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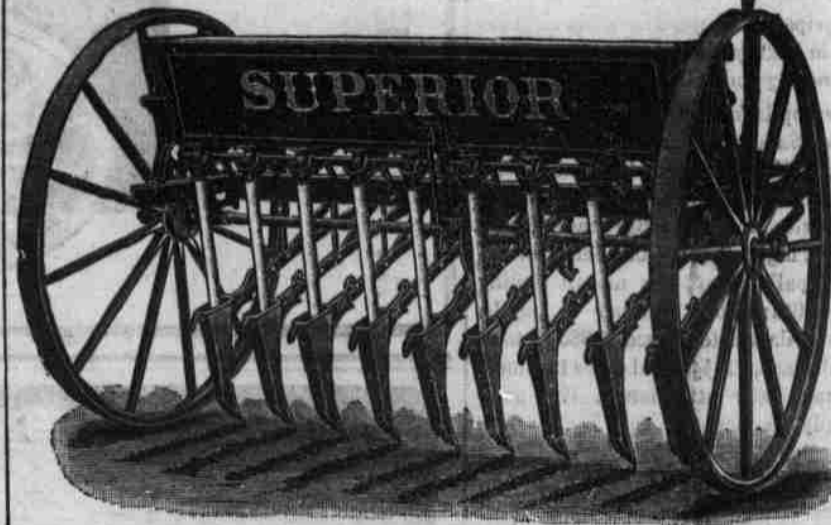


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BUILD A PARSONAGE

Christian Church Will Ex-
pend \$1,500 at Once.

The Christian church people will improve their property in this city by erecting a parsonage that will cost, when completed, about \$1,500. The matter of building the parsonage was taken up recently and the decision to build was announced Sunday at the morning service. The contract will be let at once and the new home for the pastor and family will be finished as soon as possible. Material will likely be on the ground next week.

The parsonage will be located on the lot west of the church. It will be a handsome residence and the location is a most desirable one. Suitable houses for rent cannot be obtained in Athena, and this more than anything hastened the decision to build at once. For the present, Rev. Jenkins and family have apartments in Mrs. McIntyre's residence on the West Side.

PELL TO HIS DEATH.

A. J. Wise, Formerly of Weston Meets
With Fatal Accident.

Andrew J. Wise, a coast pioneer of 1849 and an old-time resident of the Weston neighborhood, was fatally injured in an accident at his home near Perrydale, Polk county.

It appears that Mr. Wise had gone to the barn to feed and water his horse and climbed into the hay mow. In some manner he fell through to the floor, and injured his spinal cord, causing paralysis of the brain. When picked up he was only able to speak a few words, and upon being carried to the house, sank into a deep sleep from which he never woke to consciousness.

Mr. Wise was a native of New York state, about 72 years old, and came to California in the golden days of '49. He crossed the plains several times before the advent of the railroad and located in Oregon, near Perrydale, in 1875. Three years later he moved to this county, settling north of Weston, and returned to Perrydale in 1886.

Mrs. Wise, who survives him, is a daughter of Grandma McGrew, of Weston.

FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Society of Sons of the American Revolution Offer Prizes.

The Oregon society of Sons of the American Revolution has several times in the past offered prizes to the school children of the state for essays on subjects connected with Revolutionary history. The results in the past have encouraged the society to renew the offer at this time. Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively, will therefore be awarded for the three best essays in the order of merit, written by students in the public schools of Oregon, on any of the following subjects:

1. The Arousing of Public Opinion;

the Work of Samuel Adams, Thomas Paine, John Dickinson and Patrick Henry. 2. Lexington and Concord. 3. The Battle of King's Mountain. 4. Virginia's part in the American Revolution.

Essays are limited in length to 3,000 words; must be written on one side of the paper in the student's own handwriting and must be accompanied by the certificate of the principal of the school attended by the author, to the effect that the author is a bona fide student in the school and has been in attendance therein not less than four weeks during the school year of 1903-4. Essays must be forwarded to the chairman of the committee in charge, Wallace McCamant, 34 Concord Building, Portland, Ore., so as to reach him not later than February 1, 1904. In awarding the prizes the committee will be governed by these three considerations: 1. Historical accuracy. 2. Manner of treatment. 3. Orthography, grammar, syntax and punctuation.

Any additional information which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished. The essay which is awarded the first prize will be published in full, with the name of the author, in the public press.

MILLS AND LUMBER BURN.

Whitehouse-Crimmins Co. Walla Walla Plant Destroyed.

The big planing mill establishment, manufactory and yards of the Whitehouse-Crimmins Co. were destroyed totally about 1:30 Sunday morning by one of the most spectacular fires Walla Walla has ever seen, probably incendiary in origin.

The loss is estimated by Mr. Whitehouse at about \$50,000. The insurance is about one-quarter of the loss. Owing to the variable nature of the stock and the high rate which applies, lumber stocks are not often heavily insured.

The blaze started at 1 o'clock with what seemed a waterspout of flame shooting skyward, seemingly the result of a liberal amount of kerosene poured on a pile of lumber. With a stiff southwest wind it spread among the inflammable material so swiftly that the lumber yard, with its magnificent \$30,000 stock was doomed almost before the fire department arrived.

