

# WOMEN'S UNION TO ERECT NEW HOME

Six-Story Structure to Provide Quarters for 200 Working Girls.

COST WILL BE \$150,000

Campaign for Funds to Be Inaugurated This Week—Organization Now Has Available Big Nucleus for Building.

With plans completed for the Portland Women's Union new home for working girls, which will be erected on the quarter block at Tenth and Montgomery streets, a campaign will be inaugurated this week to secure funds to meet the cost of the structure. A meeting of the Portland Women's Union will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at the campaign for donations will be outlined.

The proposed building will be 198 by 280 feet in size, six stories high and will be of reinforced concrete fire-proof construction. It will cost approximately \$150,000. The exterior will be of red pressed brick and terra cotta trimmings and the interior will be of a plain yet substantial and home-like character.

On the first floor will be the dining-room with a seating capacity for 200 people. On this floor also there will be two reception rooms, library, office and kitchen. In the basement will be apartments for domestic science, gymnasium, laundry, sewing room, lockers and shower bath. The second and third floors will contain 16 single rooms and 16 double rooms. Suites for the matron and assistant will be located on the second floor.

**Double and Single Rooms Planned.**  
On the fourth, fifth and sixth floors each there will be 12 double rooms and 16 single rooms. Baths and lavatories will be established on each floor in the building. A big stairway and elevator will be located in about the center of the structure.

The present location of the home at Fifteenth and Flinders streets, which covers a quarter block, will be sold. It is expected that this property will bring \$40,000 or more. With the \$10,000 cash on hand and the proceeds from the sale of this quarter block, the Union will have \$50,000 to apply on the payment of the new home. There will remain \$100,000 to be raised by public subscription.

With the exception of the first Kirman given in 1904, the institution has been virtually on a self-sustaining basis since its organization in 1882. No demands have been made upon the public for support.

In recent months the home has been crowded to its fullest capacity and although restrictions have been placed on the entrance conditions, the home has been compelled to turn away from girls a month since last Fall. The present home accommodates about 50 girls. On account of the urgent demand for more accommodations and larger space, the Union feels that it should not delay in building the new home to completion.

**Purpose is to Protect and Aid.**  
"The purpose of the home is to educate and protect working girls," said Mrs. Elliott K. Corbett, president of the Union, yesterday. "There are many young women who are dependent upon their own resources and with the small wage they earn, they cannot, in the present day, afford to live on their own. It is the function of the Working Girls' Home not only to provide a comfortable and home-like refuge for young women, but to teach them in the arts of domestic science, sewing, millinery and other things that fit women for household duties. This is not a work of charity, but of education and elevation for girls who are worthy and are ambitious to improve their social conditions."

"The members of the Portland Women's Union feel that this project is a most laudable one and is deserving of the financial assistance of the citizens of Portland."

"Our new building plans will require an expenditure of \$150,000. We will have \$50,000 available from our own resources to build the new building, so that it will be necessary to raise only \$100,000. This will be the only appeal that we ever expect to make to the public for funds. The lowest minimum charges to patrons of the home will create sufficient funds to make the institution self-supporting. The officers and members of the Union will be pleased to receive donations from all persons who feel that we are promoting a worthy cause."

**Mrs. Corbett Heads Officers.**  
President, Mrs. Elliott K. Corbett; first vice-president, Mrs. Adolph DeLum; second vice-president, Mrs. M. H. Houser; secretary, Mrs. M. S. Barlow; and treasurer, Mrs. William McRae.

The members of the building committee are: Mrs. A. J. Meier, Mrs. W. H. Aree, Mrs. C. F. Brown, Mrs. Emil Frank and Mrs. Julia Comstock.

The plans for the new home were designed by Whitehouse & Foulhoux.

**EAGLE CREEK LAND IS SOLD**  
Columbia Trust Company Closes Substantial Deals.

The Columbia Trust Company, selling Agent for the Clark homestead of 400 acres in Clackamas County, is building a bridge across the Clackamas river at Eagle Creek station in connection with the Oregon Water Power Company. For several years the land across the river from Eagle Creek has developed slowly on account of inaccessibility and lack of transportation facilities, but the new bridge will open up the entire district.



STRUCTURE BUILT BY JAMES JOHNSON FOR \$30,000.

