

Library

The meeting at the Hotel Yakima Monday evening resulted in the organization of a circulating library association of which Mrs. W.P. Sawyer was elected president, Mrs. W.L. Steinweg vice president, Miss Anna Mattoon treasurer and Miss Hattie Sawyer, secretary.

It is proposed to send for books at once and open the library in one of the rooms of the Syndicate block which has been placed at the disposal of the association by J.G. Lawrence--Yakima Herald, March 26, 1891.

The Yakima Public library has sent in its first order for books which will be mainly standard fiction.

The membership is open to all, the initial fee being \$1 and the weekly rental of books 5 cents.

Members of the old association who have books are requested to leave them at Sawyer & Pennington's or at the library rooms in the Syndicate block within the next two weeks-- Yakima Herald, May 14, 1891.

On Tuesday evening the Yakima Library association gave a lawn social at the residence of Mrs. Wiswell on Natchez avenue. The band was under the leadership of Mr. L.C. Reed. The lawn was beautifully lighted and everybody was happy.

Among the futures were the gypsy fortune tellers' tent presided over by Miss Bertie Morrison and Miss Jessie Bailey.. Miss Guiland presided with her usual grace over the hot bread and potato booth and Miss McKinney and Miss Eda Evans Adams ran a beautiful flower stand.

Much credit is due Miss Sawyer for her efforts in behalf of a

good library .

The library already contains 175 books and is open every Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Syndicate block. Everyone is cordially invited to join the association.

The membership fee is \$1 and the rent for books 5 cents per week; \$2.50 will secure a membership and the rent of books for a year--Yakima Herald, July 16, 1891.

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The Yakima library is without funds. Its treasury is without funds as empty as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. In fact the library hasn't a single bean. Moreover the library has been living on charity for some time back and will continue to exist in this way for some time to come or else it must close its doors.

The discovery was made at the meeting of the board of directors and the directors nearly fainted. It was discovered that the last batch of bills including the salaries of the librarian and her assistant were paid by the First National bank of this city, though that institution knew perfectly well that the library didn't have a red cent in this world or any other.

The bank didn't want to see a Yakima institution go to the bad so the bank came through with the coin. The bank isn't half as much worried as the directors, now.

The present state of poverty must exist until the money from the next crop of taxes becomes available. Then perhaps the library can pay back what it owes the bank. The city has apparently never given the library enough to keep life in a Hindu which according to the missionaries is about 18 cents for six months and if it does not adopt a more generous policy the library will probably go bankrupt again.

The library has asked merchants from which it finds it necessary to buy its meagre supplies not to send in their bills for months yet, if it is payment they have in mind-The Yakima Herald, March 24, 1909.

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The public library now occupies quarters in the Lewis-Engle building over Chapman's drug store--Yakima Herald, October 7, 1901.

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The public library has been moved to the Syndicate building where pleasant quarters have been secured. The Library association now has over 400 volumes and another hundred is soon to be added--
Yakima Herald, July 7, 1892.

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The public library has for the first time in its history paid current expenses from its membership dues during the last quarter. The library now contains nearly 1,500 volumes. Over 100 volumes have recently been added.

The library is open Wednesday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon. A membership ticket costs one dollar and the annual dues are one dollar.

Among the recent additions are the Warner Library of the World's Best literature, 30 volumes; purchased with funds contributed by the Knights of Pythias; The Awakening of Japan, Roden's Corner, The Red Cockade, The Book of Games, the Pride of Jennico, the Interest of America in Sea Power, by Cap. Mahan, the Master of Ballantree and Kidnapped by Stevenson; The General Manager's Story, Four Footed Americans, Yesterday's in the Philippines and a number of other late publications for young and old.

The trustees are now able to add new publications from time to time and will usually be glad to order books for which a special demand may be made.

They would like 50 new members during the coming year. This number would make the library self-supporting and provide for opening it at other hours--Yakima Herald, Jan 26, 1899.

