

## CONTRACT AWARDED BY BOARD

Price & Campbell Construction Co. Will Build Junior High School for \$52,993, to Be Completed by Fifteenth of Sept.

## GARMENT IS CUT TO SUIT SIZE OF CLOTH

Advance in Cost of Material Compels Modification of Plans; Rear Wing is Eliminated; Work Starts at Once

The contract for the construction of the junior high school building was awarded yesterday afternoon, when the board of education met in called session for the purpose of going over the modified plans and opening the bids as submitted upon the plans so modified.

There were present with the board members at the meeting, Mr. Price of the Price and Campbell Contracting company, and Mr. Smith, of the firm of Layton and Smith, the architects whose plans were accepted and who had worked over and modified the plans.

In all five bids were before the board. Four of the bidders were Oklahoma City contractors, while the fifth was from El Reno. After going into all details the board awarded the contract to the Price and Campbell Contracting company of Oklahoma City, at \$52,993, the building to be completed and the keys turned over to the board not later than September 15, 1916.

The contractor agrees to conform in every particular to the modified plans and details, to forfeit \$15 per day for every day the building remains unfinished beyond the time limit, to deliver the building fully equipped and complete with plumbing and wiring and all ready for turning on the lights. The contract price, however, does not include the furniture for the class rooms and other similar equipment. However, the greater part of the furniture has either been provided for or funds arranged which will be available for the purpose of furnishing.

The bid of Price and Campbell is said to have been fully \$3,000 below that of the highest bidder and approximately \$2,000 lower than the bid of the next lowest bidder.

Unfortunately, and deeply regretted by all members of the school board, as well as by all others interested, the greatly advanced cost of builders supplies and material forced the board to have the original plans greatly modified, in order that the building might be constructed at a cost within the limits of the pocket book of the school district.

To do this it became necessary to entirely cut out and eliminate two complete units, containing a total of eight class rooms. The units eliminated are those lying immediately in the rear of the auditorium and the gymnasium. This modification cuts off the entire rear wing of the structure. Fortunately the unit system of architecture, along which lines the plans were worked out, will admit of the adding at any time of the eliminated wing to the original structure as it will be when completed by the contractor.

The plans, as now arranged, provide for twelve class, or recitation rooms, and leaves the gymnasium, the auditorium, all teachers' rooms and all other parts of the building intact as originally designed.

The work of construction will begin without delay. The contractors, together with representatives of the architects, will arrive in Chickasha tomorrow for the purpose of laying out the plans, and the ground will be broken for actual construction Monday morning.

Superintendent Ramey stated this morning that the contractors had agreed with the members of the school board that home labor, as far as possible, would be employed. This point was insisted upon by the board members, and readily agreed to by the contractors.

Superintendent Ramey stated that he greatly regretted the necessity which had arisen through the great

advance in cost of material of having to eliminate any portions of the building as originally designed but he feels that the board, throughout, has acted in the interests of all, doing all that possibly could be done to conserve the welfare of the entire school district. He also deeply regrets the inability of the contractor to finish the building before an earlier date than September 15.

## HARVEST OF WHEAT DUE TO START

Cooper Reports Binders Will Begin in Fields Tomorrow; Busy Placing Hands; Average Yield is Predicted by Agent

County Agent Cooper stated this morning that wheat harvest would begin tomorrow, one farmer, whose name he had forgotten, having phoned him from the Agber neighborhood that he would start his binders in the morning.

Mr. Cooper said that by the middle of the coming week wheat cutting would be in full swing in all parts of the county.

Barley cutting and alfalfa cutting is calling for a lot of farm help, Mr. Cooper said. He also stated that he was doing his best to supply the farmers with the harvest help which they stand in need of. This morning alone, Mr. Cooper said, he had secured harvest jobs for twenty-five men in the fields of Grady county, while he still had a few calls for help unfilled. He said that in almost every instance the help furnished was from out of town sources, that the laborers sent out from his office belonged to the regular wandering harvest hand class as a rule.

Mr. Cooper predicts an average yield of wheat and oats. The barley crop, he says, will possibly be a little light, that crop having been affected by the recent severe winter.

Yesterday Mr. Cooper accompanied by Ben Morgan, of the Grady County Commercial and Farm bureau, drove out to the farm of Oscar Early, who has one of the model farms of the county, located near Amber.

