

NEW WATER BOARD SCHEME

Has Plan of Its Own for Letting Its Coal Contracts.

MAY GIVE BUSINESS TO PETS

Is Not Bound to Let Contract to the Lowest Bidder—Coal Men Are Objecting to Requirements of the Board.

Pursuant to its peculiar practice in asking bids for all sorts of work and supplies, and then rejecting them all and making the deal by private negotiations, the Water board has concocted a new-fangled plan for letting the coal contract, which will probably aggregate \$75,000, so that it can favor any bidder it wants to regardless whether he is low or high.

The invitation for bids requires proposals to be in by next Monday, to cover purchases of coal for an entire year, from April 1, 1913 to April 1, 1914. The coal men who are usually hot after the business are hesitating about trying for it at all as the bids seem to be set up. "We must concede," said a coal man, "that the specifications which the Water board has put up are iron-clad and stringent as compared with the specifications for other public contracts let hereabouts from time to time. The exact form and wording of the bid, with the exception of the name of the mine and the price, are kindly furnished to us, and we are told that if we dot an 'i' or cross a 't' or add anything in the way of explanation or qualification, we will be ruled out for nonconformity. Each bidder is to put up \$100 forfeit, furnish five tons for a test, and the successful bidder to furnish a \$10,000 bond bought of an insurance agent approved by the Water board."

The bond is to guarantee delivery of the coal up to the thermal test of the five sample tons, subject to deduction from the contract price if any of it falls below the standard, but no credits for running above. The contractor is also to be held for whatever price the board chooses to pay to outsiders in the event of non-delivery, owing to strikes or other causes wholly out of the contractor's control. In other words, the contract price is to include insurance against strikes at the mines or on the railroads, wrecks, washouts and all other uncontrollable contingencies.

Board Holds Jaker in Sleeve.

"But the jug-handle part of it is that the Water board retains the privilege to give the award to its own pet or whoever can exert the strongest pull, because there is no assurance or even promise that the best and low bid will win. Suppose all the bidders offer to furnish coal from a particular mine, say Weir City, for example, and the test runs substantially the same, as it naturally will, the board can give the contract to any one it pleases regardless of better bids. "The board's advertisement, too, tells when bids are to be in, but says nothing about when they are to be opened, whether they are to be opened in public or in secret. They will have to be opened and tabulated, the tests made, the contract let and executed, the bond furnished and approved and the dealer order his coal at the mine and have it shipped and ready for delivery all within seven days from March 31 in order to get in under the wire for the contract year beginning April 1, with all these penalties for noncompliance staring them in the face. That's why I am watching to see how many bona fide bidders respond to the call."

Dies of Injuries He Received When Robbed in Pullman

Physicians who attended Edward E. Balch, who died of congestion of the brain Sunday night at his home, 3214 Dodge street, have announced that the cause of his death may be traced back to thirteen years ago when he was attacked and robbed while asleep in a Pullman of the Northwestern railroad returning from Chicago.

With Mrs. Balch he had gone to Chicago on business for the Omaha National bank of which he was assistant cashier. On the return to Omaha Mrs. Balch slept in a berth across the aisle from her husband. She was awakened in the night by a dream that he had been hurt. Going across to the berth she found that he had been strangled, his head lying upon the pillow in a mass of blood. He was brought to Omaha where he was confined to his bed for many weeks. A year or so later the Balch family received a report that his pocketbook had been found on the banks of the Coon river in Iowa over which the Northwestern line passed.

The identity of the one who attacked him has never been learned.

VETERAN FIREMEN TO HOLD REUNION AND SMOKER

The Omaha Veterans Firemen's association has about completed plans for a smoker and reunion to be held at the Henshaw at some date within the next two weeks. The association, owing principally to deaths, has dwindled to about fifty members. The first death was that of William Francis, which occurred years ago, and the last, that of Charles Johnson, last year.

At the smoker there will not be any set speeches, but there will be talks of fires of long ago and what used to happen when the old-time boys ran with the machines.

W. J. Cuddy, one of the veterans, but who is now with the Daily Oregonian in Portland writes Secretary Koesters that while he cannot be present in person, he will send a little remembrance in the way of a "mammoth Leviathan salmon, a catch from the Columbian river."

