



The Evening News

Daily Weather Report
Fair Tonight With Heavy Frost; Friday Fair & Warmer
Highest temp. yesterday...55
Lowest temp. last night...36

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HUNTER GIVEN CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL HOUSE

Board Does Not Consider Withdrawal But Accepts Bid.

CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED WITHIN 10 DAYS

School Board Takes Every Precaution to Safeguard District and Will Appoint Superintendent To Assist Architect.

The contract for the erection of the new high school building was last night awarded to John Hunter, whose bid of \$57,833.80 was the lowest of any submitted by a number of contractors. The structure will be built according to the original plans and specifications, the proposed changes not being deemed advisable.

The withdrawal which was submitted yesterday by Mr. Hunter to the school board was given no consideration, he being held to his agreement or forfeit his certified check for ten per cent of the amount bid. Mr. Hunter was notified of the award of the contract and at first refused to accept it. Later, however, he stated that he would probably take the contract and erect the building. The proposal calls for the contract to be signed within ten days after its being awarded and the commencement of work immediately.

District Safeguarded.

The school board has taken every precaution to guard the district in the expenditure of its money. The contractor will be required to furnish a bond of \$28,000 to be satisfactory to the board that he will faithfully perform his duty and fulfill his part of the contract. In order to see that the plans and specifications are followed in every particular a superintendent will be in constant attendance during the progress of construction and will act under the direction of the architect who will have direct supervision.

Walter Singleton has been chosen by the school board to act as superintendent and in this selection they have picked a man who is qualified in every particular to fill the duties of the office. For many years he has been in business as a contractor and carpenter and has had charge of many difficult undertakings which he has brought to a successful finish. He is a man whose honesty is undoubted and who in settling questions which are bound to arise will deal fairly and impartially with both sides. He is also in a position to enforce the terms of the contract and his past record shows him to be a man who will see that this is done. F. Manson White, the architect who devised the plans for the imposing structure will be in this city every ten days or two weeks to see that the progress is satisfactory, although he is at present superintending the erection of nine public buildings in as many places in the United States.

Changes Not Considered.

The school board did not consider the proposed changes in the structure in order to lessen the amounts of the bids as only one bid on the amended plans was received, this being from Suocks & Traver Company, of Salem, whose bid on the first plans was \$63,990. The bid was left unopened, a motion being made that the contract for the high school building be awarded to John Hunter, the motion being seconded and carried by a unanimous vote of the board. The proposed changes consisted in the substituting of reinforced concrete instead of faced brick, as the material for the construction of the exterior walls, a change in the material to be used as flooring in the corridors, and several other changes in details.

The time limit set for the completion of the high school building is September 25, of this year, with

a penalty of \$20 for every day exceeding this date. It is hoped to have the building completely finished and ready for occupancy by the mid-year term of school which begins in January.

The contract for the plumbing has been let to C. W. Hughes, of this city, proprietor of the Roseburg Plumbing & Heating Company. The contract for the heating and ventilating was given to Theodore M. Barr, of Salem.

FREEZING WEATHER DOES MILLIONS DAMAGE IN IDAHO

BOISE, May 11.—The freeze of last night caused more than a million dollars' worth of damage to southern Idaho fruit growers. The prune crop is entirely destroyed, while the apple crop is badly damaged and the small fruit wiped out.

SPORTSMEN TO HOLD MEETING THIS EVENING

Joint Session of Game Association and Gun Club.

WILL URGE IMPROVEMENT OF HATCHERY

Will Plan Picnic to Be Held May 21 at Which Time Governor and Game Commission Will Be Present.

A joint meeting of the Douglas County Game Protective Association and the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club will be held at the Commercial club tonight at which time it is expected that nearly all of the prominent sportsmen of the city will be present, while several from outside points will be in attendance. The meeting is for the purpose of getting together on questions which are becoming vital in the county and the two organizations will endeavor to form a system of united effort so as to obtain more concerted action in their doings.

One of the important matters which will be taken up is the improvement of the state hatchery on the North Umpqua. A larger and more improved hatchery has been promised for some time and has been authorized by the commission nothing whatever has as yet been done towards its improvement and the sportsmen desire to see operations started at once. They will also devise plans whereby they can assist in the work and will also urge for the restocking of the Oregon fishing streams and will arrange for the securing of more fish fry for this purpose. The amalgamation of the two organizations to secure legislation and protection for the fish and game of Douglas county will be discussed and it is hoped that a decision may be reached.

Will Arrange for Picnic.

More detailed arrangements will also be made for the salmon dinner which is to be held at Winchester Sunday, May 21. This is to be one of the biggest events of its kind ever held in Douglas county. A program is being prepared for the day which will include speeches by Governor Withycombe and members of the state fish and game commission, all of whom have accepted invitations to attend. In the afternoon a trap shoot will be held which will include five fifteen-bird events besides a contest for the Gun Club medal. In addition, several expert shots from Portland will be in attendance and will vie in trick and fancy shooting.

