



# JOHN RIPLINGER WILL RETURN

### Attorney for Seattle's Fugitive ex-City Comptroller Makes Announcement.

(United Press Lead Wire.) Seattle, Wash., June 20.—"Honest" John Ripplinger, Seattle's fugitive ex-city comptroller, who was alleged to have embezzled \$60,000, has made arrangements to return to Seattle. He expects to be here September 1, 1908. This is the information given out by his attorney, Will H. Morris.

The decision of the superior court declaring that the contractors and not the city were losers of the money which the former official is said to have embezzled from the "incomplete work" fund, has, it is declared, obviated any danger of a criminal prosecution.

It is highly improbable that the contractors will attempt to bring a criminal prosecution. They are loath to discuss the present status of the case.

"There has never been any chance of a criminal prosecution against my client," declares Attorney Morris today. "Ripplinger is coming back to Seattle and I venture to say that he will never face any criminal charge. On the other hand he is going to vindicate himself. He will give the people of Seattle the surprise of their lives. When the real truth is known about this case there will be something done."

# O. R. & N. BUILDING STEEL WATER TANKS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., June 20.—Fifteen steel water tanks will be erected within the next few months by the O. R. & N. at a total cost of about \$45,000. Four of these tanks are now in position at Arlington, Dunsmuir, Hoop River and Le Cross, and immediately after July 1 others will be installed at Pendleton and Meacham.

These tanks are of steel throughout and have a capacity of 65,000 gallons. They are 24 feet in diameter and 30 feet in height. They will be set upon concrete pedestals, making them permanent and substantial improvements. They are taking the place of the old wooden structures, which have done service here for years. They are being erected by contractors and will cost about \$300 each, while the cost of the tank and material used will be about \$2,500, making the total cost about \$2,800 each.

# COLUMBIA COLLEGE FORCED TO ENLARGE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Milton, June 20.—Columbia college, the college of the Methodist Episcopal Church South at this place, is having no difficulty in raising a \$50,000 fund for new buildings and equipment, \$10,000 of that amount having been subscribed already. The college has advanced in the last few years until it is absolutely necessary to enlarge its capacity and to add new equipment. Subscriptions have been made liberally in all parts of the Columbia county, Morrow county and other parts of Oregon. It is hoped to raise the entire \$50,000 this season, and that the new building may be erected by the beginning of the winter term at least.

# LUMBERMEN GREATLY PLEASED WITH FREIGHT RATE DECISION.

### Lumbermen Greatly Pleased With Freight Rate Decision.

Lumber manufacturers and dealers received the news of the Interstate commerce commission's decision in the freight rate case with great enthusiasm yesterday. Whichever way the decision had gone would have meant a more solid basis upon which to figure, but it was with the deepest gratification they learned that their was the victory.

Return to the old rate would encourage orders from the affected territories, and it is supposed that eventually, if not at once, the market will become more settled. For several months past has been a Chinese puzzle to everybody in the lumber business, and as a result quotations have been run into the ground. Low rates have been sent cheaper during the past spring than for many years and dealers attribute this largely to the unhealed wound caused by the freight rate advance last October.

Locally, low prices had a stimulating effect upon the building industry and thousands have profited by the rate-cutting tactics to which manufacturers were forced in order to invite trade and keep their plants in operation. Foreign buyers sent in large orders from over the sea. It has given Portland a number of new and handsome dwellings and it is quite probable that more will rapidly follow, now that the much wanted decision has been handed down in favor of the lumbermen, and renewed activity of business in the affected territories.

That the cost of building has been greatly reduced during the past six months is admitted not only here, but all over the United States and the following specific information supplied by a Cleveland operator showing the relative cost of building in 1907 and 1908 might therefore be of interest:

	1907.	1908.
Masonry and grading	\$1,329	\$944
Plumbing	585	213
Plumbing	640	500
Heating	780	670
Painting	630	400

The foregoing comparative values represent actual figures secured by a gentleman who wished to build. The 1907 prices were made during the latter part of that year and the 1908 prices this month.

