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The Northern Pacific Railway Company will place round trip tickets from Portland to St. Louis and return on account of the world's fair on sale as follows:

- June 16th, 17th and 18th.
- July 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- August 8th, 9th and 10th.
- Sept. 5th, 6th and 7th.
- October 3rd, 4th and 5th.

The round trip rate to St. Louis and return from Portland will be \$67.50. Tickets will be good for return via any direct line.

A round trip rate of \$72.50 will also be made from Portland to Chicago and return.

If a passenger desires to take in both Chicago and St. Louis the round trip rate will be \$75.00.

All tickets will be good for 90 days from date of sale. Tickets will be

good going ten days from date of sale so that a limited stop-over can be had on the going trip and on the return trip passengers can stop at their pleasure west of the Missouri river or St. Paul. These rates apply via direct lines, but if passenger wishes to return through California tickets can be sold accordingly, but at an increased rate of \$13.50 added to above.
For any additional information desired, call or address A. D. Charlton, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Northern Pacific Ry., 255 Morrison street, corner of 3rd, Portland, Ore.

POLITICAL NOTICES.

VOTE FOR—
JOHN V. BURNS.
Regular Democratic
Nominee for Representative.

VOTE FOR—
JAMES N. LAWS,*
Regular Democratic
Nominee for Representative.

VOTE FOR—
ISAAC BERGMAN,
Regular Democratic
Nominee for Treasurer.

VOTE FOR—
GEO. W. MORTON,
Regular Democratic
Nominee for Sheriff.

VOTE FOR—
P. J. GOODMAN,
Republican Nominee
For Justice of the Peace.

VOTE FOR—
CHAS. A. HELLBORN,
Regular Republican
Nominee for Treasurer.

VOTE FOR—
C. G. PALMBERG,*
Regular Republican
Nominee for Representative.

VOTE FOR—
THOMAS LINVILLE,
Regular Republican
Nominee for Sheriff.

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OFFERS ARE VERY HEAVY

Bids for Court House Foundation Are One-half Higher Than Estimate of Architect.

COURT WITHHOLDS ACTION

Will Make Investigation as to What Work Can Be done for Before Rendering Final Decision in Matter.

The county court opened bids last evening for the construction of the court house foundation, and, pending detailed reports from Architect Lazarus, has withheld final action. The bids were all surprisingly in excess of the estimate, and there were intimations that perhaps something or somebody colored lurked in the woodpile. In inviting offers for the building of the foundation, the court required contractors to make detailed bids. The lump price for the work was asked, and following were separate specifications as to the price per pound, for instance, for steel. All of the contractors contented themselves with submitting lump offers for the work, ignoring the separate specifications in the blanks furnished by the court. The bids submitted were as follows, and were opened by the court at 5 yesterday afternoon:
John Bingham, Portland; to be completed in four months \$21,857 40
Bingham & Flynn, Portland; four months 21,070 00
Marshall Bros., Portland; 120 days 11,439 65
Ferguson & Houston, Astoria; 115 days 20,987 00
The bids of John Bingham and Bingham & Flynn were not accompanied by certified checks for 10 per cent of the amount of the bid, as specified in the call, and therefore were rejected as irregular.
Mr. Lazarus came into court, and when he looked over the bids he whistled long and audibly. Mr. Lazarus has been ill for some time, and quite ill at that, and he was not posted in detail, the work having been left to Mr. Grondahl, his assistant. But he knew the tenders of the contractors were one-half in excess of the estimate, and he whistled when he saw the bids.
The architect called the attention of the court to the fact that the contractors had disregarded the formula provided in the blanks, and expressed the opinion that this was rather a peculiar circumstance. He was satisfied the bids were unreasonably high.

and at first advised the court to reject all of them. After some consideration, however, he suggested that the matter be held up until he could secure prices and submit to the court a statement which would show the probable cost of the work of installing the foundation. His suggestion was favorably acted upon.
Judge Trenchard stated that the estimate of the cost of the work was only \$10,200. This estimate was made with a view to allowing the contractor a reasonable profit, and when the bids came in \$11,000 higher the breath of the members of the court was almost taken away. There was some speculation as to whether or not the contractors had come to an understanding, which prompted Judge Trenchard to remark that if there was any combination of bidders the court would find it quite convenient to itself carry on the work under the supervision of the architect. Mr. Lazarus will prepare a list showing all of the details which should have been shown in the blanks furnished the contractors, and this will give the court an accurate idea of what the cost of the work really should be. The original estimate prepared by Mr. Grondahl was based on work somewhat different from that upon which the contractors made their offers, but the court was unable to see that the difference in price should have been so great. It was quite evident from the statements made at the session of the court that the work would never be undertaken at the amount carried by the lowest bid, and it would not be surprising if the county went ahead with the foundation on its own responsibility.
The estimate of the cost of the character of foundation for which bids were tendered yesterday was \$10,200. Mr. Grondahl, who has had 23 years' experience with this class of work, submitted his estimate to the county court some time ago. He estimated that piling foundation, which includes concrete work, would cost \$3200. In view of the wide difference in the figures of the architect and those of the contractor, the court suspected that perhaps some understanding had been reached by the contractors.
"You may rest assured we will see to it that the work is done reasonably," said Judge Trenchard last evening. "We are not at the mercy of contractors, by any means, and can ourselves undertake the work if we deem such action advisable. We are spending the people's money, and it shall be our aim to spend it properly or not at all."

