

### PERMANENT BUILDINGS SHOULD BE FIREPROOF, SAYS BOARD OF SURVEY

### Small School Houses May Be of Semi-Fireproof Construction; Wood More Expensive.

One portion of the report of the school survey published yesterday which is of particular interest to the taxpayers is in connection with the survey's recommendation regarding the style of construction for school buildings.

While the report goes on record as distinctly favoring fireproof construction for all large and permanent buildings, it states that there should be an opportunity for the construction of small semi-fireproof buildings when these are not more than two stories in height.

After discussing the efficiency of fire drills observed in local schools, the report says:

**Make Permanent Buildings Fireproof.**  
"Since the Collingwood, Ohio, disaster, in which a number of children were burned to death in a poorly constructed wooden building, many ill-considered laws have been enacted in various states, relative to the construction of school-houses and other public buildings. While distinctly favoring fireproof construction for all large and permanent school buildings, there is nevertheless such a thing as overdoing the matter.

"In a city such as Portland, where the centers of population are shifting so rapidly, there ought to be some opportunity, at this stage of the city's development, to build small semi-fireproof buildings, especially when these are well removed from danger from fire. Otherwise, the board of school directors may be compelled to risk making wasteful expenditure of public funds.

"When a basement is carefully fireproofed; chimneys are safely built; all electrical wiring done under rigid inspection; stairways made of fireproof construction, 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 construction in Portland seems to be about one third less than for fireproof construction. The first cost, however, is not the whole cost. The cost for insurance, upkeep, and repairs is less for a fireproof building than for a wooden one. The useful life of a wooden building is from 25 to 30 years; a fireproof building ought 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 building—providing always that the school population does not move away and leave it. This is a constant danger which every growing city faces; if it does, the one occupying the land in the increased value of the land.

"The new reinforced buildings of the Falling type are reported as having cost about \$7000 a classroom, and the wooden buildings recently erected, as having cost about \$4500 a classroom. This is an increase of 55 per cent in cost for a building which ought to last at least twice as long, and cost less for insurance and repairs in the meantime. Figured only on twice the length of life, though, and also disregarding insurance and upkeep, the fireproof building is seen to cost, at most, but three fourths that of a wooden building, and is thus a more economical type of building in the long run, if one is sure that the centers of school population will remain somewhat fixed for 50 years to come.

#### Fireproof Buildings Best.

"This difference in costs may be illustrated from present Portland school buildings. For example, the Jefferson high school building cost but 50 per cent of that of the new Lincoln high school, a building of somewhat similar capacity, but the Lincoln high school will outwear the Jefferson high school two or three times; has practically no fire risk; and will cost but little for repairs; while repairs at the Jefferson high school will be both large and costly.

"Based on first cost, the Jefferson high school is a 40 per cent cheaper building; based on repairs and maintenance costs and a life of only twice as long, the Lincoln high school will probably prove to be 50 per cent cheaper building than the Jefferson. Similar differences might be shown as between the new reinforced concrete Falling building and one of the more recent wooden construction schools, such as the Lewis, or the Glencoe. The only difficulty about fireproof construction is that mentioned above, namely, of being certain where the school children will live 50 years hence. Even this is not as important as it at first seems, as here might be an actual gain in selling the site 50 years hence."

### MUCH LAND MOVES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Hillsboro, Or., Oct. 24.—An important real estate deal was closed in this city this week when the Washington County Abstract company transferred to W. H. Eccles 2080 acres of land between the towns of Banks and Buxton, in the northern part of this county.

It is said to be the purpose of the purchasers to put in a logging railroad and construct a large sawmill at once. The tract of land is covered with one of the finest bodies of timber in the county. It will take several years to log the timber off.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC IS BALLASTING NEW ROAD

Engene, Or., Oct. 24.—The Southern Pacific company put a steam shovel in operation at the gravel pits recently bought by the company near Natron and work trains will at once begin to make out gravel to ballast the new Willamette-Pacific railway, extending from this city to the coast. There is enough gravel there, it is estimated, to gravel the whole line from this city to Marshfield. It is expected that the pit will be used for the next two years.

### SUTTER BASIN WINNER OF MOTOR BOAT EVENT

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—After withdrawing from the restricted speed race here yesterday afternoon the motorboat Sutter basin wharf near her moorings. The boat's propeller struck a pile of drift and tore a hole in its side. Captain Joseph Fellows and his engineer were taken off before the boat went down. The Fellows II will be raised, as she sank in comparatively shallow water.

The Sutter Basin and the Fellows II were the only boats to race in the final of the race 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 points.

### FIRST SENIOR SWIM OF SEASON GREAT SUCCESS

The first senior swim of the Y. M. C. A. was a big success. Waite was the star, winning one first place and three seconds.

The results: 50 yard swim—Waite, first; Cole, second; Schweitzer, third. Time, 10 seconds.

60 yard swim—Schweitzer, first; Waite, second; Cole, third. Time, 25 seconds.

Diving, 50 points possible—Cole, first, 44 points; Waite, second, 43½ points; Pfander, third, 29 points.

Running dive for distance—Cole, first, 52 feet 10 inches; Waite, second, 48 feet, and Pfander, third, 43 feet 8 inches.

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 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 Cleveland, 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 its present membership up to 90. It is planned to hold the Oregon Agricultural college have an institute here during November.

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