

### INVESTIGATION IS ORDERED FOR SCHOOL CONTRACT

Buckman school, in the construction of which irregularities were discovered last spring that involved double payment of several items to the contractors, Parker & Banfield, bobbed up again at the school board meeting Wednesday night, when directors noticed in a contract for \$34,541 about to be awarded to H. E. Doering for general construction, the item for floors in the gymnasium, which was included in the previous contract of Parker & Banfield.

**MUST EXPLAIN**  
Captain George Edmonstone, former superintendent of properties, came in for considerable criticism, when it was learned that he had written a letter to the contractors eliminating this portion of the contract, although the board had never ordered it done. The contract with Parker & Banfield included "roughing in" the swimming pool and laying the floors and stated that no changes or eliminations should be made without the approval of the board.

The board referred the matter back to the business committee and to Director George B. Thomas, former chairman of the properties committee, for investigation. Edmonstone and Parker & Banfield will be called upon for an explanation.

**ADOPTS REPORT**  
The board adopted the insurance report of the special committee and unanimously voted to proceed with the collection of \$39,000 insurance due on the Holiday fire. Eleven agents have paid their share of the insurance, amounting to \$7,000. According to the board, and it is reported that members of the "inner circle," whose insurance allotments were reduced, are holding up payment.

"The former business committee conferred with a committee from the insurance exchange bureau which offered to assist in allocating this insurance as outlined by the board," read the report. "It was not the intention of the board to deviate at any time from the plan outlined in the resolution passed that all insurance be equally allocated among all accredited agents in the district."

"This plan, however, was not adhered to by the committee of the insurance exchange and the distribution of the insurance was not at all satisfactory to the board. Therefore, it became necessary to readjust the allocation of this insurance so that each accredited agent would receive an equal amount."

"This, of course, necessitated the cancelling of some insurance which had been arranged for by the insurance exchange. This was not the fault of the business committee of the board, it was pointed out, and it was understood at all times during the negotiations for insurance that no cancellations were to be made on the short rate basis, but it was understood that insurance cancelled in order to carry out the resolution of the board would be cancelled on the pro rata basis."

**SCHOOL CROWDED**  
Whether students from the federal board of vocational education will be permitted to attend Benson Polytechnic school at all this year, will depend upon the education committee, the superintendent of schools and the clerk. Superintendent Groat told the board that the school is already so crowded that it is doubtful whether the surplus of the Portland boys trying to acquire an education.

The federal board recently informed the school board that it could not pay the \$30 a month tuition asked for since it was higher than that charged regular students. The federal board is paying \$30 a month generally to other schools and in some instances as high as \$85, according to board members. Last year the federal board paid only \$135 a year for its students at Benson.

**EXPENSE NEEDLES**  
An effort to restore vice principals in Washington, Franklin and Lincoln high schools didn't get very far with the board which believed it to be needless expense.

The board will pay \$2000 to Arthur Berridge to make a three-year audit of the district's accounts.

School officials must henceforth furnish their own automobiles, which the board has been purchasing. The board will pay \$50 a month for use in school work to the three superintendents, school clerk, superintendent of properties, supervisor of operation, master carpenter, master plumber, master painter, master sheet metal worker and chief of surveys and grounds.

It will pay \$50 a month for 10 months to the supervisor of physical instruction and to the trustee. The supervisors of domestic economy, penmanship, music, art, cafeterias and manual training will be placed on an 8-cent mileage basis, with a maximum of \$20 per month. The business committee of the board will appoint an appraiser to fix values upon the cars now in use.

**REALTOR LEAVING BOARD**  
Fred G. Brockman, for several years secretary of the Portland Realty board and of the Northwest Real Estate association, has accepted a position as secretary of the San Francisco Real Estate board. Brockman stated that he would leave for California this week, accompanied by Mrs. Brockman.

### GEN. BLATCHFORD MAY SOON RETIRE, SAYS WASHINGTON

Washington, Aug. 31.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Brigadier General Richard M. Blatchford, commanding at Vancouver barracks, Washington, is assumed to be one of the two brigadier generals who, according to war department announcement, have received an intimation that their applications for immediate or early retirement would be appreciated. This intimation has been given, it is explained, without any reflection upon either the two brigadiers or four major generals who have received similar hints. The unusual action being prompted by a desire to promote a number of officers in the lower grades who will otherwise be forced out of the army by next January because of reduced appropriations.

