

HOME FOR THE FIREBOAT

PROPERTY AT FOOT OF HANCOCK STREET OFFERED FOR IT.

Northwest Door Company Sends Letter to Mayor Tendering Location Which is Large Enough.

The orphan fireboat has been offered a home by the Northwest Door Company, which is willing to give to the city the use of property adjoining their plant at the foot of Hancock street, as a berth for the George H. Williams.

Samuel Connell, president and manager of the Northwest Door Company, yesterday afternoon tendering the location. As the Mayor was absent from his office attending the policemen's review during the afternoon, the communication was not received by him until late in the evening. What he thought of the offer could not therefore be ascertained.

The property offered by the Northwest Door Company is 6x120 feet. All that will be necessary to put it into shape for the use of the fireboat is to pull out a few bunches of piling, at little cost. Then a slip may be built, which would amply accommodate the fireboat. To be sure, the George H. Williams is 25 feet wide and 114 feet long, but apparently a slip could be built upon the ground suggested, which would allow the fireboat to back in and out without danger.

There would also be plenty of room for the erection of a house for the firemen and hose cart. Lower Albin is in need of better fire protection, so its residents have frequently stated, and property-owners in that vicinity will doubtless pull for the establishment of a hose company, which would be a part of the fireboat's equipment.

Mr. Connell was asked last evening as to the offer he had made.

"It would be a good place for the fireboat," said he. "The location of the Albin ferry close by would allow the hose cart to follow the fireboat to a West Side fire almost at once. It is now stationed at East Washington street, and it is not faster. After all, the greatest need for the fireboat is in the lower part of the harbor, for the fire engines can reach the wharves near the upper portion of the city, but cannot get to a fire on a dock or mill farther down the river nearly as rapidly. There are many docks and mills near this location which would be benefited."

Up to the present time property-owners have united in protesting against the placing of the fireboat near their property. No matter where the fireboat committee looked there came a remonstrance.

The George H. Williams will be launched next Saturday. If present plans are carried out, the machinery will then be placed, and in a few weeks it will be ready for business. Both the Mayor and the fireboat committee of the Executive Board have grown somewhat wearied of the unsuccessful search for a berth for the city's floating fire engine, and Mr. Connell's offer may come as a welcome solution.

East Washington street seemed to be the only feasible position until yesterday. As usual the fireboat committee looked there, and Mr. Connell's offer may come as a welcome solution.

The water board will be organized today. It is expected that the board will be organized today. It is expected that the board will be organized today.

Water Board is Agreeable. Will Place Hydrants Upon the Larger Water Mains.

That the Water Board will accede to the request of the Council and place hydrants upon the larger water mains, at the same time agreeing to pay for all new hydrants and the water used in their installation, was announced by the board today.

Following the request of the Council, Superintendent Frank T. Dodge, of the Water Board, has filed with the Executive Board the information concerning the large mains asked for. It is also a statement showing the reasons for the reduction of the water mains to tap the larger mains for hydrants. Maps explaining the routes of the water mains throughout the city are included.

Councilmen had raised questions soon after the Park School fire, when water was scarce, though large mains untapped by hydrants flowed past the burning building. The cause of this is given by Superintendent Dodge in the communication, which in substance is as follows:

All the water used on the west side of the river flows from the 24-inch pipe into the tank of the upper reservoir at the City Park. This tank is 300 feet above the base of city grades. From it an 18-inch pipe carries the water to the elevated district of the city, all above 300 feet. From this tank another pipe conveys all water used in that portion of the city under 300 feet above city grade. This water starts from the lower reservoir, the reduction in the head of the water being necessary to cut down the tremendous pressure. This is what is called the high and low-pressure system.

The large mains in the business part of the city are described in detail. As to the Park School neighborhood the statement is as follows:

There are on two sides of the Park School block four water mains, as follows: On Tenth street a 24-inch and a six-inch main, conveying water from the lower district, and on Jefferson street a 24-inch main for the low district and a 12-inch main for the high district. The elevation at the school is 124 feet above base of grades, consequently the head of water on the 24-inch main is 175 feet, and on the others 105 feet.

The only hydrant which the Fire Department ever asked to have connected to any of the mains near the school is one on the southwest corner of the school block. It is connected to the 12-inch main, and that main is capable of supplying four six-inch pipes.

DIFFICULT IMPROVEMENTS. East Oak-Street Assessment is Badly Mixed Question.

The assessment for the improvement of East Oak street, between East Third and East Twelfth streets, will go down in the history of Portland as one of the most mixed-up pieces of municipal work ever undertaken. To mention East Oak street anywhere about the City Hall makes one unpopular. For months that name has been a byword, and no one likes to hear it.

