Contract Blamed on Dr. Sommer; Denies Charges.

STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY

Controversy Wages About Letting of Contract for Building the New Couch School Structure.

The special meeting of the school poard yesterday afternoon at which Boyajohn & Arnold were awarded the general contract for the construction of the Couch school, at Twentieth and Hoyt streets, was today followed by a charge that alleged political aspirations of Director Sommer were responsible for the failure of the board to award the contract to the lowest bidder, J. S. Winters.

Winters made the charges, which were promptly denied by Dr. Sommer, who in turn characterized Winters as a "tricky individual" with whom he declared the board had had trouble pre-

Winters' basic bid was \$112,777, and with alternates considered amounted to \$116,687. The Boyajohn & Arnold basic. bid was \$115,890 and stood as the third lowest. Including alternates, however, it was \$119,584, the second lowest. Reason Is Given.

In accepting this bid, which was \$2897 higher than the Winters bid, including alternates, the board acted on the theory that it would secure better work and materials than Winters would have supplied, according to Dr. Sommer.

When a vote was taken, Directors Sommer, Alan Welch Smith and Plummer voted for Boyajohn & Arnold, and Director Beach against them. J. S. Winters in a statement today declared that the alleged political am-

bitions of Dr. E. A. Sommer are respensible for his failure to secure the contract despite that he was the lowest bidder. "My bid on the school was \$112,777

and the next lowest bidder was the figure \$2300 higher than mine. Boyamore," Mr. Winters stated. "The bidders were not apprised of

the time of the meeting of the board, but we were suspicious, and had one of the stenographers tell us when the meeting started. At 4:25 yesterday afternoon we were summoned by tele-

Dr. Alan Welch Smith proposed that the contract be let to Boyajohn & Arnold. His excuse was that the other contractors, although their bids were lower, were not responsible. We were responsible to the extent that we each put up certified checks for more than

Blamed on Politics.

bid through political motives," Mr. of fighting in the north, Winters charged. "He plans to be a The Germans, from all accounts. The Boyajohn & Arnold company 'open shop.' He wants to stand in with unsuccessful. the labor unions by this. Dr. Sommer should not spend the taxpayer's money

ciation was secretly held last night, of the Toul-Verdun line. the board's action.

Mr. Winters had the contract for the worth schools, and in the latter case, to have had considerable labor trouble. "In selecting a general contractor in its vicinity. to build the Couch school building

the board, particularly myself and Dr. Alan Welch Smith, were guided by past experiences and a determination to see that the district got 100 cents worth of work for every dollar expended," said Dr. A. E. Sommer, today, answering Winters' charges.

"I am not running for office and I am not taking any sides in labor con- to or closed shop principle never entered our minds.

Acted for the Best.

that Mr. Winters is a tricky individ-I base, this assumption on the that the board has had trouble him before and I made up my mind that I for one did not intend to have any more.

"Winters was the general contractor for the Ainsworth school, a \$170,000 structure, and he caused us a lot of For one thing, he insisted in in defective material when ordered not to. Our inspectors had trouble with him also.

"Winters' basic bid was \$112,777. and the Boyajohn & Arnold bid was \$115,890. When all the alternates were into considerations Winters' bid would have been \$116,687 and Boyajohn & Arnold's \$119,584. This makes the successful bidder's bid \$2897 higher than Winters', who put in the lowest one, Bingham & Shelley's bid was the second lowest as the basic bid, but the third lowest when alternates were considered, "In selecting the contractor we did,

we felt that we were doing the very best for the district, because we feel that the firm will do better work and building will go up without us having to experience trouble of the kind we had with Winters."

Deaf Man Is Blamed.

Blaming the Peninsula Lumber company for his injuries because the comemployed a deaf man, J. F. Herrold this morning sued the company for \$5000 damages because the employe, he alleges, disobeyed written orders, causing him to be hit with a big plank. This accident occurred August 25. He further asks for \$5000 for injuries received when a pile of lumber fell on him last April.

German Destroyer Taken. London, Oct. 23 .- The capture by the Anglo-Japanese naval forces of a German destroyer which ran the Kiao

Chau blockade was reported today in Pekin dispatch received by the Ex change Telegraph company here.

