

BOARD SEEKS ADVICE ON SCHOOL BUILDING

James John Structure in Dilapidated Condition.

MINUTE INSPECTION MADE

Directors to Follow Reconstruction Recommendations of Some Expert Engineer.

Decision to call into consultation an expert builder and engineer and to follow out his recommendations in the reconstruction of the James John high school building at St. Johns was reached yesterday by the Portland school board at a special meeting at St. Johns.

Following an inspection of the building yesterday morning by the directors and newspaper men, members of the board were agreed that the building must undergo extensive repairs if it is to be made safe for the occupancy of more than 300 school children by the opening of the fall term of school.

Minute Inspection Made. Under the leadership of George B. Thomas, who nearly a year ago discovered the dangerous condition of the building and at that time protested against its use, the directors yesterday made a minute inspection of the building.

In all parts of the building rotted timbers were found. Brick so poorly made and deficient that they could be reduced to powder by the pressure of fingers was scattered through the outside walls.

Inside and outside numerous places appeared as though about to fall. The walls are sagging, the school-room floors sway beneath the feet, and in its present condition the building appears ready to topple over at any time.

So unsafe has the building become that workmen who have been repairing it under the direction of the school board have placed steel braces on the south wall to keep the whole structure from falling over on them as they work about the building.

Members of the board were of the opinion that even these steel braces could not hold the building together for any length of time.

Expert to Give Advice. By their action yesterday the directors ordered all present repair work on the building stopped at once, and nothing further will be done until some engineer and building expert can give them authoritative advice as to the best method of repairing the building in order that it may be made safe for occupancy for one more year.

Members of the board said the inspection showed the only safe part of the building to be the concrete foundation. There is no flaw any kind here. The board members believe it will be necessary to rebuild all four walls from the foundation up.

"This practically means a new building," said Director Thomas. "All we will be able to save is the foundation, the roof and the flooring. But for one, I intend to see that this structure is made absolutely safe before it is opened up for any child in September."

These same sentiments were voiced by W. F. Woodward and Frank L. Shull, directors, who made the inspection with Director Thomas. They said they would insist that the building be made in every way safe.

Inspector Is Sore. "I firmly believe that the building inspector should be condemned for not calling attention to the serious condition of this building last year when these defects were called to his attention," said Director Thomas. "It is absolutely criminal to let children attend school in a building which is in such an unsafe condition as this one."

The board will hold another special meeting next Tuesday to receive a report from the building expert and take decisive action on what shall be done with the building.

LAST PAVING LAPS RUSHED

Less Than Mile in Lewis County Remains to Be Finished.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 24.—(Special).—Paving of the last lap of the Pacific highway across Lewis county that will connect from a point two miles north of the south line of Thurston county to the cities of Chehalis and Centralia, to the town of Toledo on the Cowlitz river, is now being rushed by Contractor Morgan of Everett, who has less than a mile of work to be finished.

The two miles in Thurston county was completed this week, and a small stretch which was laid first is now open. This particular two miles and 400 feet in Thurston county were the roughest on the Pacific highway between Chehalis and Tacoma.

VICE-PRESIDENT ELECTED

Mrs. Robinson to Be Honored With Banquet by Chamber.