A week ago it looked as though a new assessment would be made following the recommendation of the street committee of the Council. But the City Attorney decided before the Council meeting Wednesday that this would be legally impossible, so the matter was disposed of temporarily at least, by the Council's adopting the recommendation of the committee. So the assessment will have to stand. If as is declared, some property-owners will be levied upon so heavily as the general fund, which is poor enough as it is, will probably be called upon to supply the deficit.

Property adjoining the elevated roadway across the Hawthorne Gulch was assessed last in some instances than ground lying six blocks away near the limit of the assessment district. This naturally raised complaints, but it has been explained by the assessment clerks that such property had already paid higher assessments than more distant property, which, in the case, was taxed much higher. So it is hoped that the matter will adjust itself in the course of time, and all be peaceable in the end. But the Councilmen have unofficially promised relief when absolutely necessary to save property, and they mean it.

City Hall Will Be Closed. The City Hall will be closed tomorrow in honor of Washington's birthday. Not even visitors will be allowed in the museum, for a big "closed" sign will adorn each doorway.

WELCOME CHURCH UNION

LOCAL PRESBYTERIANS HOPE FOR ADOPTION OF PLAN.

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WAR ON POOLROOM GOES ON. Madison Business Men Denounce Police for Defending Gamblers.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—A meeting was held today by the Business Men's Improvement League, of Madison, Ill., and it was decided to continue the war on the poolroom. Resolutions condemning the action of the police in defending and assisting the poolroom gamblers and "provoking hostilities" were adopted. A decision was reached to lay the entire matter before the Grand Jury and also to take it up directly with the Attorney-General of Illinois, with the purpose of putting a stop in a legal way to the official connivance under which the poolroom has been run.

None of the six men wounded will die from his wounds, it is thought. The police began today to disarm all members of the poolroom, which they could find. It was stated by members of the police that the police were even entering the houses of the pool members and conducting their search for arms there.

It is declared that if necessary the citizens would find the means to arm themselves again.

Victor Schuler and eleven men arrived at Madison this afternoon and went at once to the office of Police Magistrate Gibbs, where they gave bond in the sum of \$500 each for their appearance, February 21, for a preliminary hearing on warrants issued February 10, on affidavits of Chief of Police McCalbridge, charging them with maintaining a gambling place.

The warrants issued by the chief of police 10 days ago against the defendants had been made to serve them caused comment.

ALTOGETHER TOO MANY. New Homes to Be Found for a Hundred or More Worthy Candidates.

On another page of this paper there will be found an advertisement of one of the most remarkable piano sales ever held in this country. During the phenomenal business done by Eilers Piano House the past two months, an immense number of used pianos have been taken in part payment for new instruments. The number on hand increases daily. Rather than store them, it has been decided to make extra inducements to buyers to take them off our hands at once, and ridiculously low prices have been placed on them all. These are also some of the most beautiful and most famous makes, whose beautiful tones betray the excellence of their construction and the material of which they are made.

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THE STORY OF "FAUST." Its Two Famous Versions by "Marlowe" and "Goethe" to Be Presented in a Course of Six Lecture-Studies.

Of all modern stories that of "Faust" is the most familiar and the most suggestive. Art, music and literature have served at its shrine, culminating in Goethe's "Faust," his masterpiece.

Mrs. Louise Altman will give a course of six lecture-studies on "The Story of Faust," as treated by Christopher Marlowe and Goethe, at her residence, 455 S. Washington street, on Tuesday afternoons at 2 o'clock—February 23 and March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

The same course—adapted to young ladies and maidens—will be given on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 at the same place—February 24 and March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Course tickets, \$1, obtainable at residence. It is desired that all wishing to attend the lecture-studies communicate with Mrs. Altman as soon as possible. Telephone Front 31.

FINE HORSES AT AUCTION. Many High-Bred Horses to Be Disposed of Next Week.

J. L. McCarthy & Son will hold their second Spring horse auction at Irvington Park, March 1, 2 and 3, when 100 high-bred horses will be disposed of to the highest bidder, without reserve. The catalogue, which has just been issued, contains complete descriptions and pedigrees of every horse. There are horses for the track and speedway, matched pairs, family horses, stylish single drivers, saddlers, hunters and thoroughbreds for racing or use under the saddle, young racing prospects, breeding stock and light and heavy draft horses. The sales will commence each day at 10 A. M. and ladies are cordially invited to attend the sales.

