

Contracts Let For Bonneville Insulators

The Ohio Brass company of Barberton, Ohio, received a contract this week for 34,500 insulators for the "backbone line" from Bonneville dam to Vancouver, Wash. Ohio Brass, which submitted a low bid of \$26,550.55 Monday, was awarded the contract after Charles E. Carey, chief construction engineer for Bonneville, had checked specifications and examined the insulators.

Bids are to be opened this morning for 10 pick-up trucks and 14 other trucks and this afternoon for 43 surveying transits.

Ten companies submitted bids Monday on the insulator order. Simultaneous with opening of bids for the Bonneville-Vancouver line, invitations were extended to bid on nearly 250,000 insulators for the 540 miles of high tension line that will carry Bonneville power into Oregon and Washington. This is believed to be the largest insulator order in recent electrical history. Bids will be opened September 15.

Cascade Locks Praised

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not live there. It is not as tough on the private utility as to go through a fight which would be costly in money and would tend to wear its value down to where it would be lucky to get a fourth of its value instead of half its value. Some of the utilities in TVA territory have been wrung through the mill, and their owners suffered far heavier losses than if a peaceful agreement could have been reached along the line of Myers' advice.

The Oregonian, in its comment entitled "Power for Cascade Locks," had the following to say:

"Cascade Locks seems to have a sane and prompt adjustment of the matter of obtaining Bonneville power for municipal use. The settlement of the town's controversy, or rather possible controversy with the West Coast Power company, concerning which there was quite a flurry a short time ago, promises to be easier and more to the advantage of the municipal enterprise than expected. A price of \$44,000 for the purchase of the power company's holdings has been agreed to—about \$6000 less than the amount set by Bonneville Administrator J. D. Ross as a fair amount for both sides. It also seems assured that the town's revenue certificates for the purchase and improvement of the system can be sold readily, and through them the deal can be finan-

ced without adding to the taxpayers' burden.

"There is no more sense in a municipality rushing into a war with a privately owned public utility than there is in any other kind of war. Utility baiting has never been profitable to anyone but a demagogic politician. Every problem of the kind can be settled more fairly and to the better advantage of all concerned with cool judgment and a little time, as is being done in the case of Cascade Locks."

The Oregon Journal, expressing the opinions that have been advanced by forward-looking Mid-Columbia persons for some time, said:

"Construction of a sodium chlorate plant at Cascade Locks, which looms this fall, will break the way for important industrialization in the vicinity of Bonneville dam. It will also bring the sale of the first sizeable block of cheap power by Administrator J. D. Ross. Both are significant."

"The Chipman Chemical company and Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing company, acting in concert, have purchased a 40-acre site and plan a 1,250,000 plant to manufacture weed killer for the Western market. These are the first large concerns to realize what many people of the Pacific Northwest have been slow to grasp—that Bonneville's cheap power at tidewater cannot be matched in the United States for electro-chemical and electro-metallurgical industries."

"This beginning backed by experience and ample capital, should encourage other companies, that have spent thousands of dollars surveying raw materials and freight and power rates. A phosphate processing plant, using Idaho ore, aluminum, electrolytic zinc, and limestone manufacturing plants are among the 'naturals' for the Columbia gorge area. Other allied chemical plants will probably follow."

"Thus a new industrial development, balancing Oregon agriculture and lumber, dreamed of for a quarter of a century, is in sight. Nothing should stop it."

UPRIVER DREDGE STARTED

THE DALLES—Construction of a \$40,000 dredge for use in channel improvement now in progress between Celilo and Waiilatpu has been started at Big Eddy under the direction of United States engineers.

The dredge will be 90 feet long, 32 feet wide and 6½ feet deep. It will be completed early in October and see immediate service on the upper river.

A contract for a tug to convey the barge has been let by the government to Erickson & Klepp, boat builders at Rainier. The tug will be 40 feet long and powered by twin 250-horsepower gasoline motors.

Bids Called For Bonneville Insulators

The largest insulator order in recent electrical history was offered to equipment manufacturers today when Administrator J. D. Ross called for bids on material for the Bonneville transmission network to be constructed with Public Works funds. Nearly a quarter of a million heavy duty insulators will be purchased for the 546 miles of high tension line that will carry Bonneville power into Oregon and Washington.

Offer of the huge order came immediately after the receipt of bids on 35,400 insulators for the 220,000 volt backbone line to run from the dam to Vancouver. The new invitation covers material for lines that will run from the dam to The Dalles, from Vancouver to Portland and down the Willamette Valley to Eugene. The Washington circuits include the "intertie" from Bonneville to Grand Coulee, and a line from Vancouver to Kelso and Aberdeen.

Bids on insulators for the Bonneville "high line" were submitted by ten leading manufacturers who offered to supply the 35,400 insulators at prices ranging from \$26,550 to \$45,336. Charles E. Carey, principal construction engineer in Administrator Ross' office, said figures would be tabulated at once and specifications checked to determine the successful bidder.

Insulators for the Oregon and Washington lines being built with funds allotted by the Public Works Administration will be made of vitrified porcelain, and will measure ten inches in diameter and nearly six inches in height. They will be suspended in strings of ten to twenty units and will be required to withstand an "impulse flashover" of more than a million volts. Samples submitted will undergo a series of tests and must have a service record of at least eight years on ten separate projects.

Bids on this equipment will be opened at 9:30 a. m. on September 15th. In releasing the invitation for the huge insulator order, Administrator Ross said that early delivery was requested on the material. "Secretary Ickes, who is Administrator of Public Works, is anxious to have our purchases begin at once, so that employment will be furnished to large numbers of men," he said. 137,000 insulators will be purchased for the heavy duty line that will connect Bonneville Dam with the Federal project at Grand Coulee, 43,016 for the line that will run through Portland to Eugene, and 13,968 for the circuit from Bonneville to The Dalles. Insulators for the line running northward to Kelso and Aberdeen will total 49,904. Delivery in Oregon will be made at Portland, Oregon City, Salem, Albany, Eugene, Hood River and The Dalles. Shipments also will go to a number of points in the State of Washington.

Representative Pierce Advocates Public Power

THE DALLES—Consumers can benefit from Bonneville dam power only by "marketing electricity co-operatively," Congressman Walter Pierce told 300 members of the Wasco County Pomona Grange at its annual picnic.

Pierce declared that the capital structure and the pyramided holding company units of the private utilities prevent savings of the dam from being passed on. He said that duplication of lines was economically unsound. Electricity, like water, is a natural monopoly, he said, unrelated to mercantile business.

Public utilities should pay the same amount in taxes that private companies now pay, he believes, but even so, they can effect considerable saving.

LIBRARY PILFERED

Thieves Friday night gained entrance to the Hood River County Library, and after ransacking desk drawers completely, left without loot. No traces were left as to the identity of the house-breakers. It is thought they were looking for money.

PHEASANTS RELEASED

Hundreds of pheasants were released on the north side of the Columbia at Bingen and various nearby points last week by Washington State game officials. The birds were hatched from eggs under the supervision of 4-H members from Glenwood, and raised by these boys and girls.

Monmouth Seeks Dam Power

The city of Monmouth Wednesday made an informal application to the Bonneville administration for an undetermined amount of power and announced it would attempt to purchase the transmission facilities, in Monmouth and vicinity, of the Mountain States Power company.

The city council authorized Mayor F. R. Bowersox to negotiate for Bonneville energy. It also voted to proceed with immediate appraisal of the private utility's system.

Monmouth will request J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator, to fix a fair price for the distribution system.

This followed the practice of Cascade Locks, which also asked Mr. Ross to appraise the system there of the West Coast Power company.

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