

TWO COUNTIES LET DREDGING CONTRACT

DECIDE TO PROVIDE OWN

DREDGE

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Reject All Bids of Companies

With Equipment—Sell to Con-

tractors When Through.

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After considering the various propos-

tions submitted, the commissioners of

Pierce and King counties yesterday, by

a vote of four to two, decided to award

the dredging contract in the inter-county

river improvement work to Cross &

Rollins of Seattle. The counties are to

provide the county furnish the dredges

and agreed to take the dredges off the

hands of the counties after the work

was completed at three-fourths the

original cost of the dredges, giving bond

to protect the counties.

The sharp cut-off and the lower

river cut-off involve five miles of

dredging. There is 500,000 cubic yards

in the Rosalie cut-off, involving 1 1/2

miles of dredging, for which the Cross

& Rollins bid is 10.92 cents per cubic

yard. For this the estimate of J. B. C.

Lockwood of Portland figured the cost

likely to be 12 cents per cubic yard.

Noting the Cross & Rollins bid as

against those former bids of 12 cents

per cubic yard with the Rosalie cut-off

at 13 cents per cubic yard, the result

of letting the contract to Cross & Roll-

ins with \$18,000 deducted by their tak-

ing over the dredger at three-fourths the

cost means a saving of \$126,000 over

former bids, with the county paying 25

per cent of the cost of the dredges, ac-

ording to Commissioner W. H. Reed.

Hamilton and Knudsen of the King

county board, and Reed and Lewis of

the Pierce county board, voted in favor

of awarding the contract to Cross &

Rollins. McKenzie of King county and

Smith of Pierce county voted against it.

Engineer Roberts of the inter-county

river improvement work will now con-

sider the plans and bids of firms offer-

ing to build dredgers, as well as others

who wish to submit plans and bids on

the dredger. He will take them up in

detail and later probably within 30 or

40 days report his findings to the com-

missioners for discussion and the letting

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