county."

A. M. Fanning of Ballston

argued that the road by that route would cost less. County Commissioner Allen of Yamhill county declared that the only road that would best serve the people of his county was the Amity route.

The commission decided to change

the width of the four miles of Sheridan road, now being paved, from 12

to 16 feet, and shorten the length of

the road to keep the cost within the contract price for the 12 foot road.

Carnival Benefit of Firemen Is Opened

The Dailies, Or., Aug. 8.—The street carnival for the benefit of The Dailies volunteer fire department, opened here last night. It will last throughout the week, ending in a blaze of revelry Saturday night. Local people are back of the festival and are assisting in making it a success to raise funds for the fire department.

Captain Hardy to Speak

The Dailies, Or., Aug. 8.—Captain W. H. Hardy, Portland, veteran of Perry's 1852 expedition to China and the only surviving member of the expedition, will come to The Dailies August 14 to address local people under the auspices of the Girls' National Honor Guard. Captain Hardy will assist naval recruiting officers.

Hendrix Funeral Thursday

The Dailies, Or., Aug. 8.—The body of Fred Hendrix, who died at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, last night, will be brought here today. The funeral will be held at sundown Thursday. Hendrix was injured in an automobile accident near Bertha station Sunday night.

May Extend Carline To Astoria Shipyard

Astoria, Or., Aug. 8.—To take care of 800 men to be employed at the McEckern Ship company's plant, on Youngs river, as well as other manufacturing plants in the vicinity, it is likely that the present terminus of the street car line in the east end of Astoria will be extended a little more than one mile, at a cost of about \$20,000.

Dredger Is Delayed

Astoria, Or., Aug. 8.—Due to unfinished contracts, the dredge which the port of Astoria purchased from California interests will not be able to come to the Columbia river until the latter part of October.

Fresh Forest Fires Reported at Dallas

Dallas, Or., Aug. 8.—Forest fires which broke out afresh in this vicinity Monday are reported under control again. The worst fire was at the head of Mill creek, where for two weeks fire raged uncontrolled throughout the timber of the Sheridan Lumber company. A big force of men were employed all day Monday and late into the night before the fire was again conquered.

Corporation Declares Dividend

South Bend, Ind., Aug. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The directors of the Studebaker corporation Tuesday declared a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent on the common stock. This places the issue on a 4 per cent per annum basis compared with 10 per cent the year before. The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent was declared on the preferred stock.

Takes Out the Itch and Sting.

Sanitropic is first aid for mosquito, fire and other insect bites. Gives instant relief and comfort. Keep on hand. 50c. All druggists. Ad.

40,000,000 FEET OF SPRUCE ARE NEEDED FOR AIRSHIP MAKING

Orders to This Extent to Be Placed in Northwest; Timbermen Urged to Speed Up

Seattle, Aug. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The special aircraft commission of the allies arriving in Seattle Tuesday held extended conferences with owners of spruce timber, lumbermen and workers, appealing to their patriotism and urging that everything possible be done to speed up the aviation building program.

Colonel L. W. B. Rees, of the British royal flying corps, declared that too many machines could not be supplied. E. T. Allen, a member of the lumber committee of the national defense council, who is at the head of the aircraft mission, estimated that 40,000,000 feet of spruce will be required by the government for its aviation program and of this amount Chairman Allen expects to purchase 40,000,000 feet in the northwest at this time.

Discussing the need of air machines, Colonel Rees said: "Now the United States has its chance. Practically all of the air machines operated by the allies are needed for scout duty, as eyes and defen-

sive purposes. In the main, every machine sent to the front by the United States could be used for offensive action. That is what is required."

A great American squadron of airplanes would decide the war in favor of the allies in a short time."

Major Piffetti, the Italian air king with the commission, declared today: "Such an air fleet would break the balance in favor of the allies."

Besides Rees and Piffetti, the mission includes also Captain Henry Dourif of the French flying corps and a member of the special French mission to Washington, W. C. Chadeayne, Howard E. Jayne and F. A. Doty, representing Pacific coast spruce growers, and C. R. Millman, inspector, signal corps, U. S. A.

Spain Institutes Censorship Again

Madrid, Aug. 8.—(By Agency Radio to I. N. S.)—Censorship was again instituted by the government today over messages. The government is ready to declare martial law if the strike materializes.

A Barcelona dispatch to the International News Service from the Agency Radio yesterday reported plans for a great railway strike in Spain.

Fake Exemption Affidavits Sold

Chicago, Aug. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Fakers today were doing a big business in Chicago selling finely engraved "exemption affidavits" to glibly wives and mothers of drafted men.

Federal Investigator Clabaugh put secret service men on their trail as soon as he heard of it.

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Berlin, via Zurich, Aug. 8.—(By Agency Radio to I. N. S.)—Emperor William has sent the following response to a telegram from Dr. Kaempff, president of the reichstag:

"Accept my warmest thanks for your telegram of devotion by which you expressed, on the occasion of the day commemorating August 4 in the name of the empire, the unshakable resolution of the German people. The spirit, which three years of warfare revealed in unperishable manner the soul of the German people united for the immense sacrifices this war demands, continues to live today among us. It has shown itself afresh in recent days in the heroic combats which our great strategists, in the midst of the heaviest attacks, became masters of the situation, as well as at home, where the population perseveres with great courage, despite cares and privations, working with success for the army as I have just seen in Eastern Prussia, where new life is developing."

"Weighing the determination shown by our population in the last three years, I am convinced that we shall surmount every obstacle without fear of differences of opinion that have arisen in the interior, and we shall hold firm until a peace which guarantees the future and greatness of our country is assured in a happy manner."

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New York has examined the largest number of men to date—3,078. Of this total, 4,789 were found eligible. Roscoe Conkling, deputy attorney general, estimated today 70 per cent of those called are asking exemption. Conkling is investigating charges that slackers have repeatedly offered bribes to exemption board members.

Chicago showed 12,492 examined, 3033 rejected, 6938 claiming exemption and 3275 accepted. In one district of 345 summoned, 58 had false addresses and 81 ignored the call.

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