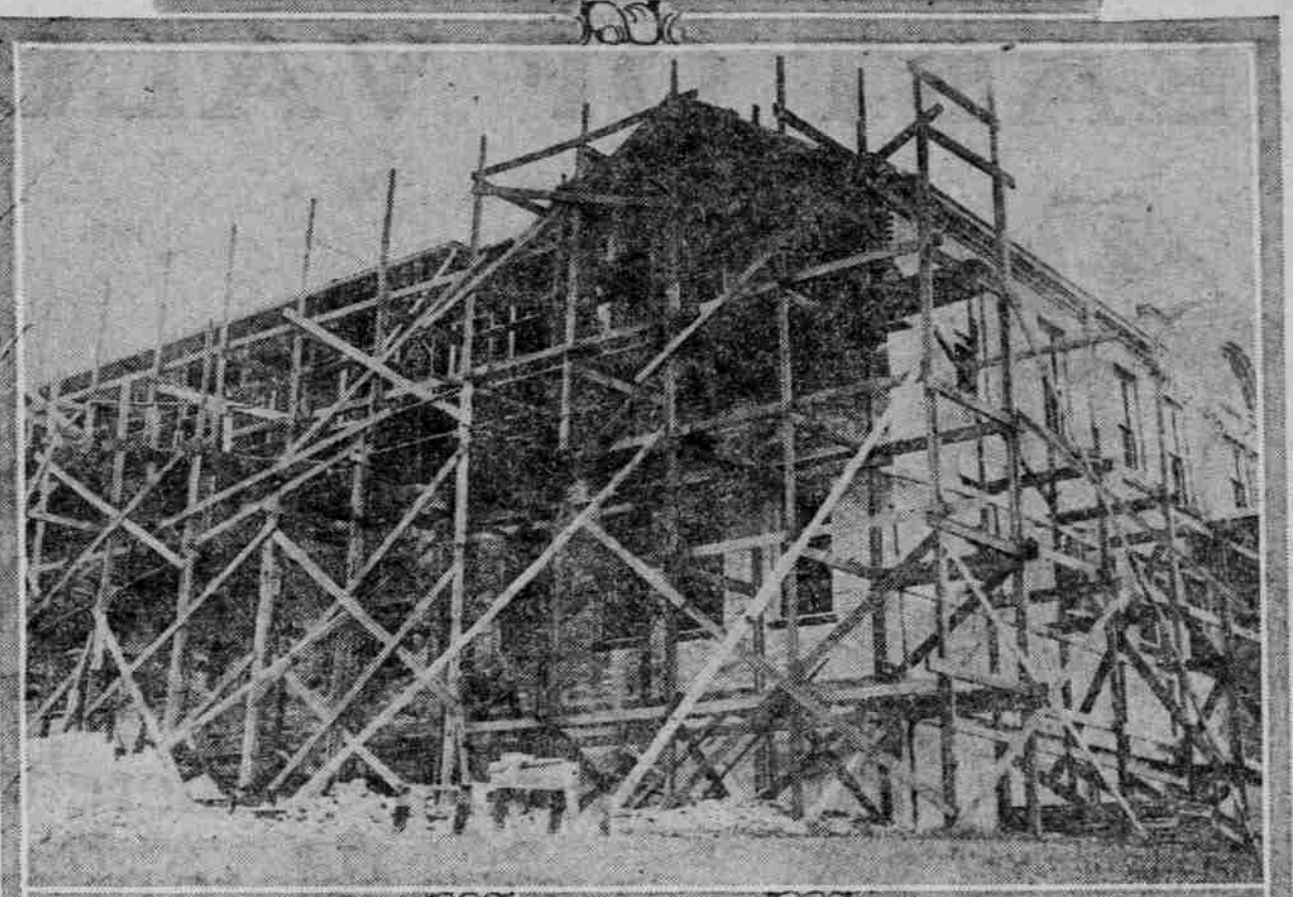
CENTRALIA, Wash., July 24.—(Special).—At a meeting held last night by the chamber of commerce, John Larsen was elected vice-president to succeed A. G. Goehring, resigned, and Albert Smith and A. F. Cormier were elected to fill vacancies on the board.

Following the general meeting, the directors met and elected J. C. Applegate secretary to succeed Mrs. Katherine Robinson, who has resigned, effective July 31.

A banquet in Mrs. Robinson's honor will be held next Tuesday night, John Larsen, A. F. Cormier and E. H. Colson having been appointed last night as a committee on arrangements.

Eastern Educator Coming. WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., July 24.—(Special).—Miss Minna L. Harding of Hampden, N. B., has been elected professor of public speaking at Willamette university. She is a graduate of the St. Johns, N. B., Conservatory of Oratory and Music and of the Greeley School of Eloquence and Dramatic Art. For ten years Miss Harding has been at the head of the department of public speaking in West Virginia Wesleyan college, of which Dr. Doney was president for eight years previous to coming to Willamette. Miss Harding is the author of a number of plays and operas which have been successfully produced in the east.

