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### CHEAP WATER TOWER PROVES A SUCCESS

Extension Ladder Has Been Altered So It May Serve as a Water Tower in an Emergency—Trial Proves Its Efficiency.

A new and simple arrangement has been attached to Truck No. 1 stationed at the Fourth-street engine house whereby the extension ladder can be used as a water tower. The apparatus was tested last night before Chief Campbell, his guest, Battalion Chief Short of New York, and others interested. The extension ladder was raised to a height of 50 feet and hydrant pressure used. The stream shown reached a long distance and in cases of serious fires in upper stories it would be a valuable addition to the means now at the disposal of the local department. The arrangement consists simply of a joint of pipe fastened to one of the upper rungs of the ladder. Both ends of the pipe are threaded. To the upper end is attached a nozzle, while to the lower a line of hose is screwed on. The result is an improvised water tower. It was feared before the test that the force of the water would break the ladder, but it proved its strength and availability for the purpose.

### SCHOOLMA'AMS ARE BID TO PORTLAND

Forty thousand pretty "schoolma'ams" have been invited to meet in this city next summer, the invitation having been extended to them by all the commercial organizations, state and city officials, and several of the most prominent teachers of this commonwealth. These invitations were sent this morning to Prof. Irwin Shepard of Winona,

Minn., secretary of the National Educational Association, by Max M. Shillock, secretary of the local board of trade. St. Louis is also near the meeting, but many of the Portland teachers are of the opinion that the Missouri city will not even be considered by the governing board of the association, which meets in Chicago next month for the purpose of selecting the next convention city. The reason that it is thought that St. Louis will not secure the prize is because the railroads will make such a low rate to the Exposition that there will be nothing gained by the teachers. The railroads throughout the United States give the National Educational Association \$2.00 on every ticket sold to that organization's conventions. This sum, it is thought, would not be allowed by the railroads if the meeting was held in St. Louis, as the rates to the fair would be low and the teachers would take advantage of them, and the roads would gain very little extra traffic. The money given the association by the railway companies is used as a reserve fund, over \$100,000 is now said to be in the coffers of the organization. The invitations sent today were handsomely bound in book form. The volume contained letters from Mayor Williams, the Portland city council, the board of trade, the chamber of commerce, the Manufacturers' Association of the Northwest, the Commercial club, the Lewis and Clark Fair corporation, the Lewis and Clark state commission, Governor Chamberlain, Superintendent of City Schools Frank Rigler, the Portland city school board, County School Superintendent R. F. Robinson, President of the Oregon State Teachers Association D. A. Grout, State Superintendent of Public Instruction H. Ackerman and Prof. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon.

**Caught on the Rebound.**  
From the Chicago News.  
"No," said the fair proprietor of the refrigerator heart, "I cannot be your wife, but I'll be a sister to you."  
"Thanks, awfully," rejoined the youth who was left at the post. "If there is one thing I need more than another it is an elderly sister to look after me and prevent me from making a fool of myself."

### WOMAN TO BRING DUSS TO PORTLAND

MISS LOIS STEERS OF 700 HOYT STREET WILL DIRECT THE APPEARANCE OF THE ORCHESTRA IN ALL THE OTHER WEST OF SALT LAKE.

She Is No Novice in Theatrical Work—Her Last Work Was to Bring Nordica to the Northwest—She Is Better Known Probably in New York Musical Circles Than in Her Home City of Portland.

A Portland girl has achieved a pronounced success as a manager of musical productions. Miss Lois Steers of 700 Hoyt street, this city, has the honor of managing the forthcoming tour of the Metropolitan opera-house orchestra west of Salt Lake City, and she soon leaves to meet the organization for its opening night performance there on October 14.

Miss Steers, as may be judged, is not a novice at the business, for two years ago she brought out the famous Mme. Nordica, who is also a star feature with the symphony orchestra this season, and she has piloted other musical adventures on successful tours.

The young lady manager regards the coming of the great musical organization as a triumph for the music-lovers of the West. "We are gradually reaching the point where we can demand the best talent available," she explained, "and the coming of this famous orchestra should be marked by a signal success. It is without question the finest musical organization in this country, and is as notable in the city of New York as the Metropolitan opera-house itself."

