

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR COUCH SCHOOL

Pupils and Workers Join in Impressive Ceremonies at Glisan-Street Building.

JUDGE MUNLY IS SPEAKER

Records and Mementoes Are Tucked Away in Small Brass Box—Project for First Roof-Garden Playground Is Begun.

"Today we gather to lay the cornerstone of one of the finest public buildings in the city. Next to Lincoln High School it is the finest of our schools, and is surpassed by few schools west of the Mississippi River. Every convenience and comfort for the pupils and teachers that modern architecture and science can suggest has been provided. In its materials, its finish, in its appointments in its every detail it is one of the best."

This in part was what Judge M. G. Munly, chairman of the Board of Education, said to the thousands of men, women and children who gathered at Twentieth and Glisan streets yesterday to see laid the cornerstone of the new Couch School, the first school building in Portland to have a roof-garden playground.

"The building represents a vast expenditure of money," Judge Munly continued. "It is a noble gift from the people of this district to you, the parents and children of the community. The people in making this gift to you desire that you foster in your hearts and lives usefulness, morality, duty and nobility. They make this sacrifice to you that the habits of industry, sobriety, truthfulness, moral courage, self-denial, kindness and courtesy as taught here may not be in vain."

W. T. Fletcher is Chairman. Judge Munly spoke a few words on the necessity of good citizenship and religious belief, and closed by saying that the building would be dedicated in the laying of its cornerstone to the honor of God that his benedictions may endure.

W. T. Fletcher, principal of the school, was chairman of the exercises and his face fairly glowed with happiness and pride in the new building. He introduced the various speakers, of which Superintendent of Schools L. R. Alderman was among the first.

Mr. Alderman congratulated the district upon its achievement and spoke of the usefulness of the school to the community and dedicated the school "to service." Below him was a sea of small interested faces that smiled at him confidently. He spoke to them, too, asking how many were glad for the new building.

Instantly up went hundreds of little hands and smiles of many varieties spread over the little faces. F. A. Naramore, architect of the building, spoke on the construction of the building. Besides the roof play garden, the building also has a large swimming tank and aquatic sports will be taught to the youngsters next year. The swimming tank was cut in at the suggestion of O. M. Plummer.

Rodney Glisan, who was to have given a brief history of the school, was unable to attend, but sent greetings. E. E. Heckbert sent greetings from Seattle, being unable to get home in time for the exercises.

Many Records Are Inclosed. R. H. Thomas, school clerk, gave a brief review of the school and its history, telling how the building first was to have been built on the site where the building now stands, but the bonds were voted down by the taxpayers. He said that later it was hoped to get the school out in North Portland, but that to no avail. He told how the present old Couch School was built by the taxpayers of the district getting together and working for the building.

In a brass box five inches wide, five inches deep and 12 inches long which was laid in the cornerstone a vast number of records were enclosed. These included a copy of the Greater Portland plans, copies of the daily papers, copies of the current events, copy of the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the Teachers' Retirement Fund Association, copy of the constitution of the Grade Teachers' Association, the Portland Education Association, High School Teachers' Association, and Portland Principals' Association, blank forms used in the district, buffalo nickels, a Lincoln penny and an Indian penny, a silk flag having 48 stars, a program of the exercises, school bulletin volume one, number one and volume two, number 25, the courses of study, copy of the rules and regulations of the district, a copy of the copy of the minutes at which the building was authorized and the awards made for the contracts, the estimated cost of the new building, the seal of the district, a copy of the school law of Oregon, the survey, the digest of the survey, the official directory of Oregon educators, a picture of the old Couch building, the names of all the principals, the names of the children at present in school by grades and classes, the names of all the graduates, 1158 in number, the names of all the teachers, and a list of the extra curricular activities including the Bird Club, the Garden Club and the Kewpie Club, and names of Mrs. Jennie Burnham, C. A. Rice and W. T. Fletcher.

Ex-Principal Gives Talk. After Mr. Thomas had finished reading the list of articles to go in the box, Charles Rice, ex-principal of the school, was introduced and gave a short address. He was principal of the school from December, 1908, until June, 1910, and was the only ex-principal present. Dr. Allan Welch Smith gave a short address of congratulation to the district. O. M. Plummer spoke a few words in behalf of the district of which he has been a member for 29 years. Mr. Fletcher then introduced Mrs. Jennie Burnham, who has been a teacher in Couch School for the past 29 years, but she was unable to speak on account of a severe cold.

Mrs. Burnham spoke a few words to the pupils and those at the exercises. Hopkin Jenkins, now principal of Jefferson High School, who graduated 24 years ago from Couch School, gave a short speech of congratulation and greeting.

