

LIBRARY REFERENCES

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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.

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 Natcheez avenue. The band was under the leadership of Mr. L.C. Read. The lawn was beautifully lighted and everybody was happy.

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

Miss Sawyer is due much credit for her efforts in behalf of a Library.

The public library now occupies quarters in the Lewis-^ungle
building over Chapman's drug store--Yakima Herald, October 7, 1891.

At the request of The Herald, Mrs. W.L. Steinweg has furnished the following 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 of 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 was held in the Hotel Yakima parlor and 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 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 the 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.

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.

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. Prosser; treasurer, Miss Sawyer; secretary, Mrs. F.C. Sharkey.

These officers also constitute the executive committee for the ensuing year--The Yakima Herald, May 4, 1893.

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.

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 on 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 per 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.

Library- Club House

Editor, the Herald:

The suggestion made in your paper recently that our Yakima club be converted into a commercial club with incidental social features has been approved by members of the club.

A short sighted , narrow-minded picayunish policy, together with inactivity, will cause no end of trouble and will fail to attract the class of citizens we want when other towns shall have sprung up as they are bound to do between here and Kennewick.

Now, nothing will do more to unify our townspeople than to get everybody interested in and working for a common object.

Now the cavalry troop and infantry company are pulling together and working for an armory hall, and the ladies of the town are making commendable efforts in behalf of a public library.

Let us all join hands and erect a structure with an armory on the first floor and a club and library on the second.

The library would be a splendid attribute to the club. The club secretary could be the librarian and thus divide the running expenses. The same economy for lighting ,heating and janitor service could be realized. E.B. Benson, Yakima Herald, December 21, 1893.

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 creat 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--mush less the rent and fuel.

The committee proposes that if the running ~~ax~~ expenses could be met, the books could 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.

One of the most pleasant afternoon talks ever given by the ladies of the Library association was what held at the home of Mrs. Edward Whitson on Saturday the 10th inst.

The president, Mrs. Steinweg being unable to be present, Mrs. Prosser filled her place in a very graceful manner. After a piano solo, by Mrs. Boyle and a mandolin and guitar duet by the Misses Maher and Wright, both of which were greatly enjoyed by the audience, came Mrs. Reavis' paper descriptive of her trip to Alaska a few years ago.

Her description was so realistic that when she closed every lady felt she had accompanied her and been on the party to walk the streets of Sitka.

After reading the paper the ladies enjoyed hearing the Misses Wright and Maher in a mandolin duet, accompanied by Miss Effie Cary at the piano. The last piece on the program, though by no means the least enjoyed, was a violin solo by Miss Ethel Young, accompanied by Mrs. Whitson.

The attendance was quite large, about fifty ladies being present. The last of this winter's series of parlor talks will be given at the home of Miss Allen April 7, at which time a review of all the previous papers written by Mrs. Dr. Pugley will be read--Yakima Herald, March 22, 1894.

In response to the call of the president , about twenty members of the Libraryassociation met in the library room Saturday evening to arrange for the carrying on or disposal of the library.

No definiteaction was taken. Mayor Redman, Rev. Brown and Mr. L.E. Sperry were appointed a committee to confer with the firemen, the Commercial club and the city council relative to the purchase of the books and report at a meeting to be held Saturday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the library rooms

At this time it is desired that all members who wish to have a voice in the matter will be present that there may be no after dissatisfaction. Yakima Herald, January 24, 1895.

The members of the Library association held their second suspense meeting on Saturday night last and before adjourning had definitely settled upon a plan of action.

When the meeting was called to order the report of the committees appointed to visit the Commercial club, the city council and the firemen was heard. Rev. Brown as chairman stated that while it was possible for the maintenance of a library, it was yet hardly probable that the council would care to take immediate action on account of the scarcity of money. The Commercial club could do nothing but give moral assistance; the firemen had not had a meeting and would not hold one until the 31st.

The committee was continued in order that the report of the action of the fire department might be heard.

A motion was introduced and carried that each member of the association should be assessed the sum of 25 cents per month to pay running expenses or \$2.50 per year if paid in advance and that the sum heretofore charged for books ~~taken~~ should hereafter not be collected--the 25 cents a month to pay for the charge.

A motion was then made that any gentleman or lady, residents of the city, acceptable to the governing board or held to be responsible to them, should be permitted to draw books from the library on payment of the 25 cents per month; but should have no vote in the affairs of the association. The motion was also carried.

It was also determined that the ladies should retain full control of the library and that efforts should be made to secure donations of books and money--Yakima Herald, Jan. 31, 1895.

The dance under the auspices of the Ladies Library association is booked for Mason's opera house on Friday evening, May 10.

This should be a well attended ball, as the association is one of the most worthy of the city's variety of institutions.

