

TRAINING SCHOOL DECLARE FIRETRAP

More Than 100 Boys Housed Under Most Insanitary Conditions.

INVESTIGATION IS MADE

Acting Governor Olcott and Other State Officials Visit Place. Superintendent Hale Has Remedy but Asks Aid.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Alarming conditions exist at the Oregon State Training School, which is now housing 101 boys, with more arriving weekly.

Sleeping under leaky roofs, with unsanitary toilets in connection, on the top floor of a high building which is so arranged as to be a veritable firetrap, the boys are surrounded by adverse conditions.

Danger for all of the boys lurks as well in the sleeping-rooms on the upper floor, which would be converted into a morgue if a fire of any proportions should sweep the building.

The fire-escape from the top floor to the ground is barred from the exit by heavy iron screening. This screening is locked with a rusty padlock, and no one about the institution knows where the key is located, nor has anyone known for many months.

Padlock, Too, Is Rusty.

The padlock itself is so rusty that it is doubtful if the key would unlock it if the key could be found. If the screening is removed the fire-escape lies open to the danger that boys will attempt to climb down it. Superintendent Hale intends to break the lock and remedy this condition, but as it stands it is a menace. The only other means of escape would be a sheer jump to the ground from other windows which are fully 40 or 70 feet in the air, or down three flights of winding stairway which are no more than three or four feet wide. The new superintendent is alarmed at these conditions.

The third floor of the institution is entirely devoted to sleeping accommodations for the boys, aside from a corridor which is used by the nightwatchman. In all of the sleeping-rooms the conditions are bad. In one of the rooms, used by the larger boys, the ventilation has been so poor that Superintendent Hale has had to have parts of the ceiling to allow the air to circulate through the room.

In the center sleeping-room the walls in places are literally covered with rust from the leaks in the roof which have caused water to flow through the plastering and walls.

"Dilapidation" Condition Told.

The entire building is in a dilapidated condition. Practically no improvements to speak of have been made in connection with the building proper for 20 years, with the exception of two wings, which were added years ago.

One of the dirtiest and most insanitary buildings in connection with the entire institution is an old cow barn, which has been standing for many years, so situated as to place a blot on the landscape of the institution.

That the milk which comes from such a barn is to say the least unsanitary, is in probably many cases a matter of the belief of Superintendent Hale. He is making some improvements on this barn with a hope of obviating conditions as far as possible.

Olcott Makes Inspection.

An inspection of the building made by Acting Governor Olcott and other state officials today, with an Oregonian representative, disclosed these conditions, which have been complained of before, but which have been standing largely because of a lack of funds to make needed improvements and changes.

"Some improvements can be made at a minimum expense and will be made, but the institution will never be safe and sanitary until the work which is made in connection with it," said Superintendent Hale today.

"The whole plan of the institution is wrong in the first instance, in my opinion," he concluded. "The institutions of this character have all adopted the cottage plan. We have one cottage on the grounds which is now in use for office work, but I intend to move the offices over to the building and convert this into a cottage for the boys as an example of the working of the cottage plan. I place before the members of the next Legislature."

Superintendent Hale plans to convert an old wooden structure into a gymnasium, the apparatus to be made by the boys themselves.

It is his hope to secure some recognition from the next Assembly. From the fact that no material improvements have been made at the school, especially on the main building, for many years, he believes, with the unsanitary conditions as they exist, and with the plainly apparent danger to the health of the boys, which is visible on every hand, that some steps should be taken toward improvement along these lines.

SHARPERS WORK WIRES

Sheridan Man Mulcted of \$50 on Old "Sick Brother" Game.

SHERIDAN, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—A. Q. Latimer of Amity was the victim last week of confidence men in a new department of the game the wire was turned by a telegram from San Francisco purporting to be from his brother, Henry Latimer. The telegram stated that on his way west he had been injured and required \$50 for hospital expenses in San Francisco. The money was at once sent.

This, however, was not enough for the sharpers and they sent another message asking for \$50 more. A. Q. Latimer's suspicions were then aroused and he telegraphed to his brother's home in Texas and soon received a reply that his brother was then in Texas and had no intention of coming west.

Mr. Latimer will follow the matter up and if the guilty ones are found they will be prosecuted to the limit. That the sharpers were familiar with the brothers is certain, as they made use of a nickname familiar to only a few friends.

