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THE CONTRACT AWARDED.

The North American Commercial Company Wins the Prize.

THE ALASKA FISHERY LEASE.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The treasury department today awarded the lease of the privilege to take fur seals upon the islands of St. Paul and St. George, Alaska, for a term of twenty years from the 1st of May, 1890, to the North American Commercial Company, of New York and San Francisco. There were eleven responsible bids. The successful company bid to pay an annual rental of \$90,000, \$3,025 cents for each skin, and 50 cents a gallon for seal oil. The supplementary bid offered to pay an annual rental of \$51,000, \$150 for each skin, and 50 cents a gallon for seal oil, provided the United States guarantees protection to the fisheries.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMPANY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—The North American company, which has secured the sealing contract, is comprised of some of the leading capitalists of the coast. For many months Mr. D. O. Mills has quietly made preparations to give the Alaska Commercial Company a contest for the contract, and his name has often been in Washington with this end in view. His name does not appear in the articles of incorporation, but it is well understood that he is prominently connected with the company. The principal place of business is San Francisco, and the term for which the corporation is to exist is 50 years. The capital stock amounts to \$7,000,000 divided into 20,000 shares with present values of \$20 each. The directors are Lloyd Tevis, Henry Corwell, Mathias Myer, Albert Miller and Isaac Liebes. Lloyd Tevis is the president of Wells Fargo Bank and Express company and is interested in a number of other public enterprises, and Henry Corwell is one of the firm of Davis & Cowell, wholesale line dealers. Mathias Myer is a well known capitalist. Albert Miller is the president of the San Francisco Savings and Loan Company, and Isaac Liebes is connected with H. Liebes & Co., furriers. The Tevis-Miller combination are understood to supply the pecuniary backing for the enterprise, and Herman and Lloyd Tevis are a large part of the money and expenses necessary.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The Present Interests of the Alaska Commercial Company.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—The Alaska Commercial company will sell all of its private property at the Seal Islands and all that it possesses in the sealing business except the steamers. The government award will not dislodge the gentlemen who are in the Alaska company, from all their interests in Alaska. It includes merely the Seal Island lease. The Alaska Commercial company, as such has large interests on the island and several members of it are merely engaged in the salmon canning industry. Mr. Lloyd Tevis, of the North American company and Mr. Sloss of the Alaska Commercial company, are now in Washington, D. C., and it is possible that the transfers of private property on the islands, may be arranged there before their return to this city.

WHAT THE ALASKA COMPANY SAYS.

Is It Not Grapes or the True Business.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—The announcement that secretary Windom had decided in favor of the North American Commercial company created no surprise among the sealing element in this city. At the office of the Alaska Commercial company the members had little to say: "It was just what we expected," said Louis Geesle, "we had given up all hope of securing the award two or three days ago. Just after the bids were opened I was convinced that we would not get it, and yet I say we offered all we reasonably could and still made anything like a profit out of the business. The fur business is one of the most deceptive in the world. Fashions change more abruptly than in any other trade. The demand is capricious and even the most careful person is likely to lose money at times. To what extent this operates is best shown by the fact that in two years we voluntarily cut the number of skins taken on the island from 100,000 to 75,000 in order to protect ourselves. Then, too, the preserves are not as valuable as they once were. Poachers have played and

A NEW STEEL BOILER

To Be Ready Inside of Four Months for the Manzanita.

CONTRACT BIDS ON IRON WORKS.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The department today awarded the contract for the construction of a new steel boiler for the United States lightship tender *Manzanita* to the Bisdon Iron Works of San Francisco. There were four bids: Bisdon Iron works, \$11,500; P. F. Bandon, \$12,250; Union Iron works of San Francisco, \$12,070; the Reimann Iron works, \$14,000. The boiler must be in place in four months from March 1st, 1890.

A FAIR STATEMENT.

