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Work Can Begin When Right of Way is Secured.

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Lovg Sought Open River is Now it ght -- The cost will be \$4,125,000

Washington, Nov. 6.-The specia board of engineers, which, for months, has been considering various plans for overcoming the obstructions in the Co-
lumbia River between The Dalles and lumbia River between The Dalles and
Celiio, has finally devised a continuous canal project which can be constructed for $\$ 4,125,000$. The new plan, which is a radical modification of the Harts project, was approved by the Secretary of War today, after it had been enindorsed by the Chief of Engineers and the much-sought open river is at
last in sight. War Department officials are highl gratified to find that the board has suc-
ceeded in devising an improvement that is not only cheaper but better than the Harts plan. Last July, when the board held its first meeting the opinion pre-
vailed among its members that vailed among its members that a con-
tinuous canal could not be bnilt for less than $\$ 8,000,000$, but by studving a number of possible routes, the board has
been able, by taking advantage of natural channels and depressions through the rocks, to plan a conticayas canal on the south bank of the Columbia, from
the big eddy to a point just above th the hig eddy to a point just above the
head of Celilo Falls, which can be con structed for a little more than half the coat that was anticipated.
The fact that the new canal can b makes it unnecessary to have furthe Congressional action before the desire right of way is obtained, constructson will be begun with funds now available. y prepared by Major Langfitt, after consultation with the board, calls for a canal $81 / 2$ miles long, 65 feet wide at the bottom, and with a uniform depth of eight feet. At intervals of one mile aiong the canal there will be construct ed a series of basins of such size as will
permit the passage of ships going in permit the passage of ships going in
opposite directions. There will be four opposite directions.
locks, one at the upper entrance to the canal, with a lift of 17 feet, intended to pass boats between the capal and the
river until the limit of navigation is reached. Another lock, which will be
rentil the limit of nation situated just below the head of Five Mile rapids, will have a lift of 11 feet while at the lower entrance is to be a
tandem or double lock with a total lift tandem or double lock with a total lift
of 69 feet at times of extreme low water, of 69 feet at times of extreme low water, each lock to have a lift of $341 / 2$ feet. All locks are to be 40 feet wide, and of suf ficient length to pass boats 250 fe and drawing seven feet of water.
Where the canal is cut out of rock, it will not be lined. Where it passes through sand and gravel it wil the bottom throughout to be heavily concreted. The board admits that the average Summer high water of the Co
lumbia will partly overflow the canal, but it is belieser1 the canal will suffer less from floods than any other fiorm of The route selected is such as to insure steady work at all ordinary stages of the river. The board admits the rapid drifting of eand daring the season o


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General Gillespie and the Secretary of War concur in all the conclusions of the board, and it was today ordered that "The work proceed under the modified project recommended by the board, subject to the condition that no work shall
be begun until the right-of way and release from damages shail have been conveyed to the United States free of cost." This latter provision makes it incumbent upon the state or private interests to procure and turn over to the Governthose now owned, that may be needed for the right-of-way
The Government
nonev for land. nor will it undertake condemnation proceedings. But as soon as the right-of way is secured, and assurance is given that the Government sha! not be liable for damages on account of the construction work, construction will proceed with the funds already available. Government wit Have to secure Nearly All of $1 t$.

Major Langfitt said last night that pracically all of the right of way will have to be secured, inasmuch as the Governhrough whiche or none of the buill. At a number of places the canal will encroach on O. R. \& N. property, but not enough
tracks.
"I don't think we shall have any difficulty in getting right of way," said Major Langfitt. "The O. R. \& N. doubtless will make way for the canal, for the Government has power to acquire by condemnation.'
Many of the plans and estimates out lined in the foregoing dispatch as having been adopted by the board were proposed cost was made by Major Langfitt and $t$ is engineers.
A section of the dam on Silver creek, near Salem, belonging to the Salem Light and Power Company, was washed out Friday morning, seriously damaging the new work in progress there.
Thirty-two thousand dollars in eash prizes are offered the National Horse Show Association, which holds an exhibit at Madison Square garden November 1.

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m., November 14 , National Bank of Heppner, for the pur pose of transacting sach business as nay come before it.


