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Portland Public Schools.

For the age of this city and taking into account that in the inauguration of measures for the general welfare of the city, many heavy expenses have been incurred, Portland may well be proud of her schools and school buildings.

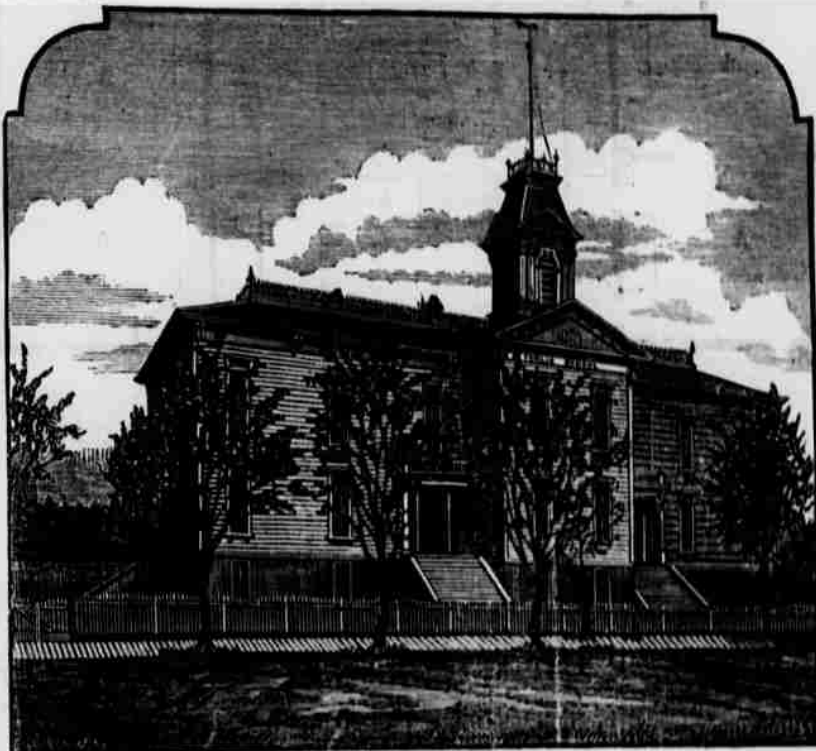
To be sure, in the earlier years, so little anticipation was had concerning the growth of the city that such buildings as the Harrison-st. (old) and the North were poorly adapted to the wants of the department in a very few years.

CENTRAL SCHOOL.

May 29th, 1856, at a school meeting, a tax of \$4,000 was levied for a site and a building. Block 171 was bought for \$1,000. E. M. Burton and R. D. Carson erected the original building, now a wing of the main building facing on Seventh-st. for \$2,993.

In 1857, \$4,000 more was voted to complete the building.

May 17, 1858, school was first opened, with L. L. Terwilliger as Principal and Mrs. Hensill and Owen Connelly as assistants.



PARK STREET SCHOOL, PORTLAND, OR.—From a Photo by I. G. Davidson.



HARRISON ST. SCHOOL, PORTLAND, OR.—From a Photo by I. G. Davidson.

There were 111 pupils present the first day.

In 1872-73, the old building was turned and the new structure, shown in the engraving, was built on the old site. This cost something over \$30,000. How much more has never been definitely ascertained.

There are twelve rooms in this building, with a seating capacity of 650.

HARRISON ST. SCHOOL.

The original building, standing on the corner of Harrison and S x h streets, was erected in 1865, and cost \$9,941.

It was enlarged at two different times—in 1871 and 1877—making the total cost \$20,777. This building was almost totally destroyed by fire May 29, 1879.

The first school was opened January 20, 1866, with R. K. Warren as Principal, and Misses Tower, Stephens and Kelly, as assistants.

In the fall of 1879 the present new structure was erected and school opened February 9, 1880.

The cost has been about \$18,000. It has twelve rooms, with seating capacity of 600. It is well