

Schools

The city school directors are again compelled to figure on ways and means for continuing the schools during the coming year.

The indebtedness of the district has reached the limit, \$44,000 of which \$10,000 is in warrants and \$34,000 in bonds.

Should taxes due be paid the warrant indebtedness would be wiped out likewise about \$10,000 of the bonded indebtedness, so that the net indebtedness is really \$24,000 .

As an offset against this are our two splendid and well equipped school houses, and the block of land in the northern part of the city .

To conduct the schools beginning this fall it will be necessary to submit to the voters for their ratification the proposition to anticipate the school revenues as was done last year.

The indebtedness then created was paid from local and state taxes. The same perplexity again confronts the citizens. It is understood that the directors propose to submit two propositions to the voters--one for six months school which will be necessary in order to secure the state moneys, the other for eight months. The choice will be with the voters--Yakima Herald, July 16, 1896.

A special election will be held in this city on Thursday next for the purpose of authorizing the directors of school district No. 7 to incur an indebtedness of \$9,000 to conduct the schools. The ballot box will be at the Central school building and the hours of voting between 1 and 8 p.m. Yakima Herald, August 13, 1896.

Education

The rapid growth of the school interests of Yakima county is well illustrated by the following paper prepared by Prof. J.G. Lawrence, for several years county superintendent.

Perhaps there is no more certain indication of real and substantial growth of a country than the advancement of its schools.

With Yakima county this is almost marvelous. A little over four years ago the school census of the county showed scarcely a thousand names.

The last census showed nearly three thousand more than half of the increase has been within the past two years.

In June, 1890, there were six substantial school buildings in the county outside of North Yakima. Of these three were new and two of the others have been so remodeled and improved that they are not recognizable as the same buildings.

In June 1890 five school houses were supplied with patent desks and there was little apparatus. School was held for about three months each year. This was not from lack of spirit and enterprise but the scattered population rendered it difficult to get enough children in one locality to hold a school.

At that time there were but 26 districts in the county; but the stream of immigration has poured in steadily, and the measure of the people we have been receiving is shown by the public spirit they have manifested.

On January 1, 1895, the school districts of Yakima county numbered 46 and the number of teachers required 60. Besides there are two sectarian academies, both of which are well attended.

In May, 1892, there was one school house and 45 children on the lands under the Sunnyside canal. Today there are nine districts and more than five hundred children there.

In June, 1890, the valuation of school houses and grounds in Yakima county was around \$20,000. Today it is nearly \$100,000

Twent -five new school houses of the most modern style of architecture have been built and \$15,000 worth of furniture and school apparatus have been placed therein and school is conducted from five to nine months a year in each.

No one desiring to locate in Yakima need hesitate through fear of the school privileges. Of course no new country can offer the advantages to be had in the older settled communities, but certainly for a county of a few years growth the comparison is greatly in favor of this locality.

Yakima county is determined to hold her place in the front rank of counties in the state in the cause of education, and it is known everywhere that Washington stands well up among her sister states in the number and rank of her educational institutions--Yakima Herald , March 7, 1895.

It is reported that unless the kindergarten which holds sessions in the Presbyterian church is better patronized immediately it will be closed.

Something should be done to arouse the public to a sense of benefits to be derived from a kindergarten training for the little ones.

It seems strange that with a very competent teacher the movement should utterly fail here though lack of interest, while in other towns and cities not only in this state but all over the

country , the system of teaching shows increasing strength and in Tacoma a free kindergarten has been established as an auxiliary to the public schools.

Indians

Agent L.T. Erwin caused a commotion among the local BPOE on Saturday by the display of 65 elk teeth, the property of old Chief Tenawasher who has been gathering them for years.

The teeth are remarkably fine ones and were arranged in the form of an arm bracelet. As an elk has but two whistling teeth it will easily be seen to what lengths old Tenawasher has gone to secure his trophies.

The teeth are valued at \$1 to \$1.50 each, the market value being fixed by the increasing demand made by the order, the members of which use them as a symbol--Yakima Herald, August 8, 1895.

Elks

Deputy Marshal Catron is industriously laboring to secure 25 names as charter members of a lodge of the Best People on Earth as the Elks are sometimes called.

