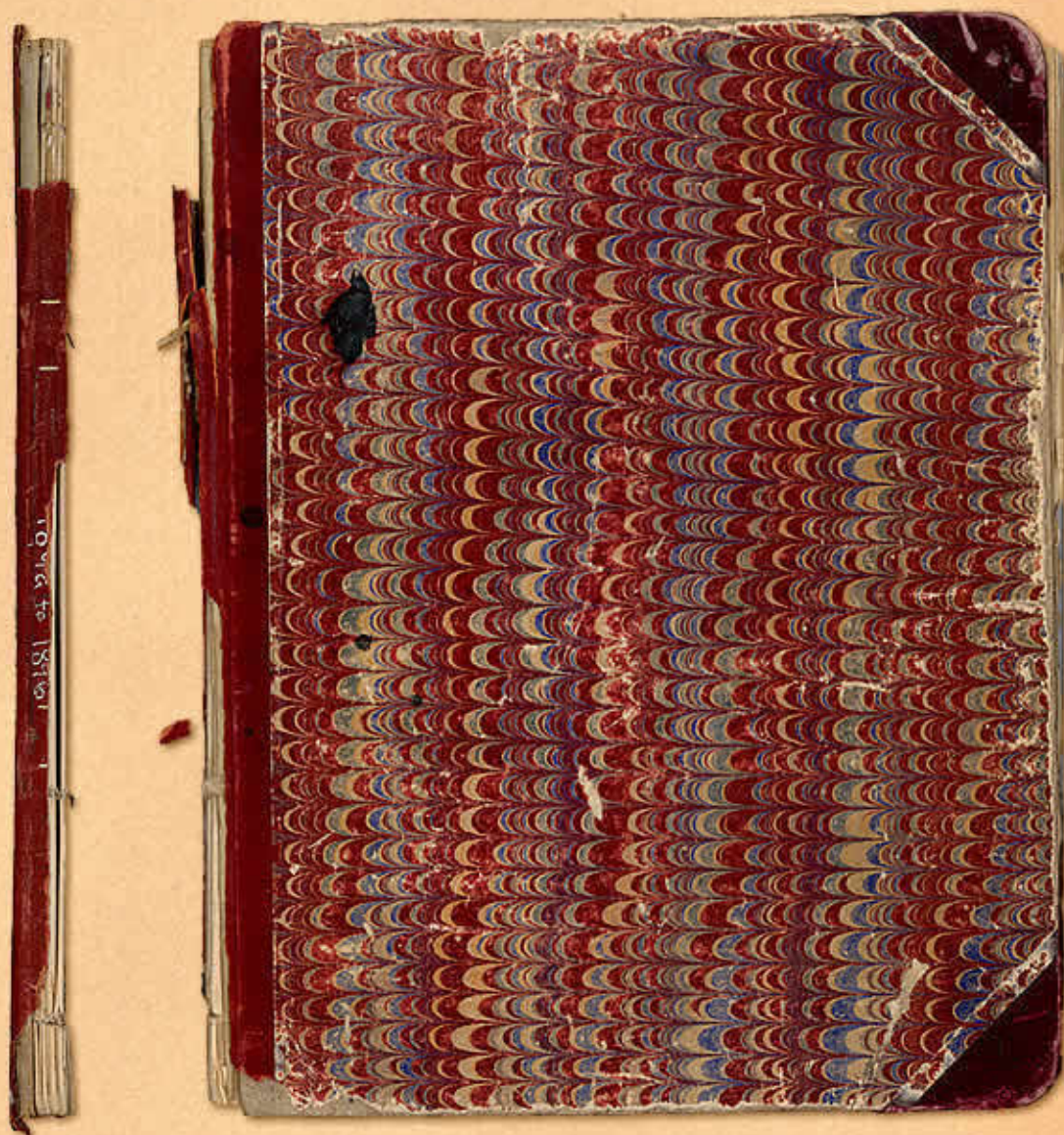


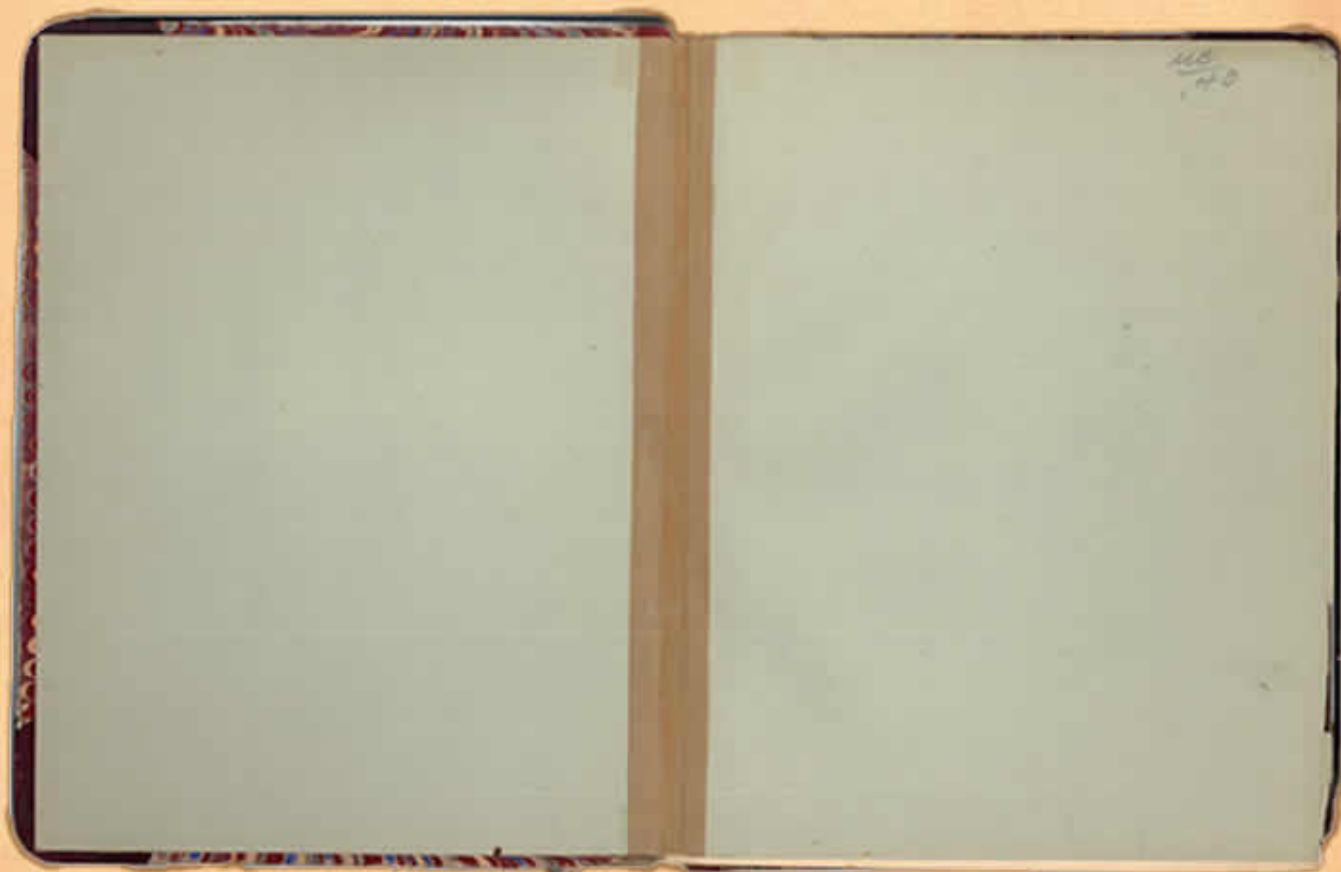
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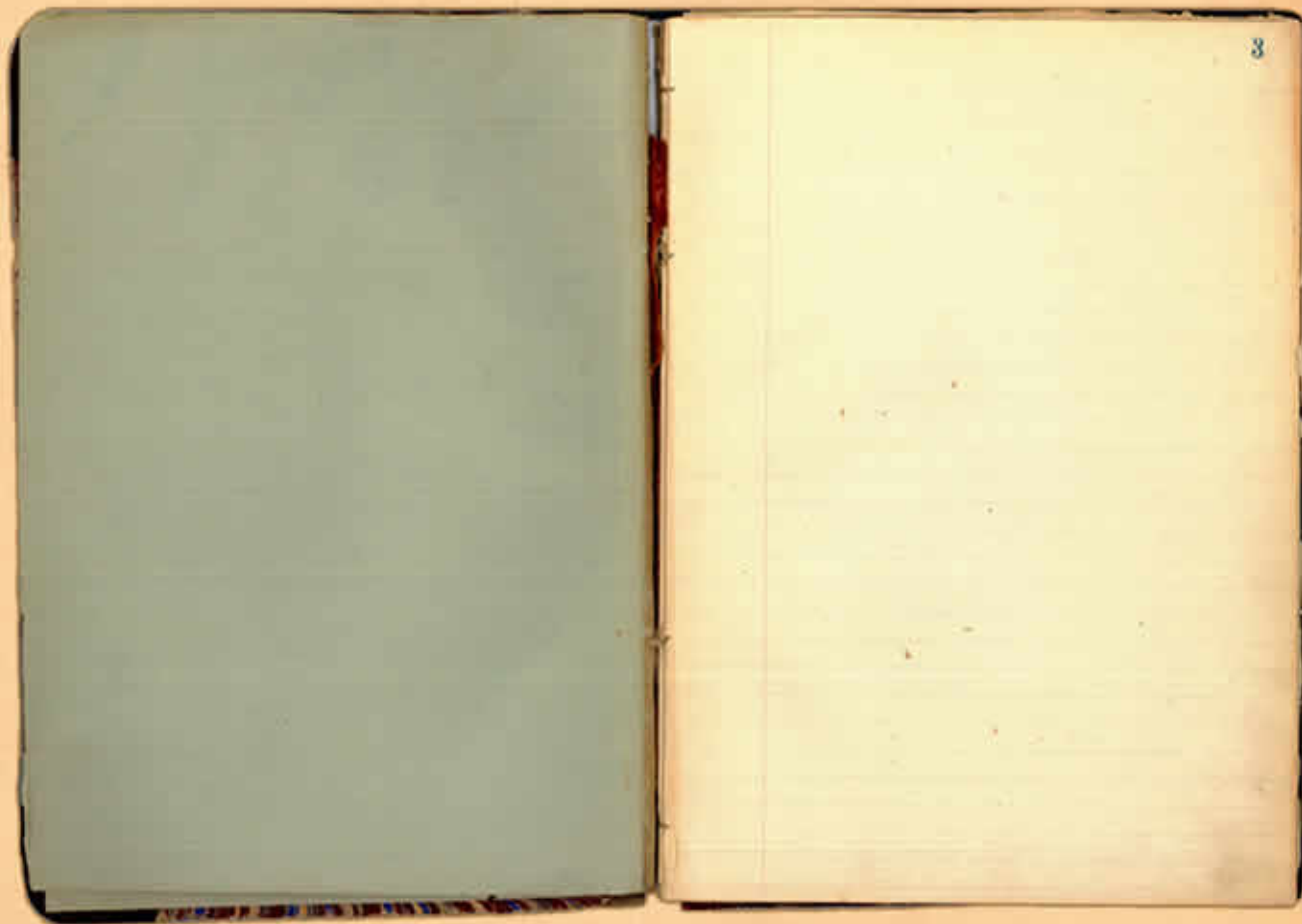
Minutes of the Executive Board of the North Yakima Library Association
May 19, 1892 - March 18, 1896



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North Yakima, Washington. May 19, 1892

The Executive Committee of the North Yakima Library Association, consisting of Mrs. S. C. Steinweg president, Mrs. Whitson & Mrs. Prosser vice presidents - Miss Harriet Sawyer Treasurer and Annie Matton secretary, met at the residence of Mrs. Prosser, Mrs. Steinweg presiding and all members present.

The retiring secretary, Miss Sawyer, not being in possession of the minutes of the previous meeting gave a verbal report of the same.

The president stated that the object of the meeting was to make arrangement for securing more commodious quarters for the Library the room occupied at present being too small and dark.

Question regarding insuring Library was discussed the president offering to inquire as to terms for insurance.

The president appointed Mrs. Whitson and Mrs. Prosser committee to look for room for Library.

Question regarding means for raising money for Library benefit talked of.

Mrs. Whitson suggested that we might get musical or dramatic troupe who would give us a percentage for the Library.

The president offered to confer with Mr. H. C. Humphrey regarding this sort of

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entertainment

As committee to select books for next
order that is sent the president appointed
Miss Sawyer, Mrs. Prosser, & Miss Mattoon.

The president suggested that we
should catalogue the books and that
E. M. Reed would do the work at very
liberal price.

Mrs. Steinweg & Mrs. Whitson proposed
to get club rooms for an entertainment
if possible.

Meeting adjourned to meet at call
of president.

Annie Mattoon

Secretary -

North Yakima Washington.

June 25, 1892

At call of the president, the Executive Committee met at Mrs Whitson's residence, all members being present except Miss Sawyer, the treasurer.

The president reported that she had not succeeded in obtaining terms for insurance.

