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PORTLAND FIRM LOW BIDDER ON RAILROAD WORK

Task of Removing Union Pacific Tracks at Bonneville to Be Started Immediately.

Relocation of the Union Pacific railroad tracks from a point a mile below Bonneville dam to a point west of Eagle creek will be started immediately by a crew of 200 men.

Low bid on the work was submitted by Sam Orino, Ralph Bell and C. T. Malcolm, three Portland contractors. They beat out seven other bidders, and were considerably below the estimate prepared by army engineers.

The bid has been forwarded to Washington for approval. Work cannot be commenced until the contract is formally passed upon by the chief of engineers.

A camp to house the 200 workmen to be employed on the project will be built at the turn in the road just above the spot where the government is building the new Bonneville school, on the state highway. This camp is to be built by the contractors. Work of felling trees and cutting out underbrush and building streets will be started within the next few days.

All bidders were required to submit bids on two sets of specifications. One specification called for a fill across the state's property, between the fish hatchery and the highway, and the other called for trestle. Orino, Bell & Malcolm asked \$846,247.50 to relocate the tracks and built a viaduct, or \$804,582 to relocate the tracks and make the fill at the hatchery. Army engineers had estimated that the work would cost more than \$1,000,000, including a fill, or \$1,157,594 with the viaduct.

Other bids submitted were: Dunn & Baker, Klamath Falls, schedule 1, \$880,683.25, schedule 2, \$859,620.75; Winston Brothers company of Minneapolis, W. A. Bechtel company of San Francisco and Henry J. Kizer company of Oakland, Cal., schedule 1, \$945,036, schedule 2, \$872,991; Guy F. Atkinson company, Portland, for schedule 1, \$973,770, schedule 2, \$932,145; General Construction company and J. F. Shea company, Portland, schedule 1, \$989,395.50, schedule 2, \$938,390.50; S. S. Magoffin company, Adrian, Ore., schedule 1, \$1,038,842, schedule 2, \$997,582; P. L. Crooks & Co., Inc., Portland, schedule 1, \$1,086,425, schedule 2, \$1,026,000; Utah Construction company of Ogdon and Morrison-Knudsen company of Boise, Idaho, schedule 1, \$1,279,041, schedule 2, \$1,224,726.

Fire Threatens Town.

A grass fire, believed to have been set by children playing with matches, threatened the town Friday and caused considerable excitement for an time. The fire started just above the new cottage built by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Campbell, up the hill a block back of the postoffice building. It was extinguished by bucket brigades before any serious damage resulted.

WEST COAST POWER BUSINESS GROWING

The West Coast Power company's business is growing so rapidly that it is finding it necessary to install additional lines and heavier transformers in Cascade Locks and other sections of the Bonneville Dam area.

Of late the company has been buying a portion of its power from the Northwestern Electric company. The plant down by Herman creek is operating full time, but because of low water cannot generate all the power that is now being sold in this territory.

Workmen have been setting new poles and running new wire lines. When they finish the company hopes to be able to keep up with all demands being made upon it. Few districts in the northwest are growing faster than the territory tributary to the dam and every new family moving in wants electricity.

BUYERS GOBBLE UP TOWN LOTS IN SUBDIVISION

Group of Homes Being Built on Lots Thrown on the Market at \$10 Per Lot by Laber.

Lively interest is being manifested in Cascade Locks real estate since J. B. Laber, largest individual property owner, commenced throwing town lots on the market at \$100 per lot. A number of sales are reported within the past week.

In Lakeview Villa, first of two subdivisions opened to the public by the Laber organization, four new homes are going up and four or five more will be started before the end of the week. This subdivision, facing the river and lying between the highway and railroad tracks, is opposite the Toothrock garage.

On the south side of the highway, east of the Toothrock, the Laber organization is opening up a second subdivision of 160 lots. Streets are being opened through it and the underbrush cut out to permit prospective purchasers a view of the property. William Fugler, a carpenter employed at the dam, was the first purchaser of a lot in this tract. He already has a new cottage half completed. The property runs back a distance of four blocks from the highway.

Restrictions in Lakeview Villa are more pronounced than in the other tract. Purchasers of property in this subdivision are required to install septic tanks or cesspools, and must weatherboard or shingle their houses.

Charles Hewitt, superintendent for the George Waale company, contractors on the 20 new homes being built on the reservation at the dam for the government, is erecting for himself a 5-room house in Lakeview Villa. Others who are building in the subdivision include L. J. Doucette, F. E. Spangler and R. H. Keeler.

CARPENTER AT DAM IS KILLED BY HEAVY ROCK

Foreman for General-Shea Is Struck Down While Eating Lunch at Noon at Warehouse.

A board of inquiry will sit Friday at Bonneville for the purpose of fixing responsibility in the death of Orin Scurlock, 60, carpenter foreman for the General Construction company and the J. F. Shea company, who was instantly killed by a flying rock last Friday at the dam.

Scurlock was sitting at one end of the carpenter shop on Bradford island at the noon hour eating his lunch when a rock a foot in diameter struck him, tearing off half his head. He died instantly.

There were several blasts set off about the same time at the dam. It is not definitely known, and may never be known, which blast or which contractor on the several projects at the dam is responsible for the accident.

Scurlock has been making his home at Warrendale. He had been married only about three months to his second wife. His death is the first major accident that has occurred at the dam.

