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### HEREANDTHERE

A contract was let Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors to A. S. Noon to construct a road direct from Nogales to Montana Camp, reducing the distance by about 49 miles. It is estimated that such a road can be constructed for \$18,000 or \$20,000, and Mr. Noon is to receive 10 per cent of the cost. It is to be 10 feet wide with grades not exceeding 10 per cent, and the work is to be completed within six months. The route proposed is from Silva station in the Santa Cruz valley, through Hell Gate canyon into the Oro Blanco country. The sum of \$20,000 for this project was included in the road bond issue.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on January 13, 1917, an examination will be held at Patagonia, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at San Rafael. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$266 for the last fiscal year. Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at San Rafael, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Applications should be properly executed and filed with the commission at Washington at least seven days before the date of the examination.

The newly-elected directors of the Santa Cruz County Fair Association are reminded that the next meeting of the association and the first one under the new directors, is called for the second Saturday in January, the 8th, at Sonoita, at 3 p. m. The way to improve the fair for next year is for the directors to begin early and take an active part in the work. It is hoped a good meeting will be held on this date, and a full attendance of the directors is expected. The following named have been elected directors of the association: E. R. Pardon, A. T. Bird, H. J. Saxon, Nogales; W. F. Christman, Mark Manning, J. S. Carver G. S. Bryant, R. T. Fossett, Sonoita; J. B. Price, Jesse Gatlin, Patagonia; W. F. Neil, R. R. McGregor, A. G. Yeary, C. L. Bently, Chas. Johnson, Carlos Davis, Elgin; P. J. Wilson, San Rafael.

The inspection of ballots in the contest of Governor Hunt against Thos. E. Campbell began Tuesday morning in Phoenix, in the presence of Judge Stanford, and all other business will be suspended during the proceeding. The presence of the court was insisted upon by the attorneys for the contestee, although Mr. Ives, attorney for the contestant, would have consented to an arrangement under which the three inspectors might go over the ballots in some place removed from the court. The inspection began with the ballots of Maricopa county. This was ordered by the court, after denying a motion by the contestee to postpone the inspection until the ballots of all the counties had been received. Already the inspection of ballots has resulted in a gain of 13 votes for Governor Hunt, although five of these may not finally be counted for him. They were mismarked ballots from Alliambra precinct, Maricopa county. A clear gain of eight votes for Governor Hunt in the Lavean district, also in Maricopa county, was made. An error in the footings of the candidates for governor had been made by the election board. The tally sheets showed that 37 votes had been cast for Campbell and 17 for Hunt, but the correct totals were found to be 35 for Campbell and 23 for Hunt.

Francisco Villa announced in Chihuahua City he intended to divide his men into groups of 25 each and distribute them along the American border and in the interior of the United States to loot and burn property under his instructions, a letter received from a prominent Chihuahua City business man and forwarded to Washington yesterday stated.

Villa, while in the state capital, declared his intention of raising an army of 25,000 men, but denied he intended to attack General Pershing's column, the communication to Washington stated. These statements, according to the letter, were made to the meeting of merchants which was called by Villa.

According to this letter, Villa said he would have his men in border states issue proclamations calling on the Mexicans living on the American side of the border to "rise in rebellion and join his army." In this way the United States could be caused more trouble than that government could take care of, Villa announced to the merchants.

Villa also declared he had 20,000,000 rounds of ammunition hidden in the desert where only the members of his family knew of its location, and he could get it at any time he needed it. The Mexican leader also made a

long talk to the merchants about political conditions in the United States and the European countries, and said these warring countries would subjugate the United States in order to get its enormous supplies of gold, and he would take part in this affair.

Mrs. Lou Stevens has returned from Nogales, where she had been under the care of a physician for several days, much improved in health. Sunday, in company with Mr. Stevens, was spent in Tucson.

Dr. Hardtmayer reports a case of pneumonia, the only one in town. Several have colds and other minor ailments, but general health conditions are reported good, considering the recent severe change to colder weather.

John Hand, an oldtimer of the Duquesne country, was very seriously injured Monday, when a team he was driving became frightened and went over the grade near Washington Camp. In the rig with Mr. Hand were two women, who were also injured. Mr. Hand and one of the women are now in the hospital at Nogales, while the other woman is being treated at her home. It is not known how serious are the injuries, but it is believed all will recover.

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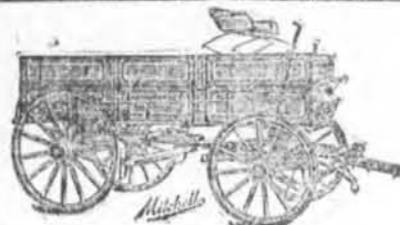
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