Committee on Library room reported that a room might be obtained in the Syndicate block at \$1.00 per month.

Motion was made and carried, that the library be moved into this room about July 1st.

The same Committee ^{Mrs. Whitson & Mrs. Proffer} were instructed to rent the room, purchase shades, prepare the room &c.

Subject of entertainment for raising money was again discussed. Mrs. Prosser suggested that the Cadwell Block would be an excellent place for a social dance, to be given July 13.

Rev. Edward Whitson at this time favored the committee with his presence and at his suggestion the following committees were appointed to take charge of the dance.

Reception Committee. A. B. Reed, Fred R. Reed, Col. Prosser, Geo Donald, Dr. L. Steinweg, E. J. Wilson, G. S. Vance and Henry Deal.

Invitation Committee Geo. Vance, E. J. Wilson and Min Matton

Floor managers. Dr. Deane, A. C. Walker, J. H. Green, H. C. Humphrey.

Committee on Music, printing, hall & lights -

Mrs. Whitson, Mrs. Steinweg, Mrs. Prosser and Min Matton

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Suggestion made that committee meet the following Wednesday at Mrs. Pomeroy, to make all necessary arrangements for the dance.

On motion the committee adjourned to meet at Mrs. Pomeroy Wednesday, June 29.

Annie Mattson

Secy.

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North Yakima, Washington
Feb. 15th 1893

In response to a call of the president, the Executive Committee of the North Yakima Library Association met at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Mattoon. The object of the meeting being to obtain a knowledge of the present condition of the library, funds on hand &c. All the members of the committee were present except Mrs. Whitton.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of the treasurer made and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of about nine dollars in the treasury.

The matter of purchasing books was discussed and a meeting of the committee for this purpose was appointed to meet at Mrs. Bonner, at an early date.

The subject of "The man in tears," who was found in the library room, being renewed was again discussed and approved.

The committee then adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

Amie Mattoon

Secy.