Referring to the comparative schedule of values submitted it will be seen that the total cost in 1907 would have been \$2,814 for the items mentioned. For 1908 the bids put in represented a cost of only \$2,737, a saving of \$1,077 on the building for which prices were secured, representing a decrease of 28.5 per cent. This reduction possibly may be out of the ordinary. It scarcely is possible that building could be done for a third less now than in 1907, but the figures given represent estimates made by contractors during the two periods. In view of this fact, it is held that no time ever prepared more inviting for building than the present.

### Idaho Bankers' Officers.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, June 20.—The Idaho bankers in session at Lewiston elected the following officers: President, Frank F. Johnson of Wallace; vice president, Boyd Hamilton of Coeur d'Alene; secretary, L. A. Coate of Boise; treasurer, E. K. Hayes of Emmett. The next meeting will be held at Seaside, the association of Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana holding a joint session.



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# LARGE GATHERING TO ATTEND DEDICATION

### Fully 1,500 Expected at Exercises at New Redemptorist School.

Arrangements have been made to entertain fully 1,500 people who are expected to attend the dedication of the new Redemptorist school and chapel at Piedmont next Sunday morning. The exercises begin at 10:30 and will be presided over by Archbishop Christie. Mayor Lane will be one of the guests of honor. Catholic clergymen from all over the United States will be present. Tomlinson's band has been engaged to render a concert from 11:30 to 1:30 and a fine musical and vocal program will be given afterwards. Super-known singers Mrs. Fred Olsen, Mrs. Walter Reed and Arthur Alexander have been secured for the occasion. The Oregon Male quartet and others will also participate.

Following the dedicatory program the ladies of the parish will serve a free dinner to all the guests.

The Redemptorist school is a three-story structure, the building of which cost \$14,000. The building is by far the handsomest one of its kind in Oregon. Its situation is almost ideal. On the ground floor is the school. The second floor is divided into four school rooms capable of accommodating 200 pupils. The third floor is fitted up as a chapel.

The instructors for the new institution will consist of staff of Holy Names brothers and sisters. The brothers will have charge of the boys and the sisters will take charge of the girls who attend the school. The curriculum will comprise the high school courses. School will open in September.

# FIRE-PROOF CAGE FOR STUDENTS

### Newest Type of Schools Provides Citadel of Refuge for Children.

A novel type of building construction as applied to that class of structures adapted to house great assemblies of people and especially to safeguard school children and their teachers against constant peril from both fire and panic, is described in the fire-proofing number of Cement Age, New York.

The central idea embodied in the plan presented for school buildings, is to form centrally within the walls of the building structure, a fireproof place of refuge, which shall be instantly available through fire doors within its walls connecting directly with every floor and its series of rooms, and which shall have sufficient capacity to temporarily house and safeguard all the occupants of the building and from which by ample stairways they can escape in case of fire.

While the saving of human life is the primary object of this novel feature in building construction, a secondary object of great significance to fire departments and to the public generally, is the ready access afforded and the means employed for fighting the fire centrally, and at close range, without in the least imperiling the lives of the firemen.

A third feature of much incidental value lies in the direct access which the citadel gives to every room in the building, and especially its value as a means of ingress and egress of the pupils, without in the least disturbing the occupants or recitation in any of the other rooms of the building.

The citadel proper, save for numerous fireproof connecting walls, each floor and basement causeway, is a closed and independent structure resting on its own foundations and extending from basement to roof, which is capped and fireproofed, presenting no opening save for the firemen's use and for artificial ventilation.

It is provided with floors interconnected by stairways, which floors are coincident with those of the building proper, and are rigidly secured to the inner walls of the citadel.

This citadel, in structure, may be of brick or concrete, or of any other material of any desired prism and of dimensions suitable for any special requirement. Being a closed structure and absolutely fireproof, no fire can originate within its walls, nor can fire and smoke enter from without, as no draft can be created in either direction, except voluntarily through artificial means.

However, under normal conditions an electric fan or blower in the dome of the roof will serve for purposes of ventilation.