MASS OF SORES
Awful Suffering of a Boy from an Itching Humour.
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Not One Square Inch of Skin on His Whole Body Was Unaffected.
"My little son, a boy of five, broke out with an itching rash. Three doctors prescribed for him, but he kept getting worse until we could not dress him any more. They finally advised me to try a certain medical college, but its treatment did not do any good. At the time I was induced to try Cuticura Remedies he was so bad that I had to cut his hair off and put the Cuticura Ointment on him on bandages, as it was impossible to touch him with the bare hand. There was not one square inch of skin on his whole body that was not affected. He was one mass of sores. The bandages used to stick to his skin and in removing them it used to take the skin off with them, and the screams from the poor child were heart-breaking. I began to think that he would never get well, but after the second application of Cuticura Ointment I began to see signs of improvement, and with the third and fourth applications the sores commenced to dry up. His skin peeled off twenty times, but it finally yielded to the treatment. I used the Cuticura Resolvent for his blood, and now I can say that he is entirely cured, and a stronger and healthier boy you never saw than he is to-day."
ROBERT WATTAM,
4923 Center Ave., Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30, 1897.
No return in six years, Mr. Wattam writes, Feb. 23, 1903.
"Your letter of the 31st in regard to the case of my little boy at hand. I am truly thankful to say that the cure effected by the Cuticura Remedies has been a most thorough and successful cure to date."

Issued Injunction.
Albuquerque, N. M., June 2.—Judge Baker of the district court has made permanent the injunction restraining the striking Santa Fe machinists from molesting the company's property or interfering with non-union employees. A motion by the machinists to modify the injunction so as to permit them to converse with non-union men was denied.

Street Car Strike.
Houston, Tex., June 2.—The street carmen's union this morning at 2:45 o'clock ordered a strike to take place at once. The company is prepared for the move and has strike breakers at San Antonio and Denison who are expected tonight. No cars will be moved this morning. About 200 men are affected.

Excursion to Seaview.
Excursion to Seaview and return Sunday, June 5th. Steamer Nahcotta leaves O. R. & N. dock at 7 a. m. Fare for round trip, \$1.00. An excellent opportunity to see the wreck of the schooner Frank W. Howe.

Notice to Stockholders.
There will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the Lewis & Clark Telephone Line Saturday, June 4th, 1904, at Peterson & Brown's Shoe Store. By W. J. INGALLS, Chairman.

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WANTS BIG FAMILIES
St. Louis Divine Says Five Room Flats 'Are to Blame for Race Suicide and Late Marriages'
Favors Early Marriages
Urges Ministers to Preach Value of Early Marriages to Their Flocks at Home.
St. Louis, June 2.—In an address before the Missouri State Congressional Association on "The Religious Opportunity and Obligation of the Home," Rev. Cyrus F. Stimson of Kansas City impressed upon the ministers that it is their duty to have large families.
The modern five-room flat, he declared to be an enemy to family life and emphasized this remark by stating that the owners of such property have placed a premium on small families, and accordingly upon infants.
"One of the great evils of modern society he declared to be the fact that people put off marriage obligations until too late in life. "Parents are greatly to be blamed for this. They exact of the suit or for their daughter's hand conditions that most young men cannot comply with. It is the duty of ministers of the gospel to preach to the members of their flock urging early marriage and large families."

Special Excursion to the World's Fair.
The Denver & Rio Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will run a series of personally conducted excursions to the world's fair during June. These excursions will run through to St. Louis without change of cars, making short stops at principal points enroute. The first of these excursions will leave Portland June 17th, and the second June 17th. The rate from Astoria will be \$67.50 to St. Louis and return. Excursionists going via the Denver & Rio Grande have the privilege of returning via a different route. This is the most pleasant way, as well as the most delightful route, to cross the continent. The stops arranged give an opportunity to visit the various points of interest in and about Salt Lake City, Denver and Kansas City. If you wish to accompany one of these excursions write at once to W. C. McBride, 124 Third street, Portland, for sleeping car reservations.

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