It was found that four major generals and two brigadiers will be retired for age within a year, and as they will soon be out anyway, the department has conveyed the suggestion that they step down a few months in advance, so the department will have wider choice in making promotions from the lower ranks in the general reorganization that is under way.

Nearly 1800 officers must be detached from the army by next January. The army plucking board is at work picking out the men to be dropped. If the six generals will quit by that time, promotions can be made according to the desire of the department in grades from colonel to second lieutenant.

There are five major generals scheduled for age retirement within a year, four of whom, it appears, the department hopes will retire before January, but only two brigadiers, from which it is assumed that General Blatchford is included, as the intimation is said to have been conveyed to two officers of that rank.

**GEN. BLATCHFORD DENIES HINT HAS BEEN GIVEN**  
Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 31.—(LOCAL)—General Richard M. Blatchford has no information regarding intimation that his early retirement might be appreciated. The news from Washington, he said, was the first suggestion of the kind he had received.

"It is a personal matter," said General Blatchford, when asked if he would take the action suggested. "If the secretary of war wants to retire me I will be retired."

### Flapper Toggery Is Under Ban at Klamath School

Klamath Falls, Aug. 31.—For another term flappers' garb is to be banned at the Klamath county high school and uniform dress is to prevail. An edict to this effect was made public by the county school superintendent, who disclaimed all responsibility and referred flappers to the resolution adopted by the students themselves last term.

The resolution called for uniform dress—blue skirt, white middie, plain black hose and low-heeled shoes. It frowned upon elaborate head dress, and the girls promptly bobbed their hair. Most of them, however, observed the rules.

When the rules went into effect last term general surprise was caused when a number of the girls who previously had been unpopular with the boys, suddenly found themselves the center of admiring groups.

### Plans to Combat Crime Object of Tacoma Meeting

Seattle, Aug. 31.—(U. P.)—Definite plans for fighting crime in the Pacific Northwest were being discussed today in Tacoma at a meeting of the Northwest Association of Sheriffs and Police.

Something of a mystery was thrown about the object of the meeting by Luke S. May, president of the association, who declared that he could not even hint at its real purpose.

May declared that the Pacific Northwest faces the greatest criminal menace in its history and that this is not connected with strikes, bootlegging or the Ku Klux Klan.

### STEPHENS LOSES PRIMARY FIGHT

San Francisco, Aug. 31.—(U. P.)—Friend William Richardson, running for the Republican nomination for governor against William D. Stephens, for two terms governor of the state, and Senator Hiram W. Johnson, who was opposed for the Republican senatorial nomination by Charles C. Moore, both were considered nominees today.

Returns available up to 6 a. m. showed this result: Johnson, 274,801; Moore, 208,152; Stephens, 248,131; Richardson, 237,905; Richardson's plurality, 14,286.

The returns covered 5802 of the state's 6695 precincts. With the exception of some Los Angeles county precincts, most of the missing districts were unimportant, being mountain precincts with only a few votes.

Johnson's nomination means that he will oppose William J. Pearson of Los Angeles, who was named by the Democrats. Pearson was unopposed at the primaries.

It was understood today that Pearson's friends and a number of Johnson's bitterest opponents were laying elaborate plans for a campaign in hopes of rallying the anti-Johnson faction of the Republican party, or a part of it, around Pearson. It seemed certain that Johnson was to have more than perfunctory opposition in November.

Upton Sinclair, author and liberal, was named by the Socialists as their candidate for the senate, and H. Clay Needham of Newhall, Cal., will be the Prohibition candidate.

**HARDING SUPPORTER LOSES LEAD IN MONTANA ELECTION**  
Helena, Mont., Aug. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The race for the United States senatorial nomination on the Republican ticket continued close today with Congressman Carl W. Riddick, whose platform in the state primary included endorsement of the Harding administration, gradually losing the lead that he maintained throughout yesterday.

Returns early today gave Wellington D. Rankin, his nearest opponent, a plurality of 35 votes. Complete returns from 850 of Montana's 1534 precincts showed: Rankin, 14,785; Riddick, 14,750.

Indications were that Rankin's lead would increase today.

**Bride-to-Be of Kid McCoy Seized By Balking Spell**  
Los Angeles, Aug. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The proposed ninth marriage of Norman Selby, better known as Kid McCoy, former pugilist, struck a snag today, when the bride-to-be, Mrs. Jacqueline McDowell, en route to this city from Baltimore, stepped off the train at some unannounced point and telephoned the "kid" that she would not come any farther West.