This event is under the charge of J. W. Perkins, an enthusiastic sportsman. This alone is enough to insure its being a success as he has proven his ability to furnish entertainment on many occasions. The salmon bake is the first to be held by the associations, although a miniature bake was given by S. B. Crouch to the members of the club a short time ago. This was such a success that it was decided to enlarge the idea to a public picnic at

CUT OFF ROAD IS PRAISED BY ENGINEER

Engineering and Construction Efficiency Shown.

WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO COUNTY

County Court Makes Inspection of Many Needed and Proposed Improvements in the County Roads.

County Judge R. W. Marsters, Commissioner B. F. Nichols, County Highway Engineer K. A. Sinclair and Forest Supervisor S. C. Bartram have just returned from an inspection tour of the Crater Lake cut-off. The members of the court and the highway engineer were highly pleased with the progress and quality of the work that is being done. This work is being done by the U. S. forest service in co-operation with the county and the people in the road district through which the new road traverses.

In speaking of the Crater Lake cut-off, Highway Engineer Sinclair, who is himself an expert in road construction, said that the work which is being done by the forest service is excellent and shows high efficiency, both in engineering and construction.

Mr. Sinclair was very much delighted with the South Umpqua country, and stated that this new road was a very worthy project and one which he thought would be of inestimable value to the whole county when completed. He believes the work should be completed as rapidly as possible since it will tend to develop a very large country and will open up travel to the Rogue river, Crater Lake and eastern Oregon. This was Mr. Sinclair's first trip into the South Umpqua country and he states that he never expected to see such a highly developed and rich agricultural section of the country. Where there are so many

which the gamey fish which invites the many sportsmen to spend their days on the streams of the county, would be served as the principal item of menu.

well improved farms and beautiful homes surrounded by such magnificent scenery one must really see it to appreciate it.

On the return of the party they made a thorough examination of the proposed change through John Perdue's ranch above Days Creek. The proposed change involves a distance of nearly 2 miles. It was found upon examination that a change could be made reducing the grade from 15 to 25 per cent on the present road to not to exceed two per cent over the new route. A very satisfactory arrangement was made with Mr. Perdue, through whose land the new right of way will be located. Arrangements were made on the ground for the right of way which will obviate the necessity of court proceedings. Mr. Perdue himself is a good roads advocate, liberal and broad-minded, therefore it took only a short time to perfect the arrangements. It is very probably that the change will be made and the road open to travel by August 1st.

Personal examination by the county court and county highway engineer of the many needed changes and improvements of the different roads throughout the county will result in much substantial permanent road construction.

CUMMINS HERE TOMORROW 10 A. M.

The present outlook for the meeting here tomorrow of Senator Cummins, is that it will be a great outpouring of not republicans alone, but of every class of American citizens, who desire to hear the vital topics of the day and near future discussed and presented by one who is familiar with them from every angle.

Senator Cummins has been for years one of the leading constitutional lawyers of the United States, and during his long career as a senator has been of able assistance in securing the passage of many laws favorable to labor while at the same time he has seen that the legitimate rights of capital were not infringed upon and enjoined from helping in the progress and development of the country. The address, as now fully determined upon, will be in the Antlers theatre at promptly 10 a. m., the senator being introduced in a short talk by Dr. Seely. The ladies of the city and county are especially invited to grace the occasion with their presence, as the speaker will have some timely advice to them regarding their duties under their status

AMERICANS ARE TOLD TO QUIT OLD MEXICO

Less Than 5000 Now Remain in War Torn Country.

OBREGON AWAITS WORD FROM CARRANZA

May Ask That a Part of United States Troops Be Removed From Mexico at Once, Rest Later On.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The state department through the consuls, today again warned all Americans to quit Mexico. The reports recently said there were fewer than 5000 Americans in Mexico, and this number has probably been reduced since the developments caused the massing of the troops on the border. The reiteration of the insistence on the part of Mexico to fix a time limit for the presence of the expedition in Mexico is causing great uneasiness. Baker, however, is more optimistic after receiving the latest word from Scott.

Wait Upon Carranza.
General Obregon awaited word from General Carranza as to the course he is now to pursue, and when instructions did not come a conference which had been proposed for this morning was postponed until tomorrow.

Falling to have a definite date of withdrawal set, it was reported that the Mexican government may next try to have part of the American troops taken out at once, leaving the rest to co-operate with the forces of the Carranza government in the pursuit of the Villa men. The report, which could not be confirmed, had

in this state.

As Senator Cummins deserves a large share of the credit for the excellent primary law of Iowa, he may be expected to advance some line of thought which may materially help in eliminating some of the noxious features of the Oregon law, and show where the improvements can be effected. Do not overlook the date and the hour, Friday at 10 a. m., in the Antlers theatre.

it that the Mexicans believed the size of Pershing's army is out of all proportion to its mission—the extermination of a few hundred bandits—and that a much smaller force would answer as well. A partial withdrawal, it is argued, would have a good political influence in Mexico.

Further Attempts Useless.
If this plan were rejected, it was indicated last night, the Mexicans were likely to consider further attempts to alter the position of the United States useless and it was believed they would then agree to the proposals of the American government.

