

BETTER SCHOOLS THE DEMAND

Era of Frame Buildings Probably Approaching Its Close on East Side.

RIGOR OF FIRE DRILLS MAKES PARENTS THINK

At Present There is Not a Fire Escape on an East Side School Nor is There a Grade Building That is Not Easily Combustible.

Since the city school board has been emphasizing the fire drill in the school and the principals of the various east side buildings have been drilling their scholars in the best way of leaving the huge wooden structures quickly the attention of both pupils and teachers, and to a considerable extent of the parents as well, has been called to the dangers that are constantly confronting the school children of the city.

Until recently the city, with its thousands of school children, had no building plan for schools that contemplated other than wooden structures and fire escapes were not placed on school buildings. For years the west side high school has been left unprotected and during this season the east side has had a three-story narrow frame building filled with pupils and with no fire escapes.

The fire drills have so far progressed most satisfactorily. The high Highland school with its 300 pupils was emptied in two minutes last week and The Sunnyside school answered a most realistic alarm signal, to which even the firemen responded, without nervousness or panic, but what value a three months' drill would be should a fire start in a crowded frame school building is problematical.

BONFIRES ARE TABOOED.

Police Oak Prevents New Suburbs From Aiding Improvement Work.

The east side has no desire to hang back in a work of civic improvement, and anything it can do to gladden the hearts of the Initiative One Hundred without too serious consequences will be gladly done. But when it comes to bonfires, not for the east side! Outlying districts are still in the formative period, ruins of ancient forests still encumber back yards and the abundant vegetation of the forest depths twine around porch pillars and creep up the family berry patch.

Some people are immune from poison oak in its green state, and many can make a bed on the plant and arise unscathed, but so human biped has yet been able to escape contagion when breathing the fumes of the plant through off as it written in the family bonfire. The cleanly citizen who takes up his accumulation of winter rubbish, piles on the tin cans and useless boots and waits for the cheery glow to light the family circle these nights, is sure to walk up before morning and endeavor to say things from a puffed mouth and to find the liniment bottle with two brimming eyes that smart and ache. Unless he is most lucky he will be weak for just long enough to get a police swaddling band of witchazel-scented linen and take an active interest in other things than the family medicine chest.

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at least that is building its suburban foundations in virgin soil, will not celebrate the bonfire day. It will cart its rubbish away and will clean up most thoroughly but there will be no poison oak fires in the district unless wisdom suddenly departs from the region.

FLORISTS BEWAIL LOSS.

Out Flower Prices Drop to Almost Nothing From Variety of Causes.

For the first time in the history of Portland, east side florists have larger stocks of flowers than the market demands. Until recently Portland was the best flower market on the coast and one of the best in the country, and the sure and liberal demand for flowers from September to July built up a greenhouse district in Mount Tabor and Albina that in the east would have supplied a city of half a million people.

On top of this came the San Francisco disaster and destroyed the trade of half a dozen cities, while it left the greenhouses for the most part intact. This directed a flood of cut flowers to Portland, one firm here that has a big California establishment recently during the last year has the florist industry been boomed, and no flower grower but what extensively enlarged his plant. Several new places of magnitude were built. The result has been that the retail market has been oversupplied and street vendors for months have sold good flowers at half the usual prices.

ARETA WANTS IN

Mass Meeting of Citizens Decides Strongly for Annexation to City.

At a mass meeting held last night, Areta citizens almost unanimously decided that annexation to Portland was the best step to take. The opposition to this plan that was confidently expected did not develop. The mass meeting, and the dissenting minority was a very small one. A committee of five was appointed to visit the mayor this morning and arrange for a hearing before the council.

It was expected by the citizens of Areta that they could so expedite matters that the annexation question could be voted on at the coming June election, but this will not be possible. The residents of the place have not yet circulated a petition and this will require a week or ten days' work, after which it must take its course before the council. As the law requires that such petitions be passed by the council at least 20 days before the election, that will decide them, it is evident that no action can be taken at the approaching June election. By the time another year slips by the council of Areta will have been increased and probably there will be no taxpayers there unwilling to favorably consider annexation. By that time, too, it will have acquired a population and a tax assessment valuation that will make it less of a burden to the city and will give it a better chance of speedily securing the municipal improvements that are desired by the people of the suburb.