LOST GIRL FOUND DEAD

Body Is Recovered in Yakima River After All-Night Search.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Dorothy Gallison, the 20-year-old girl whose disappearance last night aroused the entire county, was found at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Yakima River. Chief of Police William Minton. A posse of 25 men has been scouring the country about the city all afternoon searching for a trace of the girl. Sheriff German

was notified of the case last night at 10 and has been working continuously on the matter.

Corner T. S. Watson viewed the body as it lay on the sand bar in the river this afternoon and will hold an inquest tomorrow.

The theory of suicide is generally believed. The girl was last seen last night about 9 and was dressed in a light summer dress without a hat. Neighbors were aroused after the girl was missing and for the most of the night it was feared that she had been kidnaped. The police spent the entire night searching the railroad yards and the surrounding country. There had been no family quarrels of any kind and it is believed that the girl was suffering from walking typhoid, as she

ALBANY BOY HAS RECORD IN ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL FOR 8 1/2 YEARS.



ALBANY, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Having attended public school for eight and one-half years continuously and having never been absent nor tardy a single time during all of that period, David Leininger, an Albany boy, has established a record which is probably not equaled by any schoolboy in the entire country. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Leininger, of this city, and is 14 years old. He completed the eighth grade of the Albany Public School this year and is now a freshman in the Albany High School.

EXTENSION IS RUSHED

OREGON EASTERN HURRIED THOUGH LABOR IS SHORT.

First Seven Miles of Work Above Oak Ridge Is Fast Nearing Completion—Outlay Enormous.

OAK RIDGE, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Work on the Oregon Eastern extension is being pushed as fast as men and machinery can do the work. There is a shortage of laborers now and many more men are wanted and could be used. The first seven miles above Oak Ridge is fast nearing completion and probably will be completed early this winter. Electric light plants are being installed and the steam shovels on this work are running constantly day and night. Rock shifts are also working both day and night, and heavy blasts can be heard at all hours.

Preparations are being made for pushing the work on up the Salt Creek Canyon to the summit of the Cascades. A road camp has been established and a wagon road is being built up as far as the Salt Creek Springs, and it is said the road will be constructed through to the summit at once. The building of this wagon road is to get in supplies and machinery for construction work and considering the topography of the country through which it is being built, it represents an enormous outlay of capital in itself.

Surveying parties are crowding the survey work between the springs and the summit locating a permanent survey and establishing grade. Work of clearing the right of way will be resumed just as soon as the season opens for permitting the burning of the brush. Here again is an enormous outlay, as a strip 300 feet wide must be cleared of every vestige of timber growth and all that cannot be utilized must be destroyed. It is ponderous and costly work to hew a railroad path through mountains.

Forest Fire Prevention Works.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Supervising Fire Warden Skinner, returned yesterday from the upper waters of the McKenzie River with the statement that conditions for the prevention of forest fires were never better. Settlers in that territory are keenly alive to their duties in the matter of preventing fires and in extinguishing incipient flames, and the hunters and campers, too, are exercising caution. There has not been a fire in the Cascades of Lane County this year.

TWO SISTERS AND A BROTHER JOIN IN TRIPLE WEDDING.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—A triple wedding ceremony was performed here Tuesday, July 31, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burger, 1645 Chemeketa street, by the Rev. A. N. Avison, pastor of the First M. E. Church, when a son and two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Burger were married to young people well known here.

The three bridegrooms and the three brides are: Miss Anna Burger and Jean Hoss; Miss Mollie Tuck and Frederick W. Burger, and Miss Helga Burger and Lloyd L. Ryan. All are of Salem, with the exception of Lloyd L. Ryan, who is now of The Dalles, but formerly resided here.

Following the wedding ceremony a dinner was served on the lawn, about 25 people participating.



LEFT TO RIGHT—MR. AND MRS. LLOYD L. RYAN, MR. AND MRS. JEAN B. HOSS, MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK W. BURGER

LETTER THREATENS CHIEF OF ALBANY

Warning in Printed Missive, Plot Laid to Blot Out All "Blind Pigs."

