

DISCUSSED BONDS

Meeting at Court House Was
Not Largely Attended by
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Taxation and Suggests That Old
Buildings Be Repaired—Twenty
Children Refused Admission Be-
cause of Scarcity of Room.

Three large buildings aggregating 23
rooms, situated in different portions
of the city, have been built, and an-
other is in contemplation.
Turned Away From School.
Professor E. B. Conklin briefly ad-
dressed the meeting. He said that the
number of scholars in the rooms at
present was from 40 to 65 in each.
On resuming school after the holi-
day vacation, he told the meeting
that over 20 children of school age,
who came in at that time, were sent
home, as there was absolutely no
room for them in the present quar-
ters. These scholars live in Pendle-
ton, draw public money, are entitled
to an education, yet must be denied
this blessing, on account of the scarci-
ty of room, and the inability of the
school board to provide suitable ac-
commodations, with the means at
hand.
Must Prepare for the Future.
In his concluding remarks Mr.
Pierce called attention to the fact
that other cities were forging ahead
of Pendleton in such a degree, in
school improvement that the proud
prestige enjoyed by this city, from
an educational standpoint is in dan-
ger. Weston, in this county, Walla
Walla, and other near neighbors of
Pendleton, were preparing to accom-
modate the great country district that
move to cities for school. The short-
age of room here, is an absolute men-
ace to the business interests of the
community. Those who would gladly
build homes here, spend money here,
add their activity and wealth to the
business circles of this city, will be
forced to go elsewhere where school
facilities are inviting. He referred to
the injustice of past assessments. Cited
the fact that one assessor, 12 years
ago, returned \$1,500,000 dollars in
this city, while the present assess-
ment is but \$1,025,000. He invited
the citizens of Pendleton to co-operate
with the board; to give their moral
support to the struggles of the school
officers, to improve the situation,
for the sake of the city's name and
fame and for the sake of the children
now knocking at our doors for ad-
mission to the public schools.

Board of Health Interested.

The schools are scattered over
a large territory that the city
superintendent is handicapped to a
certain extent, in his work of super-
vising. All the rooms in use are over-
crowded, and those in the basement
of the high school building are scarce-
ly more than cellars, as they are be-
low the surface of the ground and
Pierce has received an intimation
from the state board of health,
that these underground rooms are
likely to be condemned, if their
use is not discontinued.

Board Seeks Advice.

Pierce stated to the meeting
of the school board had earnestly
sought the advice of the patrons of
schools and the citizens; that the plans
relieving the situation were open
for discussion. That the board invited
the taxpayers to visit the schools,
and themselves the condition that
they would then candidly and open-
ly state their views, and then to
recommend a permanent means of re-
lief. He said the board, during the
winter, had great difficulty in
obtaining even temporary quarters.
The rooms had been improvised in
the assembly hall of the high school,
the old academy building was
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and were daily swelling the enroll-
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anywhere between 50 and 100 per-
sons. The bodies of two supposed
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nation reveals poison, the bodies of
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