New Cottage Grove Bank.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., May 3.—The Bank of Cottage Grove has filed articles of incorporation with \$10,000 capital stock. The incorporators are C. Ross King, B. Larch and W. H. Abrams. They will soon open a new bank at Cottage Grove.

"CAMILLE" AS IT IS PLAYED BY MADAME SARAH BERNHARDT

"Camille." Mme. Bernhardt's greatest effort, and a play with which nearly every theatre-goer is acquainted, will be the bill of the Divine Sarah on Saturday matinee, her closing performance. The thousands who attend the play are attracted by repertoire companies and melodramatic aggregations will be astounded at the difference between these productions and that of Mme. Bernhardt. In the hands of the "Camille" the play is not a melodrama, but the greatest of heart tragedies. The play will be given in French. For the benefit of those who do not know the story and those who wish to refresh their minds the following synopsis of the play is given:

ACT I. The curtain rises on the boudoir of Marguerite Gautier. "La Dame aux Camillias," and her maid, Nanine, and the Duke de Mairiac, who for Marguerite some time previously, and because of her resemblance to his dead daughter learned to feel for her a father's affection. As a result he settled an income upon her. Marguerite admitted to him that she was a woman worthy of no respect, and he succeeded in persuading her to give up her evil life. After a time, however, she returned to her old ways and the duke cut her off half the income he gave her, so that she is, when the play opens, 60,000 francs in debt.

Marguerite enters. De Varville makes love to her and is smothered by the police. Finally a gay party comes upon the scene for the supper—one of them the hero of the play, Armand Duval, who has loved Marguerite for two years, but has never had the opportunity to meet her until now. He is young, handsome, chivalrous, enthusiastic and immediately he makes an impression on Marguerite. He mingles with the merry group, and the following dialogue is famous for its vivacity. They fall to dancing, when suddenly Marguerite is made faint by heat. She bids the party leave her, saying she will recover. After a time, however, Armand reenters the room and inquires solicitously about her health.

He professes his love for her, tells her of the devotion with which he has dogged her footsteps for two years in the hope of meeting her. Touched by the frankness of his avowal she warns him that she is not the sort of a woman to choose for a sweetheart or a wife, but he declares that her past life is nothing to him, that he is willing to forget all the wrongs she has done him, and that she is his repeated avowals of love, and her replies, made in such a way that she clearly shows she is no longer indifferent to him.

TEARS TO SLEMP INSURANCE LOSS IS IN BUILDING \$120,000,000

Increased Cost of Materials Will Not Cause It, Says Francis I. McKenna.

INCREASE IN LUMBER HAS LITTLE EFFECT

Rumor That Construction Work Will Be Abandoned Nothing but Alarmist Report, He Declares—High Prices Have Come to Stay.

White there has been an increase in the cost of lumber, labor and cement, local authorities in building operations declare that the advance is not sufficient to cause any serious slump in this line of work in Portland. They claim that the increased demand for lumber is such that the lumber can afford to pay the additional cost of construction without suffering any serious inconvenience.

It is current comment about the city that the cost of construction of buildings has increased about 40 per cent in the past six months, and because of this fact much construction work will have to be abandoned. Francis I. McKenna, a well known authority on building matters, declares that this is an alarmist report, and should not be considered seriously. He is of the opinion that the advanced cost of material and labor will have little effect upon the city.

"It is true," said he, "that in the past six months there has been an advance of about 25 per cent in the price of lumber. And there is good reason for it. The eastern demand is greater than it ever has been before and the demand is steady. The local mills are being called upon to ship material at a rate that up to a year or two ago were considered timber countries. The present advance, I think, has come to stay. The demand warrants it, and it will most probably be permanent. The lumber demand will, of course, be another heavy draft upon the mills, but that demand has nothing to do with the advanced cost. I do not think it will have any effect upon the building work here."

"The prices of brick, hardware and other building material are about the same. Owing to the small amount of lumber and cement used in the construction of an ordinary building I would say that the increase in cost of construction is only about 15 per cent. For instance, a house that cost \$2,000 to construct a year ago would cost about \$2,250 or \$2,300 this year. The demand for houses is so great, however, that this increase can be paid with little difficulty. Rents are much better than they were a year ago, and it is not hard to pay a little more for construction."