VIEWS TAKEN BY THE OREGONIAN STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER SHOW DEFECTIVE PORTIONS OF JAMES JOHN HIGH SCHOOL WHICH DIRECTORS DECLARE TO BE UNSAFE FOR OCCUPANCY.



Upper-West wall of building, which was so dangerous it had to be torn down. Middle—Director Woodward (pointing finger) and Director Thomas inspecting a dangerous section of the structure. Below—This shows where rotted boards and defective brick are crumbling to pieces.

REPUBLICAN VOW TAKEN

Pasco Man With Radical Record Asserts He Is of the Old Faith.

PASCO, Wash., July 24.—(Special).—Upon receipt of the daily papers carrying the reports of the action of the Farmers' Nonpartisan league, Workers' Nonpartisan league and Railway Men's Welfare league, in convention at Yakima, in naming candidates whom they will support in the republican primaries for nomination and election on the republican ticket, Charles F. Stinson, who was named by the republicans for congress from the fourth district, called up the correspondent of The Oregonian and asked if any report had been requested concerning his political affiliations or other data concerning him. He was told that no such report had been requested.

"I want to state that I have been a republican all my life," said Mr. Stinson. This was news to the correspondent, who has lived in Pasco for 13 years, in republican league and always believed Mr. Stinson to be a socialist. "Of course, I ran for office here once as a socialist, but Dr. Summers was once a democrat, too," continued Mr. Stinson.

Although president of one of the largest business concerns in the city, Mr. Stinson has been active in socialistic councils, in the central labor council, in the nonpartisan league, and has been known to furnish bonds for I. W. W. members charged with criminal syndicalism, at one time putting up \$500 worth of liberty bonds to obtain the release of an I. W. W. who had been arrested on such a charge.

Rural Pastors' School Closes.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., July 24.—(Special).—School for rural pastors closed its session at Willamette university today. Sixty pastors and eight pastors' wives have been in attendance studying the problems of the rural church. Association was presided over by Dr. Talbot of the Kimball College of Theology, Professor of Divinity, and Dr. E. C. Sanderson, president of the nonpartisan league, and was held at the Willamette Seminary, Madison, N. J.; Edward L. Mills, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, Portland; Rev. James Wagner of Newton Center, Mass., and professors from the Oregon Agricultural college.

Man and Son Burned.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., July 24.—(Special).—Thomas L. Smith and his son were severely but not dangerously burned in an accident at the J. H. Chambers' on Wednesday afternoon, when a fire in the boiler burst, forcing open the doors of the fire-box and throwing coals into Mr. Smith's face and over his body. The son, who was standing near, was but slightly burned about the wrist. Mr. Smith is fireman at the mill.

Hood River Has Mosquitoes.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 24.—(Special).—Hood River has not in recent years been visited by such a scourge of mosquitoes as this season, and citizens are urging that city authorities take steps toward abating the nuisance. The mosquitoes, it is said, are hatched in swamp lands and pools west of the city. If these were treated with oil, it is declared, the pests would be eliminated.

Students See State Institutions.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, July 24.—(Special).—An enthusiastic crowd of 150 students from

ASTORIA MAY GET MILL

LONG-BELL LUMBER COMPANY PARTY PAYS VISIT.

Establishment of at Least One of Proposed Manufacturing Plants Is Discussed.

ASTORIA, Or., July 24.—(Special).—"The fact that we are back here again shows that we are deeply interested in Astoria as a point for the establishment of at least one of our proposed lumber manufacturing plants," said Robert A. Long of Kansas City, president of the Long-Bell Lumber company, who with party of his business associates, spent today in Astoria.

"That is about all that I can say now," he added, "as we are simply on a tour of investigation. The heads of our manufacturing department are with us and we are looking into every detail of the situation carefully, as we are building for the future as well as for the present. It will probably be some little time before we reach a decision. Today we are devoting to Astoria and are delving further into the conditions here. "One thing I am enjoying mightily is your grand weather. It is a great relief after the torrid atmosphere that we encountered while coming to the coast."

