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NEW OPERA HOUSE

PENDLETON TO HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE STRUCTURE.

Manager Welch is Completing Arrangements for Building at Corner of Webb and Cottonwood—Will Be First-Class in Design and Equipment.

The announcement that plans for a new opera house for Pendleton are now being considered, will be greeted with pleasure by the theater-goers of this city.

For some months the proposition has been in the formative period and even yet is not fully matured, but is of sufficient certainty to warrant publication.

At the earnest solicitation of Manager James B. Welch, of the Frazer, R. Martin has decided to begin the construction of a building at the corner of Webb and Cottonwood, where the Pendleton office now stands, if suitable arrangements can be made.

The building is to be complete in every detail, with stage room for any scenery that is carried by the best attractions on the road. The latest designs of theater buildings are being thoroughly studied by the promoters of the plan, in order to enable them to equip the Pendleton theater with the most up-to-date conveniences. The seating capacity of the present building will be increased by fully one-third and the accommodations will be superb in every particular.

Manager Welch is to be congratulated upon his decision to supply this need of Pendleton.

The location is happily chosen, as it will admit of easier access from the depot, in the handling of the extensive scenery carried by the first-rate attractions. It is more centrally located for the entire residence portion of Pendleton, than the present opera house and a better site could not be selected.

It has not been decided just when work will begin on the building, but the plans are now being considered by the promoters and a thorough study of theater architecture and ar-

rangements is being made. When the structure is completed Pendleton will be furnished with the best theater accommodations of any city of equal proportion on the Pacific Coast.

The stage of the present opera house is too small to allow such companies as the Gordon-Shay and "Richard Carvel" aggregations to use their most important scenery and this renders the performances second-rate and causes much complaint among theater-goers.

KENEWICK DITCH

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When Full, the New Ditch Will Carry a Stream Nearly 45 Feet Wide and From Four to Six Feet Deep—30 Miles Finished.

Kenewick, Wash., Feb. 3.—The big ditch which it is said will water 17,000 acres of land near this city, being about 50 miles in length, is finished as far as this place and the crew of men which has been employed finishing the work has been laid off by Contractor Burlingame. Below this place a force of men is at work building the huge flume which will carry the water over the wide draw, and further down the river a camp has been established to complete the grading of the main ditch.

Yesterday was the time set apart for the turning of water into the new ditch at the headgates on the Yakima River. Here it was proposed to start about two feet of water down the ditch, to allow the bottom and sides to become soaked and ready for the immense volume which the ditch will carry. When full the new ditch will carry a stream nearly 45 feet wide and from four to six feet deep. The ditch has been well made and is said to be the best ever attempted in the Northwest. It is expected that fully a week will be required to get water to the gate at Kenewick, after which time the full supply will be turned on, to see if the work will stand the pressure and to ascertain how heavy will be the soaking.

A number of years ago a ditch traversing the same general survey, was completed and water turned in. It was discovered that the sandy soil would not hold water and the supply never became sufficient for irrigating purposes any distance down the ditch. The project was given up, and only a few years ago another venture was made. The outcome is certain to be successful, but if serious delays occur the season will be too far along for farmers to lease land and secure crops this year. So far but little land has been made ready for water, and no laterals have been constructed.

MID-WINTER CARNIVAL.

Red Men of Walla Walla County Open Their Second Annual Affair.

Walla Walla, Feb. 3.—In a blaze of electric lights and in a crowd of several thousand people, the second mid-winter carnival given by the local Red Men, opened last night. At Armory hall a great throng had gathered when the parade of Red Men, headed by the Walla Walla band, arrived from their hall, and amid cheers and red fire the lodgemen marched up the long stairway to the assembly room. Red Men from Dayton, Watsburg, Dixie, Prescott and other places were in attendance.

On an elevated stage at one end of the immense hall occurred the ceremonies of crowning the handsome queen of the festivities, Miss Anna Amer, who as Queen Anna I will rule throughout the week of revelry. The pretty ceremony was in charge of a number of local Red Men, and President Penrose of Whitman College, officiated as orator on the occasion. The queen was bedecked with jewels and wore a coronation robe costing \$150.

Following the crowning ceremonies the Walla Walla band gave a concert and the evening was spent in simple amusements. About the hall is arranged a number of booths and places where money can be spent readily and amusement can be easily found. The hall is handsomely decorated with the colors of the Red Men, with flags and flowers. The carnival will remain open each evening during the week, concerts being drawing features of each day's festivities.

PENITENTIARY CLOSED.

Because of Smallpox and Other Contagious Diseases.

Walla Walla, Feb. 3.—The penitentiary has been closed to the public for the present on account of the prevalence of smallpox and other contagious diseases in Walla Walla. The prison officials have so far been able to prevent contagion from entering the institution, and an effort is to be made to prevent any disease from tormenting the inmates, even now that so many cases of smallpox and scarlet fever are raging here, after a futile attempt by the health officials to stop the spread of contagion. In addition to closing the prison to the public, the convicts will not be allowed to gather for Sabbath services. The health of the 600 prisoners has been splendid for many months, and the hospital is practically deserted most of the time.

Penn's Great Project.

New York, Feb. 3.—Preparations are being pushed by the Pennsylvania railroad for the early beginning of the construction work on the New York tunnel terminal. Redi estate has been purchased along the line, which will cross the East River by a bridge over Ward's and Randall's Islands. Between Long Island City and Woodside much land has been secured. This will be owned jointly by the Pennsylvania and the New York, New

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Butter Makers' Association. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 3.—The executive committee of the National Creamery Butter Makers' Association is in session at the Grand hotel for the purpose of discussing various matters relating to the affairs of the organization, which is rapidly increasing in membership and influence. Among the matters up for consideration and action is the fixing of the time and place for holding the eleventh annual convention of the association. Bids from Sioux Falls and several other cities of the Middle West have been received by the committee.

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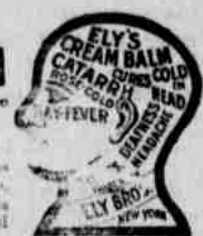
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