SCHOOLS ARE URGED AS SOCIAL CENTERS

Project to Procure Recreation Place for Strangers in City Finding Favor.

JUVENILE JUDGE APPROVES

Object Is to Provide Opportunity for Newcomers to Make Friends and Enjoy Amusements Amid Proper Surroundings.

That the movement inaugurated in Portland by representatives of the various social organizations and women's clubs of the city to work out some plan whereby girls and young men, strangers in the city, may enjoy each other's society will result in the establishment of a municipal recreation center, where dances and social gatherings may be held under proper influences, was the belief expressed yesterday by various prominent people who are backing the plan. Practically all were unanimous in suggesting that various school buildings of the city be used for the social gatherings, as the project could be carried out with but little expense.

A survey of the city is being made in order to learn what may be done to improve the social life of the young people. The committee in charge of this work was appointed at a meeting of social workers held at the call of Judge Gatens, of the Juvenile Court, and consists of Rev. Frederick K. Howard, chaplain of Good Samaritan Hospital; Mrs. Daniel Grant, of the Political Science Club; Mrs. S. M. Blumauer, of the Council of Jewish Women, and Miss N. C. Bruce, of the Catholic Woman's League. This committee is to report the progress made at a meeting to be held February 19.

Plan Approved by Judge.

Speaking of the work, Judge Gatens said yesterday that he heartily favored the plan of utilizing the school buildings of the city for such social gatherings.

"The Parent-Teacher associations are using them for meetings of a somewhat similar nature," he said, "and I think there can be no objection to their being used for the gatherings which we propose. There are at the present time many boys and girls in the city who have no home and who are thrown with all kinds of influences. The proposed municipal center would, in a measure, supply the influence ordinarily given by the home and would, in addition, give the social life so necessary to the proper and wholesome development of the young people."

Mr. Alderman Indorses Project.

City Superintendent of Schools Alderman said he could see no objection to the city school buildings being used for the work. "The School Board is always liberal in matters of that character," he said, "and I am sure that they would heartily indorse the contemplated plan."

Mrs. Daniel Grant, member of the committee, said that the survey of the city had not been completed, so that she could not tell just how far those backing the movement would care to go. She emphasized the need of a municipal center, declaring that there were many girls, particularly those who were working, who needed some place where they could obtain recreation at small expense.

Mrs. R. E. Bondurant, of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, expressed herself strongly in favor of utilizing the schools as municipal centers.

She said that the Oregon Congress of Mothers would back any movement which had for its object the improvement of the social life of the young people of the city in that manner.

OREGON CITY GETS JITNEYS

Cars to Carry Passengers to Show Staged by Eastern Star.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The jitney bus as an Oregon City institution will have its day in the mill town. Its day may not be a long one, but, batring eleventh-hour regulation by the Council, the service as a purely local affair will be inaugurated on two nights next week, when passengers will be carried from lower Main street up to the hill section.

The local order of Eastern Star is staging a big amateur production of "Mary Jane's Pa" on the two evenings in question, and the enterprising committee of Oregon City women who are behind the theatrical venture have decided that a jitney service from the downtown districts to the opera-house up in the hill section would aid materially in swelling the gate receipts for the big benefit production.

Consequently, every extra car in town will be pressed into service, and unless unforeseen circumstances arise, Oregon City streets will look like Portland on a busy afternoon—for a few minutes at least.

WORK IN PRECINCT DENIED

Mrs. Nellie S. Hoover Said She Did Not Belong to Questioned Board.

Indignant that she should have been included in the list of election officials in Precinct 37, whose case is questioned by the planned appointment of a new board, Mrs. Nellie S. Hoover yesterday denied that she had served in that precinct in the Word-Hurlburt election. She did serve as chairman of the election board for that election in Precinct 53, she said. Mrs. Hoover has been living in Precinct 37 but a short time, recently moving to the Ramapo Hotel, and had consented to serve on the board of that precinct in the next election.

