

AID SOCIETY TO HAVE ADDITIONS

Plans Drawn and Contract Let for Two Story Annex.

A much needed wing is to be added to the building of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society, plans for the addition which is to cost about \$1000, having already been drawn and the contracts for its construction let. All but \$300 of the amount required for the construction is in hand, \$300 having been appropriated by the last general assembly and \$4700 subscribed by Portland residents.

The necessary funds required to furnish this addition will be raised by the Portland friends of the institution.

The new wing will contain two full stories, a basement and a finished attic. In the basement there will be a boys' dining room, a bathroom, fitted with tub and shower baths, boys' lockers, reading room, besides an extension of the present laundry. The first floor will have a reception room, assembly hall, two bedrooms, storerooms and the administrative offices. On the second floor there are to be two large dormitories and attendants' rooms. The attic will contain boys' hospital, one dormitory and an attendants' room.

The committee having charge of the construction of the new wing consists of F. E. Beach, J. C. Alsworth and Robert E. Farrell.

ORGANIZATION IS THEME OF LAND MEN

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is the one best calculated to strengthen and solidify local effort directed to the establishment of higher standards and the realization of better ideals.

Above and beyond the organization of real estate brokers looms the shadowy vision of an army of real estate owners and taxpayers marshaled in orderly array to demand that selfishness and economy in the administration of public affairs which no individual in the great nation can secure by his unaided efforts.

It is from the associated real estate interests that the spirit to animate such a movement should proceed. Six months ago all eyes were fixed upon the plans for a taxpayers' movement in New York promulgated by the real estate board of brokers of that city, and many inquiries have been heard of late regarding the progress of the state of that movement.

Its present status yields food for reflection. The promoters discovered very soon that of the local bodies formed in Greater New York to carry out the details of the plan many were being manipulated for political purposes.

Will Start Campaign.

It was therefore decided to let the campaign go quietly to sleep until after the fall election, when efforts may be made to revive it. Whether taxpayers can ever be successfully organized on non-political lines is the critical question to which a reply is anxiously expected. It is hard enough to obtain hearty cooperation among real estate men; much harder to unite the rank and file of real estate owners on a basis of common interest and for their common defense.

The party machine treats with contempt the complaints of individual taxpayers; not until those taxpayers in united phalanx threaten defeat to a candidate who ignores their demands will those demands be heard with respect.

Taxation Is Important.

Beyond peradventure the most important question now confronting real estate owners is that of taxation. Economy and efficiency in the expenditure of the public revenues stand first

and the equal distribution of the burden of taxation among all classes of property stands next in the list of their just demands. Will these demands be measurably satisfied, or will real estate values be confiscated? Perhaps this is the impending dilemma. European governments are grasping after the "unearned increment," which is another value of land, in order to support the new load of socialism on shoulders already tottering under the iron harness of war.

In America, additional revenues are in great demand. New York votes this fall upon the exclusion of bonds for self-supporting utilities from the debt limit, in spite of the fact that her bonds find a weak market. Philadelphia is convulsed over the \$25,000,000 boulevard to be cut through the heart of the city with an angular break to avoid politically owned property.

Will Spend Millions.

Chicago is to have a commission to examine into its finances, but the "Chicago Plan," which the commercial club has been incubating for three years, has just been hatched. It contemplates the expenditure of untold millions, though not in the immediate future.

Just as everywhere throughout the land are emulous of the new fashion, with their civic centers, esplanades and radiating boulevards, and a steady stream needed to prevent them from being led into doubtful speculations, whether in the shape of the condemnation of land in the neighborhood of public improvements for purposes of resale.

Cities must grow and develop along lines conducive to health, beauty and safety. Much money will be required in the process. Real estate owners are quite as ready as any other class to contribute their just share of the cost, but they are not to be blamed for declining to pay taxes which are wasted in the spending and of which they bear far more than their proportion. Neither real estate brokers nor real estate owners can expect justice until they are efficiently organized to get it.

PUBLIC WARNED OF DRUGS THAT DOPE

Washington, July 31.—A warning to the public is issued by the department of agriculture concerning the growing use of three perilous drugs, phenacetin, acetanilid and antipyrin. These drugs are found poisonous in the true sense of the word and the habit-forming, being scarcely less objectionable than opium.