The four-story brick building erected by James Johnson at the south west corner of East Third and East Pine streets is nearing completion. It will be occupied by Rasmussen & Co. for its paint warehouse. This building, a two-story structure, was destroyed by fire last year, and in rebuilding it was made a four-story building. The inside is of heavy mill construction, with heavy floors. It is one of the most important buildings erected on East Third street for some time. The cost was about \$30,000.

## RICH AREA GROWS

District East of Gresham Attracts Settlers.

## SOIL DEEP AND FERTILE

Hundreds of Acres of Logged-Off Lands Being Cleared and Cultivated in Vicinity of Sandy and Boring.

There never has been so great activity in clearing land on the Bull Run pipe line eastward from Gresham and also in the territory of Sandy and Boring. E. J. Gradin is clearing five acres on his Beaver Springs Farm, on which he has a force of 13 Austrians at work. Mr. Gradin's farm comprises 40 acres and is located on the Bull Run pipe line beyond the Powell Valley road, and contains the springs which are the source of Beaver Creek. Last year Mr. Gradin cleared two acres of this land on his Beaver Springs Farm, and planted the land to potatoes, which yielded enough to pay for the clearing and taking care of the crop.

## Soil Is Fertile

At Boring, a prosperous settlement on the Metacada electric railway south of Gresham, the vacant logged-off land is being cleared preparatory for cultivation and also for sale. Between Boring and Sandy, a distance of seven miles, the land generally is being cleared. It is comparatively easy and inexpensive to clear this land. This soil produces a fine potato as can be grown anywhere. All about Boring crews of men are at work clearing land. If the Mount Hood Railway is built, as proposed, between Pleasant Home and Sandy, it will open up a fine district. The Sandy Commercial Club, and farmers along the proposed route have been conferring with the officials of the Mount Hood Railroad & Power Company about this extension and it is considered reasonably certain that the branch will be built later if not this year. At Sandy, a co-operative creamery company has just been organized by which it is expected to develop the dairy industry of that district.

## Land Prices are Low

Land in this district is low priced compared with the prices in even less

## CHILDREN FAVOR FARMS

BACK-TO-SOIL MOVEMENT HAS STRONG SUPPORT.

Field Worker for Bankers' Association Reports Sentiment Strong for Country.

SALEM, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—Reaching over 7500 people in his work so far for the children's industrial contest movement, and creating great interest in the proposed plan for developing the Oregon school pupils along industrial lines, Calvin C. Thompson, field worker, made a report today to the Bankers' Association, Superintendent Alderman, Oregon Agricultural College, Oregon State Fair and Oregon Development League, as to what he has done. In his report he says:

"During the month of February I have traveled approximately 1100 miles, addressed 41 audiences, reached through addresses and interviews, approximately 7500 people, and have had widespread publication of the work in each county while there. In many rural schools I have taken a vote of the children in regard to their preference of living on the farm or in the city, and the votes for the farm were overwhelming. In the larger cities of the state, not including Portland, the favor vote by 75 to 25 majority in children's fair the last week in August, and the 'back-to-the-farm' movement is already bearing fruit in the minds of the young people."

"In Tillamook County there has been no fair for five years, but the Commercial Club voted to co-operate with the School Superintendent to hold a children's fair the last week in August, and is in line with this movement. Other industrial exhibits, aside from school work, will be made. In Washington County there will be its district school fair, and perhaps a county fair. In Douglas County a strong committee, headed by Frank E. Alley and having as a member President J. H. Booth, is appointed by the Roseburg Commercial Club to initiate the school fair work. In Josephine County the Grange is to lead out and feature the school work. In Jackson the school fair is to be made a prominent feature of the Southern Oregon district fair. In Lincoln County a school fair will be held in connection with the county fair. If a county fair is held, if there is no county fair a school fair will be held anyway. In all of these counties, excepting Lincoln, the school feature is to be used this year almost entirely. In every county mentioned, the State Fair children's premium list will be followed after, in order that the children may be in line for the state as well as the local prizes. Through personal visits, though brief, I have found the work well started in Lane, Linn, Benton and Marion."