Mrs. S. E. McDougall, whose name was also included in the list printed yesterday of Precinct 37 officials, served on no board in the election, said Mrs. Hoover. Mrs. McDougall is proprietress of the Ramapo.

REGULATION MORE STRICT

Internal Revenue Collector Sends Circulars to Druggists.

Colonel M. A. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue, has been obliged to establish a new department in his office for the enforcement of the new law, effective March 1, regulating the sale and dispensing of opium, cocoa leaves or their derivatives. He has sent out 300 circular letters to druggists and doctors.

It is pointed out by Colonel Miller in his letter that an inventory of all drugs coming within the provisions of the act must be kept on file, and that a special license fee of $1 a year must be paid for dealing in these drugs. Besides, there is an extra revenue stamp for these drugs. Violations bring heavy penalties.

CATHOLIC PRELATE WHO DEDICATED NEW FOUR-STORY HOSPITAL AT BAKER.

BISHOP C. J. O'REILLY.

HOSPITAL IS OPENED

Bishop O'Reilly Dedicates Structure at Baker.

PUBLIC VISITS BUILDING

Four Stories Furnish Accommodations for 75 Patients—Two Operating Rooms Are Splendidly Appointed.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Baker's new $175,000 hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, was dedicated this afternoon by Bishop C. J. O'Reilly with a large gathering present, whereupon the doors of the fine new building were opened to the public for the first time for inspection.

Visiting Catholic prelates from all over the Pacific Northwest were present at today's ceremony.

The public was then invited to inspect the big four-story stone structure, the first modern institution of this kind to be built in Eastern Oregon. They found everything ready for the reception of patients tomorrow, when those now at the old hospital will be transferred to the new quarters.

The building contains eight ward-rooms and many private rooms which have been furnished by individuals and organizations of the city. There are two splendidly-appointed operating-rooms, all the conveniences which go with the surgical department and an elaborately-equipped kitchen and laundry.

There is accommodation now for 75 patients, and when the one wing of the structure which is yet unfinished is completed there will be ample room for 100 patients.

INDIANA PASTOR CALLED

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OFFERS PULPIT TO REV. G. F. DARSIE.

Congregation Unanimous in Choice of Terre Haute Minister, Who Has Notable Record.

Rev. George F. Darsie, pastor of the First Christian Church of Terre Haute, Ind., has been asked to become the pastor of the First Christian Church of Portland. The call was unanimously extended yesterday morning by the First Church congregation, following selection by the pulpit supply committee and approval by the official board of the church.

The congregational session was presided over by H. M. Haller, chairman of the board of trustees, and the call will be accepted, it is believed.

The First Christian Church of Portland has a membership of 625 and has been without a pastor for almost a year, since the resignation of Rev. Maxwell Hall to leave for the East with his family. Rev. S. M. Conner has been the temporary pastor and during the past year, although the church has had no regular pastor, the membership has increased 75 members. The pulpit is a $3000 charge.

Rev. Mr. Darsie has been chosen by the pulpit supply committee, of which the chairman is A. H. Averill, as one of the strongest men of the Christian faith available. He has held the pulpit of Terre Haute First Church for several years, having gone there from Akron, O. The Terre Haute First Church has a membership of about 1800 and is one of the recognized strong churches in Terre Haute. Rev. Mr. Darsie is between 44 and 45 years old and during the past year raised $23,000 for extra work among his congregation. He is a Sunday school expert and an authority on work among children.

It is believed that if Rev. Mr. Darsie accepts the call he will be able to take up his duties in Portland within 30 days.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Fred M. Cook, of Seattle, is at the Oregon.

C. A. Glenn, of Bandon, is at the Seward.

Vernon Forbes, of Bend, is at the Perkins.

O. B. Herbst, of Tacoma, is at the Imperial.

George Martin, of McMinnville, is at the Eaton.

W. G. Gray, of Salem, is a guest at the Eaton.

Leon Sears, of Seattle, is a guest at the Carlton.

