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STEEL FOR DALLES BRIDGE NOW ARRIVING AT SITE

"The bridge steel is here!" This word went wafting on the winds through the valley last Friday when the first four gondola cars of fabricated steel were spotted on the siding behind the Standard oil plant here. A few of the skeptics had to go down and see for themselves, but it was there all right, big, bulky and heavy.

General Construction Co., contractors for the bridge and steel workers of the Arthur Fralick Co., subcontractors who will erect the steel, immediately set to work unloading the girders and castings. As to yesterday ten cars have now been received and are expected daily as the work progresses. The steel is being taken by truck directly to the bridge site where it is being piled along the roadway. It now stretches from the river north almost to the "Y".

The total amount of steel needed for the bridge is 644 tons. Mr. Stillwell, foreman, estimated that the ten cars received should total about 250 tons. He expects the balance to come in without interruption. The last cars to arrive took only six days from the Virginia rolling mills.

Will Start On South Side

Erection of steel will be started on the south side of the river as all the steel must be taken over the north approach, which will have to be kept clear. A barge in the river will provide a working deck for the crew.

The span will be erected half way across from the south side, after which work

will start on this side to meet in the center. Mr. Stillwell estimates that it will take six to eight weeks for completion of the steelwork. Pouring of the cement deck will follow this.

Actual erection of steel will not start for about a week or ten days as the crew must first replace the present high line with a higher tower and heavier cable. As soon as this is done the steel will begin to rise.

Roadwork Booming

Both Day Construction, who are completing the south approach, and Erickson's, who are building the stretch from Faber to connect with it, are on the job now. Erickson has been working for the past two weeks and are now making great strides in the fill at Devil's Elbow. The Day Construction shovel is in operation on the approach, starting where it left off last fall on cutting down the slope just east of the south approach.

From now on it will be a race to see whether or not the highway is ready for travel by the time the bridge is completed.