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North Yakima, Washington
April 20, 1893

In response to a call from the President the members of the Executive Committee of N. Y. Library Association met at the residence of Col. Dr. J. Prosser. The following members being present: - Mrs. S. E. Sterling President, Mrs. H. F. Prosser Vice Pres. Miss K. Sawyer Treasurer Miss Mattoon Secretary. Absent Mrs. Whitson Vice Pres.

The principal object of the meeting was to decide upon the proper time and place to hold the annual election. It was decided to hold the election at the Library room Saturday April 29, from 3 o'clock to 8 p. m.

The Treasurer gave a verbal report of the amount of funds on hand. Reporting a sum of \$51.00 received from afternoon Lectures, and \$41.00 from Evening Entertainment, making a total in the treasury of about \$103.00

The following resolution was unanimously adopted;

Resolved; That the thanks of this association are due and are hereby tendered to Mrs. Sterling and her friends for the very valuable contribution of books made by them to the North Yakima Public Library.

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A copy of this resolution was ordered
to be sent to Mrs. Sterling.

The committee then adjourned to meet
at the call of the President.

Annie Mattson

Secretary.

Approved
S. E. Henning Pres.

At the election of Officers held April 29th
in the Library room the following officers
were elected viz: Mrs S. E. Stearns President
Mrs W. F. Proctor and Mrs. Whitson Vice Presidents.
Miss Harriet Sawyer Treasurer; Mrs. Sharkey Sec.

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May 3rd 1893. At call of the Pres. a meeting of the Officers of the Library association was held in the Library room Wed. May 3rd at 8 P.M.
 Present Miss Steinweg Mrs. Brown Miss Mattson, Miss Sawyer Miss Reynolds and Mrs. Sharkey. Absent Mrs. Whitson.

The minutes of the meeting of April 30th were read and approved.

The Treas. made a report of the years work as follows:

Amt. paid over by former Treas.	7.58
" received during the year	
From dues & fines	47.45
" entertainments	100.85
" book sold	.90
Total	156.98

Expenses: Rent, furniture, chaise,	
freight, fuel, etc.	80.30
Balance	76.68

Harriet Sawyer Treas.

The Librarian reported as follows:

No of bound volumes bought in 1891---	228
" " " " " 1892	35
" " " " contributed " "	25
" " " " Rec. through Mrs. Stirling " 1893	54
" " Paper covered " "	32
Total No. of bound volumes.	374
" " Paper covered	50

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No of Members in	1891	65
" " New "	" 1892	15
" " " "	" 1893 to date	8
Total Membership	" "	88

Mary Reynolde
Librarian

On motion it was decided to hold
Quarterly meetings on the first Wed. in
Feb, May, August, and November

On motion the Librarian was made a
member of Executive committee
until the next annual meeting.

On motion the Treas. was instructed to
apply the funds in hand to the purchase
of books as per list approved.

Mrs Sawyer and Mrs Sharkey were appointed
a committee to get up a catalogue.

The Librarian was requested to see about
getting shelves for the new books.

Adjourned to meet the 1st Wed. in August.

Ida B Sharkey
Secy.

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Aug. 2nd

1893 Owing to the fact that three members of the Executive committee were out of town no meeting was held on that date.

Sept. 6th At call of the President a meeting of the Executive committee of the Library Association was held Sept 6th at 8 P.M. in the the Library room. present:

Mrs Steinweg, Miss Sawyer, Miss Reynolds and Mrs Sharkey. absent, Mrs Whitcomb & Mrs Prosser. The Sec. read the minutes of May 8th which were approved.

The Treas. reported no money in Treasury. The Librarian reported about \$4 in hand from dues, fines etc. On Motion \$ of that sum was paid to Mrs Sharkey to buy paper for making a catalogue of the books in the Library.

On Motion the Librarian was instructed that as soon as sufficient funds were in her possession from dues fines etc. to apply the same to the payment of a sum due herself; and, also to pay for the shelves and stand ordered for the Library room.

The Librarian reported the last order of books received in good condition and placed on the shelves.

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The Treas. reported having advanced \$5.72 on the last order of books which sum is still due to her.

The meeting then resolved into a com. of the whole to discuss ways and means of raising money for the Library. The Pres. proposed a series of letters. Miss Sawyer was requested to draft a formal letter which if a suitable one could be framed it was the sense of the meeting that the plan be adopted.

Adjourned to meet the 1st Wed in Nov.
Ida B. Sharkey Sec.

Report of
Treas. for
last quarter
rec'd after
meeting.

Balance on hand	5.25	
" in bank	71.43	
Rec. from Librarians	3.60	Receipts 86.78
Subscriptions	5.00	Expenses 86.68
Rec. from Lecture at Mrs. Tucker's	.50	
		Balance .10
Total	86.78	

Expense	
Draft for books	77.15
Freight	2.78
Rent and Electric light	6.75
	<u>86.68</u>

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Nov 1st 1893 A quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Library Association was held Wed Nov 1st in the Library room present Mrs Sturtevant, Prosser, Whitcomb, Eissler, Sawyer, Reynolds and Mrs Sharkey. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treas. reported no money in hand. The Librarian reported \$5.25 in hand. and also that the rent was to be raised to four dollars per month. the president suggested that as there was no way of warming the room now in use and as rooms in the same building were soon to be vacated that a committee be appointed to see the agent and if possible to secure the adjoining rooms for the use of the Library. ^{carried} The Librarian reported that the rent was due for four months and the President suggested that a tea or Reception be given and an admission fee of 25¢ be asked. refreshments of salad, wafers, & tea be served and a musical program arranged. on motion it was decided. Mrs Whitcomb suggested that invitations be issued. Mrs Sturtevant agreeing to assist in writing the cards. The committee to meet at Mrs Sturtevant's on Monday Nov 6th to address the envelopes. Mrs Sturtevant offered her house

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in which to hold the Reception.
Mrs. Whitson and Mrs. Prosser were
appointed a committee on refreshments.
Mr. Smith, Gilbert and Horsey
were suggested to assist in securing.
Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Owens to serve the
tea. Miss Sawyer, Thompson,
Bailey, Griffith and Baxter to
assist in the serving. Miss Reynolds
agreeing to act as Treas. for the affair.
Adjourned to meet the 1st Wed. in Feb.
Ida B. Sharkey
Sec.

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Feb 7th 1894 The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Library Association was held. Wed. evening Feb 7th present - Mrs Steiner, Whitson, Prosser, and Sharkey also Mrs Sawyer and Miss Reynolds. Later Col Prosser came in for a short time.

The Minutes of Nov 1st were read and approved. The Treas. reported as follows.

Balance from last Quarter	10
Rec from Tea	24.50
" " Mrs Morrison's talk	13.05
" " Circular letters	1.70
" " Quartette Concert	25.00
" " Subscriptions	2.00
" " Librarian	14.00
" " Musical	14.15

Total Receipts \$94.50

Expenses.

Librarian's salary

Rent

Wood, oil, stove, pipe, Curtains etc, 69.00

The Balance 25.50

The Librarian reported Expenses paid by her in amount to \$14.40. Due from her for wood \$7.60

Received from dues, fines etc 18.80. Also the establishment of the Library in new and pleasant rooms where a fine

lights and comfortable provision is made for all members to exchange books and read each day in the week except Sunday. Also the receipt of a donations of books from Mrs Woodward.

The President requested that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mrs Woodward in behalf of the Library Association for her most acceptable gift of books.

The Treas. was requested to obtain all information possible about the printing of the Catalogue and report to President. The question of the disposition of the amount received from Ladies Quartette Concert was discussed and action deferred.

