

FIRST STEPS TAKEN

Four Bids Received Yesterday on New Court House.

HASTIE & DUGAN, AT \$89,599

Court Scrutinizes Bidding of the Lowest Bid on Matter of Pending Levies—Building Can Be Completed with Reasonable Access.

The engrossing feature of the adjourned session of the county commissioners' court, in this city, yesterday, was the reception and opening of the bids for the completion of the superstructure on the new Clatsop county court house, and its interior finishing, exclusive of the vault doors and the heating plant. This transpired at the court room at 2 o'clock promptly, the advertised hour, and there were four bids received and read by the court, all three commissioners being present and on the bench, Judge Trenchard and Messrs. Larson and Masten. The bids filed were as follows:

Robert Wakefield, of Portland.....\$90,350
F. A. Erickson, of Salem..... 95,785
Ferguson & Houston, of Astoria \$1,600
Hastie & Dugan, of Seattle..... 89,599

Each of the bids were accompanied by the certified checks in ten per cent of the sum of the bids, and in the cases of the first three named above, the checks were properly endorsed and immediately returned to the several representatives of the bidding firms present. That of Hastie & Dugan was retained by the court, as their's was the lowest bid at hand, and was held subject to the further order of the court.

The court then entered into a long conference upon the affairs of the new court house, past and present, going over the figures and plans and specifications in detail, together, in an effort to ascertain the exact bearing of the lowest bid at hand, upon the probable cost of the building and its relation to the coming levy in January.

After due consideration the court reached the conclusion that a tax of 14 mills will pay the expenses of the county and the state tax, amounting this year to \$23,000, as against \$13,000 last year; and that the court house can be built upon a levy of 39 mills, as against the 30 mill levy of last year, the excess falling in the ratio of 2 mills for the city and 9 mills for the county.

Estimating the cost of the vault doors at \$1,000, and that of the heat-

ing plant at \$2,100, and deducting the available cash in the court house fund at the present time, \$1,200, the actual cost of the new structure would be \$22,400. Property valuations within the county this year closely approximate \$5,000,000.

To date the county has paid out, in this behalf, the full sum of \$79,397, and this, with the projected estimates of yesterday, will bring the cost of the new building to the round sum of \$171,798, requiring a levy of 58 mills for the new year as against the total levy last year of 56 mills.

This is the substance of the findings yesterday, along with the conclusion that the main reason for the advance over the earlier estimates of the court, lies in the radical advance of the cost of all manner of material and all classes of labor. The whole matter is now squarely before the Clatsop public and entitled to the deepest and best reasoning that can be given it, before the January session of the court, when the levies for the new year must be made.

Mr. Erickson, one of the bidding contractors, a man who has had wide experience in the building of public structures, and who is himself just finishing the Columbia county court house, said yesterday in open court, and after his bid had been practically rejected, that the Clatsop court house was one of the best planned and specified he had ever seen in his life and complimented the court on the possession of such valuable prerequisites.

The court is a unit on the absolute need of the building and will, no doubt, pursue the problem of its building upon this hypothesis, which must be conceded, whatever the result of popular sentiment may be in the matter of the necessary levies.

During the other hours of the day the court despatched the following matters of business:

An order was made directing the clerk to communicate with E. F. Skibbe, that it has been represented to the court, that he is hauling logs across the roads of the county without the necessary permission of the court, and that he must make an immediate application in this behalf and file an acceptable bond, as heretofore required by the court in such matters.

In the matter of the recent 10-mills levy for road purposes, made by Road District No. 1, it was ascertained by the court, through the statements of a number of citizens of that district, that it was the purpose of the road supervisor to spend the increment of said levy, about \$3,000, entirely on the warrenton-Flavel end of the road, to the utter neglect of the Astoria end of the system. The court made an order disapproving the levy and the reputed plans, and set Monday, December 31, for hearing of the matter finally.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS

Discharged Soldiers Questions Discussed in House.

INVALID PENSION BILLS

The House Passed Three Hundred and Fifty Invalid Pension Bills in Less Than One Hour, Beating the Record.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Representative Roberts of Massachusetts introduced a bill today making non-commissioned officers and men of Companies B, C, and D of the 25th infantry, the negroes discharged from service by order of President Roosevelt, eligible for re-enlistment in the military or national service. The bill is intended to restore the men to all rights, lost under the order of discharge.

The house today passed three hundred and fifty invalid pension bills in less than one hour, beating previous records. Previously the committee on appropriations had reported an urgent deficiency bill, carrying \$581,500 for the various departments, including \$150,000 for mileage of army officers and \$250,000 for the pure food law. Representative Patterson of Tennessee resigned from the insular affairs committee, and the speaker appointed Representative Garrett of Tennessee to the vacancy.

An order was made by the court instructing the county surveyor to survey and plat the county road near the power house, to a connection with road No. 77 at the city line near the Travelers' Rest said route to be looked over and examined by Roadmaster Frye and T. S. Cornelius; the surveyor is to make a plat showing the present ownership along the route in order to allow the court to secure deeds for the right-of-way if necessary and possible.