As a result of Scurlock's death, Major Charles F. Williams, district engineer at Portland, has issued orders closing the reservation at Bonneville to visitors on Sunday.

Dance a Success.

The dance given Saturday evening by the Rebekah lodge at Merrill's Pavilion was much enjoyed by a large crowd of people, who gathered to dance under the stars. The weather was ideal for the occasion. The lodge appears to have taken enough money to put away something in the hope chest which it is building up against the day when it will be in its quarters on the second floor of the new Odd Fellows building. The lodge is not permitted by charter to hold closed sessions outside of its hall, but the members are meeting regularly at different home for a social hour.

An Attractive Home.

Julius Carlson is busy with the brush these days painting up his home across the street from "Bob" Andrews' store. And speaking of tidying up, the Carlson property is among the most attractive in town. Julius puts in a great deal of time on his lawn and fruit trees. Of late weeks he has leased several spots on his homestead to people who desired to put up tents.

A Wanderer Returns.

Erick W. Erickson, who lived in Cascade Locks for 33 years, has returned after an absence of two years in Portland to make his home here again. He and his family are occupying the Christenson place, which has been remodeled. His son, J. W. Erickson, who is teaching in the Baker, Oregon, high school, helped his parents move up from Portland and spent a few days here before going on to Baker.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO HELP BUS SERVICE

To get the public in the habit of riding the new bus between Cascade Locks and the dam, business and professional men are buying tickets for distribution among customers and clients.

The tickets probably will make their appearance Monday. Different business houses will employ different methods of getting them into the hands of people who live out toward Herman creek and on the highway at Eagle creek, Bonneville and Bonny Villa.

Wallace Almack, owner of the bus, brought out a new schedule this week. It conforms with the change in shifts at the dam. Since making the change the number of passengers carried has steadily increased.

The bus is becoming increasingly popular and many women are now riding it to and from the markets and stores.

MOVE STARTED TO ORGANIZE FIRE BRIGADE

Public Asked to Contribute to Purchase of Hose and Pails. Small Hose Cart Donated.

A movement to organize a volunteer fire department and rig up a hose cart and buy 200 or 300 feet of hose has been started in Cascade Locks.

Sponsored by A. W. Meyer, the subject was taken up and discussed Wednesday at the noonday luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce. A majority of the members of the chamber expressed a willingness to contribute to the purchase of the hose.

Temporary mains, installed two months ago, are only large enough to accommodate an inch and a half hose. Several have been set up along Main street. Fire hose to be purchased will be of a size to fit them.

Captain Charles Nelson has donated a cart which can be used to haul the hose. A gong and axes are yet to be procured. These, together with buckets and barrels of water which are to be filled and will give the volunteers something held in reserve for emergencies, with which to work in event of fire.

Mr. Meyer told the chamber that the chief of the Hood River fire department will come to Cascade Locks and help get the volunteers organized.

Telephone Office Busy.

One of the busiest places in town of evenings these days is the telephone office. Mrs. Collins, the efficient and accommodating operator and manager, is kept constantly at work placing long distance calls from early morning until late in the evening. Everyone, it would seem, wishes to telephone someone else in neighboring towns and cities. Quite a bit of the business comes from people who are driving along the highway and stop to put in long distance calls.

ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL CLIMBS FIFTY PERCENT

Additional Teacher May Be Needed in High School: Install 25 Extra Seats.

Enrollment in the Cascade Locks schools has increased 50 percent over a year ago, it developed Tuesday when school opened.

All seats in some grade were occupied and it became necessary to install additional seats. Should the enrollment continue to mount one or two grades in the grammar school will have to be moved over to the high school building, Superintendent Vernon G. Henderson said yesterday.

Registration in the high school has increased one-third, climbing from 25 students to 33 students, with more to enter within the next week or two. Heaviest increase was reported in the second year class. This registration will be further increased, for 11 students who have announced their intention of attending high school have not put in their appearance.

Indications are that the high school registration will practically be doubled this year over last before spring. However, there is ample room, even though it may become necessary to employ an additional teacher.

Accommodations can be found for pupils in the grades by utilizing a room in the high school. The superintendent has ordered 25 additional seats installed and more can be added.

Registration in the grades were: First and second, Miss Averill Stewart, 25; third and fourth, Miss Margaret Lacy, 29 pupils; fifth and sixth, Miss Wilma Eddy, 33 pupils; seventh and eighth, Principal Autrieth, 25 pupils.

Chamber Boasts Gavel.

President A. W. Meyer is presiding over weekly Chamber of Commerce luncheons with a gavel presented to him by Waucome Lodge No. 30, K. of P., Hood River. The lodge gave him the gavel several weeks ago in the course of a session which he attended. He in turn has presented it to the chamber. The Knights of Pythias had a lodge in Cascade Locks for many years, but some years ago consolidated with Hood River. Mr. Meyer, like a number of other members of the order, often runs up to Hood River for the meetings.

In New Quarters.

Dr. E. H. Berger has moved into his new quarters on Fifth street which he will hereafter occupy as an office. Following the fire in July he opened a temporary office in the building occupied by Dr. Fred Folsom, the dentist, and Louie Folsom, jeweler, opposite the Rapids club. His new office is in a new cottage just completed by G. N. Heggard on Fifth street, up the street from the Lakeside Market. He will continue to visit Cascade Locks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.