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## RIVER'S RISE NEARS TOP OF CRIBS

### OBS LOW BIDDER ON TOOTH ROCK TUNNEL

Orino, Birkemeier & Sarnal, railroad contractors, submitted a low bid of \$196,947.50 for construction of Tooth rock tunnel, just west of Eagle creek and part of the Columbia river highway relocation program, when bids were opened on Wednesday by the United States bureau of public roads.

W. H. Lynch, district engineer for the bureau, has recommended that OBS be awarded the contract.

Other bids submitted were: Colonial Construction company, Spokane, \$233,446; Malcolm & Bell, Portland, \$235,443; P. L. Crooks & company, Portland, \$249,846; Joplin & Eldon, Portland, \$250,040; and Morrison-Knudson company, Boise, \$260,187.

The tunnel will be built with Oregon national forest highway funds, \$200,000 being allotted with \$25,000 contributed by the state highway commission.

OBS, now laying steel for the Union Pacific's relocation, plans to start work on its new contract within 10 days. An average of 50 men will be employed to drill and blast the highway 837 feet through the crumbly rock, a ticklish job. The tunnel will be 28 feet wide with sidewalks on each side. It will be lined with 2800 yards of concrete and 186,000 pounds of steel will be required.

The Eagle creek highway bridge, over which excavation, totaling 22,000 yards of unclassified material, will be hauled, is nearing completion by Joplin & Eldon, steel work contractors.

Bids for the relocated highway from Bonneville to the west portal of the tunnel are expected to be called by the bureau of public roads very soon. A complete new highway from Bonneville to Cascade Locks, eliminating the many curves and turns, is seen within the coming year and a half.

### Miller Funeral Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Charles Joseph Miller of Cascade Locks, who died Sunday in Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, were held Wednesday afternoon in Vancouver, Wash.

Miller, 31 years of age, was taken to the isolation ward of the hospital Saturday in a National Hospital association ambulance. Cause of his death was undetermined several days ago, but was feared to be either typhoid or spinal meningitis. He was employed as a carpenter on the dam.

Miller is survived by his widow, Thelma, a five-year-old daughter, Shirley Jean, both of the Locks; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Miller, and three brothers, John, Paul and Francis, all of Boise, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Johnson left Thursday for Grand Coulee to make their home there.

### MRS. LEWALLEN OF LOCKS DRAWS 1500 TRUMP IN PINOCHLE

Lady Luck smiled on Mrs. Pete Lewallen last Wednesday evening.

She was playing pinochle, her favorite card game, at her home with her husband and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Stevens.

Mr. Stevens dealt a hand. Mrs. Lewallen took her cards and those which her partner had given her. A perfect hand, 1,500 trump and 100 aces, made her eyes bulge out. She made every trick, naturally.

Needless to say, the game ended right there. It was her first perfect hand in years of playing.

### OBS FIGHTS OLD MAN RIVER TO PROTECT TRACKS

Threat of Columbia river's swift current, partly diverted through Bradford slough and the powerhouse, to wash out the main line of the Union Pacific railroad, is being battled by Orino, Birkemeier & Sarnal, railroad relocation contractors.

The river's sudden rise of 15 feet in the past week was boring away at the railroad embankment. On Wednesday at 11 a.m., OBS under force account orders from the U. S. engineers, started dumping rough riprap between the new railroad tunnel and the navigation lock to protect the railroad line.

From a shovel in Eagle creek cut, trucks take the material to a dump on the new grade west of the tunnel. Another shovel throws it down to the weak spots where bulldozers spread it around.

A large amount is being dumped at the east end of the locks, where the concrete wall, to which ships will tie up in the future, was thought to be in danger. Last reports yesterday indicated that the river was being defeated in its attempt to wash away the wall and tracks.

### H. B. WALKER RECOVERS FROM FALL AT CRIBS

H. B. Walker, Columbia Construction company workman, who fell last Thursday evening into the interior of crib 28, is nearly recovered from the accident.

Walker at first was thought seriously hurt, but X-rays indicated no fractures. He is at his home in North Bonneville, Wash., recuperating.

Beginning this week and every week hereafter, Bowen & Ennis' Red & White store ad will appear on page nine.

### WATER DECISION IS APPEALED TO SUPREME COURT

The Cascade Locks municipal waterworks system, with the contractor almost ready to begin and the PWA funds on their way from Washington, D. C., hit a further snarl this week when the plaintiffs in the recently rejected injunction suit against the city appealed their case to the Oregon supreme court.

The plaintiffs seek an injunction to restrain the city from going ahead with the waterworks on grounds that nine days' notice was not sufficient for passing on the charter October 31, 1935, under which the bonds were issued. They base their appeal on legal technicalities. Unless a special hearing at Salem can be obtained, the appeal will probably be heard the last week of October in Pendleton.

Mr. Kelly of PWA's Portland office is awaiting word from Washington regarding disposition of the funds allotted the water system. However, he expects that construction will be started regardless of the appeal.

