

Work Under Way On Dormitory at State University

New Structure to House 278 Students; Contracts Let For Construction

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—Hansen and Hammond, Portland contractors, were awarded the contract to construct the first unit of the new men's dormitory for the University of Oregon, at a special meeting of the board of regents. The Portland company bid \$310,000 for the project, against \$312,943 bid by Lorenz Brothers, Portland, and \$313,000 by Stein brothers, the only Eugene firm entered.

The bond issue of \$375,000 which will finance the structure and furnish it, will be handled by Dean Witter, Portland firm, who bid in cooperation with the Marine National Bank of Seattle, Wash. This firm bid 92 1/2, with interest at four and one-half per cent. The rate of interest was particularly attractive and University officials point out that such a rate reflects the high credit rating of the institution.

Work on the dormitory, which is expected to be rushed so that the structure can be completed by fall, will be started in the immediate future, it is planned. Additional details of construction were announced today by Ellis F. Lawrence, of the firm of Lawrence and Holford, University architects. The capacity of the hall has been increased from 271, as first proposed, to 278 men. The roof will be of asbestos, with copper flashings, making this part absolutely fireproof.

The structure will have its own refrigeration plant, which will be of the latest type, and this will include an ice-plant and cork-lined storage room. The dining room will be large enough to accommodate 500 persons at one sitting, yet will be divided by folding doors so that it forms five separate rooms. This hall can also be used for parties and dances, and will have a floor space almost as large as that now used for such purposes in the Woman's building. The dining room will be paneled in attractive style.

Each floor will have plenty of shower baths and other plumbing facilities, and the entire structure will be roomy and comfortable for the inhabitants.

Gift Proved of Little Value to Lafayette

When General Lafayette visited America in 1824 congress, by act of December 28, 1824, granted him \$200,000 and "one complete town of land" in recognition of his "services and sacrifices" during the Revolution. Pathfinder Magazine recalls. The land was to be located under the authority of the President "in any of the unappropriated lands of the United States." This location was made in what was then known as West Florida and embraced 23,028.50 acres covering part of what is now the city of Tallahassee. A patent for this land was issued on July 4, 1825, and was delivered to Lafayette in person by the commissioner of the general land office. A notice in the Pensacola Gazette of 1825 says that Colonel McKee arrived in Florida to select the land for the famous Frenchman. Lafayette never saw his Florida land. An attempt was made to colonize this tract by French settlers under Count La Porte, but the scheme was unsuccessful. A few years later Lafayette made another attempt at colonization. He sent Charles Murat, a son of the great cavalry general and Napoleon's sister, but he too failed. After Lafayette's death the land was sold by his heirs and it is now owned by a large number of different persons.

Didn't Lose Anything

Students of the times are quite convinced that women are rapidly grasping the business spirit of the age as well as the lingo of commerce. The growing business aptitude of one of the gentle sex is indicated by the following incident which is reported to have occurred very recently. A young wife, residing in Chicago, lost her husband by death and telegraphed the tidings to her parents in Maine:

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Chinese Pirates Not Like Old Buccaneers

Although pirates are hardly less common than fishermen on some Chinese rivers, they differ from the pirates of popular juvenile fiction in that they are not particularly blood-thirsty. In fact some of China's best known government officials began life as bandits or pirates, and found it no detriment socially in after years. An incident illustrating something of the sort was told in the Dearborn Independent by William E. Barton, who has traveled extensively in the Orient, as follows:

"Only a few months ago a steam launch belonging to a Canton Christian college, loaded with students, was captured and held for ransom. The ransom was not paid. The governor of the island of Honan, on which the college is located, assured the college people that it was not wise to pay ransom, or it would have to be done again. 'They will not kill,' he said. 'When I was a robber we captured for ransom, but we did not kill.'"

This information proved reliable, the writer continues, and the students and launch were returned within a few days.

In a Bad Fix

He came to the Liberty avenue bowling-alley man wearing a long face.

"I'm in an awful mess," he confided. "My wife thinks I've been bowling every Saturday night for the last six months, and now she's decided to come down and watch me roll a match. I can't do a thing to dissuade her. It's fierce."

"Oh, you can get by all right," soothed the bowling-alley man. "She probably doesn't know much about the game."

"Well, that's just it," he lamented. "Neither do I. I never bowled in my life."—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

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Miss Jennie Dykes of Milton spent Sunday with Miss Elsa Rosenzweig.

H. J. Bean, republican candidate for circuit judge, was in town yesterday.

Born, in Athena April 8, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. George Scrimsher, a daughter.

T. J. Kirk, C. A. Barrett and W. D. Chamberlain were in Pendleton yesterday.

W. G. Preston, who has been down from Waitsburg visiting his son, returned today.

Sheriff Taylor came up from Pendleton yesterday, and attended the funeral of little Lee Gerking.

F. S. LeGrow left on last evening's train for Levanworth, Kansas, where he will remain for several days on business.

Eber Luna left Athena Saturday for Pomeroy, Wash., where he will occupy the position of salesman in a general merchandise store of that city.

Byron Hawks came up from Moro Saturday and is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Stone, and of Mr. Frank Coolidge. He is a Yellow Kid "fan."

At the council meeting Wednesday evening, W. J. Gholson was reappointed city marshal and water superintendent, at a salary of \$65 per month.

Cut worms are said to be numerous in the wheat fields of the Gerking Flat neighborhood west of town. Also in Sand Hollow the worms are doing considerable damage, so it is reported.

Bruce Wallace, proprietor of the Pioneer drug store has purchased the Jones cottage on Jefferson street, and will occupy it at once. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are leaving Athena for Echo, where they will conduct a hotel.

A number of newspaper men were in town Sunday and made their headquarters at the Press office. The Press man had the honor of entertaining T. D. S. Hart of Walla Walla, and Messrs Aldrich and Drake of Pendleton.

Mitt Bush has made a complaint against Mike Ryan, before district Attorney Phelps. He alleges that during a dispute Ryan drew a gun. There are said to be conflicting reports concerning the affair and the district attorney will investigate before making any arrests.

The Yellow Kids will play in Walla Walla Saturday and Sunday. An excursion train will run from Pendleton to Walla Walla Sunday morning, returning in the evening. This will give the people of the intervening towns an opportunity of visiting the garden city and witnessing the Sunday game. Ike Butler, the famous pitcher will be seen at his best in that game.

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