Mr. Green Argues Against Governmental Telegraph Control.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—A number of persons interested in postal telegraphy assembled in a room of the house yesterday committee this morning to listen to Dr. Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Co. Postmaster general Wainmaker, with his assistant, attorney general Tynor, Gardner Hubbert, and representative of five different telegraph companies, were present. Dr. Green began his remarks by discussing the merits and demerits of the European government telegraph system. He said that while in some instances their charges were lower than those in the United States, they were conducted at a loss. He presented a table showing that domestic companies had 18,000 stations and over 20,000,000 messages annually, against 2,000 stations and 17,000,000 messages in the rest of the world. They had more than half of the entire mileage of the world. The Western Union controlled ten-elevenths of this business. Its stock is held by 3,550 persons in the United States, and 1,111 of these are females. Dr. Green believed that the United States government had no business with the management of this business. Its stock is held by 3,550 persons who did not use the telegraph. The reports of the New York office of the Western Union included \$700,000 annually from the pool rooms and sporting palaces. A large class of telegraph users are stock brokers and speculators, and should these people who were to be protected be taxed? If the government wanted to go into the telegraph business it should buy the line outright. It should not seek to fix rates for existing companies, that would not be fair to 350,000 stockholders. The Western Union would not need as many lines as now are in existence, to do the business. Here was a scheme presented to take to 437 post offices where there was a free delivery and where were abundant telegraph facilities. This was the way the post master general proposed to supply the needs of 35,000,000 people. This was the entering wedge of that movement to break down the present companies, to establish a complete government telegraph, and against that he protested. Dr. Green then made a comparison between American and English systems. He maintained our rates are in reality taking into account free addresses and signatures, and the enormous area of territory covered, much lower than the English rates. Yet it was proposed to reduce these rates arbitrarily still lower. It would require 21,875 miles of wire to supply a single connection to 437 places comprised within the post master general's plan, and to do business practically would require at least 100,000 miles of wire. At present contracts, rental of this wire would be \$3,600,000, whatever undertook to do telegraph business by this system would do it at a loss.

A Bellringer Newspaper Has

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Judge Kincaid, the correspondent of the *Louisville Commercial*, shot and slightly wounded W. P. Taubee, ex-member of congress from Kentucky, in the horse corridor of the capital at 1:30 this afternoon. They engaged in a fight which resulted in the death of the horse and the injury to Taubee. The details of which Kincaid published. Taubee, who is a famous specimen of a raw-boned mountaineer, pulled Kincaid's coat; later they near the horse restaurant and Kincaid shot Taubee in the face. Kincaid is very prominent in society circles here.

A New Castle Garden.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Secretary Windom today decided on Bedloe's island as the new location of the emigrant's landing place in New York. The landing place now is at Castle Garden, for which an annual rental of \$3,000 has been paid.

The Public Debt Decreases.

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THE "STATE" AGROUND.

150,000 Passengers Carried by the "Thompson" in 1889.

A NEW FLYER FOR THE RIVER.

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PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—The weather prophets now predict that navigation cannot be resumed on the upper and middle Columbia before ten days. No boats whatever can run to Vancouver and the mails for that place are gradually accumulating. Yesterday morning the ferry between the two states managed to make a couple of trips. So far as the effect of the cold snap upon railroads is concerned, local speaking, no trouble will result further than slight delays in the arrival of trains. In less than a week the locks at the falls, Oregon City, will be thrown open once again and the delight of isolated ranchers along the upper Willamette. Fortunately the head gates at the locks, when washed away, instead of being carried down the river and out to sea, or being broken all to pieces, were not damaged but were recovered by the steamer *U. N. Co.* and they had not been found, at least sixty days' time would have been required to build new ones, and for that time the business of the upper river would have been paralyzed. During 1889 the steamer *R. R. Thompson* made two hundred round trips between this city and Astoria, traveling during the twelve months a distance of forty thousand miles. While making that little spin she consumed 4,400 cords of wood, which, by the way, is now worth the modest sum of \$5 per cord, and also made 8,000 landings. During that period she carried not less than 150,000 passengers.

Manager Leland States that the

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PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—John Michell has sued the *Spectator* for alleged libel, basing the charge on recent utterances of that paper reflecting on his private character and complicity with Irish political affairs.

Dr. Mackenzie Wins a Libel Suit.

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LONDON, Feb. 28.—The libel action brought by Sir Morell Mackenzie against the *St. James Gazette* on account of the articles referring to his treatment of the late emperor Frederick, reached a hearing to-day and resulted in giving Dr. Mackenzie £1,500 damages from the *St. James Gazette*, and £150 damages were also awarded for a similar suit against the *Times*.

Master Lincoln Will Live.

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LONDON, Feb. 28.—Master Lincoln passed a fair night. His condition this morning is improved.

Another Boatman.

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PARIS, Feb. 28.—Many towns in France are placarded with pictures of the river a few miles from here. The passengers and mail are being transferred to the city in the river craft.

The 17 year old wife of Geo. Noah

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was found dead in her bed early this morning. It was reported to be a suicide. Coroner DeLain was sent for and upon investigating the case concluded that the young wife did not take her own life but that her sudden demise was due to an affection of the heart. She leaves a child four months old. She was married for about a year.

Silcott Reported Captured.

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PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—It is reported here that Silcott has been captured at Toledo, Washington, and is now en route to Chehalis in the company of the sheriff.

A Long Fight.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—The longest fight that ever occurred in this city was fought last night at the California Athletic club between Patsy Kerrigan, the Boston lightweight, and Danny Neenan, of St. Paul, for a purse of \$1,500. Both men fought cautiously from the start and continued these tactics so persistently that it soon became evident that the fight was to be one of sheer endurance rather than of science or hard hitting. The monotony was occasionally varied by one or two blows struck in the rounds. Thus 100 rounds were fought when at 3:10 o'clock this morning the referee declared the fight off.