An Epidemic of Coughing is sweeping over the town and young and old are alike affected. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a quick safe reliable family medicine for coughs and colds. A. S. Jones, of Lee Pharmacy, Chio, Calif., says: "I consider Foley's Honey and Tar Compound has no equal, and is the one cough medicine I can recommend to my friends, as containing no narcotics or other harmful properties." Refuse all substitutes and take only Foley's Honey and Tar compound. For sale by all dealers everywhere.—Advertisement.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. WEST INDES and BERMUDA Ask for illustrated booklet. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. Anderson & Son, Gen. Agts., 15 So. La Salle St., Chicago, or Any Steamship Ticket Agent.

\$3,000 FOR CHARITY FIRST CALL FOR MARCH

For 1488 Subscriptions The Curtis Co. will pay \$3,000 to the Invalids' Pension Association, which will insure myself and fifteen other sufferers \$10 a month each—leaving \$1,000 for advertising.

4,512 Subscriptions Written; 1,488 Yet to Write Thanks to the generous response of my subscribers, the 500 were received for February—But



I MUST MAIL 187 SUBSCRIPTIONS TO

The Ladies' Home Journal . . \$1.50 The Saturday Evening Post . . \$1.50 The Country Gentleman \$1.50

IN MARCH OR THE \$3,000 PRIZE IS LOST

YOUR RENEWAL COUNTS—DON'T WITHHOLD IT!

I have lain twelve years with my body dead from waist down, including the lower organs. There is neither feeling nor power of motion in the afflicted parts, nor functional knowledge or control. Yet, friendless and bedfast, unable even to sit erect, only as I support myself with my hands, I must literally support myself or perish. The situation is terrifying, for my lifeless flesh will no longer bear my weight. Yet tomorrow, were I ill or unable to provide, I would be deserted.

NOW THE MATTER IS PLAIN

I cannot live alone. Hence to insure sufficient business to pay nurse and clerical help, I will earn \$2,000 for the Invalids' Pension Association, which will insure myself and fifteen other sufferers \$10 a month each, which with the interest on the \$5,000 previously earned, will give me \$25 a month—else the S. P. A. will fail and the \$5,000 previously earned will go to the Orpheo and Visiting Nurses.

100,000 subscribe for these magazines in Iowa and Nebraska. Thousands purchase these magazines on news stands who could save \$1.10 a year. If you prefer to send your orders direct, for mercy's sake, ask the publishers to credit subscription to Agent John Gordon, Omaha. But clerks forget—better mail to me. I must have 187 subscriptions in March; please get them in. Watch the personals for results. Your check is good. Phone Douglas 7163 today. Always address

GORDON, THE MAGAZINE MAN OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Swift's "Premium" Oleomargarine. Holds a prominent place in Domestic Economy. It contains every element of nutrition found in the best creamery butter and costs about one-third less. It is economical in price. It keeps sweet longer than butter and takes less in cooking. —It is economical to use. True Domestic Economy calls for the constant use of Swift's "Premium" Oleomargarine. Order a pound carton of your dealer today. Made only by Swift & Company U. S. A.

FIDELITY STORAGE & VAN CO. 16th and Jackson Sts. STORAGE MOVING PACKING SHIPPING Of Household Goods and Pianos Phone Doug. 1516.

Star's Triumph BEER IT REFRESHES AND CHEERS

EVA LANG- gushed in the shade of an old apple tree; but that is no place for a lady nowadays. Undisputed, however, is the fitness of the splendid and pleasing accommodations for ladies at lunch at the

WOODMEN CAFETERIA 14th and Farnam Streets.

AMUSEMENTS. "OMAHA'S FUN CENTER." Daily Mat., 15-25-50c. Gayety Evgs., 15-25-50-75c. THE WORLD OF PLEASURE EXTRAORDINARY AND VAUDEVILLE Those Two Funny Halfway Comics, Fox Stewart and One of the Highest Class Shows on the Circuit. Big Heavy Comedy Ladies' Dime Matinee Today "Worth Climbing the Hill."

BOYD THEATER TONIGHT, WEDNESDAY, ALL WEEK. EVE LANG The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary Next Week, March 23 THE SEVEN SISTERS.

YSAYE Greatest Living Violinist In Concert, at the BRANDEIS THEATRE Thursday Evening, March 20 Tickets Now—\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.