Col Prosser then addressed the meeting on behalf of the city Council stating their appreciation of the work already done and their desire to aid as soon as possible in enlarging facilities and establishing a permanent reading room and as soon as finances will permit a free public library. There will be little if any funds available this year as the tax levy has been made. But the law provides for special tax for such purposes which could be levied next year. Col Prosser then

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suggested that a statement of the present condition of the Library be prepared and presented before the City Council at an early date.

The President in behalf of the Executive Com. thanked Col. Prosser for the interest manifested by the City Council, and expressed the desire of said Com. to further the interests of the Library and the City, and the hope that in the near future the City Council would be in a position to assist in carrying on the work.

Mrs. Whitson and Miss Prosser were appointed a Com. to prepare a statement for the City Council. Mrs. Steinweg was requested to form one of said Committee.

The question of social entertainment of the series of 1894 was discussed and the desire expressed that it should be held in the Club rooms. action deferred.

The Annual Election of officers to be held the last week in April in the ~~Club~~ Library rooms. Notice of said election to be given in the city papers and all members requested to vote.

Adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in May at Library rooms.

Eda B. Sharkey
Sec.

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at an expense of \$12.⁰⁰ and on motion she was directed to remit the amount to Chas. E. Chaney Publisher Sandusky. Ohio. It was decided to be necessary to curtail expenses for the summer months and permission was obtained from Mr Arnold and Mr McKinney to place the books in one of their rooms for the summer months. Also to keep it open for the public only one afternoon during the week i.e. Saturday from 2:30 to 7:30 P.M. Miss Reynolds agreed to act as Librarian during the summer for \$3.⁰⁰ per month this amount to be deducted from the amount still due from her to the Association. The catalogues were ordered to be placed on sale at 25¢ each.

As a result of the election the following officers were elected Mrs S. E. Stenwig: President

" E. R. Hammett } Vice "
" Edw. Whitson }

Mrs F. B. Sharkey Secretary

Miss Jennie Wright Treasurer.

Adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in Aug. 1894.

Ellie B. Whitson
Act'g Secretary.

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June 3rd a special meeting was called by the President to take an inventory of fixtures belonging to Library Association and dispose of same for summer months. viz.

1 Leather topped table	Library
2 sets of book shelves	"
524 Volumes of books	"
1 Brass heating lamp and stand	"
1 Medium sized brass lamp	"
2 Pictures	"
1 Arm chair	"
2 old chairs	"
1 Hat rack (hanging)	"
5 New chairs	Mrs Whitcomb
1 carpet	"
1 stove 5 lengths of pipe elbow & collar	"

A letter received by the Sec. from Mrs E. R. Hamilton was read which stated that owing to her speedy departure from the city it would be impossible for her to serve as Vice President an election was ordered for the following Saturday to fill the vacancy.

It being found necessary to cover the books from the sun and dust the sum of \$1.25 was expended for Calico & fixtures and the curtains made and put over the books.

Isa B. Shockey Sec.

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Wed. Sept 19th 1894 At call of the President a special
 meeting of the Executive committee
 was held at the home of the President
 to fill the vacancies caused by the
 departure from the city of the Treasurer
 and Librarian. Present at meeting
 Mrs Steineveg Mrs Whitson Mrs King
 and the Sec. The minutes of
 last meeting were read and approved.
 Mrs Whitson reported having the
 carpet taken up and cleaned and
 stored at her house at an expense of
 25[¢]. also having been to see Mr
 McKinney at this office about the
 small room formerly occupied by the
 Library but was unable to obtain
 any definite information and was
 requested to see him again about
 the matter. The President reported
 having notified Mrs Proser of her
 election as vice President and that Mrs
 Proser declined to serve. Mrs Whitson
 moved that Mrs Morrison be appointed
 to serve until the next general election
 seconded and carried Mrs Steineveg
 agreeing to notify Mrs Morrison.
 Mrs Dunning was appointed by
 acclamation Treasurer for the unexpired term.
 Mrs Steineveg agreeing to see if Mrs

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Dunning is willing to serve in that capacity. Miss Griffette was appointed Librarian until the next election for a compensation of \$3.⁰⁰ per month the library to be open Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 7:30 P.M.

The Question of entertainments for the winter months was discussed at some length. Mrs Sharkey was appointed to confer with Mrs Morrison in regard to the matter, at report at next meeting.

Adjourned to meet Wed Nov 7th.

Ida B Sharkey

Sec.

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Nov 7th
1894

The Quarterly Meeting of the
Library Association was held this
A.M. Wednesday at the home of
the President I present Mrs Sturges
Mrs Whitson Miss Dunning and the
etc. The minutes of last meeting
were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported the sum of \$2.10 on hand. The Librarian submitted
report of 35th in hand.

Mrs Whitson reported having seen the
man now occupying the small room
formerly occupied by the Library and
obtaining a promise from him that
he would vacate the room in two weeks.
A motion was carried to place the
Library in that room at the earliest
possible moment. Mrs Whitson and Mrs
Sturges agreeing to superintend the
removal. The services of a colored man
to be secured to do the work the same
to be paid for from the funds on hand.
The Librarian gave notice through the
Secretary of her resignation to take
effect Nov 24. The President

requested the Treas to pay the Librarian
the sum due to her. Mrs Whitson
and Mrs Sharkey were appointed a
committee to appoint a successor to
Miss Griffiths.

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The attention of the committee having been called to the fact that there is some misunderstanding as to the fees for books Miss Dunning suggested that a large card with printed rules and regulations of the Association be placed in a prominent position in the Library room and that the Librarian be instructed to enforce the rules. The suggestion was put in the form of a motion and carried. Miss Dunning was requested to see about having such a card prepared. On motion the Executive Committee was authorized to solicit new members and to receive money for such memberships. The question of an entertainment was then discussed at some length. It was decided to hold an evening entertainment the second Wednesday in December at the home of Mrs. Sturtevant. A novel program to be arranged and refreshments to be served of coffee and Doughnuts Tea and Pastries. and an admission fee of 25¢ to be charged. details to be arranged later.

adjourned to meet at call of the President

Ida B. Sharkey
Dec.

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Jan 9th

at call of the President about 20 members of the Ass. met in the Library room to decide the question as to the disposal of the Library. In the absence of the President, the Vice Pres. called the meeting to order and stated its object. Mr Fichter moved that the Library be retained by the Association that an initiation fee of \$1 be charged new members and an assessment of 25¢ per month be levied upon all members to provide funds for running expenses and the surplus to be devoted to the purchase of new books. The President then took charge of the meeting.

Mr Fichter then withdrew his motion to permit a motion giving Mayor Redman and Rev Alfred Brown the privilege of the floor. They not being members of the Ass. Carried. Mr Fichter then reinstated his motion and it was discussed at some length. objection being made that members not present might refuse to pay assessment.

The Librarian stated that the present income from fines, dues, etc. was about \$60 per month while the actual running expenses were about \$8. Mr Brown stated that if Mr Fichter's motion carried the income with the present membership would be about \$18.75 per month which

would make it possible to keep the library open oftener than once a week and also purchase new books. Major Pedmore suggested placing the library in some store or place of business to make it more accessible to the public, giving it in charge of the merchant and allowing a commission on collections as his remuneration. Mrs. Heg in behalf of Dr. Heg tendered the use of his reception room as a library rent free. The necessity of locked cases for the books being at once apparent his very kind offer was not accepted. Some of the members of the Fire department prior to the meeting suggested to the officers that the department might wish to buy the library allowing the present members the use of the books. No Representative of the department being present at the meeting action was deferred. Mrs. Whitson expressed her willingness to allow the books to pass into the hands of the city government or any Society provided the library was kept intact. It was suggested that Mr. Fichtel's plan be tried for one year and perhaps at the expiration of that time the city government would be in a position to assist the association. Mr. Fichtel's motion was then laid upon the table. A committee consisting of Rev. Alfred Brown

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Mayor Redman & Mr L E Sperry. were appointed
to confer with the Firemen the Commercial
Club. The City Council and all others interested
at report at the next meeting. An informal
vote was taken as to whether the present
Association should retain control of the
Library. it was unanimously in favor of
so doing. Adjourned to meet Saturday
Jan 26th at 7:30 P.M. in the Library room.

