

Oregon Hist Society

THE PORTAGE ROAD

Bids Opened—Contracts to be Awarded at Once.

SEVEN BIDS SUBMITTED

Road to be Completed and in Operation By May First, 1905.

When the first of May, 1905, dawns there will be ready for operation a steam portage railroad from Cello to Big Eddy, with wharves at each terminal, providing a through line of transportation between Portland and points hundreds of miles in the interior along the Columbia and Snake rivers, says the Portland Journal. The opening of bids yesterday for construction and equipment of this road removed the last doubt of its consummation, if doubt existed. Responsible contractors are ready to undertake the work, and they say it can easily be done by the date specified.

Seven bidders are competing for the contract. Most of the bids are on the basis of quantitative estimates, and will have to be figured out by the engineer of the state portage board before any clear idea can be gained as to who is the lowest bidder, and which one of the bids will be the most economical for the state.

A. K. Bentley made a flat bid of \$176,000 on the entire work, with equipment, complete and ready for operation.

N. J. Blagen bid \$247,000, on "re-layer" rails, or \$216,000, without rails.

Nelson & White bid \$115,523 on all but equipment and rails.

Smith & Howard and J. C. Henry made a bid on the basis of quantity prices, which had not been figured out.

Robert Wakefield bid on a quantity price basis, and also a flat bid of \$155,413 without rails.

Joseph Panquet made a bid on quantity price basis and also a flat bid.

A. J. McCabe submitted a bid on equipment.

"By the term 're-layers,' the contractor means second-hand rails," said one of the bidders.

"According to the specifications, we were invited to submit flat bids on the completed road, and also to bid on the work excepting the rails, with the understanding that the portage board could furnish the rails and charge their cost to the contractor. The bids on quantitative basis mean that we do all the work at so much per yard, and as all know the estimated amount of work necessary to be done it is easy to figure up the total cost under any one bid. The reason quantitative bids are submitted is to enable the contractor or the state to figure, at any time during the progress of the work, how much money is due the contractor under his contract, so that payment may be made as the work progresses. A contractor who is possessor of the necessary modern equipment for handling this kind of work will have no trouble completing the road by the first of next May."

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond in the sum of \$50,000. The work consists of a line of single track, standard gauge railway, with spurs, sidings, crossings, inclines, wharf boats, and buildings of all kinds necessary to the transaction of

business, from a point below low water mark in the Columbia river near Cello to a point below low water mark at Big Eddy, a distance of about 8 1/2 miles. The road will be operated by the state, in connection with steam boats on the upper and lower Columbia and Snake rivers, during the time the federal government is engaged in construction of the Cello canal.

Prizes For School Pupils.

The following letter is self explanatory:

PORTLAND, OR., Dec. 1, 1904.

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is an organization composed of descendants of those who assisted in establishing American independence. Any male descendant of such ancestor is eligible to admission into the society. Its objects are purely patriotic and historical. One of them is to stimulate interest in the history of the American Revolution and loyalty to its principles. For this purpose the society offers three prizes of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00 respectively for the best essay written by any student under 21 years of age, in any public school in Oregon, on either of the following two American Revolutionary subjects:

1. The Quebec campaign.
2. The co-operation of the French, how brought about and the results.

Essays are limited in length to 2500 words, must be written on legal cap on one side of the paper in the student's own handwriting and must be accompanied by the certificate of the principal of the school attended by the author, to the effect that the author is a bona fide student in the school and has been in attendance therein not less than six weeks during the school year of 1904-05.

Essays must be forwarded to the chairman in charge, General Thomas M. Anderson, 251 North Twenty-fourth St., Portland, so as to reach him not later than February 1, 1905. In awarding the prizes the committee will be governed by these three conditions:

1. Historical accuracy.
2. Manner of treatment.
3. Orthography, grammar, syntax and punctuation.

Any additional information relative to the competition which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished by the chairman of the committee. The essay which is awarded the first prize will be published in full, with the name of the author, in the public press.

Luna-Barker.