BRANDEIS THEATRE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Saturday Matinee JOHN DREW in THE PERPLEXED HUSBAND Sun., 4 Days—THE QUAKER GIRL

KRUG THEATER Matinee Today, 2:30—Night, 8:30 ZALLAH Ladies' Daily Dime Matinee Country Store Friday Night

EMPRESS PHOTOGRAPHS 10

Instinctive Styles in Men's, Women's and Children's Wearing Apparel for Easter—Unsurpassed Qualities and Assortments—Attractive Prices. See the nobby new lasts in QUEEN QUALITY SHOES FOR WOMEN. Complete Line of STETSON HATS FOR MEN The season's very newest shapes and colorings.

OUR STYLE WEEK DISPLAY OFFERS YOU A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF NOTEWORTHY INOVATIONS & ADAPTATIONS IN SPRING GARMENT STYLES, COUPLING QUALITY OF THE HIGHEST WITH PRICINGS SURPRISINGLY LOW.

We want you to come—to see—to criticize and compare—this wonderfully interesting showing of the new notes of fashion, with offerings elsewhere. SPECIAL BARGAIN OFFERINGS EVERY DAY A Magnificent Assortment of Beautiful Suits—Exclusive models, no two alike; come in a big variety of choice fabrics and colorings, greatly underpriced in Thursday's sale, at choice.....\$35.00, \$39.75, \$45.00 and \$59.00 One Hundred and Fifty Beautiful Crown Jewel Suits Just received for Thursday's selling, if possible, more charming in design, more altogether attractive than any lot before shown, we're glad to compare them in beauty and quality with any \$30 or the average \$35 suit shown in any other store.

SPECIAL THURSDAY \$15.00 Spring Coats, in a fine line of English coverts and nobby check fabrics, garments made to sell at \$15; your choice \$8.95 Thursday at.....\$8.95 SPECIAL THURSDAY \$30.00 Tailored Suits, in Bulgarian Blouse styles, small sizes; all the best colorings and materials, 100 of them, \$30.00 values.. \$19.50

ALMOST UNLIMITED VARIETY OF THE NEW SPRING WAIST STYLES— never before have we shown such a charming array of impressive values; Crepes, Charmeuse, Tub Silks, Dainty Lingeries, etc., at.....\$3.95, \$5.00, \$7.50 Dainty Wash Frocks FOR THE LITTLE MISSES—All the most favored of fashions' ideas, in wash fabrics of nearly every description, shown in our newly enlarged Children's Section— at..\$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.95 and \$3.95

\$1 Silks at 48c 3,000 yards of Plain and Fancy Silks, including 24-inch Silk Foulards, 24-inch Fancy Stripe Messalines and 20-inch Novelty Silks, a big special purchase, per yard at.....48c \$1.25 Silks at 68c Yard wide Novelty Dress Silks, Striped Taffetas and Messalines, 36-inch All Silk, Plain Messalines, etc., your choice, Thursday, per yard 68c \$1 Cream Serge 78c 10 pieces of strictly all wool Cream and Dress and Suing Serge, in medium wide wale, perfect goods, a regular \$1 yard value; special at.....78c \$1.50 Mannish Suitings 98c A choice lot of 54-inch Manish Suitings and All Wool Serges in a full line of wanted colorings, regular \$1.50 yard values; special Thursday, per yard at.....98c

An Unmatched Assortment of Practical and Authentic Millinery Modes You might search a long time and not find anything so uncommon in shape and trimmings as these pretty hats. Remarkable values offered Thursday in four big special groups, priced at— \$5, \$3.95, \$2.95 & \$1.95 Don't judge by the prices, examine the style and quality. They're unquestionable the superior. Adaptations from the most beautiful foreign models and original creations from our own work rooms unite to make a colorful picture wonderfully complete. Street Hats.....\$5.00 to \$15.00 Dress Hats.....\$5.00 to \$25.00 Pattern Hats \$18.00 to \$75.00 Let us have the pleasure of showing you these beauties.