Such is Estimate Made by Experts on San Francisco Conflagration.

LOSS EQUALS HALF CITY'S TOTAL RISK

Large Companies Will Lose but a Small Per Cent of Total Risk, but Some Firms Will Lose Both Reserve and Capital.

A bulletin issued by the Alfred M. Best company of New York giving a table of risks and probable losses of the domestic and foreign insurance companies involved in the San Francisco disaster, estimates that a total loss amounting to \$120,000,000 will have to be paid by the various concerns. The total estimated risk is placed at \$240,000,000 and the probable loss is figured at 50 per cent of this amount.

It is claimed that the actual loss will be only a comparatively small percentage of the amount at risk because most of them drew the greater portion of their premiums from the residential districts that were not destroyed by the fire. It is said, however, that the loss will not by any means average 50 per cent of the risk in the case of each company. It is claimed that many of the smaller companies will sustain a heavier percentage of loss while the larger ones will fall below the 50 per cent mark. Continuing the bulletin says: "It is a time for conservatism. The cancellation and replacing of policies of companies with only the present meager data for a guide may result in getting out of the building into the fire. At the same time, it would seem probable that a number of the smaller companies have lost their entire surplus, and in some instances, their entire capital as well."

REPUBLICAN CLUBS WILL CONSOLIDATE. Charles T. Lockwood, secretary of the Republican club of Portland, has issued an invitation to the various Republican clubs of the city to send an executive committee of five to meet at the rooms of the Republican club in the Columbia building tomorrow night for the purpose of forming one central club.

INFANT HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Men stood in horror, helpless to prevent what they thought would end in death, and women screamed yesterday when a horse ran away on Missouri avenue, the sole occupant of the buggy being the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Morris of Vancouver. When the child was thrown out one woman fainted. The escape of the little one from death or severe injury was almost miraculous; it struck on its side, but was barely bruised.

BAND PLAYED SACRED MUSIC IN HIS SALOON

Jacob Kober was arrested by Acting Detective Smith for permitting music in his saloon at 12:30 a. m. In trying to clear himself in the police court yesterday Kober made a novel plea. "Your honor," he earnestly asserted, "I had the little German band hired to make music. I did not think I was doing wrong, because the band was playing church music at that time—I did not forget it was Sunday."

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DEMOCRATS TO MEET AND EFFECT ORGANIZATION

New State Central Committee Will Arrange for Last Work of Campaign.

The newly elected Democratic state central committee will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the state headquarters in the Lane hotel.

The meeting was called by State Chairman Alex Sweek for the purpose of re-organization and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the body. In nearly all the counties the precinct committees chosen at the recent primaries have elected their state committeemen as provided for by law. In many instances the old committeemen have been re-elected. Chairman Sweek believes that the attendance Wednesday afternoon will be large. Plans will no doubt be made at this meeting for an active campaign during the remaining three weeks before the election. Much of the preliminary work has already been done and the election of new committeemen will cause no hitch in the plan of campaign.

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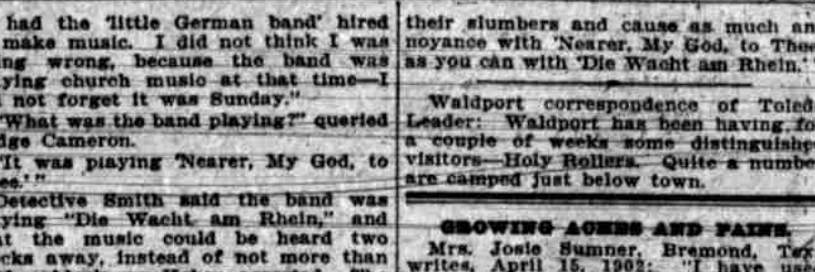
Hibernia Savings Bank

Announces Removal to Labbe Building, Cor. Second and Washington Streets

The Hibernia Savings Bank has removed its headquarters to the Labbe Building, corner Second and Washington streets. The bank has been in business for over 50 years and has a capital of \$1,000,000. It is a member of the National Savings Association and is licensed by the State of Oregon. The bank offers a variety of savings plans and services to its customers.

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