

FIREPROOFED WOOD CHALLENGES STEEL

County, City and School Heads Are Shown How to Build Cheaper, Safe Buildings.

SAVING NEAR 50 PER CENT

Lumber Interests Will Build Structure Thoroughly to Test J. E. Tourtelotte's Proposed New Method by Practical Experiments.

J. E. Tourtelotte, of Tourtelotte & Hummel, Monday night laid before the joint meeting of the City and County Commissioners and School Board a plan for construction of fireproof buildings entirely of Oregon materials, which, he said, should cost from 25 to 50 per cent less than the present steel and concrete fireproofing.

He offered to demonstrate the feasibility of his method by constructing a building under this plan and allowing it to be set on fire, guaranteeing that four times the ordinary amount of furniture in a room could be burned without destroying the room and the building.

A delegation of representatives from the various leading lumber concerns of Portland announced their willingness to stand the expense of constructing such a building for the purpose of making the test.

If the test should prove successful it was recommended that the committee now at work on the revision of the building code be advised to incorporate in the new code the necessary provisions to make possible the erection of the buildings by the use of Oregon lumber fireproofed by Mr. Tourtelotte's proposed method.

"I believe I can show by my method," said Mr. Tourtelotte before the joint body, "that wood, suitably fireproofed, is the best, the most effective and the cheapest medium in the world for safe construction."

Oregon Money Stays Here. "If we build public fireproof structures from steel and concrete shipped from other states we get the buildings and they get the money for the material. If we build them from materials that we can produce in our own state the taxpayer gets both the buildings and the money."

"If steel can be protected, wood can also be protected. We have mines of asbestos in Oregon near Roseburg, and we can produce cement also. A layer of fireproofing, composed of asbestos and cement an inch thick, I believe I can prove to be better than three inches of any other fireproofing material."

Mr. Tourtelotte said that by previous test he had found a solid construction of Oregon fir timber, fireproofed with this preparation, was less liable to damage from fire than steel and concrete, both asbestos and wood being non-conductors of heat and not subject to expansion and shrinkage, as is steel.

As to the cost, he said that a building erected under this method, while equally as safe as the steel and concrete fireproof buildings, would cost only about 25 to 50 cents per cubic foot. E. A. Nelson, superintendent of properties of the school district, said that the average cost of the buildings being erected by the district under present requirements is from 15 to 17 1/2 cents per cubic foot.

M. G. Manly, of the School Board, pointed out that the school buildings now being constructed cost about \$6000 a room, while the same buildings, built under the estimates mentioned by Mr. Tourtelotte and my plan by the method outlined, would cost approximately \$2500 a room.

Lumbermen Approve Test. F. C. Knapp, speaking for the delegation of lumbermen, said that they were willing to stand the expense of making the test proposed by Mr. Tourtelotte. It was that that plans and estimates of any of the proposed school buildings be placed in the hands of Mr. Tourtelotte and that he estimate their cost by the new method, so that an exact idea of the saving may be obtained.

The committee on building code revision will meet Wednesday afternoon at the City Hall at 3 o'clock. The representatives of the lumbermen were invited last night by Mr. Nelson to appear at that time, so that the proposed plan and test might be brought before them.

Mayor Albee said that he believed if the test proved successful the City Commission would not hesitate for a moment to adopt the changes in the code necessary to make the new method of construction available in city, county and school buildings.

The meeting was held last night in the Commissioners' room at the Court-house, with Mayor Albee presiding.

Oregon Political Gossip

Resolutions endorsing the initiative measure providing for consolidation of certain state commissions and abolition of others, proposed by W. A. Carter, Republican candidate for Governor, were passed Saturday night by Woodlawn Grange. It was also voted to ask members of the Grange throughout the state to work for the measure.

Seventy-three women voters of Rose City Park have formed a club to work for the nomination of ex-Governor T. T. Geer for Governor. The club will elect officers this week, and expects to take an active part in the campaign.

A Hurlbert club was organized in Precinct 127 Saturday night. The purpose of the club is to work for the nomination of T. M. Hurlbert, Republican candidate for Sheriff. Wilbur C. Kerns was elected chairman and J. H. Huchinson secretary of the club. A committee composed of A. C. McDonald, H. P. Stout, A. C. Cammack and George W. F. Ballou was appointed to keep things moving. Supporters of Hurlbert are centering their efforts at present in urging all citizens to register so as to be eligible to vote at the primary election on May 18.

W. H. Meredith, of Gold Beach, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District, is in Portland for a brief stay.