Knights Will Give Dance. Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 23 .- Columbia Council, No. 1327, Knights of Columbus, will go to Portland Sunday to participate in the exemplification of three degrees on a class of candidates to be taken into the order by the Portland council, Members from Vanwork to take place in the Woodman's hall, Eleventh and Morrison streets,

WAR SUMMARY BY J. W. T. MASON

Former London Correspondent for the United Press.

New York, Oct. 23 .- While the allies were reporting today progress in the western theatre of the European war neasurable by scarcely more than J. S. Winters' Failure to Get on a stupendous scale in the east. west of the Vistula, according to Petrograd advices, with losses mentioned, at a minimum as reaching 200,000, and as a maximum at reaching 50 per cent of the kaiser's entire invading force, Previous experience has shown the

necessity of discounting the overenthusiastic accounts furnished by Petrograd news writers of Russian These authorities seem to measure all engagements on the gigantic scale of Russian distances. Disaster Is Incredible.

That overwhelming disaster has credible reversal of recent developments in the eastern fighting zone. Indeed, overwhelming victories and defeats seem to have been removed from the field of military possibilities by modern strategic methods. The Austrians came very near to

being overwhelmed in Galicia, but their recent remarkable recovery, under German stimulus, suggested that the decisive campaigns are far more difficult now than ever before in the put it across. In this case, however, history of warfare. If Russia believes the Germans have

suffered a crushing defeat on the Vistula, it probably is nourishing as false hopes as it entertained on the strength of its early victories in east Prussia and Galicia.

What May Have Happened.

What probably happened was that the Russians concentrated in great strength about Warsaw and compelled of there to fall back a few miles. Elsewhere the Germans seem to be

holding their own. They are in force in the neighborhood of the first class fortress of Novogorgievsk, which is Warsaw's defense against a flank attack from the north, and are clinging fast to the Vistula basin at Ivangorod, a second class stronghold which guards the capital of Russian Poland against a flanking movement from the southward.

Immediately in front of Warsaw, it is true that the kaiser's line does not seem strong, probably because the wretched roads are hampering the arrival of reinforcements.

It must be conceded, however, that Bingham & Shelley company with a the Russians are showing themselves able to keep the Germans moving in john & Arnold were above that by \$600 Warsaw's vicinity. This is of the most pressing importance to them, for if they are unable to hold fast in its immediate environs, they cannot bring their siege guns into play. Unopposed by heavy artillery, War-

"The action was railroaded through. GERMANS ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO FORCE ALLIES' LINES NORTH

saw is safe.

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Despite the withdrawal mentioned. one of the information received by "Dr. Sommer wanter this contract General Gallieni, the military gover to go to the company that received the nor of Paris, indicated a cessation

andidate for mayor at the next elec- were still trying to reach Nieuport, the east and from the diemploy union labor exclusively, while rection of Lille. All these attempts, the other two bidders, both lower, are however, were declared to have been

Fresh German activity was also announced along the heights of the Meuse, where the kaiser's batteries A meeting of the employers' asso- were heavily shelling the small forts

Mr. Winters declared, and it was de-cided to make a strong protest against been burned. It has been the center of fighting between the British and German cavalry and the scene of construction of the Failing and Ains- many hand to hand encounters. The allies were finally forced to abandon due to the "open shop" policy, is said it on account of the overwhelming numerical superiority of the Germans

the British naval operations along the Belgian coast and in the Belgian canals, Rear Admiral H. A. Hood was understood to be in

Given One More Chance,

Marshall Earl, a young man who has been given numerous opportunities make good and failed, was once troversies. In choosing our general more given a chance by District Judge contractor the proposition of an open Jones this morning. Earl received and endured much to found a state by "The truth of the matter is, I think promise to Judge Jones to reform led weeks when freed. He was first arrested for embezziement.

> Charged With Stealing Logs. D. W. Cieloha was arrested this morning by Deputy Constable Druhot on a charge of stealing two logs and 150 fence posts from J. Dunn. He

was released on \$50 ball, and will be

given a hearing in the district court.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

DALLAS AUDIENCE IS MOVED BY ADDRESS

shoulders of the producer. He dis-cussed the "harmony" program that in times past had led to the ever in-creasing appropriations and the use-less creation of a multitude of boards Meeting Under Auspices of Ladies' Wilson Club Largely Attended.

By Fred Lockley.