So far he has obtained 16 or 18 names and he feels sure that he will fill his list before another week--Yakima Herald, Feb. 28, 1895.

The Best People on Earth will soon be represented in this city. On Wednesday the formal application for a dispensation was made to District Deputy Parker of Seattle and an affirmative answer is expected daily.

Deputy Marshal Catron has been instrumental in bringing a consummation to the project of organization of the lodge in this city--Yakima Herald, March 21, 1895.

Culture

Steps are being taken to organize a university club in this city and a meeting for that purpose will be called on Tuesday evening, January 29th. As near as known there are twenty two university graduates located in Yakima, an excellent showing for a town of this size--^Yakima Herald, January 17, 1895.

Cultural--Women's Clubs

The Washington State Federation, representing as it does about 1,000 homes throughout the forty clubs which form its membership, is purely democratic in its make-up admitting all who are willing to take the time for self-culture and mental development.

The State Federation was formed in September, 1896 at the call of Aloha and Nesika clubs of Tacoma and Dr. Sarah Kendall, state chairman of correspondence, G.F.W.C. Representatives from the 22d ~~state~~ clubs assembled and Washington was the 22d state to organize.

As the name of our state is a reminder of February 22, the symbol 22 has been adopted by the State Federation.

The first annual convention was held at Olympia in June, 1897. This year it will be at Spokane. The officers are: President Amy P.S. Stacy of Tacoma; first vice president Mrs. Emma C. Ennis, Centralia; second vice president Miss Helen Allen of Spokane; recording secretary, Miss Frances Knapp of Seattle; corresponding secretary Mrs. Eva W. Gove, Tacoma; treasurer Mrs. A.H.H. Stuart of Olympia; auditor Mrs. Grace Barrett Robertson of Chehalis; trustees Mrs. Kate Turner Holmes of Seattle and Mrs. Nellie B. Whitson of North Yakima.

The Woman's Club of Olympia is the oldest club in the Northwest. It was founded by Mrs. A.H.H. Stuart March 10, 1883, incorporated in 1880 and joined the general federation the same year. Its work is miscellaneous and it has always been conservative. Membership is limited to 50. The initiation fee is \$10 and yearly dues \$3. It has initiation, installation and burial services. On October 23, 1897, the birthday anniversary of the club mother, Mrs. Stuart, it founded a library in her honor. It has a book depot in the Stuart block from which each month it distributes reading free to the farmers of Thurston county. After the annual banquet which takes place in March a series of entertainments will be planned to aid the club library.

Moose Lodge

With 250 charter members the North Yakima lodge of the Royal Order of Moose (copy followed) will be organized in the Masonic temple Thursdaynight.

The work will be put on by a team from the Spokane lodge consisting of Judge Webster, Guy Groff, Mell Duncan and Perry Orr.

Mr. Orr, who is one of the best posted men in the order on the degree work will have charge of the initiation and the occasion is expected to be one of the most impressive that the lodge will ever attend.

The order is of a fraternal nature, carrying all the benefits in the way of insurance of the other fraternal orders and will give a great deal of attention to social work. Although the Order of the Moose is a comparatively young organization it has had a remarkable growth, having a membership of over 300,000 and 288 working lodges in the United States.

Preparations are now being made to carry the work into Canada and the European countries.

The city of Muncie, Ind., recently donated to the order a plot of land which is valued at \$225,000 to be used for an industrial school. The erection of the buildings has been started and will be completed in a short time.

It is intended to establish an industrial school which will require a four year course, and will include in its curriculum all of the subjects that are to be found in the best colleges in the country, in addition to industrial work.

At this school the orphans and needy members of the order will be taken care of in the proper way. Children of the more well to do members of the order may attend the school for a nominal charge--
Yakima Republic, Nov. 11, 1910.

A local organization of the world wide movement known in this country as the Boy Scouts of America has been effected in North Yakima.

Those most interested with the boys in every phase of their life have been selected to head the organization and a general committee has been selected with members from various towns throughout the valley making it more comprehensive.

The list of officers follows:

W.L. Lemon, president; W.M. Nelson, vice president; Fred L. Janeck, secretary and treasurer. These with C.L. Twohy and W.B. Dudley comprise the executive committee.