"One marked feature of this tour is the fact that the great diva can avail herself of a full orchestra accompaniment. It will be exactly the same performance that could be witnessed in the metropolis, with all the utilities available for the famous musical productions there. It requires four special cars to accommodate the organization and accessories. The tour will end so that the orchestra can be back in New York for the opening of the opera season in November."

The orchestra will give an evening performance in the Marquam Grand theatre here on the night of October 1. Miss Steers occupies an enviable place in her chosen sphere. Although a Portland girl born and bred, she is perhaps better known in New York and the musical East than she is here. She originally went to the East for her musical studies, and by perseverance and close application to her studies became a musician of note. Eventually she managed to become associated in a business way with several musical ventures, and finally two years ago secured the management of the western tour of the famous diva Nordica. This year she brings out the noted singer and the entire Symphony orchestra from the Metropolitan opera-house, a tribute to her musical skill and business acumen.

quite consideration. I only reached home the other day, and will be off again soon." Speaking of the orchestra tour, Miss Steers said she thought the musical world owed Mr. J. S. Duss, who conducts the organization, a big debt of gratitude. "He is peculiar," she explained, "in that he is a millionaire and has devoted his services and money to the cause of music. In the little town of Economy, Pa., which has always been governed on the community principle, Mr. Duss, with affairs at a momentous crisis, brought them to a highly successful conclusion and, established the finances of the place upon a permanently secure foundation. He has always loved music, has heard and studied intelligently the best music both in Europe and this country, and with his instinctive capacity to be a leader chose for his career that of orchestral conductor."

### MODERATION IN THE LAND LAWS

GREAT IRRIGATION CONGRESS AT OGDEN CLOSURE AFTER SPIRITED DEBATE ON DOMAIN SUBJECTS—REPEAL DEFEATED AND A MIDDLE-ROAD POLICY SUPPLIED.

Portland Is Favored as Meeting Place in 1905 When the Lewis and Clark Fair Will Be National Attraction—Indian Corn Adopted as Floral Emblem of United States, on Motion of Mrs. McClurg of Colorado.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Ogden, Utah, Sept. 19.—A battle royal of giant minds of the West waged furiously all yesterday afternoon on the repeal of the desert land timber and stone acts. The committee on resolutions presented a majority report in favor of the repeal of these laws and a minority report against the repeal. A debate followed which lasted 15 minutes, when speakers were chosen on each side. The discussion was opened by Congressman Shafroth of Colorado, followed by Mondell of Wyoming and John P. Irish of California. These were chosen to defend the present laws. William E. Smythe of California, Attorney General Donovan of Montana and George H. Maxwell of Chicago urged its repeal. Ex-Congressman Needham of California offered a substitute for both the majority and minority reports, petitioning congress to modify the land laws so that the remaining public domain be saved to actual settlers and prevent frauds. The arguments continued from 2 until 6 o'clock. The most prominent statesmen, attorneys and public men of the West fully debated the question, bringing out every feature. Prominent railroad attorneys were on the ground, and speculators were also there with strong arguments. Never before, outside the halls of the national congress did so many public men discuss such momentous questions. Veteran irrigationists were divided on the subject. No political lines were visible in the debate. It was simply a matter of difference in honest opinion. Eloquence, logic, repartee, wit, humor, "learning" and statesmanship marked the course of the debate. Giants, clanked in brilliant argument. Five minutes of brilliant taken for the different states to caucus. Pandemonium then turned loose. Enthusiasm on both sides worked furiously. The vote finally taken stood 212 for the western tour of the famous diva Nordica. This year she brings out the noted singer and the entire Symphony orchestra from the Metropolitan opera-house, a tribute to her musical skill and business acumen.

### MANY NOT UP TO THE SCRATCH

RESULT OF EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR POSITIONS IN CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IS MADE PUBLIC AND PERCENTAGE OF CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED.

Severe Test Applied to Instrument Men by the Examiners Resulted in Defeat of Many—Thirty-nine Men Faced the Music—Applicants for Police and Fire Positions Will Show Their Athletic Prowess Sunday.

The checking up of the examination papers of applicants for appointment in the city engineering service was completed yesterday by Secretary Potter of the civil-service commission. Of thirty-nine applicants there were three failures in the engineering service and three as instrument men. Only one who passed the preliminaries in that list failed in the second test. The instrument men's examination consisted of a practical demonstration of how to set up and read a transit, set off angles and run a line of levels. For the transit work an actual triangle was marked out, and then they were required to set up their instrument at each corner of the triangle and determine the measurements of the three interior angles.