Dallas, Or., Oct. 23 .- Standing room will of the people and served those only was the sign hung out at the court house last night. The court room seat 400 comfortably, but last night at least 500 people sat or stood or more than an hour while Dr. C. J. Smith, candidate for governor, delivovertaken the Germans in Russian ered his message. Not a shuffled foot, Poland or that they have been routed not a shifted chair interrupted his to the frontier, would seem an in- talk. Dallas and Polk county may well feel proud of the interest they are showing in the vital issues of the forthcoming election. The Dallas Brass band came to the New Scott hotel to welcome Dr. Smith and later played at the court house. The meeting last night was under the auspices of the Ladies' Wilson club of Dallas. If you want a thing done well turn it over to the ladies. As a matter of pride, if for no other reason, they will it was a case of interest and devotion to principle that made their work

> Dr. Smith had the sort of an audience that brings the best in a man out of him and he delivered an earnest and loquent address. It was eloquent for he same reason that Governor West's addresses are so telling and effective the audience was convinced that the ward, that today we have an awakened speaker was in deadly earnest. Forensic four-flushing and flowery talk like froth leave no residue. Dr. Smith's talk was solid wheat, shaken down and packed solid, there was no chaff to sort over to get at a handful of grain. Miss May Shelton in introducing Dr. ly if you think I am honest and sincere Smith, said:

effective.

Under New Dispensation, "We have met here tonight under a new dispensation. This day is the day expect your vote. If you believe some of political freedom, women like men, other candidate is moer honest, more are sovereign voters. We have the since, more energetic, more capable of right and it is our duty to take part in advancing Oregon's best interests, then the political affairs of our city, state it is your duty to vote for that one. and nation. Let us prove worthy of It is a matter not of politics or policy the right of suffrage. We owe it to but of the highest good of Oregon and ourselves and the public to inform our- its people. I leave the matter in your wisely and vote intelligently. have good right to be proud of Oregon, be right." the peerless leader of so many other states into the path of progress. take pleasure in introducing a man of DR. CARMAN TESTIFIES marked ability, proved integrity and demonstrated efficiency, who I believe is to be our next governor.'

Instant and hearty applause greeted

the remarks of the chairman. Dr. Smith arose and when the re newed applause had subsided said: "I take it as a hopeful sign of our new Democracy that the women are ed. I heard nothing important over taking a like share and an equal inter- the dictagraph, but I wanted to findest with the men in the administration of our government. The gaining of the right to vote carries with it an obligation—the duty to vote. No intelligent man will say that the en- her testimony unshaken. She did not rance of women into politics has not contradict herself once, replied to ettered politics. I cannot help but questions unhesitatingly and passed hink as I face this audience, many of whom are pioneers or the sons and daughters of pioneers, of the part old Polk county has played in the pioneer testified that she heard a shot on history of our state. We are a nation the night of the murder, ran upstairs pioneers and now Oregon is the pioneer in progressive legislation. Our nation was started by a band of God fearing pioneers who came to the bleak New England shore, landing at Plymouth Rock. Their sons were the pioneers of the Ohio valley. The sons of these adventurous pioneers drifted outhward and westward till the Mississippi valley had been settled. Westward the pioneers wended their way to the valley of the Missouri and the Platte and finally your fathers and mothers, most adventurous and courageous of all, started on the long, toilsome and dangerous trip for the far

off valley of the Willamette. In Those Olden Days, "Can you not see these pioneers of the early frontier and fifties starting off with their new white covered prairie schooners and their newly shod oxen, and then can you not see them later with worn and mended wagons and footsore oxen unspanning in the

valleys and on the foothills of old Polk county to help make a new star for the flag out of the Oregon country, jointly occupied by the British and the Americans? Your fathers dared much word of the death of a young son in the western sea. You can do no less the east and expects to go back to his than to keep this goodly heritage unhome. His last failure to keep his impaired and undefiled. We are at peace. Our voice, the voice of our to a sentence of six months on the country through our president, has rockpile. He had served but two been heard above the din of battle, urging peace on war-worn and con-

flict-worn Europe." Dr. Smith took up in logical seruence, and discussed the issues of the the hand he saw through the window campaign. He was frequently inter- when the shot was fired was a worupted by applause as he made telling man's hand, but said, on the contrary, points. He discussed the Oregon sys- that he had always thought it was a em, and urged eternal vigilance in its man's hand. preservation from the attacks of its nsidious enemies.