The lady managers of the Library association have contended for months with difficulties in the way of lack of financial assistance and the present opportunity should be embraced by all residents of this city who realize the great good the free library does for its many patrons--Yakima Herald, May 2, 1895.

The executive board of the Library association most heartily thank the public and their fellow members of the society for their generous assistance and patronage of the ball given last Friday evening.

The ladies of the library association cleared \$75 at the sunflower dance. The receipts from the refreshment tables being sufficient to meet all expenses. All members of the association are entitled to the selection of one or more books soon to be purchased. The executive board will be very glad to receive suggestions from all friends of the association, regardless of membership. All such suggestions to be handed to the secretary, Mrs. G.A. Graham, before Wednesday, May 22--Yakima Herald, May 16, 1895.

During the past week the hearts of the Library Association have been made glad by the very generous gift of one hundred dollars, given by the executive committee of the Yakima fair. The Executive Board of the Library Association wish to thank the board this public way for their proffer and more than welcome donation--The Yakima Herald, December 12, 1895.

The Library Association is arranging to give a benefit ball at Mason's opera house on Tuesday evening, February 24--Yakima Herald, January 13, 1897.

The Library ball was the largest attended public dance given in the city in many a year.

Mason's opera house had been decorated for the occasion and the several lady patronesses served bouillon and crackers in one corner.

All present seemed to enjoy themselves and none left until "Home Sweet Home" was suggested by the music. A snug sum must have been realized by the association--Yakima Herald, Feb. 4, 1897.

All friends of the public library should attend the entertainment at the Hotel Yakima parlors on Wednesday evening next.

A program has been arranged which cannot fail to please all.

Mrs. Atchkinson, a recent addition to Yakima's circles will appear for the first time in this city in an instrumental number, the lecture by Mr. Hassell on Humor and Pathos will be entertaining.

The admission fee of 25 cents will be used in the purchase of books for the library--Yakima Herald, April 15, 1897.

The regular annual meeting of the Yakima Library association for the election of three trustees and a librarian will be held in the library rooms at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, April 29. A full attendance is requested--Yakima Herald, April 22, 1897.

A number of teachers and others interested in the cause of education have organized a 'teachers' library association.

The initiation fee is one dollar in cash or books and the offices are a president, secretary, treasurer, librarian and executive committee of three members.

County Superintendent Plumb is librarian and the books are kept in his office where access can be had to them every Saturday. The regular annual meeting occurs at the time of holding the teachers' annual institute.

The association starts out with seventeen members and twenty nine volumes of standard works are very helpful to the teacher and the movement cannot but be beneficial to our county school system--
Yakima Herald, Sept. 8, 1897.

There are now 700 volumes of standard literature in the public library and the terms of membership within the reach of all.

There are 147 life memberships, who pay one dollar for a life membership (certificate) , non assessable and by the payment of an annual fee of one dollar or fifteen cents a month books may be taken by the life members as often as wanted.

Transient readers may obtain the benefits of the library for 25 cents a month and four months dues make them eligible for a life membership.

Mrs. Jennie Bartholet is the librarian and books can be obtained of her on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 2 to 7 p.m.

It is hoped that many persons from the country desiring to beguile the long winter evenings with excellent reading matter will become members.

All those desiring access to the library can make application to the president, W.L. Steinweg, at the First National bank. The library is located in the Syndicate block, Second and A streets. A liberal patronage of this indispensable institution will enable the trustees to purchase more books and keep the library open longer during the week--The Yakima Herald, October 14, 1897.

Pursuant to a resolution passed at a meeting of the trustees of the Yakima Library association held Wednesday evening at which time a proposition was received and accepted from the Yakima Herald to issue a special "ashington Birthday Woman's Edition for the benefit of the library, an invitation is hereby extended to all ladies of North Yakima who will assist in the matter to meet at The Herald office on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements. W.L. Steinweg, president. Yakima Herald, January 6, 1898.

One of the most public spirited institutions in North Yakima is the Library Association and no other organization in our midst is more deserving of the support and encouragement of the people of this city.

The association is several years old and from time to time has added to its collection of books until now the shelves are a credit to the community and a lasting monument to the memory of all those who have helped it from time to time.

However the present management is determined to make still further advancement and with this end in view a special meeting of the directors convened on Wednesday evening and considered a proposition from The Herald for the ladies of North Yakima to issue a special edition for the purpose of raising funds for new books and also to thoroughly advertise the library.

The matter was carefully considered and after mature deliberation was accepted and the call printed below is the result.

The Herald made the proposition at the suggestion of one of the ladies and has gone into the matter without expecting to make one dollar out of it beyond the cost of the extra work occasioned, so that

the total net profits of the undertaking will go into the library fund.

A lively interest in the matter has already been worked up among a number of the ladies and the meeting called for Saturday afternoon gives promise of being well attended--Yakima Herald, January 6, 1898.