Frederick Hoflitch, of Albany, is at the Perkins.

W. A. Gellatly, of Corvallis, Sheriff of Benton County, registered at the Perkins yesterday.

W. E. Hanson, of Hood River, is at the Cornelius.

Augusta Hanson, of Tacoma, is staying at the Eaton.

W. L. Johnson, of Albany, is registered at the Eaton.

Dr. J. M. Waugh, of Hood River, is a guest at the Cornelius.

Philip E. Burt, of Bend, registered at the Seward yesterday.

O. A. Pierce, of Madras, registered at the Imperial yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bell, of Bridal Veil, are at the Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gould, of Oregon City, are at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Knox, of Salem, are guests at the Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Rand, of Spokane, are at the Nortonia.

G. W. Ninemeier, of Montesano, Wash., is a guest at the Imperial.

E. F. Slade, of Salem, was an arrival at the Cornelius yesterday.

Dr. E. J. Stewart, of Corvallis, registered at the Oregon yesterday.

R. M. Richardson, of Salem, registered at the Carlton yesterday.

J. K. Starr, a Fossil attorney, registered at the Multnomah yesterday.

W. F. Clyborne, a lumberman of Eureka, is a guest at the Multnomah.

B. F. Laughlin, of The Dalles, was an arrival at the Perkins yesterday.

E. M. Croston, of Astoria, was one of yesterday's arrivals at the Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hitt, of Seattle, registered at the Nortonia yesterday.

Allan Trumbull and S. A. Neuman, merchants of Port Townsend, Wash., are guests at the Oregon.

G. L. Blair, of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company, is in the city, registered at the Multnomah.

F. W. Mills and wife, of Marshfield, are guests at the Imperial. Mr. Mills is agent for the Portland & Coos Bay Steamship Company.

CHURCH LAGGARD SCOLDED

Rev. J. E. Youel Denounces Absentees and Non-Contributors.

Rev. J. E. Youel, of the Spokane-Avenue Presbyterian Church, in speaking yesterday morning on "The Duty of the Church Member to the Church," condemned those who absent themselves constantly from the services and fail to contribute toward the support of the finances of the church. Mr. Youel declared that empty pews are no inspiration or encouragement to the pastor in his sermons.

The services during the week and next Sunday will be devoted mainly to the Christian Endeavor movement. Mr. Youel will speak in the afternoon and Samuel Baker, of the Portland Y. M. C. A., will speak next Sunday morning. In the evening a Christian Endeavor meeting will be held.

Sermon Thoughts From Portland Churches.

"A Characterization of the Devil," the subject of Rev. J. A. Leas' sermon, attracted a large congregation last night at St. James' Lutheran Church.

Dr. Leas said, in part:

"We all know more about the devil than we like to acknowledge. We don't like to be seen in his company except after dark. The most of us have practiced his own arts so long that we are almost as adept in deceiving as he is himself.

Rev. J. A. Leas.

"There are many bad things to be said about the devil, but the best thing I know to say is that he is a hard worker and sticks to his job.

"The Bible calls him deceiver, liar, lucifer, the serpent and murderer. I believe the Bible, because I believe the Bible in its record about God and heaven.

"He doesn't always wear overalls. He sometimes wears evening dress. He laughs at soap and water as religion, and fears no antiseptic, however deadly. No probe is sufficient, though deep it may seem, unless it goes to the very core of the putrefaction.

"He knows that intellectual unrest simply leaves the soul in despair. He hates God, and his votaries do not love the God he hates."

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"As a sign of prosperity in a church, I should say that spiritual growth is an excellent indication," said Rev. C. L. Hamilton, of the University Park Methodist Episcopal Church, in his sermon on "Church Prosperity." Dr. Hamilton said: "Salvation of mankind is far more important than a great show of social prosperity. A church may have many prominent members and may have social status and yet fall short of its real intention if it has not a proportionate amount of true spiritual life. No matter how rich and powerful a church or a man is, if Christ does not sway the life, it is a failure. 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.'"