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Rev. H. M. Bartlett is at work on a scheme through the accomplishment of which he hopes to change the Yakima circulating library into a free public library to be located in the Electric Light Co.'s building next door to the post office. Rev. Bartlett estimates that the sum of \$450 per annum will defray the necessary expenses of the proposed move which would include for certain hours daily the payment of a librarian. The plan, if it can be carried out, would doubtless prove very much more satisfactory to the public than the present arrangement--Yakima Democrat, January 20, 1900.

The public library is now conveniently arranged in the electric light building next door to the post office. The hours will be from 3 to 9:30 p.m. P. M. Richardson has been appointed custodian--the Yakima Democrat, March 3, 1900.

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The library commission has decided to purchase 100 feet on the corner of Third and A streets opposite the Presbyterian church for the Carnegie library.

The commission has been desirous of securing this property for some ~~one~~ weeks but had not sufficient funds at its disposal.

Within the past few days citizens have come to its assistance with subscriptions amounting to \$550 . Plans will be secured in the next few weeks for the building and if they are satisfactory to Mr. Carnegie, who has agreed to give \$10,000 for the building, the library will be erected during the coming season--The Yakima Herald, January 11, ~~1906~~ 1905.

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The Citylibrary, for the benefit of which this special edition is issued, was begun in a very modest way seven years ago.

Two of the teachers in the public schools realizing the dearth of good reading matter available began to talk among their friends of a circulating library. They succeeded in interesting several people in their project and a meeting was held in the parlor of the Hotel Yakima.

An organization was formed with Mrs. W.L. Steinweg president; Mrs. Wm.F. Prosser and Mrs. Edward Whitson vice president; Miss Anna Mattoon treasurer and Miss Harriet Sawyer secretary.

A committee was appointed to solicit members and funds, the membership fee being placed at one dollar which gave a life membership in the organization. In a month 65 members had been secured and \$140 subscribed.

Then an order for books was placed with one an eastern firm. Mr. Lawrence, then county superintendent of schools, kindly gave the use of his office until better quarters could be secured and thus the library was established.

Some books were donated and with those purchased it was soon found necessary to have a separate room. One was found in the second story of the brick building known as the Syndicate building where with the exception of a few months, the Library has been located since. During the first year 228 books were bought. During the following year \$123 was realized from entertainment and \$47 from dues of members. A portion of these funds were expended for furniture and the remainder for running expenses and books. Twenty-five books were donated.

During the winter of 1893 the experiment of keeping the library open at all times was tried but members did not avail themselves of the opportunity of exchanging books to a sufficient extent to make the

plan practicable, as the expense was considerable.

To meet this expense a series of afternoon entertainments of a library nature were given by which \$75 was realized. The Ladies Quartette also gave the net proceeds of one of their concerts. The following year a ball was given which netted \$75 for the purchase of new books and the Yakima Fair committee gave \$100 of their surplus to the library.

At the annual meeting held in April, 1896, it was thought best to reorganize and incorporate under the state laws as the Yakima Library association, all the books and furniture becoming the property of the new association and life certificates were issued to everyone who had at that time paid the one dollar fee for membership.

One hundred life certificates were issued. The fee for books was reduced from five cents per week to \$1 per year in advance, or fifteen cents per month for members. For non members and for visitors to our city or those here for a short time only a rate of 25 cents per month in advance was made.

The association is managed by six trustees, three of whom are elected annually from its members to serve for two years. The librarian is elected annually from its members to serve for two years. The librarian is elected at the annual meeting.

The many friends of the institution have shown their interest in various ways, one by gift of carpet, curtains and pictures which added much to the appearance and comfort of the room, also by a donation of valuable books; another by a large donation of books and pamphlets; two of our ministers by lectures delivered for its benefit and the general public by their cheerful and liberal response to all appeals made for the benefit of the institution.

The Indian Jubilee committee has lately turned over to the treasurer \$43 of their surplus funds. The present membership is 37.

This nets a little more than \$37 per year. As the expense of running the library amounts to nearly \$90 it will be seen that it is

impossible to pay the expenses unaided. Still, if all life members would become active members and pay one dollar each year for the use of books it would not be so difficult to meet expenses and purchase new books.