In an authoritative quarter the belief was expressed that today's meeting would be the last of the conferences and that General Obregon would endorse the tentative agreement with perhaps a few minor changes.

Asked whether today's meeting would be final, General Obregon said: "I don't know; there might be other meetings."

In the absence of new proposals, the situation as it now stands is as follows:

Generals Scott and Funston are unalterably opposed to any change in the tentative agreement which sets a date for American withdrawal from Mexico.

Obregon's Proposal Not Considered.
However, the American conferees are listening to all proposals the Mexican agent may make while waiting for him to realize that the intentions of the American government are immovable.

In the meantime, General Obregon's proposal for a joint troop patrol of the border is not given serious consideration, although it was reported to Washington.

The American authorities doubt that the de facto government can muster sufficient forces to form a patrol of the sort outlined and at the same time carry on its campaign against the Zapata men and the Villistas.

At yesterday's conference General Scott requested General Obregon to put in writing his view of the action that has been taken in the present dilemma. Last night until a very late hour the Mexican conferees were in communication with the first chief. This interchange was resumed this morning and continued throughout the day. It is believed that the result of this wire-talk will be the written proposals requested by General Scott.

MAY ABANDON ATTACKS ON VERDUN

French Claim Germans Are Disheartened.

STILL BATTLE FOR POSSESSION HILL 304

Reports From Berlin Claim Signal Successes Are Gained Over Russian and Italian Soldiers.

PARIS, May 11.—With bayonets and hand grenades, the French last night repulsed a German attack northeast of Verdun, an official communication stated.

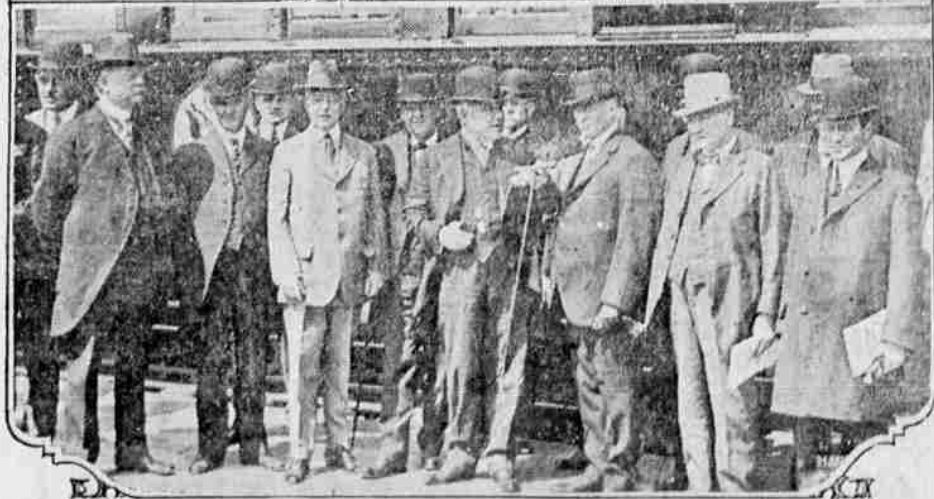
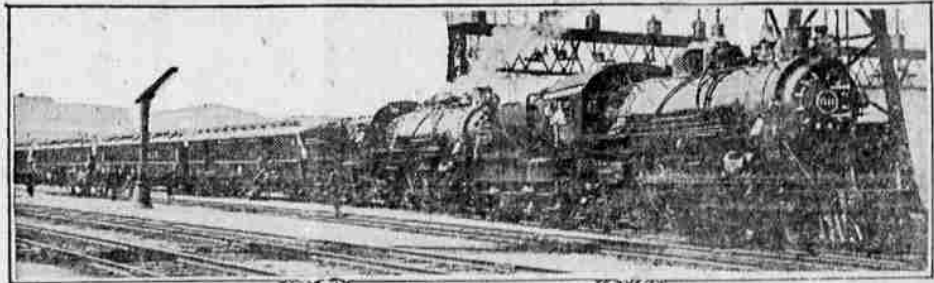
West of the river Meuse only artillery fighting is reported. Although they are still keeping up the artillery fire in this section it is the growing belief that the Germans are preparing to give up the assault upon the city.

The French officers ridiculed the report of the Teutons, who stated that 800,000 French were engaged in the defense of the city. It is said that Germany caused this statement to be published in order that their people would be misled as to the obstacles which confronted them, and thus explain their failure to capture the citadel.

Berlin Issues Statement.
BERLIN, May 11.—The repulse of

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UNCLE SAM'S SAFETY-FIRST TRAIN VISITS MANY CITIES; SHOWS PEOPLE HOW GOVERNMENT SAVES LIVES AND PROPERTY



The Safety-First Special; members of Wilson's cabinet seeing the train off.

President Wilson and his cabinet witnessed the start of the United States government Safety-First Special which left Washington a few days ago for a visit to several hundred cities in every section of the country. The train, consisting of twelve steel coaches containing exhibits which illustrate the work of the various federal bureaus in saving life and property, is drawn by two engines. Each car carries the U. S. seal.