Oregon will be listed among the so-called Sunday "blue law" states if a measure to be initiated by the Northwest Sabbath Association and the Christian Endeavor Union to go on the ballot for the election next November, should be passed. The measure is aimed especially at Sunday baseball and Sunday theaters. It forbids all gainful occupations on Sunday. Games not played for money would not be prohibited, those behind the measure assert.

Biblical reasons for the passage of the measure are cited in a statement explaining its purpose. "That God's blessing rests upon a Sabbath-keepers"

people is attested by all nations," is one of the assertions made. The motto of the Northwest Sabbath Association is: "He who casts dishonor on the commandments of God is a foe to mankind and a traitor to the Republic." Those actively in charge of the move to have the measure initiated are R. R. Steele, Rev. W. B. Hinson, S. Earl DuBois, H. Leiper, G. Evert Baker and F. G. Lister.

J. A. Madsen, candidate for the Republican nomination for State Labor Commissioner, has returned from a campaign trip through Southern Oregon. He put in about ten days on his tour and went as far south as Ashland. Among the other towns he visited were Grants, Medford, Jacksonville, Roseburg, Cottage Grove and Eugene. Mr. Madsen says that his prospects are very encouraging.

At a meeting in Sellwood Wednesday night, Grant E. Dimick, Republican candidate for Governor, will be the principal speaker.

To enable candidates to be seen and heard in explanation of their platforms and campaign promises, the Portland Democratic club has arranged for a series of meetings for office-seekers on May 7, 8 and 9. Delbert A. Hogan will be chairman of the meetings, and each candidate will be allotted ten minutes to speak.

The Oregon Civic League will hold a candidates' rally at the Multnomah Hotel on May 8.

W. H. Canon, of Medford, of which city he was Mayor for two terms, left Portland last night for Astoria, after two days here, conferring with local Democrats and looking after his campaign for Democratic National committee.

Later he will make a trip to Eastern Oregon. Mr. Canon has been a Democrat all his life, and he is 54 years old. For 30 years he has been actively connected with party affairs, having served during all that time either as central committee, and sometimes of both, in Wisconsin and in Oregon. He has been a member of the Oregon Democratic central committee for six years, and has the distinction of never having missed a meeting of that body. He is known as "Judge" Canon in Medford.

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INJUNCTION IS SUGGESTED

Decision Reached, However, at Session That Hostile Move Must Be Made Before Fishermen Can Be Defended.

The attitude of Leslie H. Darwin, Fish Commissioner of Washington, in threatening to arrest Washington gillnet fishermen in the Columbia River who fish on Oregon licenses was the subject of some warm discussion at a meeting of the State Fish and Game Commission Monday in the office of William L. Finley, state game propagator.

Mr. Darwin had written what amounted to an ultimatum to the Oregon Commission in regard to his intentions after the opening of the salmon fishing season, May 1. He demanded that the Oregon Commission stop licensing fishermen who are residents of Washington. The ultimatum in his letter was the threat to arrest all the Washington fishermen with Oregon licenses that he would find.

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Fountain Green, Hancock County, today, aged 92 years.

BIG RALLY IS CALLED FOR

Republicans Plan "Party Talks" Tomorrow Night.

Plans for a big Republican organization rally, to be held in the assembly hall of the Central Library tonight, were announced last night by C. R. Meloney, secretary of the Lincoln Republican Club, under whose auspices it will be held.

The purpose of the rally is to take preliminary steps toward organizing the Republican voters of the state in support of the Republican ticket nominated at the primary election on May 18. A call to attend has been sent to all Republican candidates for precinct committeemen in this county. Members of the Lincoln Republican Club, both men and women, and all persons interested in the success of the Republican party at the general election, also are urged to be present.

The programme is to include short "party talks" by prominent party leaders. Through several of the speakers are candidates, it is not to be, in any sense, a candidates' meeting. Those who have accepted the invitation to make addresses have done so with the understanding that they are to talk entirely along party lines without regard to their own candidacies.

The list of speakers at the rally, which is to start at 8 o'clock, will include C. N. McArthur, W. A. Leet, George M. Brown, Frank S. Grant, Gus C. Moser, Conrad F. Hason, S. B. Cobb, George N. Farrington, E. H. Deery, W. H. H. Dufur and others.

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When the Graf Waldersee docked at Hoboken she resembled a miniature Noah's Ark. In addition to the storks, she had aboard 14 cranes, 200 ducks, geese, four pigs, three vultures, 42 monkeys, 11 boxes of snakes, three crates of white mice, three crates of all sorts and one fine box constructor.

On the voyage the box constructor learned mouse catching. Some of the white mice nibbled their way out of their crate—and into the snake. He seemed annoyed, the sailors said, that none of the pigs came, so that there would have been fewer mouthfuls at a meal.

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