

### OFFER TO WESTON OF VACANT NORMAL REVIVES OLD SORE

#### Public Meeting Is Called for Aug. 14 to Consider Proposal of Governor; How Weston Feels About It.

(Special to The Journal.)  
Weston, Or., Aug. 9.—In a letter to H. A. Brandt, mayor of Weston, Governor West, as chairman of the state board of normal school regents, offers to Weston the grounds, buildings and equipment of the Weston normal, left vacant since June, 1909, through the failure of a legislative appropriation. The governor states that a similar offer has been made to Ashland, where the southern Oregon normal was located, and that Ashland accepted the board's proposal, which is subject to confirmation at the next session of the legislature.

Mayor Brandt has called a public meeting for August 14 to consider the governor's offer. Women as well as men have been invited to attend and vote at this meeting, when it will be decided whether to accept the proposal or let matters stand as they are. Public opinion seems about evenly divided. Proponents argue that it is just as well for Weston to make the best of a bad bargain and give up the normal school fight, which has been a weary and expensive struggle for the past 20 years. Opponents say that to accept the offer will be merely playing into the hands of Weston normal's enemies, and will lead to the establishment of a new school at some other point in eastern Oregon, presumably La Grande.

The property is valued at \$75,000 for school purposes, but is considered worth much less for anything else. It consists of 10 acres of valuable ground, almost all of it wooded, and a main building which cost the state, with its equipment, about \$40,000; a girls' dormitory, a boys' dormitory, and the president's cottage. Much of the furniture and equipment, all practically new, was sold to junk dealers two years ago by the board's orders, and what remains is of little worth.

Many Weston people say they are tired of any further relations with the state, whose treatment of the school, they assert, has been a long record of perfidy and dishonesty. They describe as the state's latest outrage its refusal to repay the town the sum of \$3000 subscribed in 1909 to continue the Weston normal from January to June and to graduate its senior class, after it had been abandoned in the middle of the school year by the legislature. The last legislature appropriated a small sum to pay the debts of the "defunct normal," but Weston's claim was turned down by the secretary of state, although accompanied by vouchers.

**Campers Throng Berry Region.**  
(Special to The Journal.)  
Weston, Or., Aug. 9.—In the Blue mountains about 12 miles east of Weston, the woods are full of campers. The number last Sunday was estimated at 1000. A few of these people were merely visitors for the day, but most of them were established campers. The unprecedented abundance of huckleberries accounts for this large mountain population. More than 50 families are located at Saling's Camp, 25 at McDougall's and 22 at Cold Spring. A dance at the latter place Saturday night was attended by 100 young people, while Sunday school at Camp McDougall the following day drew a large congregation.

**School to Be Modernized.**  
(Special to The Journal.)  
Weston, Or., Aug. 9.—Weston district contemplates improvements to the value of \$4000 in the building occupied by its high and public schools. These will include a fan system for

heating and ventilating, painting and kalsomining of the entire interior, sanitary drinking fountains, hydroplast blackboards and new fire escapes. A district meeting will be held soon at which plans and estimates will be submitted by the architect, C. E. Finkenbinder of Walla Walla.

### WATER BOARD REFUSES TO PAY R. WAKEFIELD

The city water board yesterday afternoon refused to pay Robert Wakefield any part of the \$88,000 which he claims is yet due him on the contract price of reservoir No. 5 on Mount Tabor. The contractor is badly delinquent, not only on this reservoir, but on No. 6, which is still uncompleted. The board was of the opinion that if the full penalties should be exacted by the city Wakefield would be owing more than the city now owes him.

Plans for a better distributing system of water mains for the east side will be prepared immediately by the water engineer, the board having directed him to submit plans and estimates of the cost of such a system.

A communication from the Shaw-Batcher company, which is laying the new Bull Run pipe line, for an extension of time was laid on the table, the board believing it to be out of place just now.

A complaint made by Walter Adams that the distributing system of mains in Sellwood is inadequate to supply the consumers was filed with little comment.