Ida B Shanker
Sec.

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Jan 26th

a - special meeting held Jan 26th in the Library room about 18 members were present. - The meeting was called to order by the President. The minutes of Jan. 18th were read and approved. Rev. Alfred Brown as chairman of committee appointed to confer with the Firemen, Commercial Club and city Council reported in substance as follows. The Firemen prefer to wait until the return of their chief and have the matter come up at the next regular meeting held in two weeks.

Dr Morrison chairman of com. appointed by Commercial Club, stated that the Club as a body were unable to render financial aid, but would assist the Assoc. in any other way possible. Mayor Redmen said that under the present city charter a tax of 1/2 of a mill could be levied to maintain a Public Library, which would net about \$200 the Library could be carried on as now and the Assoc. retain control, but that there was so little money available for any purpose that it was hardly possible for the council to give aid. Mr Sperry who was then asked for information in regard to the Firemen said he had no authority to speak for them but had talked with several of the members and that idea was to buy the Library and remove it to their

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club room. they were willing present members should have access to the books but the room was and would continue to be used as a Clubroom. The Com. was continued. The Question was then put "Whether the Library Assn. retain control of the Library decided in the affirmative. Mr Brown moved that Mr Fichters motion be taken from the table. Mr Sperry etc. the motion was then discussed at some length. Dr Hig spoke in favor of assessing each member. An amendment was carried to allow any one to commute the cost of books by the payment of \$2.50 per year in advance. Mr Sterling suggested the use of cards to assist in keeping a record of books. Dr Hig suggested making the \$2 fee to any one upon giving their name and address and the payment of 25¢ per month in advance. Mr Sterling there introduced a substitute motion as follows. Moved that the fee for books be changed from 5¢ per week to 25¢ per month and that any person be allowed the privilege of taking out books on payment of 25¢ per month or 2.50 per year in advance, but they are not to become members unless they pay the \$1 initiation fee. the motion was lost.

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Mr Fickler's motion was then put to vote and carried. Several members spoke in favor of opening the L. to exchange and visitors to the city and the following motion was adopted any responsible person may draw books from the L. upon the payment of 25¢ per month or \$2.50 per year in advance. but such person shall have no vote in the affairs of the association. The question was then put. "Whether the governing board shall still consist of Ladies only." decided in affirmative.

Mr Clark read a contract for consideration of the members. offering to take charge of L. do the printing, advertising, etc to the best of his ability. keeping some open two afternoons in week and two hours Sunday for the receipts of L. Time being deemed necessary for discussion and consideration. said contract was laid upon the table.

Mrs Thed Mrs Rose and Mrs Burlingame were appointed a com. to confer with the City Council. The Librarian was empowered to employ a collector if necessary. Adjourned to next Feb 6th

Ida B Shaukey
Sec.

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Quarterly
Meeting.

At the Quarterly meeting of the Library Assoc. held Wed. Feb. 6th 20 members were present. In the absence of the Pres. & Vice Pres. Mr. Tuckton was requested to preside. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Com. having nothing to report were continued.

The question of the Constitution was then brought up. The Sec. stating that the officers were unable to find the original document and were satisfied that it was lost. The Pres. had written out the con. as remembered by him, which paper was then read and discussed at some length. As it was found incomplete and the original and was inadequate to the needs of the Assoc. at the present time it was deemed advisable to draft a new Constitution and By-Laws. on motion it was resolved so to do.

The Chair appointed Mr. Brown, Mrs. Reed and Mr. Sperry a com. to attend to the matter. Mrs. Reed requested to be excused and suggested that some one of the original members be appointed. Mrs. Sturtevant was appointed in place of Mrs. Reed.

The question of a Vice P. was brought up but as the annual election was so near action was deferred.

It was decided to submit the constitution and By-Laws to vote at the election held

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March 27th at 7:30 P.M. in Library room.
Suggestions being made that members might
like to read over the Con. before this time
set to vote upon same. a request was made
that the com. prepare a copy of same and
leave with the Librarian Sat. Mch. 28th
to be examined by members.

A motion was carried that no member
indebted to the Assn. under the old rules
be allowed a vote.

The Librarian was instructed to send a
Postal card to each member of the Assn.
stating time of meeting and elections
adjourned to Tues. Mch 20th
in Library room.

Edw B Shankey
Sec.

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March 20/95

The Annual election of the Library Association was held Wed. March 20th at 7.30 P.M. in the Library room. Twelve members were present.

The meeting was called to order by the president. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Brown as chairman of committee appointed to draft a new constitution and By-Laws reported by reading of same, each section was voted upon and adopted, a few alterations were made.

Mrs. Whitson moved that the constitution and By-Laws, as corrected, be adopted; seconded and carried.

Mr. Brown also reported the following proposition from the firemen. The members of the fire department shall have the privilege of the library free, and shall in return render the library such financial aid, as may result from entertainments given for that purpose.

That the firemen may the better know when such aid is required, they shall elect one of their members as one of the two vice presidents of the Library Association, who shall be present at the meetings of the Executive Board. They also offered the receipts of the entertainment about to be given

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The proposition was discussed at some length, objections being made that some of the firemen were members, and it would cut off that revenue. Motion was finally made to lay the proposition upon the table, carried. The treasurer reported as follows. Receipts since Oct. 12, 1894, \$49.55. Disbursements \$28.15. Bal. on hand \$21.40. F. C. Dunning Treas.

The election being now in order, Mrs. Prosser and Mrs. Sharkey were appointed tellers. Mrs. Steinweg was nominated for President by acclamation it was moved and seconded that the Sect. be empowered to cast the vote for President. Mrs. Prosser read the ballot, and Mrs. Steinweg was declared elected. The remaining officers were filled by ballot in the regular manner, resulting as follows:

President Mrs. S. C. Steinweg
 1st Vice President Mrs. A. B. Mead.
 2^d " Mr. O. A. Hechter
 Sect. Mrs. G. A. Graham.
 Treasurer Mr. A. H. Brown.

Mrs. Horsley, Mrs. Heg & Mrs. Prosser were appointed a committee to plan for an entertainment to raise money for new books. Mrs. Owens and Sharkey were appointed a committee to see the local

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editors of the papers and give notice of the meeting. Adjourned to meet first Wednesday in May.
Ida B. Sharkey, Sect.

1895
April 3.

The executive Board of the Library Association met in the library room, on the evening of April 3, all the members being present. The matter of buying a few small new books, to fill the immediate needs was discussed, and a list given to the Sect. to ascertain the price and discount given by the St. Paul Book Co.

Nettie D. Graham, Sect.

Later the Society ordered the following books. Price of India 1.90.

Maupman	1.50
Low Orsino	1.00
Low Sawyer	1.00
Peter Ibbetson	1.50
Deemster	.75
Trilby	1.75
Conrad Financial School.	<u>.25</u>

7.75

30% discount

2.32

Price of India

5.43

1.90

7.33

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The Sect. drawing \$8.00 from the treasury, with which to meet the bill, express etc.

Report from Sunflower Ball given on the evening of May 10th in Masons Operahouse.