The intermediate space between the walls of the citadel and the outer building.

# NEW FLATS TO GO UP ON NINETEENTH

### Four Series Building to Be Erected on Corner of Quimby Street.

Architect Emil Schaecht has let the construction contract for the Hatfield flats to be erected at Nineteenth and Quimby streets to Contractor C. W. Green. The building is to be a four-story flat and will cost \$9,000.

Mr. Schaecht announces that he will soon have plans ready for two modern residences for Portland builders—the Fletcher Linn house which is to be an attractive and modern home, will be erected on Portland Heights, and the other, a two-story frame dwelling for Mrs. L. S. Carter, to be built at Arista.

A. H. Lea has broken ground for a \$2,500 two-story frame dwelling on Thompson street, between East Twelfth and East Thirteenth streets—G. H. Williams, contractor.

Among the residence permits issued this week were the following:

A \$3,200 dwelling for R. L. Caras on East Sixteenth street, between Tillamook and Hancock streets.

On East Fourteenth street, between Tillamook and Hancock, a \$5,500 dwelling for Miss Andrus.

For H. Wank a two-story frame at the corner of Front and Wood streets, to cost \$3,000.

A \$2,500 residence for Mrs. Lavine Staser to be erected on Schuyler street, between East Twenty-second and East Twenty-third streets.

# HALF MILLION FOR NEW BUILDINGS

The building statistics record for June, so far, is altogether satisfactory. The building inspector's record of permits issued from the 1st to the 19th inclusive shows a total of nearly \$500,000 worth of buildings, a total of about \$800,000. A larger proportion than usual of this sum was for brick structures in the business district, several such permits having been taken out in the early part of the month.

# STORE BUILDING TO GO UP AT ANABEL

Kadner & Keller have purchased from E. Mitchell a 5x12-foot lot at the corner of Milwaukee road and the carline, at Anabel, on which they will erect a store building 2x 60 feet to be occupied as a family grocery. The building is to be a two-story frame.

# CONCRETE TO BE USED TO CONSTRUCT SHIPS

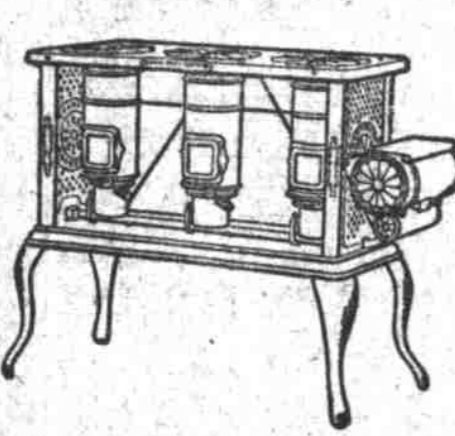
### Italian Engineers Find New Use for World's Wonderful Building Material.

Concrete houses are becoming common, and concrete ships seem to be on the way. Italian engineers have been working in this direction for 10 years. One of them recently proposed the use of concrete armor on warships, and tests. That government already owns and employs several concrete steamships of about 400 tons capacity, and has found, it is said, that they cost little or nothing, in these novel craft the frames and beams are made of concrete reinforced with round bars of iron and the skin consists of a single or double layer of concrete strengthened with wire netting and covered with an outside coat of clear cement. For the purpose of experiment, such vessels have been rammed by larger ships, and "no impression was produced. But a carefully planned experiment in time of peace, and a rude and unmanly shell or torpedo in war time might yield very different results.

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# CONTRACT LET FOR HANDSOME HOMES

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Contractor P. A. Carlander has taken out a permit for the erection of two modern dwellings for Mr. Burdell to be erected on Marshall street, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets. The buildings will cost about \$6,000 each and when completed will be a credit to a district already containing some of the handsomest homes in the city.

E. G. McGraw has begun the erection of an attractive dwelling on Wasco street between East Twenty-first and East Twenty-second streets. Completed, the house will cost \$4,000.

F. M. Ziegler has begun the erection of a \$2,000 home in Eastman.

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