

SCHOOL FURNITURE CONTRACT GOES TO LOW BID COMPANY

On Account of Alleged Irregularities Newell for Award to Rival Concern, But Outvoted.

MYSTERIOUS NOTE FIGURES

Talk of Seeing Directors Contained in Missive From "John" to "Frank," Found in Corridor.

Bids for school furniture for the ensuing year were awarded by a majority of directors at the school board meeting Thursday night to the Northwest Furniture company, which submitted the low bid. Recommendation of the supply committee, consisting of Directors Thomas and Newell, was rejected. The contention of Director Newell that the board had given the committee power to act was overruled on the ground that the board has no right to give unrestricted authority to a committee; that the statutes provide that certain functions be performed by the board, which cannot be delegated to anyone else, either a part of itself or anyone outside.

NEWELL STATES POSITION

Directors Thomas and Plummer were absent. A telegram from Plummer at Klamath Falls was read, recording his vote in favor of the lower bidder. Director Newell presented his committee's reason for the high bid, that the desk was superior, and expressing his opinion that the awards were final since the committee had been given power to act.

Director Sommer retorted that the committee acted together. "You asked for a committee meeting," Thomas said, "I will sign, but you did not introduce a motion that you would buy the desks at that meeting. You did not act. Your committee is not here now," he said.

Director Orton said that Thomas told him before leaving the city that he would sign with the understanding that the matter would be presented to the board for their action. It was said that Thomas refused to act on it and wanted it thrown out by the board and for that reason the board had been called together.

CUSTOM IS CITED

Director Sommer said it had been the custom of the committee in case of controversy to refer the matter back to the board.

"If it had been unanimous, it would have been a different matter," he said.

Both Orton and Sommer objected to paying the high price for desks unless it could be proved that they were undoubtedly superior, and felt that both desks were good and money should be saved by accepting the lower bid.

Director Newell then produced anonymous evidence relating to the time clock episode, saying that a man, refusing to give his name, called him at his office and read to him an anonymous note alleged to have been picked up in the corridor of the courthouse, addressed to "Frank" and signed "John," requesting that the board about the clock tally, to have Beach talk to Plummer and Orton, and "we will get the contract." The note was alleged by the anonymous man to have been written on Northwestern Furniture company stationery.

SOMMER DISLIKES INNUENDO

"I have been for four years on the school board and I would not listen

Woman a Real Home Builder Other Work Is Not Neglected

Tigard, Aug. 8.—Mrs. Emma Litten of this place has built a seven room house for herself and family—actually built it with her own hands, cutting the boards, hammering the nails and shingling the roof herself—and the work is well done. The house is a large detached cottage, the doors do not sag and the windows do not stick; neither do they rattle when the wind blows.

The house is complete to the smallest detail from the medicine cupboard in the bathroom to the enclosed hot water tank in the kitchen. It is of the bungalow type, having four rooms and bath downstairs, three bedrooms up and a full sized cement basement.

From the large front porch one enters the living room, separated from the dining room by two massive pillars, on each side of which are built glass doored bookcases. There is a large window seat as well as a built-in sideboard which has 16 drawers in it for silverware, linen, etc. The sideboard forms a pass cupboard opening into the kitchen. The kitchen is the room of which Mrs. Litten is most proud and of which took the most thought. Cupboards, bins, shelves and every kind of built-in convenience is provided.

To anything over the telephone," replied Director Sommer. "If a man wants to tell me anything, he can appear in person at my office. But your insinuation is," added Dr. Sommer, "that if we had voted for the Andrews desk, this other matter would not have come up tonight."

Newell agreed it would not.

"Just why should the Northwest company be required to see any of the directors when their's was the lowest bid?" queried Orton.

"I believe we should award this contract to the lowest bidder," said Sommer, "provided the articles they are selling are of good quality. I was willing to accept the committee's recommendation, but I am not willing to vote to give away more money than is absolutely necessary to buy these desks. I cannot conscientiously vote to give away even \$140. I see nothing wrong in the subsequent letter of the Northwest furniture people when they saw their competitor had been allowed to make deductions for certain parts of the desk."

NEWELL OPPOSES AWARD

The motion awarding the contract to the low bidder was voted "aye" by Orton and Sommer and opposed by Newell.

Director Sommer said that it was absurd to make a big noise over the time clock episode; that if the letter had been dated the twenty-fourth and the time clock the twenty-fifth, there might have been something to get excited about, but since it was the reverse he could see nothing in it.

Offer of \$125,000 for the Atkinson school property by David Stearns was declined with the motion that the property be not sold at any price.

RESIGNATIONS ARE ACCEPTED

Resignations were accepted from Estelle V. Armistead of Washington high school, Carolyn L. Everts of James John, Loretta Hardy of Hawthorne, W. J. Millikin of Lincoln, Lena Nealand of Jefferson, Margaret F. Paterson of Mount Tabor, J. A. Van Gross of Franklin and Sara Yeatman of the domestic science department. Declinations were received from Florence S. Benson, Frank Kelsey and Anna Grace Pallett, elected to positions this summer.

229 War Brides, 17 War Babies Arrive

New York, Aug. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The transport Great Northern arrived today from Brest with 229 war brides, 17 war babies and more than 1000 overseas troops, including the Second engineers.

MARCH SEES NEED OF PREPAREDNESS

Officials Split on Compulsory Service and Universal Training, He Testifies.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The war department believes a new military policy should be adopted which will "not find the country again in the state of unpreparedness we had at the outbreak of the war."

Military officials are divided between compulsory service and universal training, March said.

Secretary Baker now favors universal training, Senator New of Indiana said, while General March was testifying.

General Pershing, General Leonard Wood and other advocates of universal training will eventually be called before the committee.

Universal training, March said, would cost \$34,066,500, while the standing army on the basis of present pay would cost \$78,660,000 a year. Senator Johnson, California, expects to lead the opposition to the bill in committee.

The war department's plan for universal military training is "peace conscription," Senator Hiram Johnson, California, declared in commenting on the proposal as outlined by Chief of Staff March to the senate military affairs sub-committee.

Johnson said the program would cost one billion dollars when in operation, each year.

March, who was called before the committee again today, said the general staff plan could be abandoned "if we want to go back to the system of defenselessness we had at the beginning of the war."

He explained that the actual authorized strength of the peace army under the war department plan would be 250,000 men, besides 600,000 to 800,000 youths available under the military training provision.

Senators Ke and Chamberlain believe that preparedness is essential and that in addition to the physical benefits of three months' rigid war schooling for every youth the nation will benefit in an economic way.

March today also urged the committee to reject a suggestion for a permanent general staff, he predicted, will be made "with great force and earnestness."

The proposal, he said, would mean a

chief of staff, once named, would serve until he died or retired and all other general staff officers would do likewise. "It is imperative," said March, "that the general staff officers go back to the field service every four years and get in touch with the men of the army. It would be very bad to build up an army bureaucracy."

Faces Federal Charge

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Physicians are now recognizing its benefits by its use in ever increasing quantities. Frederick Kelle, M. D., Editor of New York Physicians' "Who's Who," says: "Bitro-Phosphate should be prescribed by every doctor and used in every hospital to increase strength and nerve force and to enrich the blood."—Adv.

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