The court then adjourned until the 31st of December, next.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is L. W. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of Consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after having taken 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure Cough and Cold Cure. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, Druggist, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Don't read too fast to let your mind see what you are passing. Remember that Christmas is only one week away and that every day counts.

Check off the items that please you and come and get them at once. You will get the choice selections and less hurried service than later on.

<p>HANDKERCHIEFS.</p> <p>Women's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs in pretty designs 5c to 50c each.</p>	<p>DOLLS.</p> <p>Handsome Jointed Dolls with eyes that close and curled hair: \$3.00 dolls at\$1.50</p>	<p>TOILET SETS.</p> <p>Fine imported line of Toilet Cases different designs, set 25c to \$5.00</p>
<p>MEN'S SLIPPERS.</p> <p>Opera, Everett and Nullifer Slippers, black and tan, 75c to \$2.00 pair.</p>	<p>MUSIC ROLLS.</p> <p>Fine Black leather Music Roll: \$1.00 and \$1.25 quality at.....25c</p>	<p>PICTURES.</p> <p>Fine collection, each5c to \$1.00</p>
<p>LINEN DOILIES.</p> <p>Large Collection of Linen Doilies, special, each5c to 50c</p>	<p>GLOVES.</p> <p>Very fine quality Piqua Gloves, pair\$1.00 and \$1.25</p>	<p>WOOL BLANKETS.</p> <p>\$10.00 White Blankets.....\$7.50 \$5.00 Wool Blankets.....\$6.00 \$7.50 Wool Blankets.....\$5.00</p>
<p>HAND BAGS.</p> <p>Hand Bags in a dozen different styles, each25c to \$2.50</p>	<p>FURS.</p> <p>\$7.50 Furs at.....\$5.00 \$10.00 Furs at.....\$7.50 \$15.00 Furs at.....\$12.00 \$20.00 Furs at.....\$15.00</p>	<p>UMBRELLAS.</p> <p>Best kind of a Christmas gift in Oregon, each\$1.00 to \$5.00</p>
<p>TOY TEA SETS.</p> <p>50c set at..... 25c \$1.00 set at..... 75c \$1.50 set at.....\$1.00 \$2.00 set at.....\$1.50</p>	<p>LUNCH CLOTHS.</p> <p>Japanese Hand drawn lunch cloths, beautiful designs....\$1.00 to \$5.00</p>	<p>WAIST GOODS.</p> <p>Fine Washable materials in all colors, yard25c to 75c</p>
<p>SUIT CASES.</p> <p>Suit cases to suit every one, each\$2.00 to \$12.50</p>	<p>DRESSER SCARFS.</p> <p>Hand-drawn Dresser Scarfs, fine quality.....\$1.25 to \$5.00</p>	<p>RIBBONS.</p> <p>For Hair Ribbons, Bows, etc: 35c Ribbon25c 25c Ribbon19c</p>
<p>CUFF AND COLLAR BOXES.</p> <p>In different designs, each 25c to \$1.50</p>	<p>GOLF GLOVES.</p> <p>Golf Gloves in all colors and sizes.</p>	<p>KNIT SHAWLS.</p> <p>Handsome Shawls in all colors each \$1.00 to \$2.50</p>
<p>ALBUMS.</p> <p>In all kinds and descriptions, 25c to \$4.50 each.</p>	<p>LADIES' BATH ROBES.</p> <p>Fine assortment of patterns, \$7.50 value \$5.00</p>	<p>LINEN TABLE SETS.</p> <p>Fine hemstitched sets; make finest kind of Christmas gift.</p>

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the Committee on Streets and Public Ways, City Surveyor and Superintendent of Streets, have filed a certificate of completion of the improvement of the crossing of Bond and Sixth street, by E. A. Gerding, the contractor, in accordance with general ordinance number 3290, and the contract therefor. That unless objections are filed against the same, the same will be accepted by ordinance at the next regular meeting of the Common Council. OLOF ANDERSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.
Dated Astoria, Dec. 14, 1906. 3t

The Chivalrous Red Man.

Near the end of a brilliant match between our oldest university and the Carlisle Indians one of the Indian backs suddenly got away with the ball and was off down the field with nothing between him and the goal posts but one man. If the runner succeeded in getting by him it meant everlasting athletic glory for himself and perhaps a victory for his small college over this mighty institution of learning, containing the flower of the civilization which had swept his forefathers away from the lands they once possessed. The crowd in the stands had arisen, gasping in their excitement, as crowds always do at such moments. But just as he had almost gained the coveted line that one man, a famous sprinter, brought the runner down with a beautiful tackle. The stands rocked with relief, and the usual "piling up" of other players took place. As the two lay there together, the fair haired representative of New England, while still clasping the dark skinned descendant of American savagery, felt something fumbling and presently became aware, at the bottom of the heap there, that his right hand was being shaken. "Good tackle," muttered the Indian. Jesse Lynch Williams in Outing Magazine.

Useless Salutes.

"I wonder," said the man of a statistical turn, "I wonder how much powder is destroyed daily in useless salutes?"
"There must be a lot," said the frivolous girl, "but I suppose women will go on kissing one another just the same."

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