Mr. Early, Mr. Cooper said, is getting ready for the harvesting of 200 acres of wheat, every acre of which will turn out a top notch yield.

Mr. Early has 210 acres planted to corn, 100 acres of which is waist high and in fine condition. He has a total of 500 acres in cultivation and has 140 acres in grass. He keeps constantly on hand a fine bunch of steers which he never permits to run below 100 in number, adding to the herd as fast as it is depleted by selling off.

Mr. Cooper's trip to the Early farm yesterday was made in order that he might assist him in planning and laying out his crop rotation for the coming year.

## FAST TRAIN FOOD FOR TWISTER

Pontiac, Ill., June 2.—A tornado struck the midnight special fast train on the Wabash line, bound from Chicago to St. Louis at an early hour this morning.

So great was the force of the wind that it picked up the engine, baggage car and four coaches, hurling them from the track. The disaster occurred near Hanneman.

Twenty-one persons were injured, one seriously. The storm hit the train while it was in a deep cut, which prevented the coaches from turning over.

The baggage car was torn into splinters. The injured were taken to Lake Forest.

R. I. Train Wrecked.

By United Press.

Chicago, Ill., June 2.—Five persons were killed and eight injured when a Rock Island passenger train crashed through a bridge that had been weakened by a storm near Packard, Iowa, early today, railway officials here announced.

## DECLARES HUGHES NOT SEEKING IT

Secretary of Justice States that Neither Hitchcock Nor Anybody Else is Authorized to Boom Him for President

## FRANK FAILS TO BAT EYE WHEN INFORMED

Declines to Accept Refusal as Definite; Teddy Boosters Believe Jurist is in Race; Favorite Sons are Fluttering

By United Press. Washington, June 2.—Justice Hughes, through his secretary, today told the United Press that Frank Hitchcock had not been authorized to work for his nomination for the presidency.

It was also stated by the secretary that nobody had any authority from Justice Hughes to take any action designed to bring about his nomination.

By United Press. Chicago, June 2.—Frank Hitchcock didn't bat an eye when he was told that Justice Hughes stated that he was not authorized to seek the presidential nomination for him.

Hitchcock said he had never claimed that he was acting with the consent of Hughes. He declared that he was acting on behalf of the public sentiment which demands the selection of Hughes as the standard bearer of the Republican party.

The politicians generally do not accept the statement of Hughes as a definite refusal to enter the race, believing that he may still be persuaded to accept the nomination if his chances appear to be good.

The Hughes sentiment is pretty clearly aligned against Roosevelt today and the Roosevelt boomers feel that there is no question as to Hughes being a candidate.

The favorite sons, controlling a total of perhaps five hundred delegates' votes, today fluttered from curb to curb, piping shrilly but the "big leaguers" believed their main function to be to combine and wield an influence over the selection of some political heavy-weight.

Additional contests were taken up by the national committee today, including the four Oklahoma and Texas contests. It was expected that these disputes would be amicably settled today with half votes for the individual contestants in districts sending double delegations.

## SHOWS FOR FOURTH ARE SECURED

Parker Will Furnish Attractions for Week of Festivities; Flags for Children in "America" Parade; Prizes for Pretty Cars

Harry Schwartz, who has taken the management of the Fourth of July celebration in the interest of the Retailers' association, announces that he has closed a contract with Parker's Great Shows for the week of July fourth. This amusement company known everywhere as the biggest and best on the road, brings its many attractions in forty-five cars, and will furnish ample entertainment for the hundreds of visitors who are expected in Chickasha.

Referring to the monster "America" parade, Mr. Schwartz stated that he had ordered 1500 flags for the school children who will march, to carry. Private automobiles, decorated in red, white and blue only, are invited to enter the parade, and as an inducement to owners to decorate their cars patriotically, ten prizes of \$5.00 each are offered for the ten most

## SCOTS IN FRANCE WEARING GAS MASKS



These soldiers, wearing masks to protect them from poison gas, are some of the Scots who have been distinguished themselves in the fighting in north France.

attractive vehicles. Governor "Bob" Williams is expected to speak one day and on that day the magnificent and spectacular red, white and blue parade will be held, meeting him at the train and escorting him to his place of address.