Reinforcing water mains for fire protection on the water front, to be used in conjunction with the new fire boat David Campbell were ordered by the board, which directed Engineer Clark to prepare plans and estimates for the pipes. The reinforcing tubes will be extended back from the water front six blocks in the business district on both sides of the river. The cost of the system will be in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

Application of the Kenwood Land company to have the water board take over its private water system in Kenwood was denied, the board holding that such action would be more in the nature of a purchase than of a refund.

Mayor Rushlight announced that he would call a special meeting of the board sometime next week to consider the reservoir contract. It is probable that the board will then recommend the imposition of severe penalties on the contractor.

### VIENNA IS HOTBED FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Dr. Ralph C. Matson, who is making a special study among the tuberculosis sanatoriums of Europe, preliminary to attending the world tuberculosis congress in Rome, 1912, as a delegate from Oregon, writes that he has found Vienna to have more tuberculosis than any other city he has ever visited. One out of four deaths is due to consumption, says Dr. Matson, and the death rate is the highest in the world. Austria, generally on the other hand, with most complete equipment for fighting the disease, has a very low percentage of deaths. One of the sanatoriums which Dr. Matson is now visiting in Austria contains 250 beds and has but 12 cases. The world's tuberculosis congress has been postponed until April 1912 and in addition to Dr. Matson, Dr. E. A. Pierce will attend from Oregon.

### Independence Fire Put Out.

(Special to The Journal.)  
Independence, Or., Aug. 9.—A small blaze was started in the basement of the Enterprise office yesterday afternoon when a serious fire was narrowly averted. The fire started from a defective stove pipe and before it was discovered a large hole was burned in the floor. H. F. McInturff was first to make the discovery and hurried into the basement where he attached a small piece of hose to the water faucet and threw a stream of water upon the rapidly spreading flames. Had he been ten minutes later in entering the office the building would have been consumed. The property belongs to the White Motor Car company at Portland.

### CLERGY OPPOSES ZIONIST MOVEMENT

#### Convention of World Promises to Be Enlivened by Dissatisfied Leaders.

Basle, Switzerland, Aug. 9.—The World's Convention of Zionists began its sessions here today. About 400 delegates have arrived and several hundred more are expected. Both the United States and Canada are well represented. This is the fourteenth annual congress to be held by the International Federation of Zionists. The gatherings have always attracted leading men of the Hebrew faith and its somewhat sentimental and romantic propaganda—the restoration of Jerusalem to the sons of Abraham—but really, at bottom, a stern business and philanthropic concern, has created world wide speculation as to the ultimate fate of the scheme.

"Zionism," as the movement is called, by which, its promoters declare, the Jewish problem is to be solved—that the future of the oppressed Jew of Russia and elsewhere is to be provided for—has met with opposition from prominent men of the Jewish clergy and laity.

The present congress promises to be enlivened by the criticism of some of those who have been active workers for the cause, but who now are said to be dissatisfied with the way the movement has been directed by the older leaders. Some of the delegates do not hesitate to declare that unless radical changes are made the whole movement is likely to prove nothing more than a dream, as its opponents have always predicted.

### PAVING CONTRACTS ARE RECOMMENDED

Before a large delegation of property owners the street committee of the city executive board met last night and considered a number of large paving contracts which were held up last week in order to give property owners a chance to protest against the pavements being laid, if they deemed the prices charged too high.

The committee finally decided that the larger contracts and it made recommendations accordingly, but at the same time shortened the period in which the pavements must be completed. The paving companies agreed to the reduced time limit in each case.

The largest contract recommended for award was that for the improvement of Division street from East Sixtieth to East Forty-first street. This is to be surfaced with bitulithic at a total cost of \$51,420.08, or \$1.85 a yard for the pavement.

The improvement will be made by the Pacific Bridge company, C. A. Bigelow, a member of the committee, expressed the fear that the company, which he says has already \$1,600,000 worth of public improvement contracts on its hands, would not be able to finish Division street this winter. He was assured by Manager George Simons of the company that the work would be completed.

The committee recommended the rejection of a hansom bid made by the Consolidated Contract company. This was for the improvement of East Yamhill street between East Forty-second and East Forty-fifth streets.