Receipts from tickets sold.	\$ 62.55
" " door	11.70
" " cake & ice cream	<u>22.25</u>
Total receipts	\$ 96.50

Expenses, For Help.	\$ 2.50
" 150 programs	2.25
" Music	12.00
" Masons Op. House	3.50
" Tickets	<u>1.25</u>
Total expenses	\$ 21.50
Total amount cleared	<u>\$ 75.00</u>

Wittie D. Graham. Sect.

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The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Library Association, which should have been held the first Wed. evening in May, was postponed for three weeks, on account of the sickness and subsequent death of our esteemed president, Mrs. Susanna Steinweg. but on May the 22^d the board met in the Library room, Mrs. Weed, the first vice president occupying the chair.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted, with a few slight changes, the chair appointed Mr. Brown and Mrs. Graham, to draft suitable resolutions up the death of Mrs. Steinweg.

The treasurer then reported the following report.

Receipts.

Old bal. in Yak. Nat. Bank as per certified check received from Miss Dunning	\$ 21.40
Old bal. in 1 st Nat. Bank	8.20
Rec. from Librarian	10.95-
" " Ball	75.00
Cash on Hand.	1.50
Total.	116.05-

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Expenses.

Librarian \$6.75

Rent. 12.00

Books 8.00

Cleaning room .75

Total 27.50

Balance on hand. \$88.55

The Librarian reported \$11.45 taken in since March 16, 1895.

The subject of purchasing other books was then discussed. It was decided to expend \$37. of the \$75. made from the Sunflower Ball, at once for this purpose, and the remainder later in the year.

Mr. Fichter, Mrs. Sharkey and Mr. Brown were appointed a committee of three to inspect the various lists of books presented for purchase, and to report such as they deem advisable.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the house of Mrs. Weed, May 28th at 7.30.
Nettie D. Graham, Sec.

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The Executive Board of the Library Association, met at the home of Mrs. Weed, on the evening of May 28; all the members being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Mr. Brown read the following resolution which had been prepared by the committee, appointed at the last meeting.

"God in his infinite Mercy and Wisdom, has removed from our midst our dear neighbor and friend, Mrs. Susanna Steinweg, and we bow to His Will, while we mourn our loss. Though recognizing that she has gone to her rest and has changed the mortal life for the life immortal, where is no sorrow nor pain, we grieve for ourselves that one so dear has left us."

The Church of Christ has lost in her a valuable and a devoted daughter; the cause of education and of progress has lost a powerful friend; her family is bereft of a faithful, loving wife and mother; and society has lost a noble woman.

No higher praise can be accorded to a human soul, than that we offer to her memory; "She hath done what she could," and God in

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His Providence has received her to
Himself, with the loving words,
"Well done."

We extend to her husband and sons
our heartfelt sympathy and love."

Alfred H. Brown
Nettie D. Grahame
Committee.

It was accepted, and ordered to be
spread upon the minutes of the society,
and a copy forwarded to the family.

The committee on books then reported,
and suggested we send for the following:

"Green's History of the English People 4 vol.	Paper	3.33
Hallams complete works	6 vol.	4.95
Rawlinsons Ancient Egypt.	2 vol.	1.82
Ruskins complete works	18 "	6.90
Gibbons Rome	5 "	2.25
Boswell's life of Johnson		.73
Tommaso Salvini		.25
Theosophy or Christianity, Which?		.15
Grillinars travels		.28
Past and Present. Carlyle.		.40

to be purchased through Mr. A. B. Weed
of the New York Home Library Association
as well as the following from the
St. Paul Book & Stationery Co. of St. Paul,
Minn.

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✓ Foundations of Belief	Balfour	\$1.40
✓ Childhood	Riley	.88
✓ Pipes O'Pan	"	.88
✓ Neighboring Poems	"	.88
✓ Sketches in Prose	"	.88
✓ Emerson's Essays	2 vol.	.80
✓ Origin of Species	Herbert Spencer.	.70
✓ The Raiders	Crockett.	1.05
✓ Scottish Chiefs	Porter.	.50
✓ Marcella	Ward.	1.40
✓ Sherlock Holmes	Doyle.	1.05
✓ Romance of Two Worlds.	Corelli.	.50
+ Shelma Wormwood.	"	.50
✓ Malcolm.	McDonald.	1.05
✓ The Marquis of Lossie	"	1.05
✓ Pembroke	Wilkins.	1.05
✓ Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush.	McClaren	.88
✓ Penderennis	Shackery	.65
✓ Dolly Dialogues	Hope.	.20
✓ Prisoner of Zenda	"	.53
✓ Idle thoughts of an idle fellow.	Jerome.	.50
✓ Novel notes	"	.88
✓ Standish of Standish.	Jane Austin.	.88
✓ Adventures of Ann.	Mary Q. Wilkin.	.35
✓ Colonial Days & Dances	Anne Wharton	.88
✓ Biglow Papers.	Lowell.	.70
✓ The American Revolution.	2 vol. John Fiske.	2.80
✓ The Critical Period of American History.	"	1.40
✓ The Beginning of New England.	"	1.40

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Adjourned to meet the first Wednesday
in August.

Nettie D. Graham. Sect.

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July 3, 95. The members of the Library Board met in the Library room, on the evening of July 3, 95. All the members being present except Mr. Brown, who was represented by Mrs. Sharkey, who was acting in his stead, until another treasurer could be appointed.

Mrs. Weed reported the books received, which had been previously ordered through Mr. Weed.

Mr. Brown's resignation was next read and accepted with regret.

The election of a new treasurer was next in order, and Mrs. Sharkey was elected. She then read the treasurer's report as follows:

Bal. in Bank	\$54.97
" " Cash	2.25

Paid rent.	\$4.00
" Librarian	.75

July 3.
The hours for keeping the Library open were discussed, and changed, from the present hours to 10 to 12 A. M. and 5 to 9 P. M.

The Librarian was requested to make a complete list of all the new books, and place it upon the wall of the Library room for reference. Nettie D. Graham, Sec.

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Owing to the absence from town of two of the members of the Board, there was no meeting held the first Wednesday in August.
 Nettie D. Graham Sec.

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on the evening of the first Wednesday in November, all the members being present.

The treasurer gave the following report from Aug 7. to Nov. 2. 1898

Received from Librarian	\$11.60	
Paid Librarian for salary	11.00	
" " " paste	.35	
" " " for rent	12.00	\$23.95
Bal. in bank Aug 7.	19.87	
Cash on hand	<u>4.35</u>	
	\$85.82	

Bal. in bank Nov. 2. 1898	
Cash on hand " " 2.10	<u>2.10</u>
	\$12.47

The Librarian then reported for same dates.

Cash received	\$11.60
Received for salary	\$11.00
Paid for paste	.35

After some discussion as to the giving of an annual ball, the meeting adjourned.
 Nettie D. Graham Sec.

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A special meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Weed, on the evening of Jan. 6. 1896. All the members being present. A vote of thanks was first given to the Yakima Fair Board, for the very generous gift of (\$100) one hundred dollars, a check for which had been handed to our treasurer a few days before. The sect. was also ordered to put a card in the different papers, publicly expressing our appreciation of their kindness.

The purchase of more books was next discussed, and two lists selected, one to be purchased through Mr. Weed, and an order on the treasurer, for twenty five dollars was given him for the payment of said books.

The sect. was ordered to give write to the St. Paul Book & Stationery Co., also to secure the prices of our home firms and report at the next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in Feb.

Nettie D. Graham
Sect.

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The Executive Board of the Library Association, held its regular quarterly meeting the first Wed. in Feb. 1896. All the members being present.

The treasurer reported for three months from Nov. 2nd 1895 to Feb. 5th 1896.