The general county committee includes: James Courtright, Yakima city; P.U. Curnue, Lower Naches; H.F. Burgess, Sunnyside; S.S. Busch, Zillah; Harold Spinner, Toppenish; John Jones Monroe, Grandview; Chas. F. Bailey, Granger; L.F. Elliott, Wapato; H.H. Skinner, George Hagler, W.M. Nelson, William McKinley; W.O. Bradbury, W.B. Dudley, W.B. Newcomb, W.L. Lemon, C.L. Twohy, F.L. Janeck, D.A. Gillette, L.O. Meigs, E.P. Cresap, W.W. Robertson and George Tuesley of North Yakima.

United States Senator W.L. Jones has been elected honorary president with Judge E.B. Preble and Representative Walter Moren as honorary secretaries and vice presidents.

The man who will come in more direct touch with the boys in the county is G.B. Frantz, secretary of boys' work at the Young Men's Christian Association who has been appointed to the very important position of Scout Commissioner.

The headquarters of the Boy Scout movement in Yakima county will be at the Young Men's Christian association building. There anybody desiring to get information will find it and literature and books

The organization of the Boy Scouts of America is to be extended throughout Yakima county and it is the intention of the central committee that every church and school in the county shall have its patrol. It is hoped by Labor Day to have between two and three hundred boys in line, fully uniformed and equipped.

The first meeting of the officers of the county organization and the members of the central committee representing every portion of Yakima valley was a most enthusiastic gathering. W.L. Lemon, the president, presided.

The organization in the city is progressing rapidly. There are two patrols at the YMCA and others ~~of the~~ are being got together in various parts of the city.

The two patrols are made up as follows:

George Beardsley, patrol leader; Lawrence Hagler, corporal; Reilly Freidline, Milton Pitcher, Park Rankin, Stanley Warner, Paul Bugg and Kenneth Coonse. This was the first patrol organized in North Yakima.

The other is composed of younger boys--Elmer Dingle, patrol leader; Robert Nelson, corporal, Marke Steelson, John Tongue, Roland Janeck, Bradley Emery, Edward Thompson and Henry Wiley.

G.B. Frantz is scout commissioner of Yakima county and to him all requests for information should be addressed. He may be found at the YMCA which is headquarters for the county organization---
Yakima Herald, March 8, 1911.

Parent-Teacher associations have been formed in a number of the school districts of the county following a suggestion sent out some time ago from the county superintendent's office together with copies of the rules, regulations and purposes of the Parent-Teacher association which is a state affair.

One of these associations has recently been formed in East Selah. As an immediate result, according to Mrs. J.C. Berry of East Selah who spoke briefly of the association at the president's council is the concerted plan of the community for the purchase of a school site and the erection of a new building needed in the district. The new building will undoubtedly be felt more keenly as the property of the ranchers and their wives following discussion of plans to make it of community use, not for the children alone.

Some of the cities of the state have organized these associations for the various schools, Walla Walla being one of the most recent to take up the movement. The idea is one fostered by Mrs. Josephine Preston, now state superintendent of schools and has already reached state-wide dimensions. It was discussed it was said by a former member of the women's advisory board in that organization prior to its abolishment and indeed was ~~00~~ worked out along the line the women of that organization were carrying out.

At the request of the state association Governor Lister set aside today, February 15 as child welfare day and ~~00~~ ~~orderd~~ special programs will be observed by various organizations--The Yakima Herald, Feb. 15, 1913.

Rotary-Sunnyside

Sunnyside's Rotary club, the fourth Rotary unit to be organized in the Yakima valley will hold an organization meeting and elect officers this evening.

It is expected that the baby club will start with a charter of about 18 members and will be sponsored by the Yakima Rotarians. Dr. H.E. Wight, president of the Yakima Rotary, R.D. Rovig, its secretary ; Joe Kohls and Robert Rundstrom are expected to go to Sunnyside as the official representatives of the sponsor club... The Yakima Republic, January 19, 1926.

Elks

Thirtieth anniversary month is being celebrated during May by the Yakim Elks lodge and the principal feature will be an old-time social gathering in the lodge rooms according to announcement of Secretary Harry Lee.

It was on May 2, 1895 that the Yakima lodge was instituted by a district deputy who came over from Seattle.

