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CONTRACT LET FOR TRACK EXTENSION BY CITY OF SEATTLE

TO FINISH THE ROAD TO GORGE CREEK SITE - PASSENGER CAR TO BE PURCHASED FOR USE IN UPPER SKAGIT VALLEY.

The board of public works of the city of Seattle last week awarded the contract for the construction of a railroad track from the Newhalem camp, on the old Dohne homestead, to the Gorge creek dam site, a distance of 2.65 miles, to the Grant Smith Company on its bid of \$94,923.25. The Grant Smith Company has practically completed its contract for the construction of the railroad from Rockport to Newhalem camp, and this piece of track is now being used for traffic. When the new section is built the city of Seattle will have a standard gauge railroad from the terminus of the Great Northern at Rockport to the site of the big power plant at Gorge creek. Over this road will be hauled the materials and supplies for the construction of the damn and power plant at Gorge creek. Over this road will be hauled the materials and supplies for the construction of the dam and power plant at Gorge creek, and later for the building of the additional units at Ruby creek and the Diablo canyon.

With the transportation line about completed, the board of public works took the first steps towards furnishing the rolling stock needed to operate the city's railway system. The city engineer was given authority to purchase and place in operation a gasoline motor car capable of carrying twenty-five passengers. This car will be used in carry official, power plant and railway employees and other citizens between Rockport and the power site and to the various camps maintained by the city.