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The Stokes divorce trial has had no killing feature in it but it is a close competitor of the Hamon trial for the position of prize scandal of the season. It has this advantage, that it is the latest. There was one peculiar thing about the Hamon case, that to most people, apparently, it seemed worse after it was over than it did while it was going on. But then there are a good many things that smell worse after they become stale than they did when they were fresh. We are afraid that marriage will become unpopular in this country if the endings of such samples as the Stokes marriage are exhibited too frequently.

It seems to us that it would be no more than fair that the U. S. government should credit Bill Haywood on his twenty-year sentence with such part of it as he spends in Russia. The government would save that much on his board and the punishment would be greater than if he spent the time in an American prison. The difference between the fare in a United States penitentiary and the commor fare in Russia would be no small item in his punishment.

Sentiments on Coming Election

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The window shades are all worn out. Many will not roll. The desks and tables are relics of a bygone age. Apparently everyone who has gone to S. H. S. in the past century scratched his initials on the desks until it is impossible to write on them without a pad underneath the paper. The stoves are all in an unsafe condition. The heating equipment is not standard. The jackets around them are bent and battered until they are hardly recognizable. The flues are a menace. Only last year S. H. S. had an experience of fire caused by a faulty flue, and this was not the only time fire threatened the building.

The old building has been remodeled and added to. This has resulted in an unfinished and ragged appearance. Several different colored paints have been used to cover the wood work in the assembly hall making a patch-work, crazy-quilt pattern. The electric wiring system is very poor. All the wires are exposed, and put up in a fashion which does not appeal to ones sense of beauty. These wires could easily cause damage, either by fire or by shock to someone.

The building is extremely noisy. When one is in the assembly hall he can hear the noises of persons moving about upstairs. The typewriters can be heard clicking and rattling from nearly any room in the building.

We have no gymnasium, which is necessary in order to carry out the state's requirement for physical exercise. We have a good library, but the books are in unsafe, open book cases in different parts of the building.

The high school building is a veritable fire-trap. There are no means of extinguishing a fire if one should start excepting the few chemical extinguishers scattered about the building. The nearest hydrant is too far away to be of any real value. The building is dry enough to burn like straw if a fire started, and unless some one was present at the time to spread the alarm or extinguish the blaze, it would not last long.

Mr. Elliot, who visited the high school a few weeks ago in the interest of the Department of State Vocational Education, made the remark that ours was the worst conditioned high school building that he had seen

in the state, and that if the state inspector should come to Springfield, he probably would not allow school to be held in this building. He said that the only reason we have escaped so far is that we are off the regular route of the inspector. The building is likely to be condemned at any time.

If the voter doubts any of the above statements, we respectfully invite him to come and visit the building.

Now we, the students of S. H. S., as representatives of the coming generation of students earnestly plead that the voter vote for the new high school building. It will mean a better school, a safer school, a school with a larger membership. We have beautiful grounds on which to build. Why not make it more beautiful with a new building? If this old building should be destroyed by fire it would mean a total loss plus the cost of a new building. Would it not be better to salvage the old building, save the trees, and the loss of time? When you go to vote May 4th, we ask you to vote "yes" on this question.

The plans for the new building are in the window at The News office, so that everyone can see them. We urge you to look at them. See them discuss them, compare the new building with the old. And again we ask you, vote "Yes."

Ralph Love, '22.

FOR A NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUT NOT THIS YEAR

In expressing my opinion in regard to a high school building, I trust the reader will not think I have any selfish motives, but what I say is for the best interests of the district at large, especially the tax payers. I do not mention the taxpayers thinking they should not be taxed for a new building but, as they have the bills to pay I do believe they should be given due consideration.

We do need a new building and I think it should be built as soon as necessary arrangements can be made for the one we now have is not proper place to send our boys and girls as it is not clean, is poorly lighted and heated, with many other things that could be said against it. We all know the building has served its time and we should be making plans for one to take its place. But in making these plans I would like to give my reason why I think we should not build this year, and in giving my reasons I wish to state I have investigated everything I mention and have the facts from men of authority or knowledge on the different commodities mentioned below. It would be very foolish to express my opinion and not be able to back it up with facts.

Bonds: According to law, school bonds must be sold at par. The bonds to be voted upon are advertised to pay 6 per cent interest. I am sure it will be impossible to sell 6 per cent bonds at the present time, however, later on when conditions are more stable it will be easier to sell the bonds and perhaps at a premium. If we could sell the bonds it would take at least 30 to 40 days to make the necessary arrangements, then the building would have to be moved to make room for new building and the time would be so short it would be almost impossible to finish a new building by the commencement of another school year.

Building Materials: It seems to me this is the most important question. All building materials have dropped some in price since they reached the high peak but all dealers that I have talked to, agree that they expect prices to decline more. Below I will give approximate estimate of the percentage of the decline already and a reasonable estimate of what is to be expected in further declines. These figures are quotations from architects, contractors, and dealers in building materials.