A Large Revenue.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—The supervisors to-day passed an ordinance fixing the water rates for the two fiscal years ending July 1st, 1891, which allows the Spring Valley Water Co. a gross revenue of \$1,500,000 per annum.

The New Line of Steamers.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—George H. Rice, the general traffic manager of the Pacific Mail company, this morning stated that he had no official knowledge that the company intended to enter into arrangements to run a line of steamers from Tacoma to Astoria in connection with the Northern Pacific railway.

If it should be decided upon it

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would undoubtedly make many im-

AN ASTONISHING UNDERTAKING.

Direct Railroad from Anaconda, Mont., to San Francisco, Cal.

CHANGE IN PASSENGER TRAVEL.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The Kiernan News company to-day sends out the following from Wall street: "We are informed by insiders that the action of the Pacific Mail yesterday in looking to direct traffic connection with the Northern Pacific at Tacoma has already led to serious remonstrances by the allied transcontinental roads and the Pacific Mail has been threatened with immediate discontinuance of the monthly subsidy, now paid to it by the southern transcontinental lines, if it persists in making further overtures for an alliance with the Northern Pacific. This has reference to the meeting of the Pacific Mail directors yesterday, when the proposition to establish a new steamship line from Tacoma to China was favorably received and Jay Gould was definitely authorized to make further negotiations with the railroad."

A Democratic Gerrymander.

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ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 28.—The governor has approved the act for redistricting the state. Five of the congressional districts are now conceded to the Democrats.

Important Change in Passenger Service.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—A general readjustment of time by the Chicago, Union Pacific and Northwestern line will become effective March 22d proximo, embodying the following important movements in passenger service. The Pacific limited solid vestibule train, with through dining car service, will leave Chicago daily at 11 p. m., carry, will reach Salt Lake in 52 hours, Portland in 82 hours, and San Francisco in 85 hours. The Denver express will leave Chicago daily at 6:55 p. m., and reach Denver in 3 1/2 hours.

The Urgent Deficiency Bill.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—In the house this morning after the reading of the journal, an attempt was made to take up the urgent deficiency bill. Bland of Missouri made a point that no quorum was present. The speaker decided otherwise, but Bland persisted, and all of the members were ordered. A quorum was found to be present, and the house at once took up the appropriation bill.

An Appropriation for Astoria.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In the senate to-day, senator Mitchell introduced a bill providing for the appointment of commissioners to fix the northern boundary of the Warm Springs Indian reservation in Oregon, and appropriating \$20,000 for the expense thereof; also a bill to pay to the city of Astoria about \$3,600 for the expenses of having a space around the public building in that city.

Local President Pro Tem.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Senator John J. Ingalls, of Kansas, was elected president pro tem. of the senate to-day.

A Democrat Appointed.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Harold M. Sewall, who was nominated for consul general at Apia, Samoa, has been confirmed by the senate. The nomination went through without trouble though Sewall is a most pronounced Democrat.

A Heavy Pension List.

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A TRANS-PACIFIC LINE

From Tacoma Said to Be Assured. Brooklyn's Bad Supervisors.

CRISIS OF THE OHIO FLOODS.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 28.—Richard Hawes, the murderer, was hanged to-day. He stated on the gallows that Jno. Wiley did the killing and was paid \$200 for his services. The crime for which Hawes paid the penalty was the murder of his wife and two children that he might marry again. Hawes was arrested while passing through Birmingham with his new wife. After the three ladies were discovered an infuriated mob of 10,000 people stormed the jail to lynch him. A sheriff's posse defended the jail and killed five of the mob and wounded many more.

New York Still Wants the Fair.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The *Mail and Express* this evening, encourages the movement to have the fair here in 1892. With or without congressional assistance and says one citizen has offered \$100,000 subscription for work in a project to erect permanent buildings and several who subscribed large sums to the guaranty fund have signed a willingness to transfer at once these subscriptions to such an enterprise. It is probable that the world's fair committee will consider the matter at a meeting next Tuesday, which was called for the purpose of closing out the world's fair scheme here.

A Great Railroad Scheme.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 28.—J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern company, is said to be nursing a big scheme which will astonish the world. The scheme is a line from Anaconda, Montana, in almost a direct line to San Francisco. For some time the surveyors for the Great Northern have been working westward from Anaconda. It is reported that they have found a pass through the Rocky mountains near the source of Mary's Fork. It is claimed that San Francisco business men have made big offers to him and the line will be shortly built.

A Murderer Confirms Suicide.

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MONTREAL, Feb. 28.—A correspondent from Manville states that a man answering the description of Eyraud, the Frenchman wanted for the murder of Gouffe, a Parisian bailiff, has committed suicide there.

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