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PRESIDENT
DOWNING
SPEAKSThat He Did Not Award Painting
Contract to Dan J. Fry

President Downing, of the state board, in speaking to a Journal reporter yesterday said that he wished to inform the public that he did not award the contract for painting state fair buildings to D. J. Fry, as previously published in these columns.

"It was rather ridiculous," said Downing, "to think of one awarding a contract when there is a building committee which handles all business connected with buildings." This committee is composed of President Downing, F. Matlock and Secretary Frank Fry.

At a meeting which was held on Tuesday morning, July 24," said Downing, "bids were opened for painting of the buildings and Fry being the lowest bidder on work as a whole, was awarded the contract in due form."

The contract as specified in the bids was as follows:

D. J. Fry's Bid.
100 lbs. Linseed oil \$212
100 lbs. Venetian red 56

Total \$268
The Sienna Paint Co. bid on same

100 lbs. Linseed oil \$220.00
100 lbs. Venetian red 51.80

Total \$271.80
This makes a difference of \$3.30 in favor of the former bid.

At the meeting President Downing said that he opened the bids and Secretary Welch to read the bids which was done. At the opening of the bids two of the bidders

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ANOTHER
MUSICAL
EVENTProminent Salem Firm Completes Big
Deal For Future Business

The well-known firm of Wenger & Cherrington, for five years one of the most progressive piano firms in this section, have closed a contract whereby they have secured exclusive representation of the splendid line of instruments controlled by the great House of Eilers. This is news which means a great deal for the music lovers of Salem and vicinity, for it means that the advantage offered through the Eilers' modern way of selling pianos may now be availed of by local piano seekers right here in Salem. A complete stock of instruments from the wholesale headquarters of Eilers Piano House is now being shipped. The formal opening will be held Saturday, both day and evening, and a cordial invitation is extended to all music lovers to call and enjoy the musical program which will be rendered and to inspect the splendid display of fine pianos.

GOSSIP AT THE CAPITAL

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explained by the fact that only recently have the names of states been reserved for battleships; prior to the enactment of the law providing that only battleships should bear the names of states, it was the practice to use the names for vessels of other classes. To change the names of all vessels bearing state names would call forth all the superstitious fears which a sailor feels concerning a ship that has been renamed, and it is therefore likely that congress will be asked to decide what shall be done in the matter of naming the battleships which it may authorize to be built.

Have the ice magnates repented of their sins of omission and commission last summer and decided to make all efforts to win back the confidence and respect of the sweltering populace? Last summer Washingtonians have begun to think so, and with reason. Last summer Washington, like many other cities, suffered from an alleged ice famine, and in addition to several suits against the ice combine, there were numberless prosecutions for "short weight" retail deliveries. This year the sealer of weights and measures of the district has been especially active in his endeavors to round up those ice men who persist in giving their customers short weight. Instead of having a rich harvest of offenders as he did last year, Mr. Haskell reports that after a close observation extending over a month or more, he has discovered that the ice men of Washington have been giving from 50 to 100 per cent more ice than they got pay for. This generosity has been especially apparent in the small purchases, and when the attention of the local officials of the American Ice company was called to it, they expressed considerable surprise and protested that they have not been responsible for this wholesale philanthropy. Now that the people of Washington have had time to think it over, they, too, believe it was unintentional, and fear a return to the old weights.

Answers Complaint.

An answer to the complaint against the C. & E. railroad, as to its service between Albany and Yaquina, which was filed recently by B. F. Jones, has been received in the railroad commission office. The answer denies at length that the seating capacity of the cars is inadequate, and sets forth that all reasonable demands are met in the equipment and management of the road.

Superintendent Nevins sets forth that the complaint filed by Mr. Jones is false, and states that the plaintiff and his wife recently rode in the smoking car after being told by the conductor that it was unnecessary to do so.

The answer also states that the steamer Richardson is under the inspection of the government, and affords safe transportation from Yaquina to Newport.

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CITY
CHARTER
BOARD

Is Busy These Nights Informally Discussing All Phases of the Situation

The city charter board will meet in the council chamber next Tuesday evening when important measures relating to street improvements and other vital questions will be discussed.

These meetings are growing in interest and the members are making a deep study of the city's needs and best methods of strengthening the present municipal government.