The party left here tonight en route to Portland and Seattle.

EXPORT RATE IS SOUGHT

Chance to Relieve Northwest Car Shortage Causes Request.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 24.—(Special).—Recommendation has been made to the interstate commerce commission by O. O. Calderhead, rate expert for the Washington public

service commission, for the establishment of an export rate for shipment of the Montana wheat crop to Pacific coast ports.

The object of the establishment of an export rate proportionate to the rate to the Atlantic coast is to divert car movements to the west. The commission has made a survey of the situation, and figures 26,000 cars are needed to relieve the shortage in the northwest, and this condition will be bettered materially by the grain movement to Pacific ports, thereby relieving congestion in the eastern regions.

FEDERAL ACT ACCEPTED

Vocational Rehabilitation Accepted Proclaimed by Governor.

SALEM, Or., July 24.—(Special).—Governor Olcott, in a proclamation issued today, accepted on behalf of the state the federal act approved June 2, 1920, providing for the establishment of vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industries or other work and their return to civil employment.

Under the governor's proclamation the state treasurer is appointed custodian of all federal appropriations, and shall receive and provide for the proper custody and disbursement of all money paid to the state from the federal appropriation.

Ensign and Wife Transferred.

EUGENE, Or., July 24.—(Special).—Ensign and Mrs. J. L. Kelso, who have been in charge of the 10th Salvation Army work for the last year and a half, have received orders of transfer to Tacoma, Wash., where they will take charge of the work in that city. Farewell services will be held at the local barracks Sunday.

Patton Files for Constable.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 24.—(Special).—Luther Patton, republican, yesterday filed his declaration of candidacy with the county auditor for reelection as constable in Centralia.

AUTO THEFT RING ALLEGED

ORGANIZED PLOT BELIEVED UNCOVERED AT BEND.

C. H. Shuter and Oscar Houston Are Taken Into Custody Following Purchase of Car.

BEND, Or., July 24.—(Special).—The existence of what authorities here believe to be a ring organized for the theft and disposal of automobiles with representatives in Deschutes, Klamath, Crook and Umatilla counties was revealed today following investigations which were started when a light car, alleged to have been stolen in Klamath Falls, broke down at Beaver Marsh, in upper Klamath county, and was purchased here by C. H. Shuter, second-hand dealer, who is said to have assumed possession of the machine without ever seeing it. As a result of the deal Shuter and Oscar Houston of Prineville, sent by Shuter to tow the car into Bend, are both under arrest on Klamath county warrants charging complicity in the theft.

The six-cylinder car in which Houston started for Beaver Marsh was identified by Umatilla county officials as one which was stolen in Pendleton recently. Shuter was arrested on his return to Bend, while Houston drove to Prineville and placed in Pendleton automobile in a private garage before he was taken into custody. Shortly after reports were received that George Taylor of Bend had gone to Prineville and taken 15 gallons of whiskey from the machine driven by Houston. Taylor was arrested by Sheriff Roberts of this county, on his return to Bend, on a Crook county warrant alleging violation of the liquor laws. No whiskey was found in his possession at the time of his arrest.

One other car, thought to have been

STOLEN IN TUMALO, WAS RECOVERED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION.

\$6000 DANCE SUIT FILED

Proprietor of Columbia Beach Hall Charges Ejection and Threat.

Damages of \$6000 and a restraining order preventing the defendants from interfering with his possession of the dance hall at Columbia beach are sought by Montrose M. Ringler in a suit filed in the circuit court yesterday against the Sand Island Amusement company, Joseph M. Rieg, president, and others.

According to the complaint, prepared by Attorney Clarence H. Gilbert, an agreement was drawn on April 14, 1919, by the terms of which he was to take over the dance hall at the beach. He asserts that he paid \$1500 for the hall and expended in excess of \$4500 for improvements and decorations.

