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WORK ON THE JETTY

RENEWED ACTIVITY AT
THE COLUMBIA BAR.

Columbia Contracting Company Employs 200 Men in Rock Quarries—Work on the Jetties Will Be Continued Vigorously From Now on.

Two hundred men have been put to work within the past week by the Columbia Contracting company of this city, getting out rock at Fisher's quarry for the extension of the jetties at Columbia bar, says a Portland paper. Nine barges are used in transporting the rock from the quarries to the landing at Fort Stevens, where the forces engaged on the jetty load it on cars and run it out over the railroad track to the beginning of the new two-mile extension.

The work of extending the jetty will take about two years, as a result of the recent appropriation of \$2,500,000 by congress. The south jetty will then have extended to a total distance of seven miles from the main land. No work has yet been done on the proposed jetty on the north side of the mouth of the Columbia, but the project of this second jetty is looked upon with favor by the government engineers, who have made the necessary surveys.

Dan Kern, manager of the delivery of the rock, expects to put on about 200 more laborers within the next 60 days, as soon as more facilities for handling the rock have been established at Fort Stevens. At present, the delivery of rock amounts to about 2000 tons a day. This rock is mostly of large size, ranging from a weight of 15 tons to 50 pounds. It is a hard basalt that will resist the wear and erosion of the sea water, and by its weight will keep in the position in which it is placed.

"We pay our men from \$2 to \$4 a day of 10 hours," Mr. Kern says, "and we are getting all the men we want at present. In fact, more are applying for work than we can accommodate, and the men, as a rule, are willing to do more work than they were last year, and do not quit suddenly and without provocation, as they used to when work was plentiful and high-priced."

The Fisher's Landing quarries are situated on the north side of the Columbia river, some nine miles above Vancouver. The quality of the rock produced is said by the government engineers to be better than that found anywhere else along the lower Columbia.

AUTO RACES FOR ROSE SHOWS.

Biggest Events in History of the West to Be Seen in Portland.

Few Portland people realize the importance of the big automobile races the local motor club is putting on during the rose festival, but nothing like it was ever attempted in the west before, says the Telegram. The northwest has never attempted an automobile event greater than dinky races on tracks and in California where there are thousands of cars, endurance and hill-climbing contests have been about the limit.

Road races are the true tests for cars and this one will be in the front rank of the movement for testing the actual stock cars sold the public, and not some specially built flyer. No outside racers will be brought in and only makes will be admitted that are represented here by agents now.

The course chosen is an ideal one and will truly rank next to the Vanderbilt and Briarcliff, as has been said. Starting at the school house near Montaville, the course goes south one mile to the section line road, thence east six miles to near Gresham, thence north one mile to the Twelve-Mile road and west to the starting point.

The course is between 14 and 15 miles long. The county commissioners have given it up for one afternoon and the governor has promised the state militia to guard it. It will be off at the expense of \$2300, and the towns widened. Three hundred thousand people attended the Vanderbilt race, so this event ought to be one of the main attractions of the carnival.

The course will be a true test for the cars because every variety of turn will be met. There will be the square corners, the S curve in the section line road, near Gresham, another kink beyond and the seven-mile down grade from Twelve-Mile House to Montaville. That is as pretty a stretch of road as there is in the country, and many of the drivers will hit up 50 miles an hour doing it. The prizes in the 100 and 50-mile races will be handsome and costly cups for permanent trophies, which a man must win three times consecutively to become owner.

ANOTHER FARMERS' TRAIN.

O. R. & N. Will Run Train Through Eastern Washington Counties.

Following an announcement that a farmers' demonstration train would be run through the Walla Walla valley if there were demand for it, nearly every community in this part of the country immediately asked for the train, says the Walla Walla Statesman. One similar to the one now granted to this region was run through the Palouse country last month and was attended by great success. So great, indeed, was its success, that the O. R. & N. people have felt justified in trying another.

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INDIANS WILL BE GOOD CITIZENS

NEZ PERCES TAKE INTEREST IN COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Educated Members of the Tribe Remonstrate Against the Creation of a Herd District in Nez Perce County—Hereafter Will Take More Active Part as Citizens.