Hardware declined approximately 40 per cent, further decline expected 25 per cent; doors and windows de-

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declined approximately 30 percent, further decline expected 30 percent; paint declined approximately 25 per cent, further decline expected 30 percent; brick no decline, expected decline 40 percent; cement no decline, expected decline 40 percent; furnishings and fixtures no decline, expected decline 40 percent; plumbing and heating declined 20 per cent, decline expected 40 per cent. Estimate of different materials used in school building is approximately as follows: labor, 20 percent; lumber, 20 percent, hardware, doors and windows, 20 percent; plumbing and heating, 40 percent.

Taking the above figures showing the decline in prices already of approximately 16 percent in a period of seven months, and the figure the approximate further decline as estimated 37 percent, to wait another year to erect a building would make a saving of approximately \$17,575.00 to the district. I think this 37 percent would be more of a saving than we could expect but I am fully convinced that within another year a saving of 25 percent of \$11,875.00 could be saved by the district by a decline in prices. If prices have declined 16 percent in seven months, it is not unreasonable to expect a further decline within the next 12 months and after both declines are figured, material will still be selling for at least 30 per cent more than pre-war prices.

In closing I would suggest that we vote for the bonds, with the understanding that we do not erect a new building until next year. I have no censure for the members of the school board, and their bringing this matter before the people at this time is a step in the right direction.

E. E. MORRISON.

Does Springfield Need a New High School Building?

When you have a home to live in don't you want it neat, roomy, sanitary, waterproof, well ventilated, plenty of light, and partially fire-proof? of course you do.

Don't you realize that your children live a good part of their lives from the age of 6 to 20 at the school house. Aren't they entitled to a fit place to live, work, and study in?

Workmen strike in factories if the factory is not a fit and modern place to work. Even the state laws require that JAILS be sanitary and have proper heating, ventilation, lighting, and all necessary equipment to insure health and comfort for those compelled to stay there. So why should we hesitate to build a new, modern school building for the boys and girls. It isn't a playhouse or a place of amusement. It's their workhouse where they work hard shaping their minds into a structure that will benefit themselves, you, and the world in general, and make themselves able to step out in the world as men and women educated to meet the requirements of life.

Now build them a fit, modern, and attractive place to study and they will take more interest and their progress will be greatly facilitated. We will have less boys out behind empty buildings on school days smoking cigarettes and playing cards, and fewer girls becoming disgusted with school and seeking employment before their education is completed.

But some will say, Oh, the added tax we will have to pay. Of course it adds some taxes, but is is a necessity, and not a luxury. We need the

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building.

I personally examined the building Wednesday and find it absolutely not a fit place for school. There is places where each side of the building has settled and left large cracks in the floor. The floor is rough, all splintered, windows broken, sills and props under it rotten, and some partly tipped over. Plaster has fallen off the walls in several places. Loose and worn out planks in the steps, and when a scholar wishes a drink it is necessary to take someone along to run the fountain if he expects to enjoy it.

The building leaks, so I was informed, that a few had to change seats.

I doubt if there is a farmer in Lane county that would use the old building for a barn for a good registered dairy herd without first improving it. At least he would build a water trough so one cow could drink without the aid of another.

Taxes of courses it will add a little, but isn't it worth it? The war added taxes in different ways too, but wasn't it necessary? The amount required to repair the old building would make a good payment on a new one. Which is the most sensible?

Build it, of course we will build it.

H. B. CORSAW.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION

STATE OF OREGON,)
COUNTY OF LANE,) ss.
SCHOOL DIST. No. 19)

Notice is hereby given that at the school district bond election hereby called to be held at the City Hall in the town of Springfield, in and for School District No. 19, of Lane County Oregon, Wednesday, the 4th day of May, A. D. 1921, between the hours of two o'clock P. M. and seven o'clock P. M., there will be submitted to the legal voters the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness in the sum of Forty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500.00), for the purpose of erecting and constructing a high school building and purchasing a site therefor, in and for said school district.

The vote to be by ballot upon which shall be the words "Bonds—Yes" and "Bonds—No"; and the voter shall place a cross (X) behind the word "Bonds" and the word "Yes" or between the word "Bond" and the word "No" which indicates his choice.

The polls for the reception of the ballots cast for or against the contracting of said indebtedness will, on said day and date and at the place aforesaid, be opened at the hour of two o'clock P. M. and remain open until the hour of seven o'clock P. M. of the same day when the same shall be closed.

By order of the district school board of School District No. 19 of Lane County, Oregon, made this 12th day of April, A. D. 1921.

James Laxton, chairman, district school board.
Attest: A. M. McKinzev, district clerk.

The Road to Happiness

You must keep well if you wish to be happy. When constipated take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. Land office at Roseburg, Ore. March 14, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that Orla Hawley, of Veneta, Oregon, who, on May 14, 1920, made Homestead Entry, serial No. 012786, for the W 1/2 of NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 11, Township 18S, Range 6W, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before E. O. Immel, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Eugene, Oregon, on the 16th day of May, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: John O. Inman, of Veneta, Oregon; Edward C. Wilfert, of Eugene, Oregon; Ernest M. Horn, of Veneta, Oregon; Clark M. Stephens, of Crow, Oregon; Edmund E. Hunter, of Veneta, Oregon; Julius L. Hawley, of Veneta, Oregon.
W. H. CANNON, Register.

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