Bal. in bank Nov. 2 nd	\$10.37	
cash on hand " "	<u>2.10</u>	\$12.47

Receipts.

Received from Librarian	\$17.60	
" " Fair Assn	100.00	
cash on hand	<u>70</u>	\$118.30

Expenses.

Rent	\$16.00	
Salary	12.75	
Books	25.75	
Wood	1.25	
Oil	<u>35</u>	\$56.00
Balance in bank		\$77.35
" on hand.		<u>70</u>
Total		\$78.05

also a bill which had been handed her by Chappell and Cox for auto. oil & bought Dec. 14. 1894. for which the acct was asked to give an order on the treasurer.

The librarian then gave her report as follows.

Amt. recd. for dues & fines since Nov. 6/95	\$17.45
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For yearly subscription	2.50
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Salary received	\$12.75
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Sundry expenses	<u>1.20</u>
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Mrs. Weed reported the books (twenty seven volumes) ordered through Mr. Weed as received and in the library.

Mrs. Graham reported the other list of books, ordered from Moore and Moore, they meeting the St. Paul Book Co's prices. The president then called for the reading of the constitution, and after some debate over the different articles, it was decided best to appoint a committee to revise some of the articles.

The chair appointed Mr. Fichter and Mrs. Sharkey as that committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

Nettie D. Graham. Secy.

The Board held a called meeting on the evening of Feb. 27, at the home of Mr. Fichter, all the members being present, to consider and approve the following amendments offered by the committee to the constitution.

Article III of the constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Any person may become and continue to be a member of this Association by complying with the By Laws in the payment of the monthly dues, provided however that no person shall be a member without having paid, at least, three months dues."

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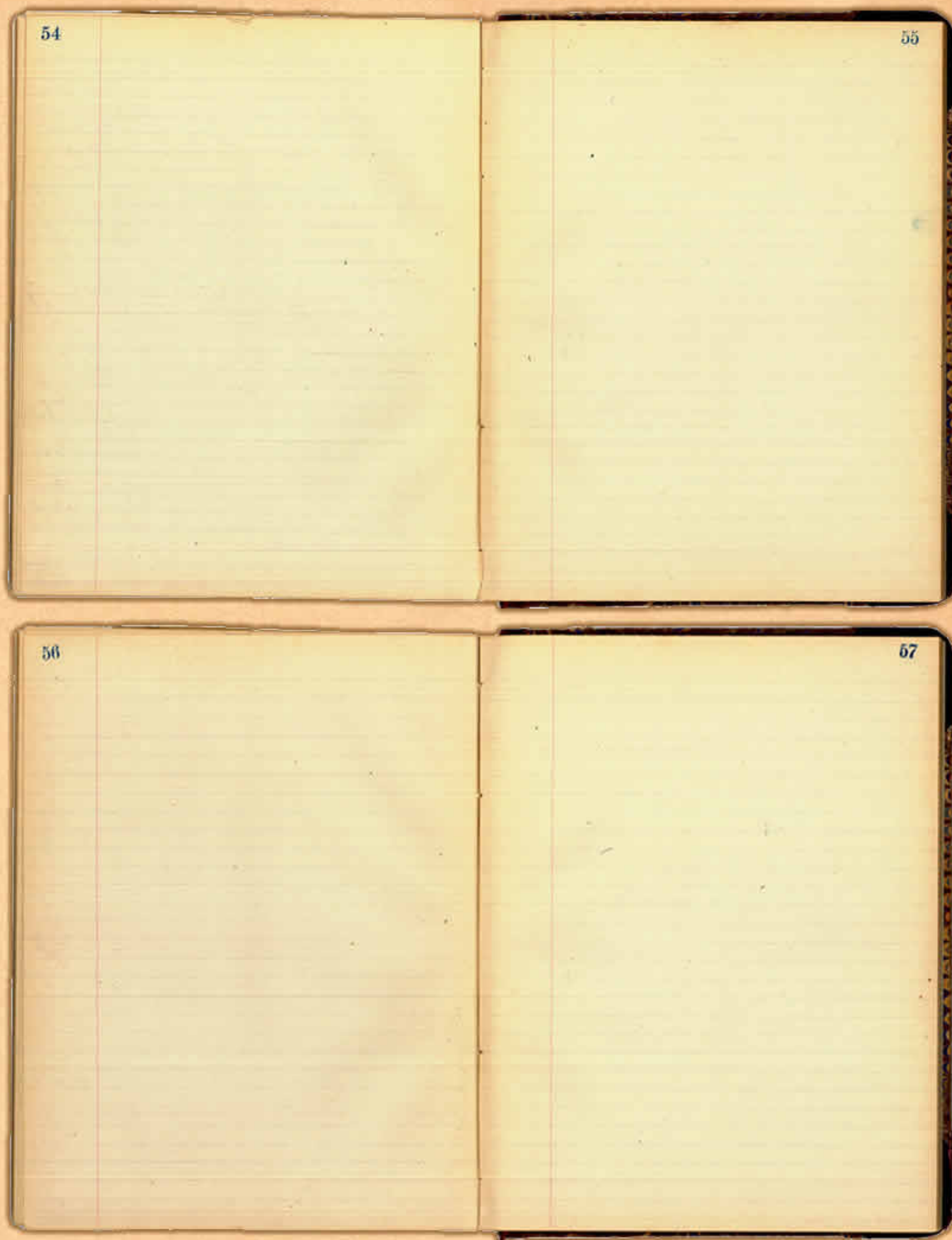
Section 3 of Article V. of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

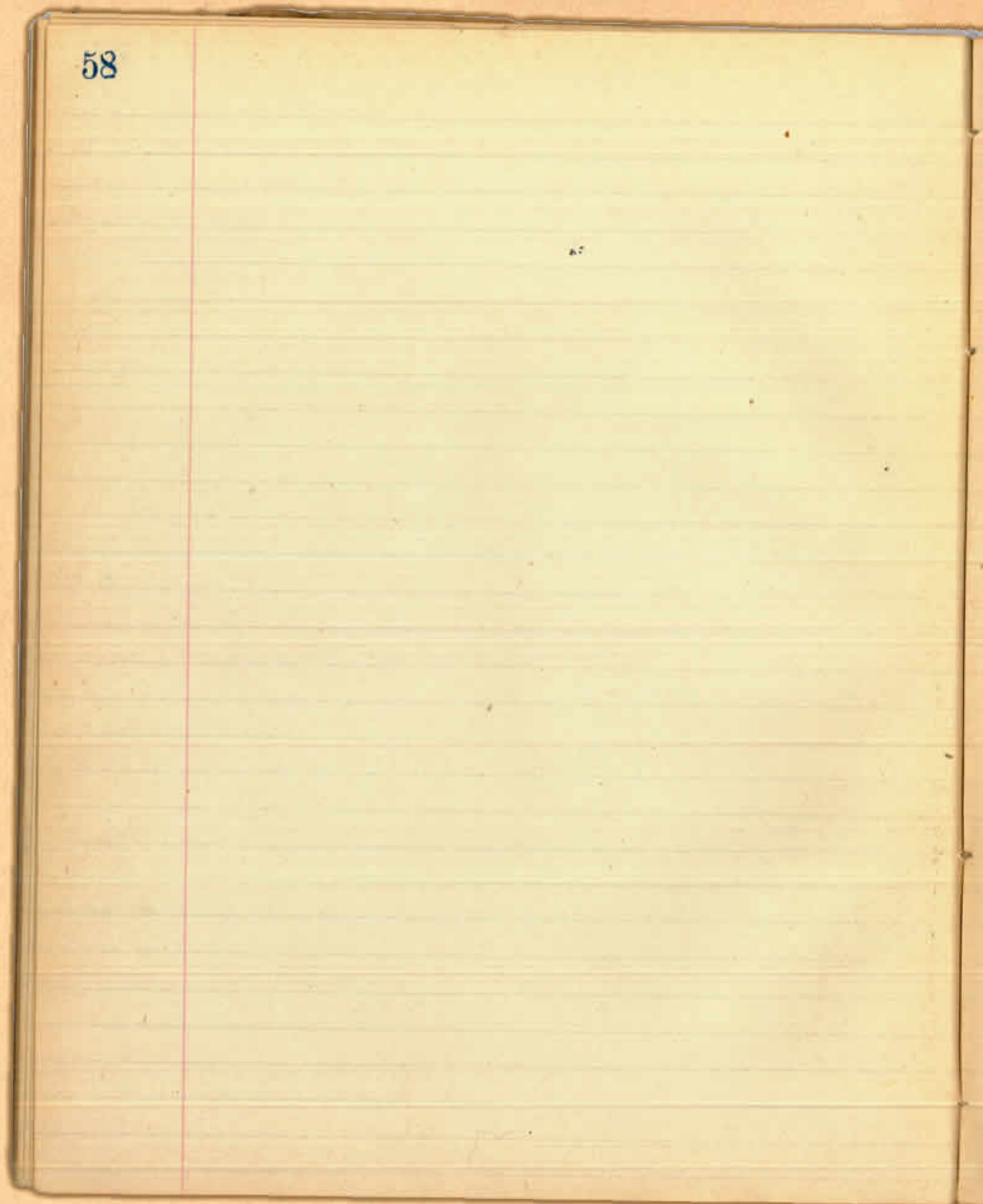
"It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes of all meetings of the Association and Board; to keep the Constitution, By Laws and other papers of the Association; to give notice of meetings of meetings to every member and to make a report at the annual meeting of the Association, of the years work.