The call issued in last week's Herald by President Steinweg of the Library association was promptly responded to by a large number of ladies who gathered to consider the matter of issuing a special edition of The Herald for the benefit of the Library association.

As the ladies were gathering the subject was discussed from many standpoints and a good deal of interest was manifested in the venture.

The meeting was called to order by President Steinweg who suggested that the first thing in order would be the election of a chairman and accordingly Mrs. Sharkey was elected to this position. Mrs. Edward Whitson was chosen secretary and the meeting proceeded to consider the proposition as published last week which offers to place the ladies in charge of the editorial and business management of the Herald for one week in consideration that they turn their earnings over to the library fund, the proprietors of the paper to receive no portion of the earnings of business secured by the ladies beyond the cost of the extra work and material caused by them.

The proposition was unanimously accepted and February 17 (the Thursday before Washington's birthday) was selected as the date for issuing the paper which it was decided to call "Woman's Washington Edition."

Mrs. Hassell was elected editor in chief and Mesdames Stair, Bartlett and Hall were selected as associate editors. Mrs. Edward Whitson was elected as business manager and given authority to select her own assistants.

There being no further business on hand the meeting adjourned until called together again by Mrs. Sharkey.

The ladies plan is proving a popular one with the merchants, who, as far as interviewed, express themselves as well pleased with the plan to give Yakima the most popular edition of any paper that has ever been issued in Central Washington-The Yakima Herald, January 13, 1898.

The much talked of Woman's Edition of the Herald is a thing of the past, the large number of ladies who worked hard to make it the success that it was, are resting up and congratulating themselves that they don't have to get a paper out every week and Mrs. Graham, who is treasurer of the library association, is trying to get a purse large enough to contain the proceeds of the venture.

The history of the undertaking up to the time of going to press was given by the ladies themselves and we take pleasure in telling of later events connected with the affair.

Owing to an increase of four pages over the number originally intended (30 in all) the last pages did not go to the press until afternoon Saturday. At that time a large number of ladies were present to fold and prepare the edition for the mails.

A few gentlemen came in to assist, among them one of the pastors of the city, the cashier of one of the banks and the superintendent of our city schools. Twenty-two people at a time were engaged in this work and as soon as a few of the papers were ready they were sent to the postoffice for distribution.

The demand for copies of the edition was far greater than anybody anticipated and almost invariably the number originally ordered was increased when the paper had been inspected. One thousand extra copies were printed and with the exception of a few that were spoiled, and possibly a couple of dozen remaining at the news stands, they have all been sold.

The North Yakima Drug Store, Taft & Taft, Janeck's, Roaf & Stout, and Moore all kept them on sale without any charge and in the same way from the start, all the work of every description on the paper has been done at cost and in addition to all this the publishers of The Herald pay \$10 toward the cost of the front page cost, thus adding

their contribution to other business houses to swell the library fund
which will net something over \$170--Yakima Herald, Feb. 24, 1898.

At the annual meeting of the Library association new officers were elected as follows:

President Rev. H.M. Bartlett; Second vice president A.R. Weed; first vice president, Mrs. G.A. Graham; secretary, Mrs. F.C. Sharkey; treasurer, W.A. Bell; librarian Mrs. Virginia Bartholet. Three new trustees were elected and three of the old trustees retain their positions.

New ones are Mrs. Lizzie Burlingame, A.B. Weed and W.A. Bell.

The receipts for the year were \$291.22 and the expenditures \$152.22. The balance on hand, April 21, amounted to \$179.85.

The total receipts from the Woman's Edition of the Herald were \$173.91. On April 30 Mrs. Mary Allen Lease will lecture under the auspices of the K of P for the benefit of the Library association.

Appropriate resolutions of thanks were passed and ordered spread on the records to those who managed and assisted in issuing the Woman's Edition.

A resume of the rules of the association, which might not be out of place at this time (omitted because of previous numerous references)-Yakima Herald, April 21, 1898.

The Library association appropriated a portion of the earnings of the Woman's Edition of The Herald for the purchase of new books and President Bartholet informs us that they have been ordered.

The following lists of works which will be delivered in a short time:

Famous Leaders' Among Women; great writers series;--Longfellow, Dickens, Darwin, Scott, Burns, Hugo, Emerson, Heine, Mill, Smollett; Symbolic Education; The Refugees; Reminiscences of Froebel; Education of Man; The Young American; a Political Primer of New York State and the City; a Federal Judge; Story of the Cowboy; The Great Secret; In Buff and Blue.

Captain Shays, Don't worry; Froebel's Education or Self Activity; Unseen World; Famous Men of Science; Little Homespun; The Sowers; A Literary Courtship; Romance of Dollard; Story of Margaret Kent; Throckmorton; In the Suntime of Her Youth; Through Colonial Doorways; The Oregon Trail; The Christian; In Kodar's Tents; Auld Lang Syne; Little Sister of the Wilderness; Story of the Other Wise Man.