Pretty White Fabrics For Summer Dresses Superior qualities at every price—See these numbers: English Nainsook and Long Cloths, per yard at.....10c, 15c, 18c and 25c Sheer India Linons and Flaxons, always most popular, at...18c, 25c and 35c Dainty Persian and French Lawns, for graduation dresses, 25c, 39c and 59c Pretty Shirting Madras, striped and figured, per yard at...15c, 25c and 39c

POPLINS, VOILES, GINGHAMS, MUSLINS AT SPECIAL PRICES THURSDAY BY DOMESTIC SOLE. Poplins, good colors and weights; 19c values, at.....19c Voiles, with fancy silk stripes; good colors; 25c values, at.....19c Fancy figured Batiste; good patterns; 12 1/2c values, at.....12 1/2c 36-in. Princesses, light and dark colors; long lengths; values to 12 1/2c, at 7 1/2c Special 72x90 made Sheets, 50c val. 39c Special Pillow Cases; 42x36; 12 1/2c values, at each.....10c New Silks; Shantung; good colors; 25c values, the yard.....25c Feather Ticking fancy colors and stripes; 30c value, the yard.....25c Silk striped Gingham; good patterns; 25c values, at the yard.....15c Shepherd or Scotch plaid; 18c val. us. all the yard.....10c Galata Cloth; light colors; good patterns; 15c values, at the yard.....10c

HAYDENS' BIG EASTER GROCERY SALE PRICES We don't belong to any federation, association or combination to maintain trust prices. Our aim is the people. 22 lbs. best granulated Sugar, \$1.00 45-lb. sack best high grade Diamond H. Flour, nothing finer for bread, pork or cake, per sack.....\$1.10 10 lbs. best "Egg All" or Diamond C Soap for all purposes, 25c 10 lbs. best rolled breakfast Oatmeal, per 10 lbs. white or yellow Cornmeal, 75c 10 lbs. fancy Japan Rice, 10c quality, for.....25c The best domestic Macaroni, Vermicelli or Spaghetti, pkg.....75c Large bottles Worcester Sauce, Pickles, assorted pure Tomato catsup, Horseradish or Mustard, bottle 50c Imported oil Sardines, per can.....50c 3 cans domestic oil or mustard Sardines, for.....75c 1-lb. can assorted Soups.....10c Jello, Jellycon or Advo Jell, pkg. 75c 2-lb. cans fancy Sweet Sugar Corn 5c 2-lb. can fancy Wax String, Green or Lima Beans, for.....75c 2-lb. can Early June Peas.....10c Fancy Queen Olives, quart.....25c The best bulk Peanut Butter, lb. 12 1/2c Tall can Alaska Salmon.....50c 3-lb. can Hominy, Pumpkin, Squash or Baked Beans, for.....75c Peiers' Breakfast Cocoa, lb.....20c Pint jars pure strained Honey.....20c The best Soda or Oyster Crackers, per lb.....10c Fancy assorted Cookies, lb.....15c E. C. Corn Flakes, pkg.....50c The best Tea Siftings, lb.....10c Golden Santos Coffee, lb.....25c Eggs, Butter and Cheese for Easter The best, strictly fresh No. 1, guaranteed Eggs, nothing finer for 50c a dozen, our price, dozen.....50c The best creamery Butter, carton of bulk, per lb.....37c The best country creamery Butter, per lb.....35c The best No. 1 Dairy Butter, lb.....25c Good Dairy table Butter, lb.....20c Full cream Cheese, for macaroni, per lb.....15c Full cream, Wisconsin cheese, per lb.....15c The best N. Y. White Cheese, lb.....20c Neufchâtel Cheese, each.....20c The Greatest Vegetable Market in the Country for the People—A Saving of 50 to 100 per cent. Fresh Beets, Carrots, Turnips, Radishes or shallots, bunch.....4c 15 lbs. Best Red River Early Ohio Potatoes, for.....15c 12 lbs. fancy Eating or Cooking Apples, for.....25c 12 lbs. good Cooking Apples.....20c 15 lbs. fancy Red Globe Onions.....15c Fancy California Cauliflower, per bunch.....75c Fancy ripe Tomatoes, lb.....10c Fancy Egg Plants, each.....75c Fancy Rhubarb, bunch.....50c Fancy Head Lettuce, head.....75c-80c 2 heads Fresh Leaf Lettuce, for.....20c Cape Cod Cranberries, 4 qts. for.....50c Fancy Strawberries, a box for.....50c Fancy hothouse Mushrooms, box 50c Fancy large green Cucumbers, ea. 15c Extra fancy Grape Fruit, 46 size, 7 1/2c OUR ANNUAL SALE OF Easter Lilies 500 beautiful blooming plants will be placed on sale Thursday at, per blossom or bud.....15c Such lilies are selling everywhere regularly at 25c a bloom.

IT PAYS Try HAYDEN'S First IT PAYS