The roll of each class was put in the brass box by one of the pupils from each of the grades, who spoke a few words in behalf of their classes. Four children under the direction of Mrs. Esther Hawkins, one of the primary teachers, gave Longfellow's "The Builders," which concluded the programme. The laying of the cornerstone on the south side of the building was then attended. Judge Munly and Mr. Naramore laid the cornerstone, which, strangely enough, was not on the corner, but directly in the center of the building.

The school occupies almost an entire block on Glisan, Hoyt, Twentieth and Twenty-first streets and is brick reinforced with concrete. The teachers of the school now are Mrs. Jennie Burnham, Viola Ortolano,

PHOTOGRAPHIC GLIMPSES AT CORNERSTONE-LAYING FOR NEW COUCH SCHOOL.



(1) EVERYBODY'S GLAD. (2) JUDGE M. G. MUNLY AND F. A. NARAMORE LAYING THE CORNERSTONE.

Lena Ayers, Louise Kelly, Estelle McIntyre, Clara Gill, Louise Battelle, Dorothy Binkley, and others were present at the laying of the cornerstone.

HAIR TEST YIELDS NOTHING

Microscopic Investigation Does Not Solve Wehrman Murder.

Microscopic tests of human hair, by which it was hoped to clear up the mystery of the killing of Mrs. Daley Wehrman and her infant son, near Seaplane, four years ago, were made Wednesday in Governor Withycombe's office at Salem, but the investigation was inconclusive.

COUNTY DEBATE TITLE UP

Milwaukie Team Is to Meet Canby Tonight for Championship. The Milwaukie High School's negative team composed of Naomi Hart and William Miller will meet in debate tonight in the assembly hall of the Milwaukie school the affirmative debating team from Canby, composed of Henry Zimmerman and Evelyn Nebendahl. Milwaukie's affirmative team, Miss Doris Martin and Miss Bertha Pully, will meet the negative team of Canby, Clair Haines and Miss Sophia Meeks. The debates are for the county championship and the question is: "Resolved, That a literary test should be applied as a further restriction upon immigration to the United States."

NEW FILMS ON VIEW

Great Labor Play at Sunset Draws Crowds.

"GRENA GREEN" WINNER

Jeff de Angelis Seen in "The Funny Side of Jealousy" at Star-War Pictures Show German and Allies' Fighting Equipment.

So large were the crowds at the Sunset Theater yesterday to see the great labor drama, "Spirit of the Crowd," that the first performance today and Saturday will be started at 10:30 A. M.

Labor's side of the conflict between capital and labor is shown in the drama. It depicts with feeling the reasons why workmen form labor unions, why the unions insist on the "closed shop," and why they are so anxious to have every toiler in the ranks of organized labor. A great strike is shown, in which organized capital is opposed by equally well-organized labor.

Throughout the five acts of the drama the interest is sustained and the action holds up. One striking effect is obtained by the allegorical return of the spirit of Napoleon to help the workers with a great victory for peace.

"Ambrose's Sour Grapes," a special two-act Keystone comedy, is a real success, in which pretty nearly the whole Keystone galaxy of stars appears.

War Pictures on Land and Sea Are Among Attractions. Jefferson de Angelis is said to be the highest-priced maul comedy star who ever invaded the ranks of motion pictures.

But, however that may be, Mr. de Angelis was responsible yesterday for providing patrons of the Star Theater with much undiluted amusement in his film vehicle, "The Funny Side of Jealousy."

Never has Cleo Madison had a better opportunity for the display of her emotional acting abilities than in "The Mother Instinct," a somewhat unusual drama of a man and a woman cast on a desert isle.

In the Animated Weekly, which closes the bill, there are some capital views of the Kaiser reviewing his troops on the eastern battlefield, while the Eitel Friedrich is shown steaming into Newport News. Just to add a grim touch there is then shown the warships of the allies, waiting outside the three-mile limit, ready to pounce on the Eitel.

The programme will run till Saturday night.

THRILLS GIVEN AT PEOPLES

"Gretna Green" With Marguerite Clark Drawing Card.

Marguerite Clark, who achieved tremendous popularity through "Wildflower" and "The Crucible," as well as for her legitimate triumph in "Baby Mine," opened at the Peoples Theater yesterday in her latest screen success, "Gretna Green." Judging by the crowds greeting Miss Clark the play is destined to be her most successful offering.

"Gretna Green" is a delightful picture-romance of Gretna Green in the days when daughter and would-be son were making a rapid get-away for the border with father about half a mile behind. Across the border the spoken word meant marriage.

With the surroundings it can be seen that the photodrama possesses all the essential elements of a play necessary to success on the screen. Love, sacrifice, humor, mystery and thrill abound. Miss Clark will delight her friends.