He told of the attacks being made the night of the tragedy and heard a on the direct primary, and told the shot. He said he saw a man leap from animus of the attacks and what plunthe fence on the west side of the

derbund hoped to gain by its overthrow. He discussed equal suffrage rick road, and finally turn west, runand the effect it would have on the ning as long as he was in sight. preservation of the sanctity and integ-

Mrs. Carman Denies Jealousy. ity of the church, the school, the On the stand yesterday afternoon nome and the family. He spoke of the Mrs. Carman described the incidents work already done by women for the of the fatal day, saying she went on infortunate, delinquent and incorrigi-ble. He spoke of the need for vocaa shopping tour and had retired early tional training in the schools. He told of the waste and extravagance of the

"The playing of the piano by my daughter," she said, "disturbed me, legislature that was piling an ever in-creasing burden of taxation on the stairs and told her to stop. Then and I donned a kimono, went down returned upstairs. "Later Mrs. Conklin, my mother;

Powell, my sister, and Mrs. Colby, my niece, came to my room and told me that a woman had been shot." Mrs. Carman said her husband had

He took up the record of the 1913 legislature and showed how shamelesswhile a patient was there after she lyy it had destroyed its trust, how a had entered once and slapped the few of its members had etaonis the face of a nurse. "Because of my husband's order,"

He showed how Polk county's taxes stairs when I heard about the shoothad increased 155 per cent in four ing." years. He gave facts and figures to Never Pired a Revolver. prove his assertions. He showed how the senate with less integrity and honesty than the house had in 1913 defeated the single item veto, the conetaoin veto, the effort to recover for the state the lands illegally held by stories about him that I wanted to last few months-mostly because of the Coos Bay Wagon Road company, be sure.

Record of Legislature.

a domain of 90,000 acres which should

restore the assembly, who do not be-

lieve in the single item veto and who

sneer at law enforcement. They over-

THAT HE BELIEVES IT

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was sure my suspicions were unfound-

out if there was any other woman

more attractive to the doctor than I."

the noon recess, leaving the stand with

through the ordeal without the least

Mrs. Carman's daughter, Elizabeth,

Slapped Nurse's Face,

of her husband handing money to a

nurse in his office that stirred her,

not the fact of the nurse having kissed

him. Mrs. Carman said she slapped

Mrs. Platt Conklin, Mrs. Carman's

mother, testified that on the night of

try and the office, through which Celia

had passed, was closed and locked

oleman said she and Mrs. Carman

Mrs. Ida Powell, the defendant's

DDr. Carman took the witness stand

Carman testified that on the

sister, also was called and corroborated

much of the testimony given by Mrs.

DDr. Carman Testifies,

night of the murder he went into his

waiting room at 7:40 o'clock and found

a strange man there. He swore the

man said he had some one who wanted

to see the doctor, but left saying he

Dr. Carman said Mrs. Conklin, Mrs.

Powell and Celia Coleman entered his

office after the shooting, but that

clared the door between his office and

Dr. Carman was severely cross-ex-

amined by Prosecutor Smith, but his

testimony remained unshaken. He said

he could not recall telling anyone that

Charles Adams, a negro, swore that

he was passing the Carman house on

Carman did not.

the pantry was locked.

the murder the door between the pan-

the nurse's face "good and hard."

from the office side.

Carman.

at 2 o'clock.

would return.

The defendant said it was the sight

found her mother in her bedroom

variation in her direct testimony.

Mrs. Carman was excused before

WAN MAN FIRED SHOT

the selfish and self-seeking age.

who gave them their pay.

land," said Dr. Smith.

revert to the state. He showed how graph the night Mrs. Bailey was the senate had killed the bill passed killed," said Mrs. Carman. by the house known as the land con- fired a revolver in my life. "The statements made by demnation bill, which provided that when land was needed for public pur- Coleman that I passed through the poses it could be purchased for twice kitchen before the shot was fired. its assessed valuation. "They wanted and then back soon afterward, are to dodge their fair share of the burden lies."

of taxes and yet be allowed to hold up the public when they came to sell their Kenneth F. McRea "This is the same corrupt gang," he Dies in Missouri continued, "who are trying to break down the direct primary, who want to

