

PUPILS' ILLNESS LAID TO CROWDED SCHOOLS

Absence, Due to Sickness, Increases 100 Per Cent.

RECORDS ARE INSPECTED

Dr. E. A. Sommer Recommends Immediate Building Programme to Guard Children's Health.

Increase in the number of daily absences in the public schools granted because of illness, are due directly to overcrowded conditions, according to Dr. E. A. Sommer, school board member who inspected annual records yesterday.

The number of absences due to sickness has increased more than 100 per cent, according to records now being compiled. Prevalence of influenza is the cause of the decided increase, although records show that more cases of measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases have been reported.

"This condition is a direct result of the war period," declared Dr. Sommer yesterday. "War activities brought to Portland an unusually heavy increase in the number of school children. That same war activity resulted in a ban being placed on the erection of public buildings during the period when labor and materials were needed for more important things. The result is that our school facilities have remained the same, while our needs have increased many times."

Disease Laid to Crowding. "With overcrowded school rooms the spread of disease is bound to occur. School rooms are built to give fresh air and adequate heat to just so many children. The more this number is increased the less conditions remain ideal. By assigning 20 to 25 more children to a school room built for a maximum of 20 pupils the temperature of the room will not be kept down, the air will become bad and conditions in which disease will spread and flourish will increase. That is the exact condition that has become prevalent in the majority of our schools during the last three years."

"The one method of adjusting matters has been by portable schools and 65 of these have been erected throughout the city. But portables are by no means an ideal way of adjustment. They are heated by stoves placed in the corner of the rooms. These stoves do not heat the rooms evenly. Teacher and students get interested in other things and before they know it the fire is out and the room is ice cold or the stove has gotten red hot and the room is stifling."

Building Programme Urged. "It is of paramount importance to the health of Portland public school children that a building programme be entered upon immediately. It is unfortunate that the school election on June 11 at which a bond issue of \$250,000 will be voted upon comes before the public so soon after other elections. The health of Portland children depends in large measure on that election."

T. A. Hays addressed 100 members of the Portland school district Monday evening on the needs of the Portland school system. Active support in the interests of the bond issue was pledged by the school board. Yesterday afternoon members of the Portland Teachers' association of the Glenwood grade school voted to assist in the campaign for the bond issue. The last two meetings were addressed by Mark Woodruff, manager of the school publicity campaign.

SALARY RISE IS OPPOSED

TRUSTEES OF WILLAMETTE MEET IN ANNUAL SESSION.

Plans for Women's Dormitory Are Discussed and Officers Are Elected for Year.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Ore., June 10.—(Special).—The board of trustees of Willamette University met in annual session today passing upon several important measures.

Increased salaries for the faculty met

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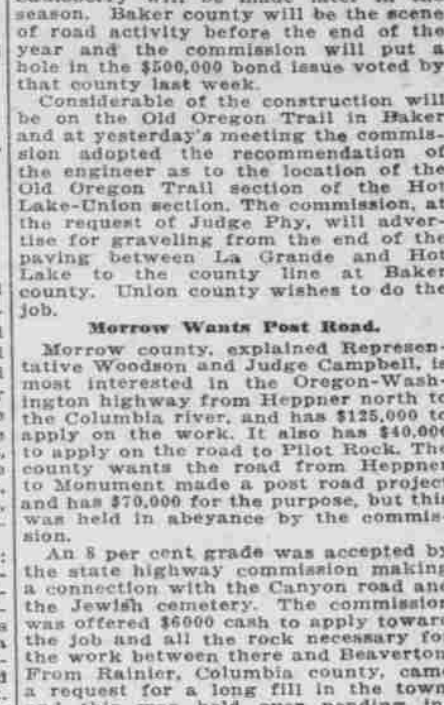
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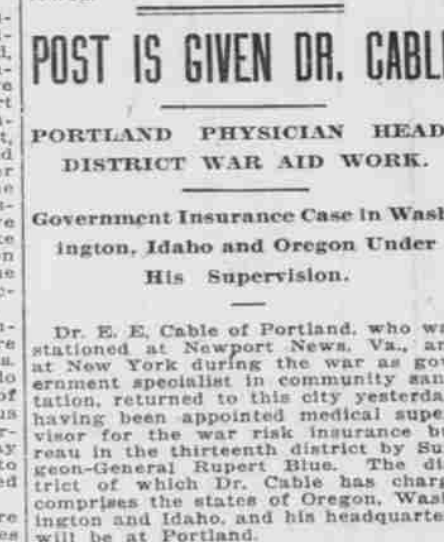
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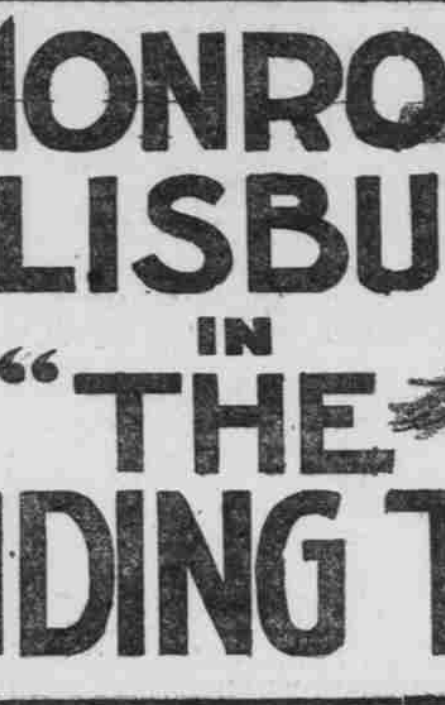
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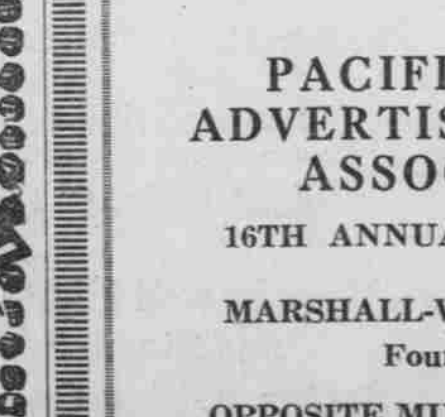
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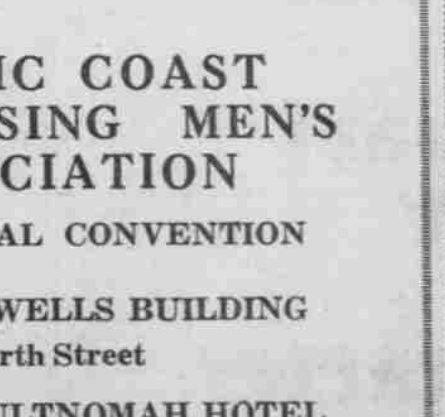
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