

SCHOOL DIRECTOR IS ACCUSED BY BIDDER OF PLAYING POLITICS

J. S. Winters' Failure to Get 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 board yesterday afternoon at which Boyajohn & Arnold were awarded the 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.

WAR SUMMARY BY J. W. T. MASON

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New York, Oct. 23.—While the allies were reporting today progress in the western theatre of the European war measurable by scarcely more than inches, Russia was claiming victories on a stupendous scale in the east.

The Germans have been driven back west of the Vistula, according to Petrograd advices, with losses mentioned, at a minimum of 200,000, and as maximum at reaching 50 per cent of the Kaiser's entire invading force.

Previous experience has shown the necessity of discounting the over-enthusiastic accounts furnished by Petrograd news writers of Russian progress. These authorities seem to measure all engagements on the gigantic scale of Russian distances.

DALLAS AUDIENCE IS MOVED BY ADDRESS OF DR. C. J. SMITH

Meeting Under Auspices of Ladies' Wilson Club Largely Attended.

By Fred Lockley. Dallas, Oct. 23.—Standing room only was the sign hung out at the court house last night. The court room will seat 400 comfortably, but last night it teemed with people sitting on the floor for more than an hour while Dr. C. J. Smith, candidate for governor, delivered his message.

Dr. Smith had the sort of an audience that brings the best in a man out of him and he delivered an earnest and eloquent address. It was eloquent for the same reason, women like addresses are so telling and effective—the audience was convinced that the speaker was in deadly earnest.

Instant and hearty applause greeted the remarks of the chairman. Dr. Smith's address was so well received that the speaker was called upon to repeat his address.

derbund hoped to gain by its overthrow. He discussed the equal suffrage issue.

He took up the record of the 1913 legislature and showed how shamelessly it had destroyed its trust, how a law of its members had stolen the will of the people and served those who gave them their pay.

He showed how Polk county's taxes had increased 155 per cent in four years. He gave facts and figures to prove his assertions. He showed how the senate with less integrity and honesty than the house had in 1913 defeated the equal suffrage amendment.

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Pays for Ride He Stole 15 Years Ago

Stranger Returns \$2 to O.-W. R. & N. Company as Conscience Money; Other Amounts Received by Road.

Conscience stricken over a ride of 30 miles stolen 15 years ago, a stranger walked into the O.-W. R. & N. general passenger department offices this morning and said he wanted to explain his evil deed.

The same individual stopped at the Southern Pacific offices on U. S. third floor of the Wells-Fargo building and left \$5 "on account." He said he had stolen several rides on that road.

He began his career as a stockman on his father's property in Rosshire and acquired an intimate knowledge of stock raising, which laid the foundation for his later successful career in the county.

Tramp Warblers Surprise Murphy

Sunset Theatre Manager Bums on Season of Season.

"Say, old man, can you square us to a muligan?" Murphy looked up to see a squad of the forlornest looking specimens he ever laid eyes on.

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Kenneth F. McRea Dies in Missouri

Prominent Stockman of Dayville, Grant County, Was Well Known Throughout His State.

Kenneth Farquhar MacRea, a prominent stockman of Dayville, Grant county, Oregon, and a cousin of Dr. K. A. J. MacKenzie of this city, died at his home in Missouri, October 15, according to information just received here.

He was born at Strathconan, Rosshire, Scotland, and his father and mother were both members of well known Highland families.

He was educated at the Parish school at Strathconan and completed his education at the Inverness academy.

AMUSEMENTS National Theatre - a reel playhouse Park-Starb-West Park

Fellow Citizens: I'LL GET WHAT I PROMISED FOR YOU—THE BEST ATTRACTIONS THAT MONEY WILL BUY—OR BREAK A HAME STRAP IN TRYING.

HOTEL CORNELIUS The House of Welcome Park and Alder Streets Portland, Or.

AMUSEMENTS GLOBE THEATER 11th & Washington

AMUSEMENTS The Tardy Cannonball A Story of the Rail in Two Parts

AMUSEMENTS The Star Theatre Today and Tomorrow MARGARITE CLARK

AMUSEMENTS Master of the Inn Psychology Lecture HOTEL BENSON

GERMANS ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO FORCE ALLIES' LINES NORTH

Despite the withdrawal mentioned, none of the information received by General Gallieni, the military governor of Paris, indicated a cessation of fighting in the north.

The Germans, from all accounts, were still trying to reach Nieuport, both from the east and from the direction of Lille. All these attempts, on an account given, have been unsuccessful.

Given One More Chance. Marshall Earl, a young man who has been given numerous opportunities to make good and failed, was once more given a chance by District Judge Jones this morning.

Charged With Stealing Logs. D. W. Cleo was arrested this morning by Deputy Constable Drenhot on a charge of stealing two logs and 150 fence posts from J. Dunn. He was released on \$50 bail, and will be given a hearing in the district court.

Journal Want Ads bring results. Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 23.—Columbia Council, No. 1527, Knights of Columbus, will go to Portland Sunday to participate in the amplification of the three degrees on a class of candidates to be taken into the order by the Portland council.

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MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS of all wool \$12 Oregon Cassimeres, special showing at.....\$12 Other splendid garments in all the season's latest models at \$15, \$18, \$20

DR. CARMAN TESTIFIES THAT HE BELIEVES IT WAN MAN FIRED SHOT

(Continued from Page One.) was sure my suspicions were unfounded. I heard nothing important over the dictograph, but I wanted to find out in this case if there was anything more attractive to the doctor than I."

Dr. Carman testified that on the night of the murder he went into his waiting room at 7:40 o'clock and found later with worn and muddy shoes, a man said he had come into the office to see the doctor, but left saying he would return.

Dr. Carman said Mrs. Conklin, Mrs. Powell and Celia Coleman entered his office after the shooting, but Mrs. Carman did not. He also declared the door between his office and the pantry was locked.

Dr. Carman was severely cross-examined by Prosecutor Smith, but his testimony remained unshaken. He said he could not recall telling anyone that he had accused the inmates of the asylum.

PEOPLES THEATRE

Today and Tomorrow "Where the Trail Divides" A five-reel production from the Lasky studios, featuring Robert Edeson in the best offering of the company, excelling even "The Call of the North" and "The Virginian."

War Scenes in the Strand Pictures SUNDAY and ALL WEEK MACLYN ARBUCKLE

"The County Chairman" Henry W. Savage's First Film Offering

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