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SCHOOLS MENACED BY FIRE.

Surprisingly little provision for fire-proof school buildings is found in recent school legislation reported to the United States bureau of education. Notwithstanding the Collinwood fire horror of five years ago, and notwithstanding the wonderful development in school house architecture, which has made possible buildings that are artistic as well as safe, cities and towns in almost every section of the United States continue to put up "gingerbread school house and fire traps" that are a constant menace to the lives of school children.

Ohio is the one state in the union that has a really complete system of control of safe school house design and construction, according to a table of state regulations prepared by Frank Irving Cooper, the Boston architect, although several other states notably Massachusetts and Kansas are credited with adequate laws against the fire peril. In Ohio, where the Collinwood holocaust has not been forgotten, a large corps of inspectors enforces a school building code that assures safety, at least as far as new buildings are concerned.

Most communities appear to be still oblivious of the fire risk in schools. "Insurance Engineering" publishes a long list of localities in which dangerous fire conditions exist; another appalling list of school fires that have occurred within the last 15 months; and still another list of cities that are erecting school buildings this year, together with the significant fact as to whether fireproof construction is specified or not. Out of 238 school buildings noted for one month in 1913, only 22 are reported with fireproof specifications. Cities that have just had destructive school fires appear to be building in the same old way.

State regulation is coming more and more to be considered the only way of solving this and other pressing school problems. In more than half the states central authority over school house construction is now explicitly recognized by law, even though it may not be exercised. According to Cooper's list, 13 states now require that

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plans for new school houses be first approved by the state authorities. 12 specify fire escapes. Seventeen states are listed by Cooper as entirely without fire requirements for schools: Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin and Wyoming. It should be noted however, that in many of these, states the population is mainly rural and the fire problem is not so serious. It is pointed out that the rapid use of the school buildings by the movement, which involves extensive use of school buildings by the general public outside of school hours, makes it more important than ever to insist upon adequate fireproof construction in schools.

San Francisco has at last done away with its horse cars, but it seems as though one of them should be preserved for exhibition at the Panama fair as a relic of antiquity.

Pittsburg scientist says he has invented a typewriter that will operate Strangely enough, he does not guarantee the grammar.

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COUNTY JUDGE J. C. HENRY.



Official who named the first woman superintendent of schools to hold that office in Union county.

J. W. Matson Married.

Richland, July 1.—At the home of the bride's parents in Richland, Oregon, occurred a quiet home wedding when Miss Bessie L. Woods was united in marriage to G. W. Matson, Rev. A. F. Stem of the M. E. church, performed the ceremony, in the presence of relatives and friends last Wednesday evening. After the two were made one, the guests partook of a supper prepared for the occasion. They received many pretty and useful presents.

The bride was dressed in a beautiful embroidered voile gown and carried a bouquet. The ceremony was performed under an arch, which was prettily decorated with asparagus and roses. Allen Binheimer and J. C. Woods furnished the music for the occasion, on a mandolin and guitar.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Woods, and is well and favorably known here, having been a teacher in Baker and Union counties for the last 11 years. The groom is a well known citizen of La Grande, where he owns property and has been employed as a carpenter for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Matson will make their home in La Grande. The best wishes of their many friends follow them for a happy wedded life.

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signed at the La Grande National Bank of La Grande, Oregon.

F. L. MEYERS, Executor.

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Notice to Property Owners. Official notice is hereby given that in compliance with ordinance No 461 I will prosecute anyone violating the weed-killing ordinance. It is imperative that this work be done immediately and it must be attended to at once by everyone.

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