

## HAS REMARABLE GROWTH

### Public Library Has Doubled Circulation in Two Years; Board Re-Elects Officers at Meeting

All officers of the North Yakima Public Library board were re-elected at its annual meeting held last night in the library. J. H. Lynch being retained as president; Mrs. E. W. Nagler, as vice president; and Mrs. W. L. Lemon as secretary.

The board re-employed Miss Eleanor Stevens as librarian for the ensuing year, retained Miss Miriam Boody as first assistant, and Miss Lottie Smith as second assistant, and arranged for employment of a third assistant when necessary. The business of the library has so increased that occasionally a third assistant is required.

A feature of the meeting was the presentation of a detailed report compiled by Miss Jessie Ballard, who recently retired from the position of librarian. It showed that in the last two years the library has doubled its circulation. In 1914 about 21,000 volumes were circulated. In 1916 the number was 42,000 in round numbers.

Yesterday was the largest day in the history of the library, upwards of 320 booktakers filing applications.

The salary of Miss Moody was raised from \$60 to \$65 a month, and that of

Miss Smith, who works only part of the time, was fixed at \$25 a month.

The growth of the library is making the question of room constantly more pressing. As a result of correspondence with Secretary Bertram of the Carnegie fund over plans for enlarging the building, Mr. Bertram has asked that some one or more North Yakima citizens who may be in New York call on him to discuss the situation. Phil A. Ditter, a member of the library board is to be in New York in the near future and will do this.

The board appointed A. C. Davis and Mrs. Nagler a committee to draft resolutions of appreciation on Miss Ballard's work, and their report will be made a part of the board's records, and will be sent to Miss Ballard.