In the evening, Dr. B. J. Hoadley gave an eloquent address on "Fifty Years of Lincoln." The perseverance and genuine worth of the character of Lincoln were held as a great example for all who heard the speaker.

NEW APPROACH WON

Span Entrances to Be at Union Avenue and Dabney.

FUNDS PERMIT CHANGE

Donations of Rights of Way for Inter-State Bridge Clear Way for Second Entrance—Work May Begin in March.

The County Commissioners have decided to adopt a second approach at the Oregon end for the interstate bridge that will span the Columbia River between Portland and Vancouver. In addition to the main approach on Union avenue, a second entrance to the bridge will be provided at Derby street.

This action is in line with many suggestions made some time ago when plans for the bridge were first made, but the County Commissioners, fearing funds would not suffice for two approaches, felt themselves compelled to turn a deaf ear to the plan. George M. Hyland, the foremost advocate of two approaches, appeared at a number of meetings of the Oregon Interstate Bridge Commission and urged that plans be drawn with this in view.

Many Rights Donated.

Later financing of the bridge project will, it is believed, admit of two approaches. The committee on rights of way for the original Union-avenue viaduct has reported that practically all the right of way will be donated, and a considerable sum of money will be saved in this way. A number of deeds for rights of way have already been obtained and two more, one from the Union Meat Company and the other from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, will be in this week. The committee has reported that rights of way for the Union-avenue approach are now in good shape and the work of obtaining similar privileges on Derby street has been begun.

Actual work on the new bridge will be commenced, it is believed, early in March. Bids will be opened February 23 and operations can be started a week later, says E. E. Howard, representing Harrington, Howard & Ash, the engineering firm that has the bridge construction in charge.

Second Approach in View.

"Rights of way matters have occupied the Commissioners for the past few weeks," said Mr. Howard, "and these things are now about all cleared up. Because of the donated rights of way and the fact that the bridge bonds sold at a considerable premium, a saving has been effected that seems to assure a second approach.

"Contractors are coming into the city already to look over the ground, preparatory to placing their bids on the work. No fewer than 70 sets of plans and specifications have been sent out, not including sub-contractors, so it seems there will be plenty of tenders on the work.

"It will, I think, be satisfactory generally to provide a second approach, which will give people of the Peninsula district easy access to the bridge without compelling them to travel down to the Union-avenue approach."

SLEDGE SPREADS RUIN

ANGRY HUSBAND WRECKS INTERIOR OF FORMER HOME.

Michael J. De Vaney, Separated From Wife, Works Havoc While Family of Eight Is at Church.

Arrested yesterday after he had entered his former home at 566 Spruce street and wrecked the interior with a sledge hammer, Michael J. De Vaney, East Side foreman in the city sewer department, is in the city jail awaiting preliminary hearing in the Municipal Court on a charge of threatening to kill his wife. Bail has been denied him.

Mrs. De Vaney and her children, four boys and three girls, were at church when her husband called yesterday morning. Mr. De Vaney did not wait for them to return, but, entering a basement window, he secured a sledge hammer, with which he proceeded to smash doors and furniture.

The havoc wrought in the house was terrific, according to Patrolman Coulter, who arrived on the scene shortly after De Vaney had left. Scarce a piece of furniture was left intact, mirrors were smashed, a bass viol was splintered, the telephone was lying with broken receiver and transmitter, and the wake of the hammer was strewn with broken ornaments and china.

Patrolman Miller later arrested De Vaney in his room at 106 Heller building, Grand and Hawthorne avenues.

The couple have not been living together since the first of the year, but have not been divorced. According to De Vaney the trouble between them dates from November 18 last, when, he said, his wife knocked him down with a blow on the head.

SCHOOL AIM EXPLAINED

MR. ALDERMAN SPEAKER AT SELLWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Co-operation Pledged for Support of Night Classes and Increase in Social Center Interest.