At the last meeting which was held last Tuesday evening in the council chamber nearly all the members of the board were present and profitable discussion of the policy to be adopted by the charter board with reference to the apportionment of taxes which are levied on property holders for improvement purposes was taken up. Mayor Rodgers advocated the district plan by which taxes are levied with regard to the benefits derived from such improvement, which plan seemed to meet the approval of many of the speakers. The present system of taxing abutting property owners, is held by many to be unjust, as in many cases, especially in the down town districts, property does not touch the street improved yet must pay the same tax for improvements as that which derives a greater benefit by being adjacent to the curb. In several instances property owners own a narrow strip bordering the street while others who have real estate running behind this strip are taxed out of proportion to the business received by them from such street. There is also said to be a discrepancy in regard to taxing lots for street intersections where the property lays at different angles in the block. This can be remedied, according to the views of those who advocate the district plan, by assessing the property according to its area and the benefits derived owing to location.

The public utilities question was also discussed and it was the consensus of opinion that the people should retain more power for the acquirement of public utilities, thereby placing a safeguard around the community's interests.

The board will probably soon reach some definite plan whereby many of the weak places in the present charter may be improved.

The members of the board are T.

B. Kay, H. B. Thielsen, A. Gesner, E. P. McCormack, H. S. Gile, J. H. Albert, A. O. Condit and Mayor George Rodgers.

Oregon Apples in Demand.

The Norwood, N. Y., News says:

It is stated that with the exception of Oregon there are practically no apples in the United States to be marketed this fall except those in New York state. Oregon has a fair average yield, which will be marketed through the usual channels for the boxed trade. Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio and the Virginias are practically without apple prospects and will have to import fruit. Michigan has possibly 15 per cent, some estimates makes it less than 10 per cent of an average yield.

In western New York the crops average not nearly so large as last year, although of quality somewhat more uniform. For once conditions favor the grower. Never before did contracting begin when the fruit had not reached the size of a small marble, but buyers are already offering \$3 per barrel freely. Quite a number of growers have contracted their orchards at that figure, but others are holding for \$4 per barrel or more for choice fruit.

Salem Public Library Report for July, 1907.

No. using reading room.....	1711
Daily average	55
Total number of members.....	1707
No. added during July.....	43
New books by gift.....	57
New books by purchase.....	290
Total	347
Total books in library.....	5200
No. of books loaned.....	1300
No. of periodicals loaned.....	161
Total	1461

Funeral of Will Stephens.

The funeral services of the late William Stephens, who was accidentally shot about ten days ago in Portland by Policeman Griffith Roberts, and died at the Good Samaritan hospital Wednesday morning, was conducted by Rev. J. B. Comer this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the Clough undertaking parlors. Interment in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Mrs. M. Halbert and Mrs. J. Pruet, of Hayesville, are aunts of the deceased, and his sisters are Mrs. F. A. McIntire, of Liberty; Mrs. M. E. Ryan, of Seio; Miss Anna Stephens and Mrs. A. L. McRean, of Aberdeen, Washington. A brother, Joseph Stephens, resides in Aberdeen, Washington, and a cousin, J. M. Ringo, is a resident of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Skiff and family left today for Cascadia, where they will spend the summer.

Dr. W. H. Darby and wife left today for Glendale to spend two weeks in hunting and fishing.

SOUTHERN
GETTING
SCAREDPutting Lands Applied For In Hands
of "Innocent Third Purchasers"

A recent Albany dispatch says: The Oregon & California Railroad Company has transferred a great portion of its holdings in Linn county, through the agency of the Union Trust Company, of New York, to the Curtiss and Hammond lumber companies. Yesterday a deed was filed conveying 3,726.68 acres in township 10, south, range 3 east, to the Curtiss Lumber Company for \$18,813.40.

The transfer to the Hammond Lumber Company is much the more important, as it covers a total of 14,533.75 acres in townships 11 and 12 south, and in ranges 1, 2 and 3 east.

The consideration in the Hammond transaction is given as \$116,269.92. The deeds were executed May 1 and April 17, respectively, this year.

An interesting feature is the fact that it covers practically all the lands applied for by the parties expecting to purchase from the railroad in the event of the government making good in the attempt to throw the lands of the Oregon & California on the market, and make the land subject to purchase in accordance with the terms of the grant by congress.

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