For the level work several blocks were laid out and the rapidity and accuracy of the results taken into account. In the engineering service the men were divided into classes comprising assistant engineers, surveyors, assistant draughtsmen, computers, instrument men, inspectors (four grades), chainmen and bridge inspectors.

The markings of the board of examiners gave the following results, those receiving a percentage of less than 75 having failed.  
Instrument men—H. Chandler, 98; T. H. Compton, 78; D. S. McBride, 94; L. W. Hansen, 60; E. A. Demmer, Samuel White and W. Curtis failed.  
Assistant engineer—George Scoggin, 94.50.  
Surveyors—John B. Hansen, 99; J. Hannam, 85.5; R. G. McMullen, 81.75; H. L. Chandler, 78.5; J. M. Baker, 75.75.  
Sidewalk inspectors—John J. Burke, 80.74; John K. Carr, 89.4; Frank Brandes, 83.5; W. E. Lillis, 94; Fred S. Pierce, 84.40; Angus Fleming, 84.60; August Ohloff, 96.9; C. E. Harding, 87.60; R. W. Thompson, 78.8; John Rankin, 76.1; Walter J. Hansen, 75; Harry C. Hiner, 78.3.  
Sewer inspectors—James C. Miller, 77; M. E. Gordon, 90.7; E. J. Maxwell, 90.5; Charles McLaughlin, 81.8; C. M. Patterson rejected on account of inability to write the English language.  
General inspectors—W. P. Lillis, 96; David Wilkie, 90.62; A. S. Groce, 82.5; A. L. Powell, 75.25.

The applicants for position in the police and fire departments will be examined tomorrow morning, commencing at 8 o'clock, on Multnomah field. The examinations will consist of practically the same athletic tests under the supervision of Fire Chief Campbell, and consist of running, jumping into the life net, climbing a 75-foot ladder and other stunts of like character. There are 37 names for the police service and 24 for the fire department. The firemen will only be required to

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### IN MEMORY OF ROBERT EMMET

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lifeless corpse. And am I, who lived but for my country, who have subjected myself to the dangers of the jealous and watchful oppressor, and now to the bondage of the grave, only to give my countrymen their rights, and my country her independence—am I to be loaded with calumny, and not suffered to resent it? No; God forbid!

"If the spirits of the illustrious dead participate in the concerns and cares of those who were dear to them in this transitory life, O ever dear and venerated shade of my departed father, look down with scrutiny upon the conduct of your suffering son, and see if I have, even for a moment, deviated from those principles of morality and patriotism which it was your care to instill into my youthful mind, and for which I am now about to offer up my life. My lord, you seem impatient for the sacrifice. The blood for which you thirst is not congealed by the artificial terrors which surround your victim—it circulates warmly and untroubled through the channels which God created for noble purposes, but which you are now bent on destroying, for purposes so grievous that they cry to heaven. Be yet patient. I

have but a few more words to say; I am going to my cold and silent grave; my lamp of life is nearly extinguished; my race is run; the grave opens to receive me, and I sink into its bosom. I have but one request to ask at my departure from this world, it is—  
"The charity of its silence. Let no man write my epitaph; for as no man who knows my motives dare now vindicate them, let not prejudice or ignorance asperse them. Let them and me rest in obscurity and peace, and my tomb remain unadorned until other times and other men can do justice to my character. When my country takes her place among the nations of the earth—then, and not till then, let my epitaph be written. I have done."

**Different Brands.**  
From the Chicago News.  
Jack—I hear you are going to marry Miss Prettygun. Permit me to congratulate you on your excellent taste.  
Tom—But the engagement is off. I'm not going to marry her or any one else.  
Jack—Indeed! Then allow me to congratulate you on your good sense.

**Hard Lines.**  
From the Philadelphia Press.  
"It's an awful thing to be in church and discover just as the collection plate comes around that you are absolutely penniless."  
"It is so, because if you haven't got a penny you have to drop in a nickel or a dime of course."

**Showered Sorrow.**  
From the Chicago News.  
Stubbs—Female barbers are something of a novelty.  
Penn—Nothing of the kind. They had female barbers in biblical days.  
Stubbs—Get out! What was her name?  
Penn—Defilah.

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