"Gretna Green" runs until tomorrow night. John Barrymore in "Are You a Mason?" for Sunday is the next Paramount offering at the Peoples.

PAVING PROTEST IS FILED

Improvement Involving \$12,000 May Be Killed.

Owners of 53 per cent of the property to be assessed for the grading of streets and building of concrete sidewalks in the Fifty-third-avenue district filed a remonstrance yesterday with the City Auditor against the improvement. This may result in the project involving an expenditure of about \$12,000, being killed.

Improvement of Fifty-third avenue from Forty-first to Forty-seventh street, Forty-fifth street and Forty-sixth street from Woodstock avenue to Fifty-third avenue and Fifty-fourth avenue from Forty-fifth street to Stewart street is involved.

Citizenship Denied Hindu Student. CORVALLIS, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Adhar Chandra Laskar, a Hindu and a student at the Oregon Agricultural College, who applied for citizenship in the United States, was denied the privilege by Judge Skipworth in the Circuit Court of Benton County here yesterday. The Judge stated his reason for the denial was because within the meaning of the United States revised statutes a native of Hindustan is not a free white person.

AID ON PLANS ASKED

Local Architect Wanted to Start Auditorium Work.

COUNCIL'S IDEAS DRAFTED

Main Room and Concert Hall Are Proposed and Donation of \$25,000 Pipe Organ Sought. \$420,000 Left for Building.

That the City Council might shape its plans quickly for the proposed public auditorium, City Commissioner Brewster yesterday addressed a letter to J. H. Freedlander, of New York, official architect for the auditorium, asking him to appoint a local architect to represent him in the preliminary plans for the building. An early reply to the letter is asked by Mr. Brewster.

The Council proposes to hold a series of sessions at which plans will be discussed. An architect representing Mr. Freedlander is wanted to assist with these plans. The Council will make a rough drawing showing its ideal arrangement of the building and will send this to Mr. Freedlander for his use in preparing the working plans for the building.

The Council has decided in a tentative way to what use the building may be put. It is proposed to have a main auditorium with a seating capacity of about 5000 persons and a smaller concert room seating about 1000 persons. Then there will be space for the housing of the relics of the Oregon Historical Society and other space for the housing of the free museum now in the corridors of the City Hall.

Commissioner Brewster, in investigating the finances of the auditorium proposition, has found that, after provision has been made for all expenditures, there will be about \$420,000 left for the building. Of the total bond issue of \$500,000 there has been sold \$35,000 worth of the bonds. Of those remaining, it is estimated the city will realize about \$25,000 for the architects' fees and \$29,000 for furnishings. Mr. Brewster says it will be necessary to reserve at least \$50,000 for contingencies or extras which cannot be foreseen when the work is started. This will leave \$420,000 for the building.

An effort is to be made to get someone to donate a pipe organ. The Council has decided that if someone will donate an organ to cost \$20,000 or \$25,000 it will be named after the donor.

ITEM FINDS MISSING HEIR

Cousin of Man Hears of \$1000 Legacy Through The Oregonian.

Through an item in The Oregonian a month ago, a man missing for 15 years will recover a legacy worth \$1000. He is David Marcus Simpson, and it has just been discovered that he lives at Asheville, N. C.

Mrs. Sarah J. Simpson died in July, 1912, leaving an estate valued at nearly \$100,000. Her will contained many bequests, among which was \$1000 to David Marcus Simpson, a nephew of her late husband. Carrie Holbrook was named executrix and residuary legatee. When she could not locate David Marcus Simpson, she appealed to County Judge Cleaton, asking that the \$1000 be turned over to her and the estate closed.

About that time The Oregonian printed the story. Yesterday, Deputy County Clerk Seth Smith received a letter from William Marcus Simpson, a cousin of the missing man. He said David Marcus Simpson could be found in Asheville, N. C. in care of the Nelson-Morris Company.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. I. Miller, of Seattle, is at the Carlton. M. E. Ryan, of Seattle, is at the Nortonia.

C. W. Reid, of Aurora, is at the Nortonia. W. J. Macheth, of Kelso, is at the Eaton. A. F. Earle, of Seattle, is at the Cornelia.

R. L. Chase, of Milwaukie, is at the Oregonian. R. M. Griebel, of Seattle, is at the Carlton. Ralph Emerson, of Corvallis, is at the Perkins.

M. E. Evans, of Pensco, Ill., is at the Nortonia. E. E. Stockwell, of Clatskanie, is at the Eaton. Charles H. Clark, of San Diego, is at the Carlton.

A. S. Severson, of McMinnville, is at the Perkins. Mrs. Kate Lando, of Coos Bay, is at the Imperial. C. M. Clegg, of Calgary, Alberta, is at the Oregonian.