"Through State Superintendent L. R. Alderman, the bankers' committee authorized a stenographer to begin work

January 1 and my work to begin February 1. Through personal letters of the livestock and poultry breeders of the state, two ponies, four calves, 15 pigs, six sheep, two goats, three dogs, 51 fowls, 250 eggs, an incubator, a brooder and a poultry library were secured to be given as children's prizes. By personal soliciting this list of prize material was increased by securing about 20 gifts, including writing desks, sewing machines, fireless cookers and chests of tools from Portland merchants and wholesalers. A premium list was then worked out, which includes field corn, sweet corn, popcorn, watermelons, muskmelons, pumpkins, onions, cabbage, celery, potatoes and grain selections, bird houses, furniture and labor-saving devices, bread, canned fruit and vegetables and jelly, hand-made aprons, machine-made aprons, dresses and mending, sweet peas and asters, pigs, ducks and chickens. The children's premium list copy was prepared for the bulletin and forwarded to Professor Hetzel of the Oregon Agricultural College. The animal and merchandise prizes so effectively supplied by the State Fair board that we were enabled to allot \$6, \$5, \$3 and \$2 to second, third, fourth and fifth prizes respectively through our district fair associations, all county school superintendents, school children, members of the legislature or prominent citizens regarding advertising effort to have more farmers affiliate with the organization. Six candidates for membership were enrolled after the big booster meeting Thursday night, with one or two exceptions all the

merchants and professional men of the city are members. The entrance fee has been reduced temporarily from \$25 to \$10, the board of governors having been empowered to put the reduced rate in force any time it is thought advisable. All sections of the country are represented in the membership, and several non-resident members live in Portland.

**GYPSUM GETS BIG PLANT**  
Building Costing \$200,000 to Make Cement Plaster to Be Erected.

EAKLET, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—The Acme Cement & Plaster Company, of St. Louis, will erect at Gypsum, this county, next Spring, probably the largest building in this vicinity for the manufacture of cement plaster. It will cost about \$200,000, being 288 by 50 feet, three stories high, and constructed entirely of steel. A large force of men will be employed when it is running at full capacity, which is expected to be soon, as the firm asked a Baker contractor to have bids in by next week, the work to be started within a few weeks. The steel work is already under way at a St. Louis mill.

Gypsum is a way station on the Snake River road about three miles from Huntington, and a sidetrack to the plant is planned. The Acme Company, which is credited with being part of the cement trust, purchased the plant at Lime from Baker people last Fall.

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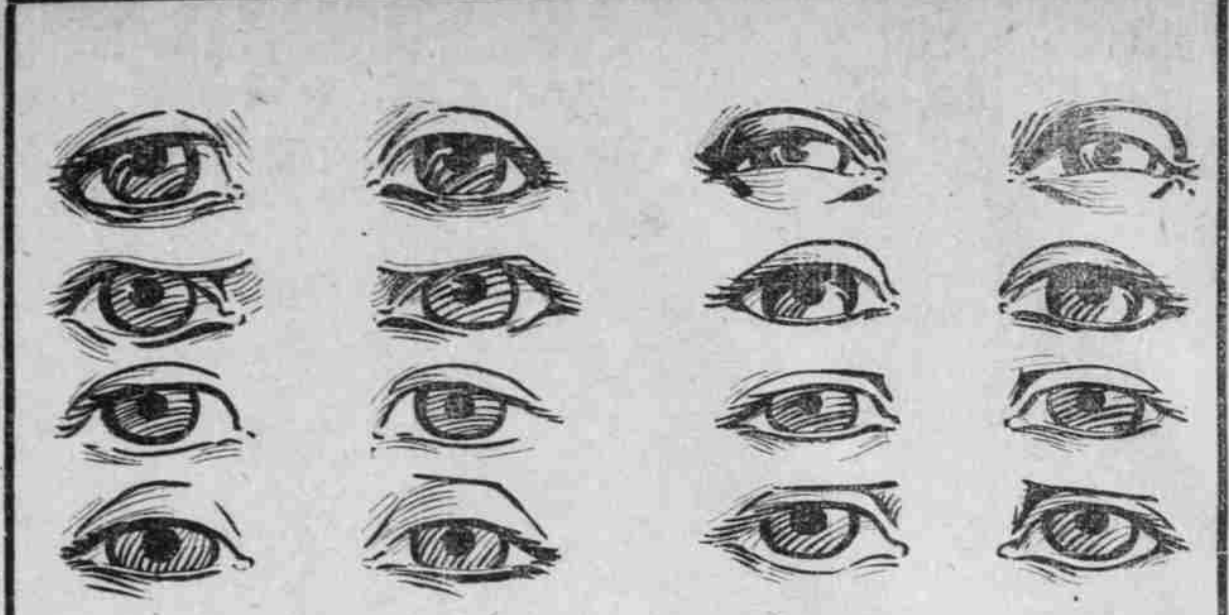
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