## "DOPE POT" CAPSIZED IN TOURNEY

Blackburne Clan Walks Away with Surprise Victory in Match with Witherpoon Warriors on Golf Course of Country Club

Compared with guessing the outcome of the battle of Verdun, it looked like the forecasters had an easy job in the case of the golf tourney that was in progress in the course of the Chickasha Country club during the first four days of this week, but in the last round the "dope pot" was completely upset and the Blackburne clan came out conquerors over the Witherpoon warriors by a score of 26 to 19.

As late as Wednesday gloom hung over the Blackburne camp in chunks as big as the First National bank building, with corresponding gloom reigning among the rival contingent where the principal point of interest was merely figuring out the magnitude of the drubbing which they were about to hand to their opponents.

In the closing hours of the contest, however, the Blackburnites mobilized their forces and staged an offensive which put the Witherpoon followers completely out of the running. It was really all over when Bob Murray and Ben Johnson went forth for the last match of the tourney but these two valiant club wielders didn't know the status of the engagement and they fought furiously, with the militant Murray winning after playing the game of his life.

Last evening the losers entertained the winners with a fine dinner at the club house, served under the supervision of Tom Boyd, with the ladies of members on both sides present.

- The scores of the individual players were as follows: Blackburne 2, Witherpoon 0, Dr. Bond 2, Frey 0, Morgan 2, Barefoot 1, Thweatt 3, Wade 0, Phillips 2, Ludlow 1, Gribb 1, Ad Melton 2, Cochran 0, Ellodge 2, Alger Melton 0, Caraness 3, Murray 3, Johnson 0, Dr. Williams 2, Wallace 0, Ribburg 0, Harwell 3, Wootton 0, Slusher 3, Sheegor 0, W. Owsley 2, Miller 2, Jno. Owsley 0, Corlyn 1, Dr. Livermore 2, Paton 2, King 0, Hammerly 3, Hutson 0.

WEATHER FORECAST. For Oklahoma. Tonight, fair, cooler; Saturday, fair. Local Temperature. During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today: Maximum, 95; minimum, 69.

## GERMANS CLAIM BIG VICTORY OVER BRITISH IN BATTLE ON WATER

By United Press. Berlin, June 2.—Over eight British vessels were destroyed and many badly damaged in an engagement between the German high seas fleet and the main part of the English fighting fleet, the admiralty announced today. The admiralty statement, issued June 1, said the encounter occurred May 31 in the afternoon and continued during the night, off Skagerland and Horn Riffal. It was stated that the English fleet was numerically superior to the Germans.

The statement asserted that the Germans destroyed as far as known the large battleship, Warspite; the battle cruiser, Queen Mary and Indefatigable; two armored cruisers, apparently of the Achilles type; one small cruiser, a flagship, the destroy-

ers, Turbant, Nestor and Alenster, a number of torpedo boat destroyers and one submarine.

The Germans lost the small cruiser, Weisbaden, which was sunk in the daytime; the Pommerin of unknown classification, and at night the Frauenlof of doubtful classification was sunk while several torpedo boats are missing.

The German fleet returned to its base after the engagement. The British battleship, Marlborough, was hit by a torpedo. Some of the survivors from the British ships sunk were rescued.

The Queen Mary carried one thousand officers and men and the Warsprite carried fifteen hundred. Skagerrak is a broad arm of the North sea between Norway and Jutland.

## OFFENSIVE OF BRITISH IMMINENT

By United Press. Paris, June 2.—According to reports current here today, the long heralded offensive campaign of the British on the western front is about to be launched.

French aviators brought down two German aeroplanes that were returning from a raid on the French town of Barleucque, dispatches say.

German artillery is sweeping the French line from the Thiamont farm to Vaux.

Greek Entry Eminent. By United Press. Rome, June 2.—Athens dispatches say that a declaration of war may be imminent because the Greek premier refused to entertain a protest from Bulgaria against the action of Greek troops in firing on the Bulgarians along the frontier.

## POLICE COLLECTIONS FOR MAY TOTAL \$478

Mayor Coffman, ex-officio judge of the Chickasha police court, stated this morning that the total cash collected in fines in his court during the month of May totaled \$478.50. The judge said that the figures showing the amount worked out on the streets or turned to the county road gang, were not available, but that it amounted to over one hundred dollars, including the fines of the petit larceny and vag cases.

