

WILL BUILD NEW SCHOOL

Present Williams Avenue Building Found Shaky and Badly Out of Repair. Business Men Decide on 20-Room Structure.

The immediate construction of a 20-room fireproof building to take the place of the old frame Williams-avenue schoolhouse is the program outlined by a committee from the Northeast Side Improvement association, after making a thorough inspection of the old building at Williams avenue and Russell street this morning. The building was examined by the following committee, representing the improvement association of the Albina district: Dan McAllen, L. T. Perry, E. L. Simmons, H. T. Adams and H. Moore.

It was decided to go before the school board at its next meeting and urge that the site at Williams avenue and Russell street be sold and the proceeds applied to putting up a modern brick or concrete structure in the original location. The committee also proposed that the present school building at Williams avenue and Russell street, which is valued at \$75,000, be sold for \$50,000 to \$75,000, and that a fireproof building such as is required for that district, can be built for about \$90,000.

The old building was found to be badly out of repair. No less than 35 leaks were found and in half a dozen places, the water leaking through the plaster roof had weakened the plaster and caused it to fall from the ceiling.

Principal S. W. Downs, of the building, called the committee's attention to a number of structural defects in the house. In several places the walls have settled so that the stumps of the leading from the boiler to the upper floors are almost useless. The floors were found to be badly worn. In some places, especially in the rotunda, half the original floor has been worn away.

Principal Downs called the committee's attention to the plumbing in the basement, which, he said, was very defective and entirely inadequate.

The sentiment of the whole of Upper Albina is largely in favor of the school building improvement of the Williams-avenue structure, and it is expected that the efforts of the committee, representing the improvement association, will be seconded by a large number of Albina residents when the question comes before the school board.

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NEW ELECTRIC LINE SEEKS UMATILLA

Weston and Athena Connected by String of Right-of-Way Grants.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., April 6.—The people of Weston and Athena in Umatilla county are much interested in the activity being displayed by agents of the Oregon & Washington Traction company in and around those towns. Agents are rapidly securing rights of way from farmers between Milton and Weston. According to information a complete route between the two points has about been secured, which means that the electric line which now runs from Walla Walla to Milton will be extended to Athena and later to Weston.

On April 15 a representative of the traction company will appear before the Weston council to ask for a franchise through certain streets of the town and a similar concession will be asked of the Athena council. It is expected that the town will grant anything within reason that will insure the building of the proposed line. Umatilla county will be soon have a network of electric lines.

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ONCE WEALTHY MAN ENDS LIFE IN PENURY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, April 6.—George Stevens, 25 years ago the largest and wealthiest contractor in Salem and builder of the reform school, the Salem hospital, and many of the other large public and private buildings, died at 1 o'clock last night at the age of 69 in the Salem hospital, practically penniless. Stevens was at one time reputed to be worth in the neighborhood of \$50,000 and was one of the most influential men of the Willamette valley. His remains were buried today under the auspices of the Oddfellows.

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Boise's School Superintendent.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, April 6.—Charles S. Meek of Elwood, Indiana, has been elected superintendent of the Boise public schools to take the place of Superintendent Williamson, resigned. The change will take place at the beginning of the next school year. There were over 100 applicants for the position.

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REJOICING IN TOWNS THAT NEED POWER AND SEE NEW LANDS OPENING.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Kennewick, Wash., April 6.—There is universal rejoicing in this city over the passage by the senate of the bill authorizing the construction of a dam across the Snake river at Five Mile rapids by the Benton Water company. President Howard Amon of the Benton Water company, has returned from Washington, D. C., where he has been for several days in the interest of the measure.

Mr. Amon was tendered a reception by the Commercial club and a band was called into service to lend more enthusiasm, if possible, to the occasion. Speeches were made by President Richardson of the club, Mayor L. E. Johnson, Howard Amon, L. A. Amshury, C. A. Lundy, Edward Sheppard and others, and a general ratification meeting was held.

According to Mr. Amon work will be started on the project immediately and the promoters are confident the bill will become a law.

Spokane, Wash., April 6.—The people of Pasco, Washington, were so pleased with the passage Saturday by the United States senate of a bill granting a permit to the Benton County Water company to dam the Snake river, that they immediately held a mass meeting to rejoice over the event.

This dam, which will be 37 feet high and 1,200 feet long, will be built at Five Mile rapids in the Snake river and will give about 25,000 horsepower. Locks will be built so as to allow navigation of the river. After this expenditure the town will hereafter, no doubt, produce an abundance of first-class fruit, as most of the country now is a 10,000-acre wild land made productive by this dam.

Senator Heyburn of Idaho opposed the measure on the ground that private corporations and individuals should not be made to profit from such grants. The measure is now in the hands of the house and it is known that he favors the measure little doubt is felt that it will become a law.

The people were so jubilant that they started the presses of the Pasco Express, the city's newspaper, and printed and distributed a large number of leaflets. These were circulated throughout the city and some of the citizens were even urged from their beds to join in the rejoicing.

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Friday night the judges and clerks take the oath and then meet at 8 o'clock, while on Saturday night the officials at the east side polling places will be appointed by the county clerk.

At the time sample ballots will be on hand and a sort of mock election will be held in order that all of the officials may become familiarized through practice with the handling and counting of the ballots and the general work of the election day. At that time Mr. Fields will instruct the officials regarding the election laws which it is necessary for them to know, and will in all probability retire from politics this year.