DAUGHTRY NOT PERTURBED

"Stay Home After Dark or We Will Fill You Full of Lead," Is Decla- ration of "U. S."—Incendiary Fires Believed Start.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Ellis Daughtry, Chief of Police of Albany, today received a letter purporting to come from someone who is trying to stop selling liquor in Albany and who, in threatening language, warns the chief to have the night men on the force "go slow" in view of the fact that two buildings in this city, containing alleged "blind pigs," were destroyed by incendiary fires this week. This anonymous letter has aroused considerable interest.

The letter Daughtry received reads as follows:

"Your duty is day chief. Stay home after dark, or we will fill you full of lead. If you care for your night men tell them to go slow. We will not be taken but the blind pig business must stop."

Every character in the letter was printed and the utmost care was taken to prevent any means of identification. It was written on plain paper with a pencil and mailed in a plain envelope in the Albany postoffice.

Chief Not Worried.

Daughtry is not perturbed over the letter and the police force will continue its customary work day and night.

"There is a wide difference of opinion here as to the meaning of the letter. Some people believe it is a joke. Others think it was printed by some person who is really going to try to burn the places where liquor is said to be sold here."

The Franklin House, which has borne the reputation of being a "blind pig" ever since Albany went dry six years ago, was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. At 3 o'clock Wednesday morning a vacant house on Montgomery street, which it is said had been a headquarters and storehouse for "bootleggers," burned down. From all indications both fires were of incendiary origin. Firemen say that the smell of kerosene was very apparent in both the burning buildings.

Though it is generally believed that both fires were of incendiary origin, the cause of their destruction is not known. The contents of the Franklin House were insured. Detectives, representing an insurance company, are reported to have been in Albany this week, investigating the Franklin House fire, but are said to have returned to Portland today and have made no disclosures as to whether or not they secured any evidence as to the identity of the incendiary.

Various Theories Advanced.

Some people here assert that interested parties burned the Franklin House and that when it was seen that its destruction elicited considerable comment of a favorable nature, that the city had gotten rid of a nuisance, it was suggested to someone to cause this second fire.

Another theory is that some person who is determined to stop liquor selling in Albany burned both buildings, while still another view, which has been advanced, is that "blind-piggers" burned both buildings for the destruction of evidence.

Many, however, believe there was no particular connection between the two fires and that the same people were not responsible for both but that the party causing the second fire merely received the idea from the destruction of the Franklin House.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Because F. A. Holbrook, of Portland, has acquired a widespread reputation for having expended more money than any other man in the Northwest in an attempt to reduce the cost of clearing land, he will find himself in trouble trying to frame up an excuse for turning down a very urgent invitation to be present and take part in the programme now being prepared for the quarterly meeting of the Southwest Washington Develop-

IMMIGRATION IS THEME

SOUTH BEND CONGRESS TO DIS- CUSS ITS EVERY PHASE.

Logged-Off Lands, Good Roads and Transportation Other Topics to Be Considered.

ment Association, to be held in South Bend August 29, 30 and 31.

"First Immigration Congress," is the official label that will be placed on the meeting, and the slogan will be: "A united effort for the industrial upbuilding of Southwest Washington," with the accent on "united."

While the discussions at the business sessions will be under the general heads of "Logged-off Lands," "Good Roads" and "Transportation," the programme will be so arranged that all numbers will lead up to the immigration question. This in turn will be subdivided and discussed from the viewpoints of getting people on the lands in Southwest Washington—the kind of people to get, how to get them, what we can do to induce them to come, how we are prepared to take care of them and what is necessary for us to do to hold them when we bring them here.

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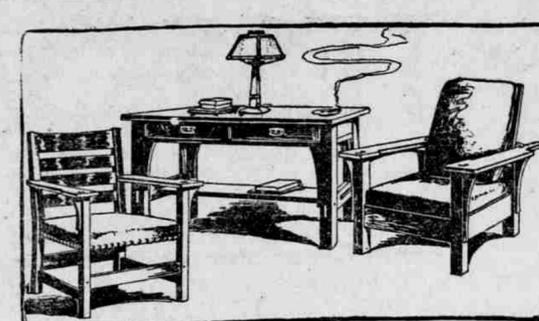
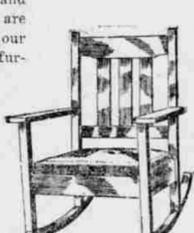
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