A number of other large contracts were held in abeyance pending further consideration Friday afternoon, when the committee will hold another meeting before the executive board goes into session.

### GARMEN'S PICNIC IS TO BE REAL HUMMER

Determined that above all else their program shall begin on time, Portland streetcar men will start their picnic merrymaking at the Oaks tomorrow promptly at 1:30. The "first car over the line" is to be a watermelon-eating contest for boys under 12 years of age, and after that will come other contests and races, with intermissions every now and then for music and vaudeville acts.

The afternoon program will keep visitors busy until 4:30, when Miss Tivy Broadwick will make a balloon ascension, followed by a triple parachute drop. This will be the first time this thrilling and dangerous feat has been performed in Portland and it is put on as a special feature for the carmen's benefit.

After the balloon ascension there will be a resting spell, during which those attending the picnic will have time for basket lunches and to visit the concessions at the park. The picnic begins again at 7 in the evening there will be a further free program offered, terminating with another balloon trip, this last one to be illuminated by fireworks carried aloft by the Broadwick family and set off in mid-air.

All admission charges taken in at the gates of the Oaks have been donated to the benefit fund of the Brotherhood of Electric Railway Employees, and with excellent weather promised, the streetcar men expect to materially increase their resources. During the afternoon and evening cars will leave First and Alder streets every minute, running directly to the Oaks, so that the crowd may be comfortably handled.

### CHERRY-EATER IS HELD UNDER \$100 BOND FOR TRIAL AT HILLSBORO

(Special to The Journal.)  
Hillsboro, Or., Aug. 9.—M. N. Hitchcock of Portland was arraigned in Justice Smith's court yesterday on a complaint charging that he converted to his own use one gallon of cherries of the value of 25 cents. The complaint is sworn to by E. W. Dant, well known and wealthy Reedville farmer and thresherman. Hitchcock claims as a companion helped themselves to the cherries on the invitation of a man they thought to be the owner, and when later informed of the error offered to pay Dant for the fruit. The arrest was made in Portland, and the defendant was indignant at being taken from his business and brought to Hillsboro in a matter which involved but a few cents. George Caples, former secretary of Senator Chamberlain, appeared for Hitchcock and argued that he be released, but the justice held him in \$100 bail for trial, when the defense promises a warm time.

### MISS WILLIAMSON MAY YET SUCCUMB

#### Sister of Alleged Victim of Dr. Hazzard Will Not Be Normal for Months.

(Special to The Journal.)  
Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 9.—That Miss Dorothea Williamson, one of the patients at Dr. Linda Burfield Hazzard's institute at Olalla, is not yet out of danger as a result of submitting to the alleged "starvation cure," is the declaration of her attending physician, Dr. A. H. Coleman. Miss Williamson is at the summer home of British Vice Consul C. E. Lucian Agassiz at Lake Stella-come. Secretary of Senator Chamberlain, appeared for Hitchcock and argued that he be released, but the justice held him in \$100 bail for trial, when the defense promises a warm time.

determined whether there are any organic troubles it will be impossible to say for a certainty whether she will recover. At present, however, she is convalescing rapidly.

That not only money and jewels belonging to the Misses Williamson are missing, but that clothes and other personal effects as well have disappeared, is the statement of Mr. Agassiz.

"We have no trace of the women's clothing," said Mr. Agassiz. "We cannot do much to recover these personal effects until after the trial of Dr. Hazzard."

there can be no retractions. I believe that in three weeks we will have a part-work of evidence that will make it impossible for the doctor to escape."

Dr. Hazzard was released from custody yesterday upon bond of \$10,000 provided by a surety company.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 9.—Denying that she ever starved the Williamson sisters, Dr. Linda Burfield Hazzard, charged with having caused the death of Miss Claire Williamson, is in this city today, preparing for her defense.

"The 'fast cure' charge is absolutely false in this case," said Mrs. Hazzard this morning. "The least I ever gave Claire was a liquid diet consisting of vegetable broth and milk. As to hyphomium, that is the most ridiculous charge of all. Miss Williamson had perfect control over her own mind all the time." Dr. Hazzard believes in her fast theory to cure disease, and will explain it when her case comes to trial in October.

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