Christmas was a particularly happy occasion to two of Condon's most popular young society people, because on the evening of that time honored festival, the lives and fortunes of Mr. Ira Luna and Miss Cora Barker were joined by the solemn marriage ceremony. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barker, in this city, the ceremony being witnessed by only the immediate relatives of the bride and a few close friends of the happy couple. Rev. Edward Curran pronounced the words that made the twain one and all present united in heartfelt congratulations and good wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Luna will reside in Condon. The Globe joins their many friends in best wishes.

The Condon High School boys went to Fossil last Saturday to try conclusions with the high school team of that city and the report is that the game was a hot one from start to finish. Condon lost the game by a fumble on their part which gave the Fossil boys a touch down and the game by 5 to 0 but the boys are full of spirit and are as sure of winning the game to be played here next Saturday as they are of getting their next breath. The game was played in three inches of snow and was exhilarating all the way through. The boys fully intend to show Fossil, Mayville and all the rest of the world how football is played next Saturday. It is a noteworthy fact that the score in Saturday's game was the lowest made in Oregon this season.

J. Q. Jarvis has added many improvements to his place of business lately. A number of new show cases have added much to the display of his big stock of holiday goods. Mr. Jarvis has sent out a neat Christmas card to his many customers extending compliments of the season to his friends and patrons.

OLD TIME CHRISTMAS

Trees at the Churches Make Children Happy.

SANTA CLAUS IN SLEIGH

Little Tots Wants Holiday Repeated Twice Each Year.

It was a real Christmas in Condon this year and Santa Claus was able to make his usual rounds in his sleigh as he used to do. Snow fell all day Saturday and by midnight the sleighing was so good that the "slight tiny reindeer" skipped along with their load without hardly feeling it. They must have had a big load, too, for all the children got stacks of gifts and even the grown ups were not forgotten. At both the Baptist and Congregational churches Christmas trees, loaded down with handsome gifts, had been prepared and were thoroughly enjoyed by the children and their friends. Appropriate programs had been arranged at both churches which added much to the enjoyment of the festive occasion.

Sunday was a rather quiet holiday but was, perhaps none the less enjoyed, it being an ideal day to remain at home beside a warm fire and watch the little people enjoy their "Christmas things." Good dinners were the rule in Condon that day and small dinner parties were features of the day in many Condon households.

Taken all around it must have been a successful Christmas for more than one Condon youngster has been reported who is desirous of having the occasion celebrated twice or more each year instead of only once.

We Thank You.

We wish to give a word of thanks to the contributors toward the Primary Public School Christmas tree for the generous response made for requested donations.

About 70 names with appropriate donations were received on the soliciting lists. The amount received was about \$19. This supplied each primary child in the room with a small present and a share in the treat of nuts, candy, popcorn and cake which followed, also enabling the numerous little visitors to come in for their share. If the kind donors towards the treat could have seen the satisfaction and happiness of the little ones I believe they would have felt amply repaid for their generosity. Our wish was to give a list of donors with donations of each but lack of space prevents this. There was also an aggregate amount of \$7.10 which has been expended on a Primary Library for the children's own use in the school room.

Thanking once again the generous donors, we are appreciatively yours,
PUPILS AND TEACHER OF 1ST PRIMARY ROOM, Condon Public Schools.

A partnership has been formed between Jay Bowerman and J. W. Snover, the well known attorneys. The new firm will make a strong combination in legal circles as both gentlemen enjoyed a lucrative practice heretofore. They will occupy a fine suite of office rooms in Mr. Bowerman's building on Summit street, to which an addition has just been built.

Herbert Brown, who is in the sheep business in Idaho with his brother, Frank M. Brown, is home for the holidays. The Brown Brothers are wintering about 5700 head of sheep at Parma, in Lower Boise valley, where they have bought hay for the winter. They find Idaho a good sheep country and are prospering in that business.

The ball given last Friday evening by Court Condon, Foresters of America, was a pronounced success. A large crowd was present and the fine music and efficient management made the occasion one long to be remembered by those who enjoy tripping the "light fantastic toe."

Steve Fletcher, an old timer of this section, who embarked in business in Walla Walla a couple of years ago is back in Condon and has purchased the Summit saloon from B. K. Searcy. He assumed charge of the business several days ago.

A pleasant dance was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Duthie last evening.

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