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REBEKAH'S DISTRICT CONVENTION.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Enterprise, Or., April 6.—The Rebekah lodge of Enterprise is drilling and otherwise preparing for the district convention of the order to be held here Wednesday. Grand President Mrs. Emma Galloway of Melminville, will be present. All Walla Walla county lodges will be represented. As this is the first convention of the lodge and also the first visit of a grand officer since the it will doubtless be made a grand success.

MASONIC RITES FOR LATE J. C. GOODALE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., April 6.—The remains of the late J. C. Goodale, who died at Sawtelle, California, were accorded a Masonic funeral yesterday afternoon from Rev. Babcock conducted the services. A special car of the Masonic Brotherhood was used to transport the remains and Grand Tyler D. S. Yoran of that city read the ritual at the grave. Mr. Goodale was a man who was held in high regard among his friends in western Oregon.

PERSONAL

Dr. J. F. Wood of Condon, accompanied by his wife, is in the city for a brief visit.

Father L. L. Conrady, who has been in Portland for the last month, left last night for San Francisco, from which point he will sail on the steamship Asia on Tuesday for China, to begin his missionary work among the Chinese lepers at Canton. En route Father Conrady will visit the leper settlement on the island of Molokai, where he spent eight years as a missionary and successor to Father Damien, founder of the mission, and also the three leper settlements in Java.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford university, spent yesterday at the Hotel Portland. He is returning to California from a lecturing tour in Montana.

Financial Bliss Devers of Columbia university, was at the Hotel Portland yesterday.

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., April 6.—Thomas Horne, a laborer, declares that he heard a man drive a team into the Spokane river late Saturday night and then call for help as both the horses and himself went down. Several policemen were detailed on the case, and all got into a boat and started to search for the man. A little way out the boat capsized and all of the officers were placed in danger of sharing the fate of the man at the bottom of the river. After this experience none of them would venture into the swift stream in the boat, but conducted the search from the banks, failing to locate either the man or the team.

The wagon tracks show the man driving nearly all the way close to the river's edge. Finally he drove so close that one of the horses fell over the bank, nearly 100 feet high, and dragged the entire outfit in the river.

There have been found so far only a buggy whip and a cushion.

The police think the unfortunate man was some farmer and that as soon as his family learn of the accident his identity will be established.

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CHICAGO OPERATORS MAY GO ON STRIKE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, April 6.—Resolutions calling for another big strike have been passed by the Commercial Telegraphers of Chicago.

The strike will be declared against the Western Union Telegraph company in all parts of the United States and Mexico on June 1 unless demands presented before the last strike are granted in full.

The Postal Telegraph company will be given until July 1 to allow similar demands and if they are not met by that date a strike will also be directed against that corporation.

The resolutions, which were adopted at yesterday's meeting of the Chicago commercial operators, declare that the Western Union has reduced wages 10 per cent, and that conditions are such that the telegraphers have nothing to lose now through a strike.

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LITTLE GIRLS WITNESS HOLDUP

Mrs. R. M. Wade and Three Granddaughters See Men Rob Store.

Speculation regarding the identity of the woman who witnessed the sensational holdup and robbery of J. C. Mann's store, Grand avenue and Haskell street, when masked men held the proprietor and clerks in submission at the point of revolvers, then rifled the till of over \$200 Saturday night, was cleared away this morning by Mrs. R. M. Wade, who was near by when the place was robbed.

Mrs. Wade, wife of the president of the implement jobbing firm of R. M. Wade & Co., and her three little granddaughters, Ellen and Catherine Newbegin and Gladys Wade, were just returning from the theatre and were on their way to the store to purchase postage stamps.

Mrs. Wade had on her person a greater sum than was taken from J. C. Mann's store, besides a diamond ring of greater value than the sum taken from the grocer. It was not until Mr. Mann cried excitedly that he had been held up that Mrs. Wade realized what had happened. She then did not stop to make her purchase of postage stamps, but hurried home.

Ellen and Catherine Newbegin, aged 3 and 10 years, respectively, are sisters and are the daughters of Edward Newbegin, manager of the R. M. Wade & Co., and son-in-law of Mrs. Wade. Gladys Wade, the fourth one in the party, is 9 years old. One of the little girls noticed the masks on the men's faces as they entered the store.

Mrs. Wade alighted from the Irvington car at Grand and Holladay avenues, near her home. But before entering the house they decided to go to the grocery store, a block away, to buy some stamps. Mrs. Wade was on the point of entering the store when Mr. Mann called out and yelled "Help!" at the top of his voice. Mrs. Wade thought the place was on fire, but Mann told her he had been held up.

In their fright Mr. Mann and the clerks thought the three little girls standing across the street with their grandmother were three large women.

The robbers were considerate. After searching the clerks they left each one of them 10 cents for car fare. Frank Olson, the delivery boy, was allowed to go unsearched. One of the men ordered the others not to search the boy, as he probably did not have any more money than he needed. Olson had \$3 in his pocket, more than any of the others. The police are searching diligently for the men, but no trace of them has been found.

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ROLLING LOG KILLS WILLIAM SUMMERS

Working on Railway in George Veness' Logging Camp at Winlock, Wash.—Native of Canada.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Winlock, Wash., April 6.—William Summers, a logger, was killed in George Veness' logging camp here this morning. He was working on the railway loading logs and had stooped to secure a chain log rolled over him, breaking his back and crushing him badly. He was brought to town, but lived only an hour. Summers was a native of Toronto, Canada, and so far as known here has no relatives in this country except an uncle at Seattle. He was at one time a member of the local lodge of Odd fellows.

Charles F. Brooker, Republican national committeeman from Connecticut, says that he does not intend to seek reelection as national committeeman from his state, and will in all probability retire from politics this year.

Mr. Brooker has been active in Republican national politics for many years.

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