Harry A. Neilson, of San Francisco, is at the Oregonian. M. E. Sinclair, the Ilwaco banker, is at the Portland.

C. L. Copeland, of Fort Klamath, is at the Nortonia. D. C. Van, a business man of Salem, is at the Perkins. W. A. Phillippe, of Haarlem, Holland, is at the Cornelia.

J. M. Poorman, a banker of Woodburn, is at the Seward. W. J. Logue, a merchant of Cloverdale, is at the Imperial. C. J. Northrop, a business man of Boise, is at the Seward.

G. A. Hearth, a fruitgrower of The Dalles, is at the Perkins. F. T. McCullough, a capitalist of Spokane, is at the Multnomah. Ralph A. Watson, Corporation Commissioner, is at the Imperial.

Edward J. Elbury, an advertising man of New York, is at the Oregonian. A. B. Magree, a prominent undertaker or Harwood, Neb., is at the Carlton. T. A. Harper, of Dundee, who raises prunes and walnuts, is at the Seward.

Leon Friedman, advance man for Zeligfeld's Polles, is at the Multnomah. F. H. Towne, from the town of Junction, was in town yesterday and registered at the Seward. W. R. Southard, a tourist from Rochester, N. Y., is at the Portland while looking over Portland.

L. L. Cox, a cattle buyer, has returned to the Imperial, after making a business trip to Eastern Oregon. D. E. Gamble, of Monongahela, Pa., is at the Oregon with Mrs. Gamble while enjoying the sights of Portland.

Dr. William T. Bayden, the Government school inspector, is staying at the Multnomah while visiting Portland to study the local schools. W. E. Campbell, known as "Bull" Campbell of Ensenada, Mexico, owner of one of the largest ranches in the world, is at the Portland. Wilson S. Arbuthnot, a Pittsburg

Advertisement for Victrola records. Features include: 'The Greatest Victrola Offer', 'The Wiley B. Allen Co. Parlor Outfit', 'Total Value \$84', 'Rock-Bottom Terms', '\$1.75 a Week', 'Free Trial', 'Free Thirty-Day Clause', 'Free Shipment Everywhere'. Includes an illustration of a Victrola gramophone.

capitalist and Robert W. Van Boskirck, of New York, a noted landscape artist, were registered at the Multnomah Hotel yesterday. Mrs. C. M. Latreil, her son Val, Miss Boyce and Mr. Thonberg are registered at the Multnomah Hotel. The party said that the roads were fair.

F. Carolther, president of the American Federation of Musicians, was in Portland yesterday on a tour of inspection. J. E. Jeffery and other officers of Local No. 99 were his hosts. C. M. Clark, of Philadelphia, Pa., president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and Mrs. Clark left the Portland Hotel yesterday, after a prolonged visit and went to San Francisco on the Shasta Limited.

CHICAGO, March 25.—(Special.)—Following from Portland, Or., are registered at Chicago hotels: At the La Salle, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Schwartz.

PRUSSIAN VETERAN DIES Henry W. Lange, Writer of German Historical Articles, Passes.

Henry William Lange, of 1351 East Harrison street, aged 96 years, a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, died Tuesday, having been an invalid for four years. Mr. Lange came to Portland five years ago from Montana, where he had resided since 1907, having gone there from New York. He served in the Prussian regiment, which received the indemnity from France and immigrated to New York in 1875.

He was a member of the Lutheran Church and belonged to several German societies and had contributed many historical articles to German publications in the United States. A son, William, of Portland, and a daughter, Mrs. William Huffman, of Great Falls, Mont., survive. The funeral will be held at Holman's chapel Saturday at 2 o'clock.

PHYSICIAN MUST PAY \$1200 Vader Man Found Guilty of Extortion From Portland Surgeon.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Finding that Dr. R. H. Campbell a Vander physician, by means of extortion, caused Dr. A. H. Bertschinger, of Portland, to pay him \$1600 for the purpose of buying protection from prosecution on a charge of performing a criminal operation, which it was testified, Dr. Campbell himself performed, a jury in the Lewis County Superior Court Tuesday night awarded the Portland man judgment for the \$1600 extorted, \$100 interest and \$100 special damages.

The case now being tried and the last on the March docket is one wherein Dr. J. G. Sargent, a Centralia physician is sued by J. G. Coyne for alleged injuries sustained by Mrs. Coyne when she was run down by the doctor's auto in this city June 23, 1913.

Advertisement for Jimmy Dunn clothing store. Features include: 'A Customer Said to Me', 'My Reply Was', '\$20 Value Suits \$14.75', '\$25 Value Suits \$18.75'. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit.