

# SCHOOL BUILDINGS INCREASE IN COST

### R. H. Thomas Discusses Conditions Which Make for Safety of Children.

## LOSS IN PANIC PUT HIGH

### Official Declares Frame Houses Not Fire Menace, but Favors One-Story Temporary Structures on Large Grounds.

BY R. H. THOMAS, Clerk of the Portland School Board. (Note—Second chapter in a paper on "Some Administrative School Problems.")

Just now there is a great clamor for "safety first." This has crystallized legislation, especially upon the type of schoolhouses. In recent years, the cost of schoolhouse construction has increased many per cent. The protection of the children is a serious question; but are we sure we are reaching the milk in the coconut by just fireproofing schoolhouses and nothing more?

The word "safety" has no positive meaning of its own; it is entirely comparative.

What would be safe in one place, might not be so considered in another. But this is sure—the constructive material placed in schoolhouses can no more insure absolute safety to children than statistics can insure absolute right among men. It is possible that there never was a schoolhouse disaster simply because its construction was of wood. A different arrangement of the same materials might, in every instance, have saved the situation. The Collinwood holocaust was made possible the day the stumps were set on the wooden joist. The loss of life is never solely because the building is of wood, but is because the doors swing in, or the stairways are open, or a partition partially blocks the exit, or because there is some other bad arrangement.

"Cost Not Principal Factor." The cost of construction would, in many instances, have been no greater if it had been originally otherwise arranged. If a child is sick, he sends for the skilled physician; if he has a difficult law problem, he employs the experienced attorney; but in the construction of a schoolhouse, the job is apparently too often left to an inexperienced architect, and this in the face of the outcry of everybody that there is nothing too good for the children.

In a bulletin published last August by the Russell Sage Foundation, numbers of pictures are given of fire-traps, both burned and unburned, which never could have been designed by an architect alive to such dangers. I was astonished to read their statement that the same type of traps would be repeated today in every state in the Union.

In passing, I wish to remark that a fire alarm box can be installed in a building at a cost of about \$120. The wonder is, that with private alarms in so many business houses all around, the public boxes are often no nearer than several blocks to a school, will someone be so good as to tell us why the schools have not been provided with such a simple and effective device long ago? We install electric sprinkler systems, standpipes and hose, chemicals and local alarms, yet the departmental alarm to the nearest fire station?

"Public Pays Little heed." The common citizen engrossed with his business doesn't know what is wrong when he reads of a schoolhouse disaster. He reasons that the building was of wood construction or it wouldn't burn, and immediately begins a campaign for the fireproof construction, not knowing, perhaps, that his child goes to a school where there are broad corridors, plenty of stairways and exit doors which are directly from the inside; where the boilers are inspected quarterly, and the buildings examined by the fire chief nearly as often. His child is reasonably safe from fire, and if he were to consult his architect instead of his excited neighbor, his campaign probably would not begin.

In solving this problem, the first duty is to select an architect who will design a building safe as to fire, safe, if possible, as to panics, safe as to sanitation, safe as to pupils' eyesight; as convenient as may be; reasonably attractive in appearance, and at a moderate cost.

In the architectural work, no reasonable expense should be spared. If the selected architect is not an authority on fire and other building dangers the money expended in having his plans experted would be well used. The plans should especially guard against panic.

"Panic Held Responsible." I believe I am safe in saying that at least nine out of every ten lives lost in a school fire would have been saved if there had been no panic, even in the face of the many difficulties that attend the evacuation of a building. Now, if the architect can possibly provide a plan for avoiding so that a panic can be avoided he has provided against 90 per cent of the danger without the expense of strictly fireproof materials. What can be done to provide against the other 10 per cent? It may be he will say fireproof stairs and halls; maybe fireproof lower story; maybe fireproof exits; but I do not believe he will suggest fire escapes. The fire escapes are steep, dangerous and seldom used, and anything new in times of danger is the thing that creates the panic. The fire escape is not worth 10 per cent.

I am not certain but that it would be cheaper and wiser if the present high cost of buildings cannot be reduced by the architect's plans to establish the policy of investing more money in larger school grounds and building one-story structures. The reduced cost of building will help to meet the increased cost of ground, and in case the buildings are not fitted for the needs of future children the expense of their removal will not be so considerable to say nothing of its unquestioned advantage as a fire hazard. There are other advantages in the idea which will develop as you study the matter.

## MUZZLING TIME IS SET

### Health Officer Says Ordinance Will Be Enforced to Letter.

May 23 is the date set for the first enforcement of the ordinance passed recently by the City Council requiring the muzzling of all dogs allowed to run at large. Announcement was made yesterday by City Health Officer Martin De Muth that the ordinance will be enforced to the letter. Dogs found without muzzles will be taken up by dog-catchers and the owners will have to pay a dog pound fee of \$1.

The measure requires a wire muzzle of such size and make as to cover the dog's head and make it impossible for him to bite. No muzzle need be kept on dogs confined within a yard or kept tied.

## OPENING OF NEW PUBLIC MARKET IN ALBINA.



**MARKET DAYS**

There were plenty of buyers.

**MORE AT MARKET**

Ten or 15 Wagonloads of Farm Produce Are Sold.

**RETAIL PRICES SHADED**

Eggs and Potatoes in Demand at Albina Sale—Commissioner Bigelow One of First Customers at Knott-Street Mart.

Commissioner Bigelow was one of the first customers at the Albina market on Knott street yesterday morning, and he carried away several dozens of fresh eggs. The second day of the market was a marked improvement over the opening day. Between 10 and 15 wagonloads of produce were brought in and quickly sold.

The result of the work among farmers done in the automobile trips by delegations from the Albina Business Men's Club was seen.

A considerable quantity of potatoes were brought in and were sold at the rate of 40 cents a 100 pounds. Eggs in large quantities were snapped up by women, and dressed chickens found ready sale. Two floral wagonloads did good business. The articles brought in embraced a great variety. It is estimated that the producers carried away \$250 from their sales.

One woman wanted to know of the committee if home-made doughnuts would be accepted for sale and she was told to come along with all she could bake next Wednesday. So she will be there at that time.

T. L. Adams, M. H. Calef, Henry Erickson, T. J. Murphy, S. A. Mathieu and others from the Albina Business Men's Club, were on hand at the opening of the market, and assisted in bringing the consumer and producer together. Commissioners Daly and Bigelow visited the market to observe its management. It was estimated that between 1000 and 1500 people attended the sale. A number of women came with their baskets after 1 o'clock, but were too late.

The market will be opened next Wednesday and Saturday. T. J. Murphy, president of the club, said yesterday that he was pleased with the result so far. The indifference of the farmers was the hardest difficulty to overcome. He said that in the rounds made in Clarke County the committee talked to master, if granges about the Albina market, but they were slow to appreciate the advantages of a public market and would not promise to come, although they had plenty of produce to bring in. They would work on the roads and odd jobs to get a little ready cash, said Mr. Murphy, and could not realize that by bringing in their surplus stuff to the market they could turn it into more cash than they could make in any other way.

"We have found that the people will buy," said Mr. Murphy, "if the farmers will bring in their stuff. We have succeeded in placing the market idea on the map here in Albina, if we do nothing more. Albina has received large advantage from the market. We had little money to use and the members of the club have given their time and work cheerfully, getting out in the morning as early as 4 o'clock."

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**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to extend our appreciation and many thanks to our dear friends and neighbors in the illness and death of our dear John; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Adv. MRS. A. DUPRE AND FAMILY.

## CLEVER ARTISTS FOR THE SCHOOL PAPER WHO WILL PERFORM BETWEEN ACTS OF "SYLVIA"



MARTIN DE MUTH (AT LEFT) AND JOHN HAELLEN.

One of the features of the operetta "Sylvia," which the Lincoln High School June 14, class will present in the school auditorium next Friday and Saturday evenings, will be the interlude. Martin De Muth, president of the June 14, class, and John Haehlen, two popular artists for "The Cardinal," will render the act. It will consist of a pictorial space entitled "A Mile of Smile." The purpose of the operetta is to raise funds for the class issue of the school paper. About \$500 is needed.



# The Holtz Store

## Selling-Out Sale

### Entire \$300,000 Stock Is Included

The Holtz Store is positively retiring from business. Every item of our entire \$300,000 stock must be sold out as rapidly as possible. No question of cost or profit can stand in the way. Every item a great bargain here now.

## Muslin Underwear Goes at Half Price

### 25c to 35c White Goods 15c Yard

Our entire stock of beautiful muslin gowns and combinations, elegant qualities and lovely styles. Prettily trimmed and finished. On sale while it lasts at one-half price and less. Note the savings:

Regular \$2.00 Undermuslins on sale at **\$1.00**

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Regular \$4.00 Undermuslins on sale at **\$2.00**

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Regular \$5.00 Undermuslins on sale at **\$2.50**

Regular \$5.50 Undermuslins on sale at **\$2.75**

Regular \$3.50 Night Gowns and Combinations Are All Priced Now at **\$1.59**

One special lot of 300 garments, night gowns and combinations, elegant qualities, beautifully trimmed and finished. Regular values up to \$3.50, now on sale at **\$1.59**

Regular \$3.00 Undermuslins Now **\$1.19**

Odd sizes in beautiful gowns and combinations, values to \$3 a garment. To close out at **\$1.19**

\$5.00 Corsets Now Priced at Only **\$2.95**

Madame Lyra Corsets in good styles, beautifully brocaded and excellent in every way. Every corset a regular \$5 grade. During this great Closing Out Sale, each at **\$2.95**

Regular \$6.50 to \$8.50 Corsets selling at **\$3.95**

Selling out our entire stock of 25c and 35c white and colored wash goods, including Ratine, Crepes, Piques and Voiles. Every yard good, worthy quality. In this sale at **15c**

35c to 50c White Goods at, the Yard, **19c**

White goods, new and crisp, including Piques, Flaxons, Dimities, Costume Cloth, etc., for waisting and dresses. Regular 35c to 50c values. Selling out now at yard **19c**

Regular \$1.25 White Goods, Yard, **59c**

Beautiful white crepe voile embroidered Flouncing, 45 inches wide, fashion's demand for this Spring and Summer dresses. Regular \$1.25 value. Selling out at the yard **59c**

Kayser and Niagara Maid Long Silk Gloves Now Selling at, the Pair, **89c**

1000 pairs of women's 16-button-length silk gloves, black and colors, every pair perfect; no seconds or job lots. Regular \$1.50 values. During Close Out Sale offered at **89c**

\$3.00 Pumps and Oxfords, Pair, **\$1.89**

Selling out our entire stock of Spring and Summer low shoes, pumps and Oxfords in best styles made to sell at \$3.00 the pair. During this Close Out Sale choice **\$1.89**

The total registration in Hood River County is 2534, party affiliations being as follows: Republican, 1589; Democrats, 528; Prohibitionists, 127; Socialist, 67; Progressive, 109, and miscellaneous, 114. County Clerk Hanson has not yet determined the proportion of women voters. However, up to last Saturday they numbered 808.

**ARMY ORDERS RECEIVED**

Instructions Given for Mobilizing Men and Mustering Guardsmen.

Complete instructions for mobilizing troops and swearing National Guardsmen into the regular Army service have been received by Adjutant-General Finzer, of the Oregon National Guard, from the War Department in Washington, D. C. The instructions include the details of operations of the various officers and blanks have been sent for use in mustering men into the service.

The instructions were sent out by the Government, during the arrest of the Mexican crisis and will be retained at the headquarters here in case they are needed later.

**SHORTWEIGHT CRUSADE ON**

Ice-men to Be Checked From House to Houses as They Make Deliveries.

The crusade which City Sealer of Weights and Measures Jones has planned to curb shortweight ice-men will be started in earnest tomorrow, when Mr. Jones and Deputy Sealer Canwright take up the trail of ice-men and follow them from house to house checking up on their deliveries.

Without the ice-man's knowledge the inspectors will follow him until a shortweight delivery is made, after which the ice-man will be arrested. The crusade will be kept up indefinitely.

**GARDEN HOSE**

OUR STOCK OF RUBBER AND COTTON HOSE IS ALL FRESH 1914 STOCK. THE PRICES RANGE FROM \$3.75 PER 50 FEET AND UPWARDS.

OUR ELECTRIC HOSE IS THE KIND YOU CAN TIE IN KNOTS AND NOT INJURE IT.

SPECIAL TOMORROW—MONDAY—WHILE THEY LAST—WE WILL GIVE, FREE, A WOODEN HOSE REEL WITH EACH PURCHASE OF NOT LESS THAN 50 FEET OF HOSE. ONE ONLY TO A CUSTOMER.

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## WOMAN IN PORTLAND WINS HEALTH WITH WONDERFUL STOMACH REMEDY

### Mrs. Hellman Tells Friends How She Has Been So Quickly Restored.

In such words people in all parts of the country, thousands of people, praise May's Wonderful Stomach Remedy. The first dose shows results—no long treatment.

May's Wonderful Stomach Remedy clears the digestive tract of mucus, accretions and removes poisonous matter. It brings swift relief to sufferers from ailments of the stomach, liver and bowels. Many say that it has saved them from dangerous operations and many declare that it has saved their lives.

Because of the remarkable success of this remedy there are many imitations, so be cautious. Be sure it's MAY'S. Go to The Owl Drug Co. and ask about the wonderful results it has been accomplishing among people they knew—or send to Geo. H. May, Mfg. Chemist, 154-156 Whiting St., Chicago, Ill., for free book on stomach ailments and many grateful letters from people who have been restored. Any druggist can tell you the wonderful effects.—Adv.

Mrs. W. H. Hellman, of 222 Almsworth street, Portland, Or., was a victim of disorders of the stomach and digestive processes. Her trouble affected her general health and made her unhappy. She took May's Wonderful Stomach Remedy and soon was recommending it to all her suffering friends. In a letter sending for more of the remedy she wrote:

"About eight months ago I sent to you for a bottle of your wonderful stomach medicine, and after taking it sent for three bottles more, which I have taken with the best of results. I am beginning now to feel like a different person. I have been telling my friends about your wonderful medicine. I thank you for the good your medicine has done me."