There are now more than 800 volumes in the library. Most of the standard authors are represented. There is much good fiction with a fair proportion of books of travel, history, science and biography.

The children have not been forgotten and many interesting children's books are read by our young people. The aim is to so interest them that from the beginning they will prefer good reading matter to that which is trashy and harmful.

It has been the hope of those interested that in time it would be possible to maintain a reading room in connection with the library and to have the room open every evening.

As the growth of the library has been like that of our beautiful little city, steady and sure, with Yakima's added prosperity and the known generosity of its citizens, the day is not far distant when the hope will be realized and Yakima will be justly proud of the free public library and reading room.

The present need is for new books which it is hoped to supply with the proceeds of the Woman's Edition and the generous aid which the Knights of Pythias have tendered in the series of entertainments now being given.

The library is open every Wednesday and Saturday evening from half past seven until nine o'clock and on Saturday afternoon from two o'clock to five. A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit the room and inspect the books--Yakima Herald, February 17, 1898.

Written by Mrs. Ida Sharkey, secretary, Yakima Library association.

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Toppenish, May 10-Toppenish has the best library of any city of its size in the state, Mrs. Elsie Gardner Picking said Monday when she addressed the Rotary club.

She traced the history of the ~~Goodrich~~ Mary L. Goodrich library. It had 8,000 volumes or two for each person in the town which is more according to population than the Yakima library.

Mrs. Picking praised the late Mrs. Goodrich who established the Toppenish library and gave of her time and money so it could progress.

"She knew books and studied catalogs so Toppenish would get books of quality," she said. "Mrs. Goodrich contributed three important things in her library work in Toppenish. She cultivated a taste for better books, taught children to use and care for books and gave high school girls guidance in library work, and enabled them to work their way through college by employment in libraries.

"She maintained the library was Toppenish's greatest asset and decried the fact that more money was not available for its improvement. . . Washington trails other states in library work and ~~40 per cent~~ 40 per cent of the residents of the state are without library facilities. She decried the fact that the state does not contribute to the support of libraries of the cities asserting that under present tax limitations community libraries cannot be developed far without outside money.

Other members of the library board, Mrs. Paul Kirker, J.M. Wood, and R.M. Graham and E.G. Fleming, city commissioner, were guests--Yakima Herald, May 11, 1937.

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Ellensburg is agitating the question of a public library. Yakima had the nucleus of one once upon a time, and once upon another time an entertainment was given and money collected for this same purpose but now , from every appearance, there are neither books nor money-- Yakima Herald, North Yakima, W.T., June 13, 1889.

Public Reading Room- On First street, just south of Mrs. Mays store, is located a free reading room which is open day and evening, offering a quiet and pleasant reading place for young men to spend their leisure hours. The room was established and is supported by the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and while it is only the nucleus of what they hope to make it, they invite strangers as well as citizens to visit it and the members of the organization feel greatly encouraged when it is indicated that their efforts are appreciated by a goodly attendance. The Union is now seeking to extend its field of usefulness and propose if they can get the support of Yakima citizens, to build a temple costing \$5,000 in which will be located a library, reading room and lecture hall.-- Yakima Herald, June 20, 1889.

Reading room

There will be a lawn social at Captain Thomas' picturesque home one-half mile southeast of town, Thursday afternoon June 19 from 2 p.m. to 9 o'clock. Guy's beautiful boat will be on the lake and each one can have a ride by paying five cents.

The ladies of the W.C.T.U. have obligated themselves to pay the debts of the reading room and the proceeds of this social will be used for that purpose/ Admission at the gate 10 cts.--Yakima Herald, June 12, 1890.

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Select readings will be given by Miss Cora Lavelle Allen at the opera house Friday evening, June 10, for the benefit of the public library of this city.

Miss Allen has been for some time past devoting herself to the study of elocution and recites with grace and expression that will not disappoint anybody.

A very attractive musical program has also been prepared and it is to be hoped the entertainment will be liberally patronized. Admission, 50 cents; children 25 cents--Yakima Herald, June 11, 1891.