Under the pure food law a careful investigation into the use of the drugs has been made, testimony having been solicited from practicing physicians.

The investigation indicates that all three drugs are now used less than formerly by medical practitioners. Of the physicians who gave information to the department 40 per cent say that they use acetanilid less frequently than formerly; nearly 65 per cent make the same statement regarding antipyrin and 51 per cent with regard to phenacetin.

The reason for the discontinuance of the use of the drug by the medical profession is the persistent depressing effect on the heart. While the physicians are notably decreasing the use of the three drugs in their prescriptions it is found that their sale is increasing, the public without realizing the dangers involved, yielding to the narcotic effect which follows their use.

CAPTAIN WILLIAMS WILLING TO EXPLAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, Wash., July 31.—To explain her part in the transaction whereby Alice Minto, a Syrian child, was turned over to a Chinese family in San Francisco, to be rescued from an opium den five years later by the police, Captain Maude E. Williams of the local Salvation Army has gone to Seattle to consult with officers there. The headquarters of the army in the state is at Seattle and Captain Williams will go there to give a detailed account of her story.

Miss Williams is willing to go to San Francisco to clear up the strange affair.

WASHOUGAL HAS A FINE FUTURE

Attractive Pamphlet Tells of Growth of Town's Resources and Prosperity.

The Commercial club of Washougal, Wash., has issued a neat and attractive folder setting forth the numerous advantages, as to soil, climate and resources, of the rich district of which this enterprising town is the commercial center.

Washougal is about 16 miles above Vancouver, on the Columbia river, and is the center of a fine fruit and agricultural district. Dairying has also become an important factor in the town's progress, several herds of fine Jerseys being owned in the district tributary to the town.

Located at Washougal is the largest condensed milk factory and creamery on the Columbia river. The plant is valued at \$25,000, is owned and operated entirely by residents of the place, and is turning out a product that rapidly is gaining an enviable reputation. The fruit industry is large and is

rapidly becoming an important industry. The town has a number of important churches, a modern public school building, and boasts of the best graded school in Clark county. The Congregational church, recently completed at a cost of \$1800, is one of the handsomest buildings of the kind in the county.

Prunes growing and packing is probably the most important single industry of the Washougal district. The extent of this industry may be judged from the fact that there are about 35 large drying and packing houses, where prunes are prepared for the market, in the vicinity of the town.

WATER WAGON RUNS OVER A BREWERY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, July 31.—Leopold F. Schmidt of the Bellingham Bay Brewing company, announced this afternoon that the big brewing plant in this city would be closed for an indefinite period. Schmidt declares that the action is taken on account of the poor water supply of the city. He declares that if a new system is put in, the one projected to a mountain stream, he will take \$100,000 worth of bonds.

Famous Old Rectory for Sale.

London, July 31.—The famous old rectory at Caversham is about to be sold. It is full of historical interest, for it was the gift of Henry VIII. to Cardinal Wolsey. Before the dissolution of the monasteries, the church and

steeple of Caversham belonged to the Augustinian abbey of Nottley, and from 1160 to 1838 all the rectors of Caversham were canons of the establishment. When Nottley surrendered the rectory it passed into lay hands. It possesses a mulberry tree court and several other features only to be found in very ancient residences. A great deal of fighting took place around the rectory in the great civil war.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT CHECKS WATER GRAB

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, July 31.—To frustrate the attempt on the part of combinations to secure control of the waterpower sites of the country and to carry out the policy of the administration for the conservation of the nation's natural resources, approximately 42,000 acres of land for waterpower sites were temporarily withdrawn in Colorado, Montana and Utah, by Acting Secretary of the Interior Pierce today.

Pretty Wedding at Forest Grove.

Forest Grove, Ore., July 31.—A pretty wedding occurred in this city last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. S. G. Morgan, when Miss Esther Holloway became the bride of Charles Morgan. Rev. Hiram Gould of the Methodist church performed the ceremony in the presence of relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are both well and favorably known in this city, where they have lived for a number of years. They will make their home on a farm near town.



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