The most trying time of the fire was when two blocks of houses facing on Second street and Cherry street became imperiled to such an extent that the inhabitants packed their treasures in boxes.

es, quilts and trunks and began to carry them out. It looked then as if several blocks must go and the great crowd attending was afraid. Chunks of blazing coals as big as hen eggs were carried for a block or two and landed on dry shingles where a small blaze would start a moment later. The pail and garden hose brigade saved many a structure.

City Records Up in Smoke.

The old city hall, containing 37 years' records of the municipality of Baker City, was destroyed by fire at 9:30 Saturday night. At the urgent request of the citizens the city books were to be experted and the accountants were in the midst of this work at the time of the fire. The old safe was too small to hold all the city records and some of the most valuable of the city papers were left outside. It is openly declared by many prominent citizens that the fire was started by some one interested in having the records out of the way.

Horses Have Tumors.

Last week Veterinary Surgeon Christie removed three tumors from horses belonging respectively to Chris Breeding, Hans Struve and Virgil Moore, the three weighing 42 pounds or an average of 14 pounds each. The doctor states that these tumorous growths in horses are very common and that the largest he has removed during the last few years was one weighing 22 pounds taken last year from a horse belonging to Charles Wilkins.—Pendleton Tribune.

"In Wonderland"

"In Wonderland" is the title of a lecture that will be delivered in the Christian church next Sunday evening by the pastor, J. W. Jenkins. The lecture pertains to the island of Jamaica, where Rev. Jenkins spent some years as a missionary. The lecture will be made doubly interesting by the use of stereoscopic views of life and scenery on the island. A collection will be taken for the relief of sufferers from recent tornadoes there.

Fruites in Demand.

A Minneapolis dealer is now in La Grande, buying up the prune crop. He expects to secure cars in Union county, and is furnishing the boxes free and paying \$8 per ton on board the cars for the crop. The shipments will go to Minneapolis, Butte and Northern Wyoming.

COUNTY FARM A GOOD INVESTMENT

County Commissioner Horace Walker was in town Wednesday from Helix. Mr. Walker takes active interest in the welfare of the county, and is sanguine that the purchase of the new poor farm meets with the approval of the taxpayers of the county. In former years it cost the county from \$5,000 to \$7,000 per year to take care of the poor. The farm stands the county about \$6,000, and there is enough fruit, vegetables and pork raised on the farm this year and taken care of by pauper labor to keep the inmates. Besides this there are several hundred tons of alfalfa hay that can be sold now for \$12 a ton. Another year the poor farm will almost maintain the poor of the county.

The road problem is a hard one for the county court to solve. Mr. Walker says that he favors, at the proper time, the purchase of a rock crusher by the county, for the purpose of placing crushed rock on the county roads, where needed. He would suggest that large bins be erected at different places in the county where rock can be secured. In these bins crushed rock can be stored for use on the roads as needed. This is a method pursued in Willamette valley counties with success.

NO SICK BENEFITS

Position as Taken By Grand
Chancellor Maloney.

The Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias has been in session in Portland this week. Several departures from the old regime have been advocated in reports of the officers of the grand lodge, principal among which is the proposal to do away with sick benefits and to elect the Vice Grand Chancellor and Grand Chancellor by popular vote of delegates attending the grand lodge. Heretofore all grand lodge officers have advanced from grand outer guard, "passing the chairs" up to grand chancellor.

Regarding opposition to sick benefits J. W. Maloney, grand chancellor, in an interview with a Portland paper is quoted:

"We have had a good year," said Mr. Maloney, who arrived from Pendleton Sunday. "There has been a steady increase in membership, 258 being the net increase. The order now represents about 5,000 members in this jurisdiction. "In my annual report I shall recommend that there be no undue haste in the future in securing additions to the membership, but that quality rather than numbers be the determining point when applications come in to the lodges. It shall be the desire to approximate the teachings of the order, and to elevate the level of membership to that aimed at in the ritual.

"I believe much in the holding of district conventions, and shall recommend the creation of a district convention fund by levying an extra per capita tax of 20 cents a member, that amount to be repaid to the district paying it, if it hold a district convention.

"I shall tell the grand lodge that I believe the sick benefit provision, that appears in the by-laws of most of the subordinate lodges is the cause of much dissatisfaction, disruption and contention, more so than any other thing that is now in force. Some lodges have already taken steps to abolish this sick benefit, and I believe the movement is based upon sound policy that will produce good results."

Among the grand officers elected are Emil Waldman, of Portland, Grand Chancellor Commander. Two Umatilla county women have been elected to hold office in the grand lodge of Rathbone Sisters, Mrs. Mable Chastain of Milton, is Grand Chief, and Mrs. E. L. Barnett of Athena, is Grand Mistress of Finance.

A Fine Concert.

Of the Knox-Kantner Concert Company which is billed for the Athena opera house on the night of Oct. 24, the Portland Oregonian says: One of the star attractions at the Newport beach this season was the concert given last night by the Knox-Kantner Concert company. Mr. Knox's impersonations never failed to win tremendous applause and every feature of the program was cheered to the echo.