The woman, who is scheduled to be the ninth wife of "Kid" McCoy, is decidedly "peevish" at the large amount of newspaper publicity given the forthcoming marriage. This she frankly stated to McCoy over the telephone, he said.

She was due to arrive in Los Angeles today from the East to be married, after which the couple planned to take a honeymoon trip to the Orient. Her telephone message would therefore place her "somewhere east of Los Angeles."

**Mrs. Candler Is on Way to Atlanta to Aid Mate's Defense**  
Honolulu, Aug. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Walter Candler is today en route to Atlanta, Ga., where she will go to assist her husband in fighting a \$100,000 suit brought by Mrs. Clyde K. Byfield. She sailed for the United States on the liner Ventura Tuesday and will go first to Pasadena, where she will visit her parents.

It was learned that she plans to take her 15-month-old baby girl to Atlanta with her. The separation of the Candler's has been reported, but with news of the suit brought against Candler, son of Asa G. Candler, wealthiest man of the South, the wife declared her intention of standing by her husband.

**U. S. to Recognize Mexico by Oct. 15, Says Obregon Man**  
Mexico City, Aug. 31.—(U. P.)—The United States will grant recognition to Mexico by October 15, a leading cabinet officer declared to the United Press today.

This cabinet official, whose name was withheld for political reasons, voiced the opinion of official Mexico on the eve of the opening of congress. The majority party in the national legislative body, it is known, has drafted a program of legislation, which, it is expected, will bring about recognition.

**Few Bodies From Lost Cruiser Found**  
Tokio, Aug. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The navy department announced this afternoon that only 15 members of the crew of the coast cruiser Nitaka, which sank off Saghalien in a typhoon, had been saved. A few bodies have been recovered. The cruiser is lying on her side, submerged, at the point at which she went down, the navy department reported.

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<h4>Kuppenheimer Jr. and Lion Long Trousers Suits for High-School and College</h4> <p>Kupp Jr. in the very best fabrics, workmanship and Fall models, in stripes, checks and mixtures and plain colors, values to \$45, and have been selling at \$28.35. Until Saturday p. m., sizes 32 to 36</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$26.35</p> <p>And here is an extra strong group of suits in tweeds, cassimeres, plain and fancy mixtures. Size range from 32 to 40. Plan to be here early. Until Saturday</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$18.35</p>	<h4>Overcoats and Raincoats. Here, Men</h4> <p>Is a chance to pick up a Kuppenheimer Topcoat—grades that sold at \$40, \$45, \$50. Coats in raglan and set-in sleeves, in imported and domestic tweeds and mixtures—during first of sale sold at \$28.35—until Saturday night—</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$26.35</p> <p>Fine group all wool winter weight overcoats for men and young men in raglan sleeves, all round belters in newest colors and patterns.—\$25 grades sold in sale at \$18.45—until Saturday night—</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">\$15.95</p> <p>Fine Gabardine and Whipcord Raincoats—\$34 and \$30 grade—in raglan and regular sleeves, sport yoke; new \$18.75 est belters—until Saturday</p>	<h4>Boys' School Suits</h4> <p>For final we are throwing out two entire ranges boys' two-pant wool suits that we sold on sale at \$9.65 and \$8.35 that we valued to \$15.00. Latest models and colors. <b>\$7.95</b> While any remain</p> <p>And our famous Johnny Tu Pants all wool suits, grades to \$20. Sale price was \$14.85. For <b>\$12.35</b> Friday and Saturday. <b>\$12.35</b> All sizes 7 to 17 years</p>
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<h4>Final Shirts</h4> <p>That \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 group of madras, silk stripe, crepe and oxford, neckband or collar attached, styles that were \$1.95, until Saturday night <b>\$1.59</b> at</p>	<h4>Final Men's Wool Knit Coats</h4> <p>\$5.00 values, sale price was \$3.45, new heather mixtures, while any remain, until Saturday night <b>\$2.95</b></p>	<h4>Final Men's Felt Hats</h4> <p>\$5.00 to \$7.00 grades in men's and young men's fall colors and styles, staple and snappy shapes, silk lined, fine leather sweats. All sizes, until Saturday p. m. <b>\$2.89</b></p>	<h4>Final Youths' Long Pants</h4> <p>In waist sizes 28 to 34. Were valued to \$6.00 and sold during sale at \$3.95. Tweeds, cassimeres and worsteds. Until Saturday night <b>\$3.29</b></p>
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### Final Ralston Oxfords

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