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At the request of The Herald, Mrs. W.L. Steinweg had furnished the following regarding the public library.

The members of our library association feel very jubilant over the unexpected windfall that came to them last week.

Those who visit the room every week were beginning to feel the need for a new supply of books and this generous offering makes it possible to meet their wants at once.

In May the majority of the members will pay in their yearly dues which will provide the means for still another supply of new books.

The history of this library movement may interest those not familiar with it.

It began last spring with the teachers of our public schools.

First a subscription paper was passed around and then a meeting called. The meeting held in the Hotel Yakima parlor was attended by about a dozen ladies and gentlemen.

An organization was formed, named the Yakima Library association. Officers were elected, committees were appointed and everything was done necessary to putting it in good running order.

The old C.L.V.C. also held a meeting and voted the little fund they had collected toward a library should be given to this association.

The committee appointed to select books soon sent off an order for 128 volumes at a cost of \$107. Mr. Lawrence generously permitted these books to be placed in his office, then in the Syndicate block and a few ladies took turns in performing the duties of librarian each Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m.

A successful lawn party, given by Miss Harriet Sawyer, secretary of the association, assisted by her young friends,

brought in the chief part of the money for the second order of books.

Now the association numbers 75 members and has over 350 volumes to loan. Some of our citizens send in their periodicals which can be taken and returned. For bound books the charge is five cents per week and a life membership costs \$1 or \$2.50 giving a membership for the use of books for one year.

In selecting books for the library everyone's taste is consulted. More history and science will be added as the library grows as well as more current literature.

Some day the city will take up this work and make it a commodious city library as Seattle is doing and as our western cities have done, but in the meantime an association like we have formed comes the nearest to meeting the public want of anything we know of. Yakima Herald, February 18, 1892.

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The result of the annual election of officers held last Saturday for the Library Association was as follows: President Mrs. S.E. Steinweg; vice presidents, Mrs. Whitson and Mrs. I. Prosser; treasurer, Miss Sawyer; secretary: Mrs. F.C. Sharkey. These officers also constitute the executive committee for the ensuing year--Yakima Herald, May 4, 1903

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Eighty five new books just received by the Yakima Library association. The library is open from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays--Yakima Herald, July 8, 1893.

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The library association in difficulty.

The executive committee of the Yakima Library association wishes to meet with the rest of the members to consult with them as to the disposal of the library.

There is no money to buy new books to create a new interest. Fines and dues of a year's standing are on the records and the present income from the loan of books is not sufficient to pay the librarian--much less the rent and fuel.

The committee proposes that if the running expenses could be met the books shall be sold or divided.

A meeting is appointed for Saturday, January 19 at 7:30 o'clock in the library room in the Syndicate block. All the members of the association are earnestly requested to be present, as something definite and permanent will be agreed upon.

By order of the president, Ida B. Sharkey, secretary. Yakima Herald, January 17, 1894.

The officers of the library association intend to give a High Tea on Saturday afternoon, the 11th inst., at the residence of Mrs. W.L. Steinweg. Over 200 ladies have been invited and a very social affair is anticipated.

Following this will be a series of parlor talks similar to those last winter. These talks will be on historical and literary subjects and will be given at the homes of the ladies on one afternoon in each month, finishing with a musical evening reception at the opera house.

One dollar will be charged for the series, consisting of four afternoons and the evening or twenty five

cents for any one afternoon and fifty cents for the evening.

The money obtained from the series of last winter was spent in books and library furniture: but this season it is proposed to use the amounts obtained to securing better accommodations for the members.

An effort is being made to obtain a more comfortable room and to have it warmed and lighted six afternoons and evenings of each week, that the members may not only change their books but have all the advantage of a pleasant reading room.

The Public Library over Lombard & Horsley's furniture store contains five hundred volumes of well selected literature and is open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings. The fee for a life membership is one dollar, and the books cost five cents per week rental; or the charge for books may be commuted by paying \$2.50 a year.

At present the membership is about 80.

All who are interested in good books should join the library and help to make it a success-Yakima Herald, November 9, 1893.