

QUESTION OF FIRE DRILLS KEEN NOW IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Fatal Burning of a School at Peabody, Mass., Stirs Portland to Take Action.

PUPILS WORKING HARD

Conditions in the Various Public Schools Is Reviewed and Comparisons Made.

Since the catastrophe in Peabody, Mass., last week when a number of school children met death in a fire, much attention has been brought to bear upon the school authorities with regard to fire drills.

At the sound of the alarm all windows must be closed and the janitor must stop the electric fan. All janitors and battalion chiefs must report to the fire chief's office.

Danger at Minimum. The Lincoln high school is a fire proof building and hence danger from fire is at a minimum.

There are 150 boys on the fire squad who are under the direct supervision of the principal.

Building Empties Quickly. The boys who inspect the rooms are required to report to the office.

Girls Come First. At Jefferson and Washington it is girls first, while at Lincoln those nearest the door first.

Rivalry Is Keen. Many students in the upper classes can see a different motive in the drills since a cup has been offered for the best drill.

Lack of Thought Responsible. The majority of catastrophes in fires are due to lack of thought.

Moose Smoker Postponed. The big boxing smoker planned by the Moose Lodge for December 10 has been postponed until December 17.

TO MANAGE OPERA FEATURE



Madame Jeanne Jomelli.

assist, and Mrs. Joseph Stafford of the Irvington club is assisting in getting singers and women to help in any way possible.

ROMEO AND JULIET WILL BE PRESENTED FOR AID OF CHARITY

"Romeo and Juliet," the beautiful grand opera telling the story of Shakespeare's exquisite love tale, which is to be sung in English by Portland's most prominent musicians.

Affairs Always Successful. The affairs given by the Baby home in the past have always stood for success in every sense of the word.

Budget Preparedness. Five new Democrats were appointed to the budget committee—Callaway, Texas, Hart, New Jersey; Connelly, Kansas; Oliver, Alabama; and Liebel, Pennsylvania.

Spanish-American Vets Have Big Time. With members acting as waiters and continuously passing out refreshments and entertainers amusing them.

Members Acting as Waiters Furnish as Much of Program as Entertainers Do. With members acting as waiters and continuously passing out refreshments and entertainers amusing them.

CHILDREN DELIGHTED AT PREMIER SHOW OF LITTLE THEATRE

Nearly 250 Youngsters Attend Opening Performance and View Films.

SPECIAL SONG NUMBERS

"Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp" Magnet Which Commands Attention of the Little Ones.

"And just think! It's our own little theatre!" "Yes, and the movies were just for us."

Two little theatre goers were leaving the Little Theatre on Twenty-third street near Washington, shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday.

There will be moving pictures for the children again next Tuesday, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

COLLEGE DRAMATISTS WILL PRESENT PLAYS AT LITTLE THEATRE

Reed college dramatists will appear in two plays next Friday evening and Saturday afternoon at the "Little Theatre" on Twenty-third and Washington streets.

CONGRESS TO CONVENE FOR THE SIXTY-FOURTH SESSION ON MONDAY

of New York, Wise of Georgia, Richard Olney, Second, of Massachusetts, and Nicholas of South Carolina.

Mancher "Smashes" Troublemaker in Face to Gain Ends and Both Are Put in City's Bastille.

"William J. Bryan" Fighting Pacificist

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Robbed Woman of Diamonds and Cash

Sacramento, Dec. 4.—(U. R.)—Officers are en route today to Detroit, Mich., after securing requisition papers at the governor's office for the return of a woman, who is under arrest there, who is under indictment for the theft of \$5,000 worth of diamonds and \$300 in cash.

POLICE LIEUTENANT NAMED BY MAYOR



Lieutenant L. V. Jenkins.

The vacant lieutenantcy in the Portland police department was filled December 1 by Mayor Albee in the appointment of Sergeant L. V. Jenkins to the position.

Soldier Describes Life in Trenches

Terrors of the Battlefield Are Aptly Described in Letter to a Resident of Portland.

Just how life in the trenches in France has affected one lad of 22 years is quite graphically told in a letter which N. P. Sealey, a Portland lad, has received from a friend in the trenches.

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Deny Peace Rumors

Berlin, by Wireless to Sayville, L. I., Dec. 4.—(U. P.)—Reports that the Kaiser will soon visit Constantinople to discuss the subject of peace were authoritative dead today.

FATHER SCHOENER THE PLANT WIZARD, WILL LIVE IN PORTLAND

"Plant Wizard of Oregon" to Be Name of Flower Expert in Future.

CHAMBER FINISHES PLAN

Tract Will Be on the Peninsula; No Plants Will Be Raised for Sale.

Portland Plan for Plant Wizard. The name will be "Schoener Scientific Gardens."

Work begins at once with the sale, the purpose being to improve existing varieties of flowers and fruits and create new varieties, especially adaptable for profitable production in Oregon.

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Prosperity Is Headed Toward West Coast

S. A. Kendall, Operator, of Pittsburg, Declares Business Conditions in East Never Better Than at Present.

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 4.—That business conditions throughout the east were never better than at present, and that the general trend of the prosperity era is westward, was the statement of S. A. Kendall, member of the firm of Kendall Brothers, of Pittsburg, who arrived here today to look after interests in the proposed Roseburg & Eastern railroad and sawmill which the company proposes to build here.

Kendall says it is his opinion it will be but a few months until Pacific coast business is normal. Prices for lumber have advanced in the east and demand is fast increasing.

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FOREIGN SHIPPING IN PORTS OF ROUMANIA IS COMMANDEERED

Action Believed to Preclude Favorable Reply of King Constantine to the Allies.

WITHDRAW GERMAN ARMY

Retreat of Kaiser's Army to North Substantiates Report—No Official Information.

London, Dec. 4.—(U. P.)—Roumania's unexpected action in commandeering all foreign shipping in her harbors overshadowed every other development in the Balkan situation tonight.

Only a few foreign vessels are now in the Roumanian Black Sea ports. It is believed here the order is aimed at Bulgarian and Austro-German cargo boats, carrying munitions and foodstuffs along the Danube.

Evening Star Holds Election of Officers

J. J. Johnson Elected Master for Thirtieth Time; Postmaster Myers Makes Address on "Rural Credits."

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Evening Star grange was held at the hall on the Section line road yesterday.

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