Appealing Circuit Judge Fred Wilson's decision of March 23 against their suit are Mrs. Jessie H. Thompson, William Sundsten, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olin, Mr. and Mrs. Erick Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. August Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Erick Granstrom, and Carl Reuterskiold.

### Body of Bailey Undiscovered Yet

The body of W. C. "Red" Bailey, Columbia Construction company welder, who was swept, apparently to his death, last Thursday morning when he fell into the raging torrent of the Columbia river, had not been recovered the middle of this week despite a continued search.

Bailey was working on top of crib 12 cutting sheet steel piling when he was knocked into the 24-mile-an-hour current by a falling timber or piece of scaffolding. He was seen to come up once, then disappeared in the swirling waters. Columbia Construction company sent down a diver, who could descend only a few feet because of the force of the current. Drugging operations are being carried on as far downriver as Hamilton island and watch is being kept for the body.

Bailey, who made his home in Vancouver, Wash., is survived by his widow and a daughter.

### MISS RANKIN NAMES FRANK HALL ASSISTANT

Margaret Rankin became the official postmaster of Cascade Locks Thursday morning when she took the office over from Frank Hall.

Mr. Hall will remain as Miss Rankin's assistant, she announced this week.

### PLANE SHOOTS HEAD OFF CYLINDER OVER LOCKS; JULIUS FIXES

Hank Julius of Morgan's garage, Cascade Locks, was called to his favorite work, repairing airplane engines, Sunday when the Waco cabin plane which Dr. Bill Randall of Klamath Falls was piloting his family over the dam area, conked out and a forced landing was made at the Locks airport.

One of the plane's nine cylinders shot its head right off. Julius had to make special tools to fit the new head on. Monday morning, his ship repaired perfectly, Dr. Randall, dentist by profession, amateur pilot for fun, roared up on his way to Portland and back to Klamath Falls.

### Kingsbury Dies In Fall Off Dam

Augustus H. Kingsbury, USED crib inspector, was mortally injured last Wednesday afternoon when he fell 16 feet into a ballast pocket on the southeast corner of crib 28 of the Washington-side cofferdam. He died in a Portland hospital of a skull fracture and cerebral hemorrhage shortly after being taken there by ambulance.

Kingsbury made his home at Coopey falls. He is survived by his widow and six children, the youngest just six weeks old, and two children by a former marriage. Funeral services were held Monday in Portland.

Kingsbury had been in government service since 1905. He spent many years at Panama, when the big canal was under construction. He was said to be one of the party of three white men who first crossed the Andes from the Pacific, traveling down the Amazon river to its mouth.

C. A. Leveque, Columbia Construction company foreman, and Otto R. Lunn, USED supervisor, witnessed the fall and succeeded in getting Kingsbury out of the water in short time.

A. C. Brown is a new resident of Cook's addition.

### Tug 'Bonneville' Makes First Passage Through Locks At Dam

The lock at Bonneville dam was opened to navigation for the first time, when the USED tug Bonneville, carrying a party of U. S. engineers, made a slow passage through it Wednesday afternoon.

Three other small vessels were also lifted up into Bradford slough through the temporary gate facilities. Permanent gates will not be installed for another year.

The party on the Bonneville included Col. Charles F. Williams, second Portland district engineer, Capt.

### COLUMBIA SHUTS DOWN WORK ON NORTHSIDE CRIBS

Columbia Construction company was expected to lay off its crews on the northside crib construction today or tomorrow as the Columbia river, under impetus of warm weather continued its rapid and sudden rise.

Week ago today when the rise began the river level stood at 15.6 feet at Pier 17. By Wednesday morning it had risen to 26.8, and the official prediction of the weather bureau was that this morning it will stand about 31.5 feet, with the cribs overflowing at 33 feet, expected Sunday or Monday at the present rate of rise. Prediction is for continued warm weather in the Snake river basin, where the major part of the rise is coming from and the bureau's records indicate that 36 feet, three feet over the crib tops, may be reached before an expected recession until the big push to the spring freshet peak is reached.

Columbia will be able to continue its work on the south half of the

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### Miss Daugherty Crowned Queen

In a startling upset, Miss Thelma Daugherty nosed out Miss Rose Ceciliani for the title of "Miss Cascade Locks" at the final windup of the Locks chamber of commerce benefit dances Saturday night at Merrill's Columbia Gardens. Difference was seven dance tickets or 35,000 votes. Clara Nix took third place in the contest.

"Lightnin'" Pointer won over Bill Keeler the title of "He-Queen" by an even smaller margin, a mere five dance tickets, or 25,000 votes.

Approximately 400 persons attended the Saturday night's affair, the last of the three benefit dances designed to raise funds for the chamber's participation in advertising the Columbia gorge. Accounting or proceeds has not been finished, since all receipts have not been turned in, but it is expected that the chamber cleared several hundred dollars.