Prominent Stockman of Dayville, Grant County, Was Well Knokn Throughlook that the world has moved for-

public conscience, that this is the age Kenneth Farquhar MacRea, a promof altruism and public service. Their only though is, 'What is in it for me?" I believe we will depose the men who J. MacKenie of this city, died at J. MacKenzie. stand for a condition that has passed, Savannah, Mo., October 15, according to information just received here. Mr. MacRae was widely and favorain my belief, if you indorse my platoly known throughout the state and form and if you wish to see the pol-

icies I have advocated carved out I will deep regret. He is survived by a widow. He was born at Strathconan, Rosshire, Scotland, and his father and mother were both members of well also.

known Highland families elves so that we may use our right hands convinced that you will do what his education at the Inverness acad- who survives him. in your mind and heart you believe to

Jones' Market

Stole 15 Years Ago years pastor of the Taylor street and First Methodist churches, received

Amounts Received by Road.

warned her never to enter his office said he would call it square if the ompany would

said Mrs. Carman, "I did not go down left \$5 "on account." He said he had stolen several rides on that road. Although the price of the fare he should have paid was much more, he explained Mrs. Carman admitted installing a that this was all he could afford to dictagraph in Dr. Carman's office, pay now. He promised to call later

with other installments. "I was not listening on the dictaentitled to it.

thur Balfour, later premier of England, he came to Portland, where he had Desirous of entering the stock business he went to Grant county. In a

trols extensive adjacent ranges. was interested in diversified farming,

Conscience stricken over a ride of

man on his father's property in Rosfoundation for his later successful car-

After an honorable discharge from the army through the Honorable Ar-

few years he was the owner of exten-

Mr. MacRae married in November,

30 miles stolen 15 years ago, a general passenger department offices this morning and said he wanted to expiate his evil deed. At this late day he could not even be sure of his disance, but after some discussion, laid two silver dollars on the counter and The same individual stopped at the Southern Pacific offices on the third floor of the Wells-Fargo building and

cently accepted about \$17.50 from a former employe who said he had drawn afterward had used his pass, thourhaving quit the service, he was not

eer in this country.

spent in the British army in the Houseold Cavalry, better known as the First Life Guards.

nent stockman of Dayville, Grant kinsmen, the late Mr. Donald and Kencounty, Oregon, and a cousin of Dr. K. neth Macleay, also his cousin, Dr. K. A sive holdings in the John Day valley

Company as Conscience Money; Other

stranger walked into the O.-W. R. & N. Tramp Warblers

husband, but I had heard so many turned into the railroads within the land's prettiest motion picture theatre stolen rides. The North Bank re- to the stage and before Murphy knew more pay than was coming to him and

emy. He began his career as a stock-

news of his death will be received with He became ultimately the owner of the well known Glen Shiel stock farm which comprises 8000 acres and con-

He was educated at the Parish 1897, Lilian Egan, eldest daughter of school at Strathconan and completed Stephen Egan, Esq., of Dublin, Ireland

Fourth and Alder

Portland friends of the family of Rev. Benjamin Young, for a number of First Methodist churches,

word yesterday that his daughter, Miss Faith Young, was slightly injured in the collapse of the grandstand at Washburn athletic field, Topeka, Kan.,

> Surprise Murphy Sunset Theatre Manager Runs on Sen-sation of Season.
> "Say, old man, can you square us to multigan?" Murphy looked up to see squad of the forlornest looking specimens he ever laid eyes 'on. "Sure. (They don't make 'em any more kind hearted than "Murph.") "Sure; come

Portland Girl Is Hurt.

along." They, certainly were hungryeggs, beefsteak, coffee, doughnuts, etc. disappeared like dew before the morning sun. After the big feed Number said he would like to pay for it with a song or two, so Mr. Murphy tool them into the Sunset. (The contrast between those four bedraggled bums and the fastidious interior of Portgave him a chill.) They scrambled what had happened he was listening to a quartet, such as he had nevel heard before. "The Old Oaken Bucket," that touching old favorite, brought tears to the eyes of the old time theat rical man, who thought the tear ducts had dried up long ago. To make long story short, Murphy signed them They will sing in their regular shire and acquired an intimate knowl- attire (all the old time melodles) edge of stock raising, which laid the until the wanderlust "gets them" again. "The Tramps' Quartet" it has been er in this country.

A short interlude of his life was the lobby of the Sunset theatre every noon hour while they are in Portland

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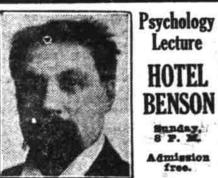
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