Six charter members of Lodge 318 are still living, five of whom make their home in Yakima. They are S.C. Henton, Fred L. Chandler, I.H. Dills, A.E. Lyons, H.H. Lombard and Carroll B. Graves of Seattle.

John B. Catron was the first exalted ruler and other men who have served on that office in the early years of the lodge were W.H. Hare, Ira P. Englehart, Henton, P. Frank, H.B. Rigg, Z.Y. Coleman, J.D. Cornett, George S. Vance, J.B. Burns, HOBQ T.E. Grady and J.E. Ryan. The first board of trustees was made up of D.W. Simmons, A.L. Dille and John Reed.

Chandler, who was one of the earliest secretaries of the Commercial club, was the first secretary of the Elks--Yakima Republic, May 6, 1925.

Community Chest

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Two hundred and 300 workers will be needed to put over the Community Chest drive it was stated by the welfare workers of the seven organizations who voted unanimously to adopt the chest plan in Yakima to raise \$50,590.33 next fall. The meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce last evening.

The organizations include: YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Camp Fire Girls and U.S. Employment. The YMCA was voted \$17,775 out of an original request for \$25,000, the YWCA \$10,000 after asking \$10,000; Boy Scouts \$7,367 after requesting \$4,500; Salvation Army \$5,929, requested \$5,500; Camp Fire Girls \$3,350 after requesting \$3,000 and employment service \$1,900 after requesting \$2,000. The Yakima Daily Republic, April 21, 1926.

Woman's club

Anniversary

Mrs. H.J. Snively, only charter member of the Woman's club pre ided at the 32nd anniversary luncheon held in the dining room of the Congregational church at 1 o'clock recalls that the first meeting of the club was called by Mrs. Susanna Steinweg.

Twenty-five women were present, being invited to the Steinweg home to play cards and discuss plans for organization of a club.

The second meeting was at Mrs. Edward Whitson's home when Mrs. Steinweg was elected president and Mrs. Whitson's secretary.

One hundred and fifty of the 175 members were present... The Yakima Republic, March 9, 1926.

Cub Scouts

The first pack of Scout Cubs in the Yakima valley will be organized by J.L. Seawell, 612 South Sixth avenue and will hold its future meetings in his home, it was announced at Scout headquarters this morning.

Scout Cubs include boys too young to join the Boy Scouts. They receive Scout training in the Cub organization and are consequently better prepared to take up Scout work when they become 12 years of age. The local pack will report to Scout headquarters the same as the regular Boy Scout troops. The Cubs have a national organization which is directed by the Boy Scout headquarters in New York--The Yakima Republic, January 13, 1926.

YMCA

The ninth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Pacific Northwest, comprising Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia, will be held in Tacoma, September 21st to 25th inclusive.

Able talent from abroad will be present besides who there will be the secretaries of associations, pastors and representative businessmen from all parts of the Pacific coast.

The citizens of Tacoma will entertain the guests. In towns where no association exists, pastors and Christian young men are invited to attend the convention as corresponding delegates.

There will be admitted as such delegates on presentation of certificates from pastor of any evangelical church.

It is hoped that there will be representatives from the churches and young people's societies of the place.

The Tacoma association desires that those who will attend the convention should send in their names to M.M. Meyers, general secretary of the Tacoma association, not later than Saturday, September 17--Yakima Herald, September 15, 1892.

YMCA

Rev. Dr. E.A. Schell of Chicago, general secretary of the Epworth League , of the Y.M.C.A., will arrive in this city on Tuesday next in the interest of this christian work--Yakima Herald, July 26, 1894.

YMCA

The efforts which are being made to organize a Young Men's Christian association in this city should meet with the hearty cooperation of all our people.

A large number of cities in the United States are proud of their associations and to be without a Y.M.C.A. is considerably behind the times.

With an attractive reading room, which North Yakima badly needs, with the current magazines and periodicals and a library of standard authors , with gymnasium and bowling alley and during the winter concerts by local talent, of which there is a good supply and a course of lectures by prominent lecturers, would make a list of good things it would be hard to resist, and all for the sum of \$5 per year.

It is hoped that the meeting on Sunday at the opera house will be well attended--Yakima Herald, June 21, 1894.