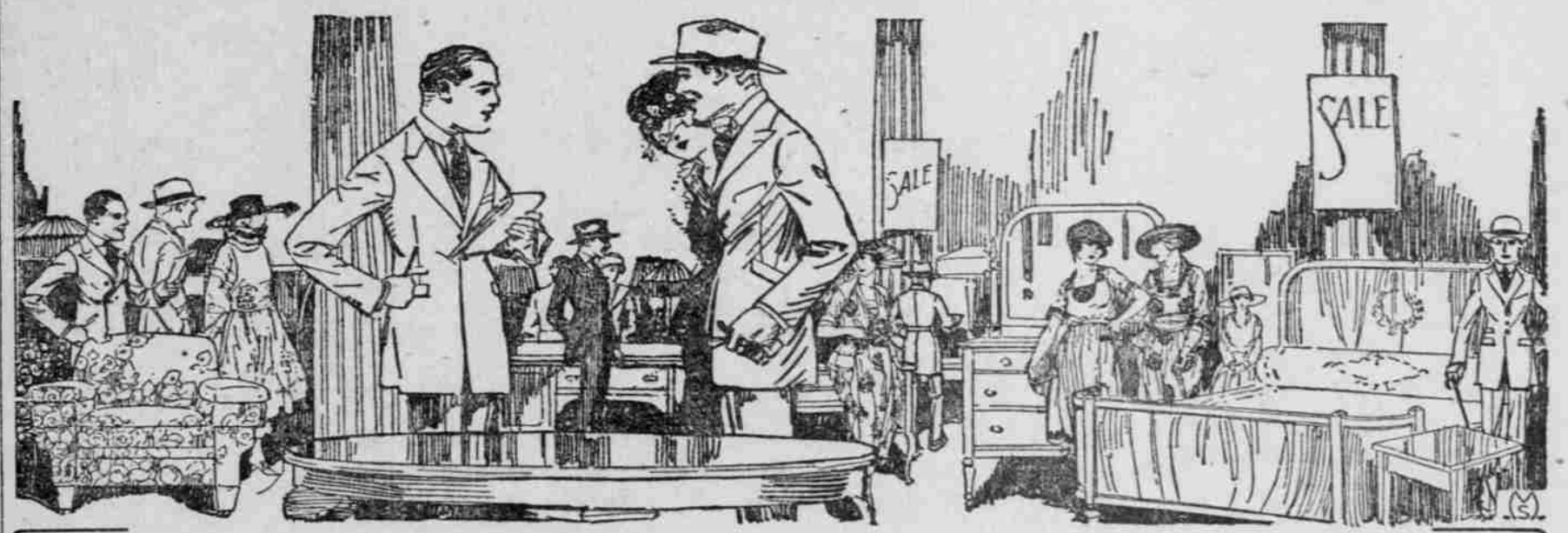
On June 1, contends Ringler, he took possession of the hall, stationed an orchestra and conducted public dances until ejected by Rieg, ordered not to enter the place again and threatened with bodily harm. On July 1, attempting to regain possession of the place, he alleges he was set upon by Rieg and a "large mob" of servants and employees, cruelly ridiculed and threatened with death.

Five Wives Ask Divorce.

Divorce suits filed in the circuit court yesterday were Gertrude Bell Strange against Ambrose F. Strange, Sarah M. Cowell against Ludwig M. Cowell, Audrey Blair against Robert B. Blair, Catherine A. Haerer against Frank Haerer, C. Pearl Hansen against William Hansen, and Angeline Robbins against Omar C. Robbins.

Man Loses Eye in Fall.

Bert B. Thacker, aged 36, lost an eye yesterday when he stumbled on a railroad track at Chapman, Or., and struck his eye on a railroad tie. He was rushed to Good Samaritan hospital, where the eye was removed.



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\$75.00 Mahogany Dresser.....\$49.75
\$150.00 Triple-mirror Ivory Enamel Dresser.....\$112.50
\$115.00 Mahogany Chiffonier.....\$87.50
\$100.00 Mahogany Dressing Table.....\$76.50
\$200.00 Brass Bed with square tubing.....\$124.50
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