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LIVED IN THREE CENTURIES. Mrs. Eliza Voorheis, who died recently at Langston, Mich., at the age of 101, was a sister of G. L. Huff, of this city, and an aunt of J. N. Voorheis, David Huff and D. L. Huff, also of Portland. The picture of Mrs. Voorheis given above was taken on her 100th birthday, at which time she received calls and gave her autograph to many friends. She was born in 1800, the last year of the 18th century, and lived in the first three years of the 20th century, as by, she was remarkably active until the time of her demise. Her brother, G. L. Huff, is now 86, and their mother, who died in 1883, had reached the age of 102. An aunt who died many years ago was 100 years old.

which the Rev. James McGready's very pointed discourses created grave dissension in the Transylvania Presbytery, of which the Cumberlandians were then members, was the origin of what proved to be a disunion movement. The Presbytery was divided into two classes, the revivalists and the anti-revivalists. The revivalists were the cause of the separation from the mother church, holding distinctive views. The mother church insisted upon ordaining ministers holding theological students, or at least educated men well versed in the study of the Bible and able to undergo examinations, but the Cumberlandian faction insisted upon ordaining any who could preach. The synod in 1805 suspended some of the members of the Cumberlandian Presbytery for refusing to submit to the discipline of the Synod. An independent Presbytery was formed to which the name of Cumberland was given, and at its first meeting the confession and discipline of the Presbyterian Church was adopted with the exception of the idea of fatality, and provisions were made as to the scholarship of licentiate. The doctrine of the Cumberlandians has the following points of dissent from the Westminster Confession: 1.—Christ died not for a part only, but for all mankind. 2.—That there are no eternal reprobates. 3.—That all infants dying in infancy are saved through Christ and the sanctification of the spirit. 4.—That the spirit of God operates on the world, or as co-extensively as Christ has made the atonement, in such a manner as to leave all men inexcusable.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has grown and flourished, and in addition to being well organized, many of its institutions of learning, the Law School of the Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., being considered the best in the South.

If the union of the two churches is effected when the assemblies meet in May, it will be upon the doctrinal basis of the confession of faith of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America as revised in 1803, and of its other doctrinal and ecclesiastical standards.

On the Prospect of Planting Arts and Learning in America.

A quotation ("Westward the course of empire takes its way") from the accompanying poem, was in The Oregonian Thursday by error credited to William Cullen Bryant. It was written by Thomas Moore.

The Muse, disgusted at an age and crime barren of every glorious theme, In distant lands now waits a better time, Producing subjects worthy fame; In happy climes, where from the genial sun And virgin stars serene descend, The force of art by nature seems bestowed, And fancied beauties by the true; In happy climes, the seat of innocence, Where nature guides and virtue rules, Where men shall not impose, for truth and sense, The pedagogy of courts and schools, There shall be sung another golden age, The rise of empire and of arts, The good and great inspiring epic rage, The wisest bards and noblest hearts. Not such as Europe breeds in her decay; Such as the level sands of Time have swept, When heavenly flames did animate her lay, By future poets shall be sung. Westward the course of empire takes its way: The four first acts already past, A fifth shall close the drama with the day; Time's noblest offspring in the last, —George Berkeley.

Whitman College Notes. The freshman class will bring out the April number, having chosen Fred C. Hanson as editor-in-chief and Joseph Allen, manager; and the sophomore class will edit the May number.

The faculty will give a big colonial party to the students of the college and academy in Memorial Hall Saturday night. It is expected that every one will appear in costume like those of our ancestors, and the boys are already beginning to look up knickerbockers and wigs. Colonial games will be played, and perhaps an old-fashioned minstrel indulged in, and refreshments even will be "a la colonial." This party has heretofore been an annual feature on Washington's birthday, being omitted only last year.

One of the most unique contests ever held in Whitman College was the Greek spelling match which took place yesterday in Professor Anderson's room. The class beginning Greek consists of both college and academy students, and there is quite a rivalry between the two divisions. Six representatives were appointed from each class to take part in the match, which consisted of three parts. First, English words were given out, and the students must give the Greek equivalent; second, the reverse was required by giving out

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Advertisement for "NEW WASHABLE WAISTS" with the text "Over two thousand dollars' worth of new Spring Waists just arrived."

Advertisement for "Children's Wear" with the text "MONDAY A DAY OF SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS FOR LITTLE FOLKS."

Advertisement for "Shoes" with the text "For this week's selling we offer the following lines of footwear."

Advertisement for "Finest Embroideries at Bargain Table" with the text "Hundreds of yards of exquisite Embroideries and insertions at a third of real worth."

Advertisement for "New Wash Fabrics, Domestic" with the text "GRECIAN VOILES, a fabric that appears to be of wool, in light blue, white, tan, reseda, navy and Oxford mixtures; specially adapted for two-piece suits."

Advertisement for "Specialty Priced Skirts" with the text "These new creations which are daily arriving are awaiting your greatly desired inspection."

Advertisement for "New Laces" with the text "NEW LACES for Spring. This is going to be a lace season. That is why we have secured the latest creations in TRIMMING LACES, ORIENTAL NET TOPS, POINT VENISE, APPLIQUE EFFECTS, for \$1.50 to 75c, 50c, 35c, 25c, 20c and..... 15c"

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