During May the heaviest amount appealed to the county court shows up for the past year. The amounts pending upon appeal total \$285. Of this sum one case calls for a fine of \$260 which was given an alleged pawn broker for operating a pawn shop for the period of 26 days within the city of Chickasha without a license.

## CARRANZA FORCES ARE SPREAD OUT

By United Press. Washington, June 2.—Gen. Funston reported today that twenty thousand Carranzistas were spread out along a line five hundred miles long extending from Madera to Ojinaga.

This is just double the number that Gen. Obregon said would be sent. No apprehension is felt, however, it was stated.

Four thousand Carranzistas are at Chihuahua City, and two thousand just south of that place. Five thousand more moved toward Madera, and two thousand toward Ojinaga.

More Still Soldiers Going. A train, carrying two passenger coaches and sixteen freight cars left the Chickasha yards at 3:26 o'clock this morning for Ft. Sill. No further details were known by the local railroad officials, but they presumed it was to be used in transferring soldiers to the Mexican border. The train was made up in El Reno, but picked up four more cars here. A short time ago, the local yards were ordered to make up trains to carry troops to the border, but that order was later countermanded.

WILL CASE CONTINUED. In the county court yesterday Judge R. E. Davenport continued the matter of hearing the will case of Mrs. Elizabeth J. Skaggs, deceased, to June 6th.

LINN HEARS CASE. The matter of the State Bank of Amber vs. Wheelock was called before Judge Will Linn, of the district court this morning and the evidence heard by the court.

FINAL REPORT FILED. In the county court this morning papers of final settlement in the estate of Amos Durant, a minor, were filed by Henry McLemore, guardian,

## BOLES CASE REMAINS IN STATU QUO

Chief and Deposed Cop Adhere to Former Statements Regarding Resignation or "Firing" of Officer; Council Action Awaited

## POLICE COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE

Controversy is Regretted by Aldermen; Power of Phillips to Remove Member of Force is Questioned by Some

The controversy between Chief Phillips and Officer Boles, of the Chickasha police, seems to be standing in statu quo, there to remain until the next meeting of the city council, Thursday evening of next week.

Chief Phillips stated this morning that he adhered to his original statement that Officer Boles had resigned from the force and that he (the chief) had not told him that he was fired.

However, the chief declared, even if Mr. Boles had not resigned, that he could not work until after the council acted upon the matter, or working, he would probably not draw any pay for the time he might serve between 9:30 yesterday morning and the time the council acts unless the council should see fit to reimburse him with pay for the time off. At best, Chief Phillips said, Boles could consider himself under suspension pending the action of the council.

Councilman Neal, who is chairman of the police committee, stated this morning that he deeply regretted the controversy and the ensuing consequences. The chief, Mr. Neal said, had no right to remove any member of the force unless special permission by the council is given. However, Mr. Neal stated, the chief had the right and power to suspend any member, or all members of the force, pending action of the council. In the matter of Officer Boles, his appointment was confirmed by the council, the council thereby acting as the employing agent. Hence the council alone could discharge him, he said.

Mr. Neal further stated that the committee would make a thorough investigation of the matter and would act as would be found best in the premises. "I understand that Officer Boles was dissatisfied with his job," said Mr. Neal, "and if such be the case I think he should resign in the interests of harmony. The police committee will hear both sides before making its report and recommendation to the council and I trust the matter may be amicably adjusted in order that the best interests of the citizenship of the city may be conserved."

Councilman Lorenson, a member of the police committee, said, in speaking of the matter this morning, that he deeply regretted any trouble coming up in the police department; that the police department was the one in which the utmost harmony should prevail in order that the welfare of all might be properly served.

Mr. Lorenson said that he did not know whether Chief Phillips had fired Boles, or whether Boles had resigned, but that from what he had heard of both sides of the case, he thought that Boles had fired himself. Mr. Lorenson further said that the police chief had no right to discharge any member of the force and that he doubted seriously whether he could even suspend an officer. "I used to be chairman of the police committee," said Mr. Lorenson, "and while I do not remember exactly how this should be done, it seems to me at this time that the mayor should be the one to suspend any member of the city's official family, subject to the later concurring action of the council."

Councilman Hayes said this morning that he was not a member of the police committee, but that he felt the council would act in the matter in accordance with the report which that committee might submit. "I regret deeply that this friction has arisen between the police chief and a member of his force; I believe that both are acting to a certain extent like a couple of bad natured school boys and

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