# SHOULD BE FIREPROOF, SAYS ROARD OF SURVEY

Small School Houses May Be star, winning one first place and three of Semi-Fireproof Construction: Wood More Expensive.

One portion of the report of the school vey published yesterday which is of rticular interest to the taxpayers is connection with the survey's recomindation regarding the style of conruction for school bulidings,

stinctly favoring fireproof construcon for all large and permanent buildigs, it states that there should be an prortunity for the construction of mail semi-fireproof buildings when ese are not more than two stories in

After discussing the efficiency of fire

ort says: Take Permanent Buildings Pireproof "Since the Collingwood, Ohio, disaster, which a number of children were urned to death in a poorly constructed en building, many ill-advised laws have been enacted in various states, relative to the construction of school-louses and other public buildings. While distinctly favoring fireproof conruction for all large and permanent shool buildings, there is nevertheless sch a thing as overdoing the matter. "In a city such as Portland, where he centers of population are shifting to rapidly, there ought to be some op-ortunity, at this stage of the city's nt, to build small semi-fire proof buildings, especially when these are well removed from danger from without. Otherwise, the board of school directors may be compelled to risk making wasteful expenditure of public

"When a basement is carefully fire-proofed; chimneys are safely built; all lectrical wiring done under rigid in-spection; stairways made of fireproof truction, and ample in number; and sufficient exits are planned, with safety locks on all doors, the danger from fire within the building is so very small that the city ordinance now in force seems too rigid.

First Cost Not Whole Cost. "The first cost for wooden construc-tion in Portland seems to be about one third less than for fireproof construc-tion. The first cost, however, is not the whole cost. The cost for insurance, keep, and repairs is less for a fire-of building than for a wooden one. a useful life of a wooden building from 25 to 30 years; a fireproof build-cought to last a century, and ought not, with present types of construction, to become obsolete for school purposes for at least twice the length of life of the wooden buildings—provided always that the school population does not move away and leave it. This is a constant danger which every growing faces; if it does, the one compensa-lies in the increased value of the

new reenforced buildings of the Failing type are reported as having cost about \$7000 a classroom, and the ooden buildings recently erected as lying cost about \$4500 a classroom. is an increase of 55 per cent in for a building which ought to last for a building which ought to last ast twice as long, and cost less for rance and repairs in the meantime. red only on twice the length of though, and also disregarding in-nes and upkeep, the fireproof build-s seen to cost, at most, but three he that of a wooden building, and this a more economical type of build-in the long run, if one is sure that centers of school population will all somewhat fixed for 50 years to

This difference in costs may be fi-trated from present Portland school ings. For example, the Jefferson school building cost but 60 per nt of that of the new Lincoln high hool, a building of somewhat similar pacity, but the Lincoln high school ill outwear the Jefferson high school wo or three times; has practically no ire risk; and will cost but little for epairs; while repairs at the Jefferson

Based on first cost, the Jefferson gh school is a 40 per cent cheaper milding; based on repairs and main-mance costs and a life of only twice as ig, the Lincoln high school will probbly prove to be 50 per cent cheaper uilding than the Jefferson. Similar ifferences might be shown as between s new reenforced concrete Failing construction schools, such as he Lents, or the Glencoe. The only ifficulty about fireproof construction that mentioned above, namely, of ing certain where the school children ot as important as it at first seems, as nere might be an actual gain in selling ne site 50 years hence."

### **IUCH LAND MOVES IN** WASHINGTON COUNTY

Hillsboro, Or., Oct. 24.—An important call estate deal was closed in this city his week when the Washington County betract company transferred to W. H. ccles 2080 acres of land between the

orthern part of this county.
It is said to be the purpose of the sers to put in a logging railroad d construct a large sawmill at once. e tract of land is covered with one of be finest bodies of timber in the coun-y. It will take several years to log se timber off.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC IS BALLASTING NEW ROAD

Eugene, Or., Oct. 24.-The Southern company put a steam shovel in lost at the gravel pits recently at by the company near Natron work trains will at once begin to out gravel to ballast the new Wilatte Pacific railway, extending from city to the coast. There is enough yel there, it is estimated, to gravel whole line from this city to Marsh. It is expected that the pit will used for the next two years.

### UTTER BASIN WINNER OF MOTOR BOAT EVENT

Francisco, Oct. 24.-After withm the restricted speed race ng from the restricted speed race yesterday afternoon the motorboat we H of Los Angeles sank off the son atrect wharf near her moor-The boat's propeller struck a piece ift and tore a hole in its side. Cap-Joseph Fellows and his engineer taken off before the boat went

Fellows II will be raised, as she comparatively shallow water

The Sutter Basin and the Fellows II were the only boats to race in the final of the free for all, the former coming in ahead in 24:55. This gave the Sutter Basin the race with 21 points to 17 for the Fellows. Scamp was third, with 11

### FIRST SENIOR SWIM OF SEASON GREAT SUCCESS

The first senior swim of the Y. M. A. was a big success. Waite was the

2) yard swim-Waite, first; Cole, second; Schweitzer, third. Time, 10 sec-60 yard swim—Schweitzer, first; Waite, second; Cole, third. Time, 25

Diving, 50 points possible-Cole, first, 44 points; Waite, second, 431/4 points; Pfaender, third, 29 points.
Running dive for distance - Cole, first,

52 feet 10 inches; Waite, second, 48 feet, and Pfaender, third, 42 feet 8

A meet will be staged tonight between the high school students of the main association and the Sellwood Y. M. C. A.

#### PIONEERS WILL MEET ON FIRST CHURCH SITE

Pleasant Hill, Or., Oct. 24.-"Home Coming Day" is to be observed Sunday in connection with the services at the new Christian church here, on the site of the first church in Lane county. The new building was completed early in the summer, but has not been formally dedicated. All the old pioneers are expected to attend the services again this week. Rev. T. S. Handsaker, of pioneer stock, will preach the morning sermon.

#### CHEHALIS FARMERS WILL HAVE OWN SCHOOL

Chehalis, Wash., Oct. 24.—This city is assured an extension school for farmers for six days, opening November 10. The state college has promised 10 of its ablest instructors for the meeting and nearly 200 local farmers have signed pledges to attend. The proposed school pledges to attend. The proposed school for Centralia will likely not be held, but 56 having signed, and these will be invited to attend the Chehalis school.

### MRS. PANKHURST STARTS ON HER WESTERN TOUR

New York, Oct. 24.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the English militant suffragette leader, left here today for Cleve-land, the first stop on a lecture tour which will include several middle western cities.

Irving Grange Growing.

Irving, Or., Oct. 24.—Irving grange has added 11 new members so far in the month of October, bringing the present membership up to 90. It is planned to have the Oregon Agricul-tural college hold an institute here dur-ing November.

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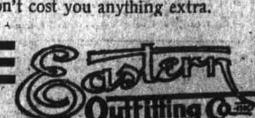
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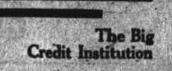
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