In his address yesterday before the Current Events Club, of the Spokane-Avenue Presbyterian Church, of Sellwood, on "What the Portland Public Schools Are Trying to Do," City Superintendent Alderman declared that the Portland public schools are being made the open door of opportunity for every boy and girl so as to enable them to stand the competition of life. He pointed out that there are 30,000 pupils and about 1000 teachers, and that it would be easier to consider these pupils as a whole than as separate problems to be solved, but that the principals and teachers are required to study each child separately.

"We are putting on the principals and teachers a great responsibility," said Mr. Alderman, "than ever in that they must study each child, but the fathers and mothers share that responsibility. Efficiency is the aim. Complaints are made that the public schools are expensive, but they are not expensive where they train the boy and girl to become useful citizens."

The Current Events Club decided to take up the question of co-operation, and Rev. J. E. Youel appointed C. M. Thompson, G. H. Charters and W. C. Moore to take up the school question. The Methodist Brotherhood will be asked to co-operate. There will be an effort to make the night school better and the schoolhouse a center.

LEIPZIG WILL HOLD FAIR

Cablegram Announces Affair Will Take Place Despite War.

The war apparently has not interfered seriously with the plans of Leipzig, Germany, for the annual fair, which will be held in that city next month. The following cablegram was received at the office of the Imperial German Consulate General in New York from the Chamber of Commerce of Leipzig:

Leipziger Fair positively takes place from March 1 until March 5, a proof of the unshakable soundness of Germany's industrial and social life. Numerous exhibitors and buyers from Germany and neutral countries are sure to attend. Conditions, commercial and social, are normal as in times of peace. German industries are well able to supply all needs. There are no war prices. Trave, via neutral state, especially Italy, is without any danger, but everyone is advised to carry a valid passport. The best accommodations of the hotels of Leipzig are assured.

Murderer's Children Cared For.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The three children of Frank Williams, who was sentenced recently to life imprisonment, for the confessed murder of Allen C. McLeod, a homesteader, were committed to the care of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society at Portland by the County Court, William S. Worden and Marion Hanks sitting as judges.

Albany Lodge to Celebrate.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—A triple anniversary will be celebrated by the Albany Lodge of Elks on February 18. It will be the 52d anniversary of the foundation of the order, the 18th anniversary of the organization of the local lodge and the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the Elks' Temple in this city. Albany has the second largest Elks' lodge in the state, its membership including residents of Albany, Corvallis, Toledo, Newport, Lebanon, Brownsville, Harrisburg, Scio, Halsey, Philomath, Shedds and Yaquina.

Wild pigeons were known to be the most voracious eaters of the animal kingdom in proportion to their size. One consumed 1000 grains of wheat in a day.

MRS. J. LA FLAMME OF PORTLAND GETTING RELIEF FROM RHEUMATISM

Had Ailment for Three Year—Akoz Stops Pain in Few Weeks Time.

Gratefulness for the relief given her by Akoz, the wonderful California medicinal mineral, prompted Mrs. J. La Flamme, 348 Grant street, Portland, a sufferer for three years from rheumatism, to make the following statement:

"I suffered from rheumatism for three years. The ailment started in my right hand, went up to the elbow and then traveled to the muscles around the right shoulder. One of my ankles was also causing me trouble, rheumatism settling there as a result of a sprain some years ago. After taking Akoz several weeks the pains have left my hands, elbow and shoulder, and shown relief in the ankle. I can eat better, as an acid stomach caused me great distress. Akoz has taken this away also."

Akoz is a pure, honest mineral remedy, not a patent medicine nor a manufactured article. It is free from all harmful ingredients and has proven effective in thousands of cases of rheumatism, stomach, liver, kidney and bladder trouble, ulcers, catarrh, eczema, skin diseases and other ailments. Akoz is sold by all leading druggists. Where further information may be had regarding to[illegible]ement.

MRS. J. LA FLAMME.