That the more progressive element of the Nez Perce Indians will take an active interest in the affairs of the county hereafter is shown by the following from the Lewiston Tribune:

If what Stephen Reubens says is the sentiment of the tribe, the Nez Perce Indians in the future will take an active interest in county affairs, as such affairs relate to the property of the Indians.

This fact was brought out yesterday when Reubens and a delegation of Indians appeared before the board of county commissioners to remonstrate against the formation of a herd district in the Lapwai and Spalding districts.

The appearance of Reubens and his tribesmen marked the first occasion that an Indian has directly participated in county affairs, the plan adopted in the past being for them to be represented either through an attorney or more commonly by the Indian agent acting under directions from Washington.

Reubens has the benefit of the education afforded by the Indian industrial schools maintained by Uncle Sam. Until a short time ago the benefits that this education might be to him and his tribe did not appeal to Reubens and, after returning from school, he drifted along with what is termed the "renegade" element of the tribe.

He was reformed last year through church influence and has now become a prominent factor in tribal affairs. He is a brother of James Reubens, now deceased, who has been classed by many as the most intellectual Indian that the Nez Perces have ever produced, and whose appearance and argument at Washington on one occasion attracted such attention that every attaché of the interior department was attracted to the rooms of the secretary of the interior before whom he made his appeal.

In the matter of the herd district, some days ago Reubens addressed a communication to the commissioners stating he and his tribesmen desired to be heard if it was the pleasure of the board to hear them. The board notified them to be present.

The Indians lost out yesterday, and the petition of David Gilmore and others asking that the district be created was granted, yet the argument of Reubens was interesting and suggests a new policy on the part of the Nez Perces, who own so much of the land embraced in Nez Perce county, as to county affairs.

CATS PROTECT THE MAIL.

Portland Postoffice Is Sorely Infested With Rats and Mice.

On duty at the Portland postoffice night and day are several cats. And they are not pets nor are they kept there for their beauty or to be admired by the clerks, says a Portland paper. The cats are kept at the postoffice to protect the mails from rats and mice and they cost the government \$24 a year.

Portland is one of the few postoffices in the country for which the postoffice department makes an annual appropriation for the sole support of cats which are always supposed to be on duty. The money is used to buy food for the cats, though this seems somewhat of a reflection upon their ability to catch the pesky little rodents.

At times much trouble was formerly experienced by the postal clerks there because of the fact that rats and mice were always gnawing the mail pouches and opening letters addressed to individuals, regardless of the penitentiary penalty imposed upon individuals for such an act.

It has been found that cats cannot live on rat dainties or choice bits of mice, and milk and meat must be supplied at intervals. Consequently

appropriation of \$24 for catfood was recently made by Postmaster Minto.

SUPPORT ARMORY BILL.

State Now Paying Out Large Sums for Rent of Militia Quarters.

Portland, April 20.—(Special).—"Does it pay to have a landlord?" That world-old question of economy is being asked by Oregon national guardsmen all over the state. Answer that question, they say, and you have expressed your views on the armory bill, which is to be voted on at the June election.

"Under the present arrangement, the state is in the position of a man who has another's roof over his head, so far as armories are concerned," said Adjutant General W. E. Finzer, in an interview today on the subject of the Armory bill. "The state not only suffers the inconvenience of being a tenant, but is paying out thousands of dollars in rents that should be going to the construction of permanent state armories."

"Leaving aside the patriotic motives which should cause every voter to lend all support possible to the national guard, now a part of the first line of defense, the economic aspect of the armory bill should carry it at the June election. At the present time Oregon has rented armories in 12 cities outside Portland. These armories are not suitable for the purpose to which they are put and yet they cost the state exactly \$5000 per year."

"The armory bill appropriates \$25,000 per year for four years for the building of armories. Thus the total appropriation is \$100,000. It doesn't take much figuring to show that in a few years the state would be ahead on the deal and that the armory bill aside from providing a necessity, makes the way for a good investment."

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"The District Leader." One often hears the remark, "You must go to New York or Chicago to see the original productions or else you hear quite a different thing under the same name." But such is not a fact with, and does not apply to, "The District Leader," which will make its first appearance here at the Oregon theater on Tuesday evening, April 21.

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Fred C. Truesdell in "The District Leader."

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