Calbb West; Tom Grogan; Penelope's Progress; in Simpkinsville; People the Pass; The Red Bridge; Neighborhood; The Workers; Shrewsbury; St. Ives; The Land of Montezuma; Sermons to Young Men; Quo Vadis; The Choir Invisible; Soldiers of Fortune; Hugh Wynne; The Master; Under the Red Robe; The Kentucky Cardinal; Girl at Cobhurst; The Wrestler of Phillipi; Captains Courageous; Story of Great America for Young Americans; Plant World; in Brook and Bayou; Curious Houses and Their Tenants; Citizen Bird; A Boy I Know and Four Dogs; Big Cypress; Polly Oliver's Problem; Historic Boys; Modern Vikings--Yakima Herald, May 26, 1898.

The city library, 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. W.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 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 weeks to \$1 per year in advance, of 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

The book committee of the public library has placed upon its shelves a set containing thirty volumes of the celebrated Warner Library of the World's Best Literature. This is a remarkably valuable addition and is alone worth many times the price of membership.

By means of it one can make himself well acquainted with the literature of the whole world, ancient and modern, English and foreign. This library was purchased with funds lately contributed by the Knights of Pythias. The volumes are now ready for consultation--Yakima Herald, November 3, 1898.

Forty new volumes of recent books have just been placed in the library and are now ready to be issued.

The following are some of the more important books:

Mark Twain's Following the Equator; Stanley's South Africa; Brady's First Love of Country; Nansen's Farthest North, Northward Over the Great Ice; Shalsi's Outlines of the Earth's History; The Eugene Field I knew; What is Good Music; The Workers; Henry George's Science of Political Economy; Spain in the Nineteenth Century; Geographical Statistics of Mexico; Story of the Birds, besides a number of interesting works for boys and girls.

The trustees would like to call the attention of parents to the large numbers of interesting books for boys and girls which the library now contains. If you wish your child to learn habits of reading which will be a delight and help to him all his life besides keeping him out of temptation now, get membership ticket to the library. For every subscription adds two new books.

The trustees will usually be glad to order books that may be wanted. The library is open Wednesday and Saturday evenings--Yakima Herald, July 14, 1898.

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 impossible 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 the 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.

W.H. Hodson has accepted a position as agent for a circulating library and will canvass this county and Yakima--Yakima Herald , November 23, 1899.

Rev. H.M. Bartlett is making an effort to secure funds sufficient to remove the public library from its present unsatisfactory location to the room on the ground floor next to the postoffice. He wants to fix up a reading room which will be attractive and convenient. It will be furnished with several dailies and the leading magazines.

Mr. Bartlett thinks if the library is more easy to find it will be patronized by more people. The churches and most of the businessmen have contributed to the fund that is necessary to maintain the library in its new quarters and make the desired improvements. The library now contains 1,500 volumes. Mr. Bartlett thinks that if it is put in the room above mentioned the people will take an interest in it and in a short time the number of volumes will be increased to 4,000 or 5,000--The Yakima Republic, January 19, 1900.

The movement to establish a free public reading room in connection with the public library is now fully assured of success having received hearty and generous support from the businessmen and churches of the city. Its opening however, will be delayed a short time until some needed repairs in the Syndicate building have been made. It is hoped to have the reading room opened by the 15th of February. The reading room will be free.

It will still be necessary as heretofore to charge an annual fee of one dollar for use of books when carried home. The library is not a free public library and cannot become so without having a city tax or an endowment for its support. In time it will doubtless have one or the other of these resources or both--Yakima Republic , Feb. 3, 1900.

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 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 Capt. 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, January 26, 1899.

The high school library received a substantial gift from W.L. Steinweg last week. The donation included 90 volumes of the best books, including which are encyclopedias, histories, standard fiction and a number of leading magazines in bound form. The gift also includes a compound microscope, large framed portraits of Holmes and Longfellow and a herbarium of 200 Yakima valley flowers. These flowers were gathered and mounted by Mrs. Steinweg and are very valuable.

In the plans for the new school building the architect has provided a room 15 X 18 feet to be used exclusively as a library.

The gift of Mr. Steinweg's leads those in charge of the schools to hope that others will be moved to follow the example and that the high school library will grow to proportions worthy of its new home--The Yakima Republic, May 11, 1900.

The public library has received a large number of books during the last week or two from Congressman W.L. Jones.

The collection includes several volumes of the house and senate journals, six volumes of the geological survey and fourteen colored maps. The maps are quite valuable, showing as they do the distribution in this state of timber and varieties of soil, besides many important geological facts--The Yakima Republic, May 4, 1900.