

CIVIC CLUBS URGE PIPE COMPEL PLAN

School Board Asked to Reduce Cost of Fireproof Buildings in Future.

FIGURES ARE PRESENTED

Time for Frame Structures Past, Says John H. Haak—Director Sabin Says Teaching Should Be Board's Chief Concern.

Going on record as favoring the adoption of a system of open competition by architects in submitting plans for public school buildings and declaring that the school board should use all possible means of reducing the cost of fireproof buildings in the future, clubs met in the convention hall of the Commercial Club building Thursday night and discussed the subject for three hours.

Members of the school board joined in the discussion, which at times became heated. An account of the early arrival of the members of the school board and the unfinished condition of the proposed by-laws and constitution, a permanent organization of the Affiliated Improvement Clubs was postponed until next Wednesday night. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Hamilton Mead in the absence of T. T. Geer, who had been acting as temporary chairman.

Average Costs Discussed.

C. A. Currie, of the Portland Heights Improvement Club, prepared the way for the discussion by presenting several instances intended to show that the average cost of public school buildings in Portland had been excessively high. Public school buildings of the modern type cost in many of the cities of the East were cited as examples of economy, convenience and adaptability, and it was shown by his data that an ordinary sized room could be built in accordance with fireproof regulations for not to exceed \$4990, or 20 cents a cubic foot. He inferred that the school board had been paying the taxpayers of Portland excessive sums.

John H. Haak was of the opinion that it was time to discontinue the building of frame school buildings and that the duty of the School Board and the taxpayers to insist on fireproof construction in the future. Mr. Haak said that he felt that the school board had not received the consideration they had asked from the board and invited members of the board to speak.

Teaching More Important.

"Elaborate buildings are nice and cost money and we will build them if the taxpayers want them," said Mr. Sabin. "But, the soul of a school, in my opinion, is in the teaching and training given to the pupils. I think our buildings are reasonably safe. The pupils are well drilled for fires and under ordinary circumstances there will be no danger in our present school buildings."

Director Campbell defended the course of the board in not complying with demands for building concrete schoolhouses. He said that the cost was much higher and that in making up the budget of expenses for the year the board would not raise sufficient funds to construct the kind of buildings some of the districts had asked for. Mr. Campbell said that he was of the opinion that the taxpayers of Portland had decided to come out flat-footed in regard to the school situation.

CAREER OF CRIME SHORT

Youths of McMinnville Land in Jail After Seattle Trip.

Detectives of the local police department returned from Seattle late Thursday night with three alleged crooks in custody. Howard Christian, alias L. P. Hill, and George Griffin, alias A. W. Waters, two 15-year-old boys, and Burt Shinn, a middle-aged man, wanted for several alleged burglaries, constitute the trio held at headquarters.

KING SEEKS WORLD PEACE

London Paper Says Roosevelt Had Note From Italian Ruler.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Daily News today published a statement that the origin of Colonel Roosevelt's suggestion for an European peace league, made at Christmas during his recent tour of Europe was a memorial prepared on the subject by the King of Italy, which the King asked Colonel Roosevelt to deliver to the Emperor of Germany.

FAIR TICKET SALE IS BIG

Live Wire Club Active for Portland's Show.

From all indications the Portland Fair & Livestock Association fair to be held in Portland the week of September 3 to 11 will be one of the best and most successful ever held in the United States.

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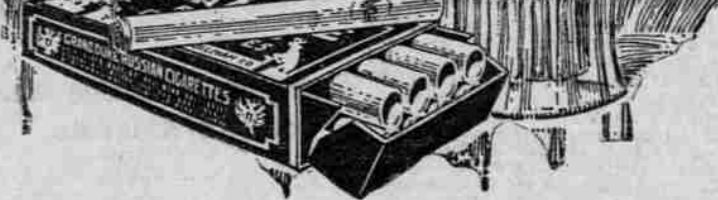
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