Article VI is hereby amended by striking out the words "provided that the Association shall retain the power to change such arrangements at any time regular meeting, such change to take effect after the meeting and not to affect or reverse any previous action of the Board."

Article IX is hereby amended to read Amendments to this Constitution can be made by a three fourths vote of the members present at any regular meeting; provided that any amendment proposed shall first be referred to the Executive Board, which shall provide the Librarian with a copy for general perusal; and a notice of the Associations purpose to vote upon the proposed amendment shall be included in the notices of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken."

The books ordered from Moore & Moore were reported as received and in the library
Nettie D. Graham. Sect.





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May 26
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Pursuant to the call of the President a meeting of the Trustees of the Yakima Library Association was held at the library room to day at 2 o'clock P. M. Present Mrs M J Heg in the chair Mrs Anively Mrs M J Miller Mrs A O Goodwin Miss Elva Barber Librarian and W L Steiny. Trustees

The President called the meeting to order and stated the object to be to discuss and formulate a plan for the reorganization of the association, and on motion the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas the present organization of this association is not the best adapted for the conduct and maintenance of this association as is conclusively shown by a falling off in membership of fully 80 % during the past year, and that extinction of the association is possible and even now threatened and further believing that the Library should be organized on a firm and lasting plan so that it may be perpetuated and grow into a popular strong and self-

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supporting association:

Be it resolved - that it is the sense of this meeting that the association be incorporated under the State Laws governing **Corporations** for Religious Educational and Charitable purposes, but not as a Joint Stock Company.

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary notify the members of the Library now in good standing that a meeting will be held on Tuesday evening March 31st at 7.30 o'clock to consider reorganization on the plan proposed by the Trustees

Two applications for the office of Librarian having been with the Trustees, by a majority vote Miss Senova Fulkerson was chosen Librarian.

There being no further business, on motion the meeting adjourned

Alice V. Gordon.

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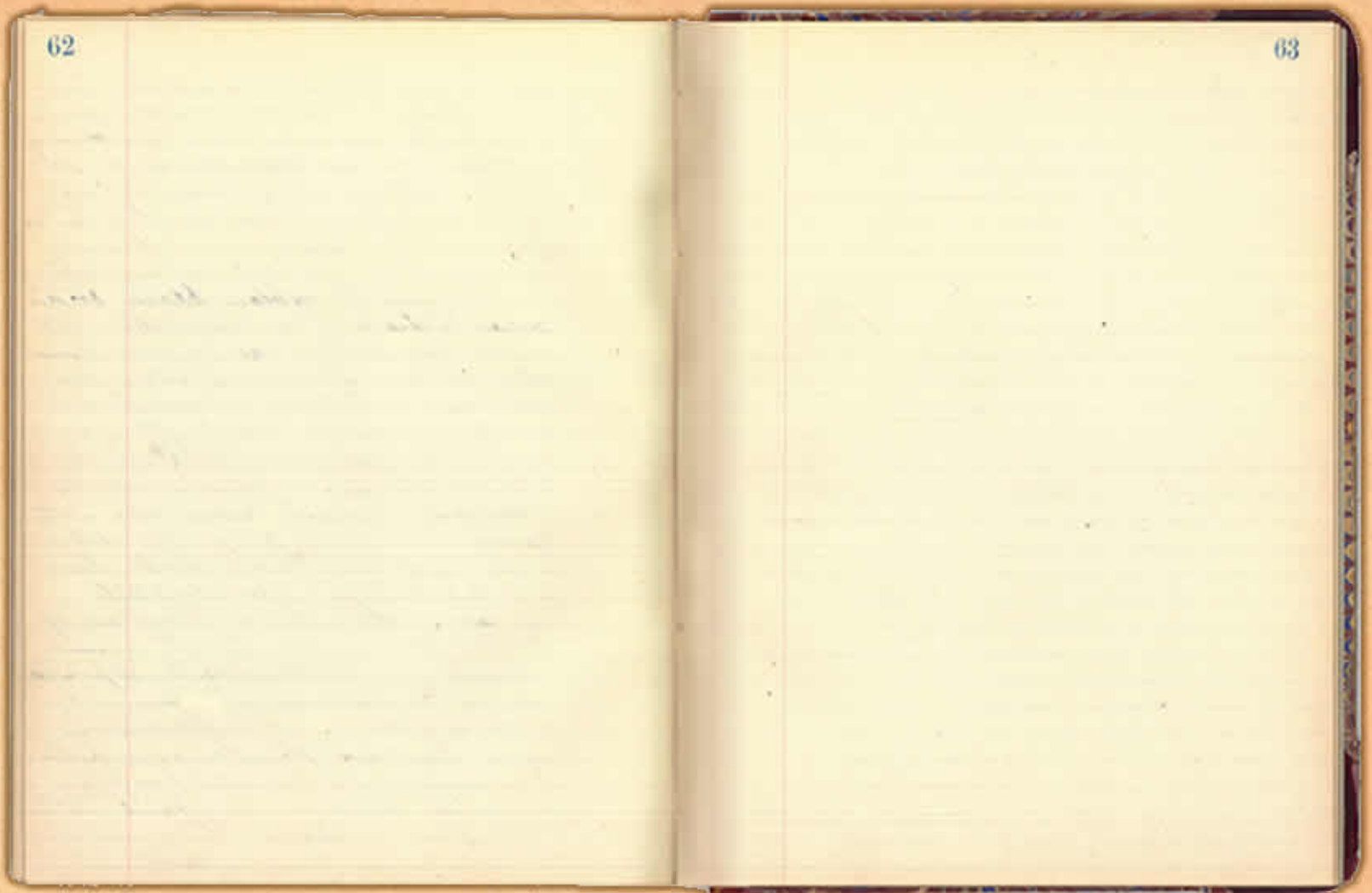
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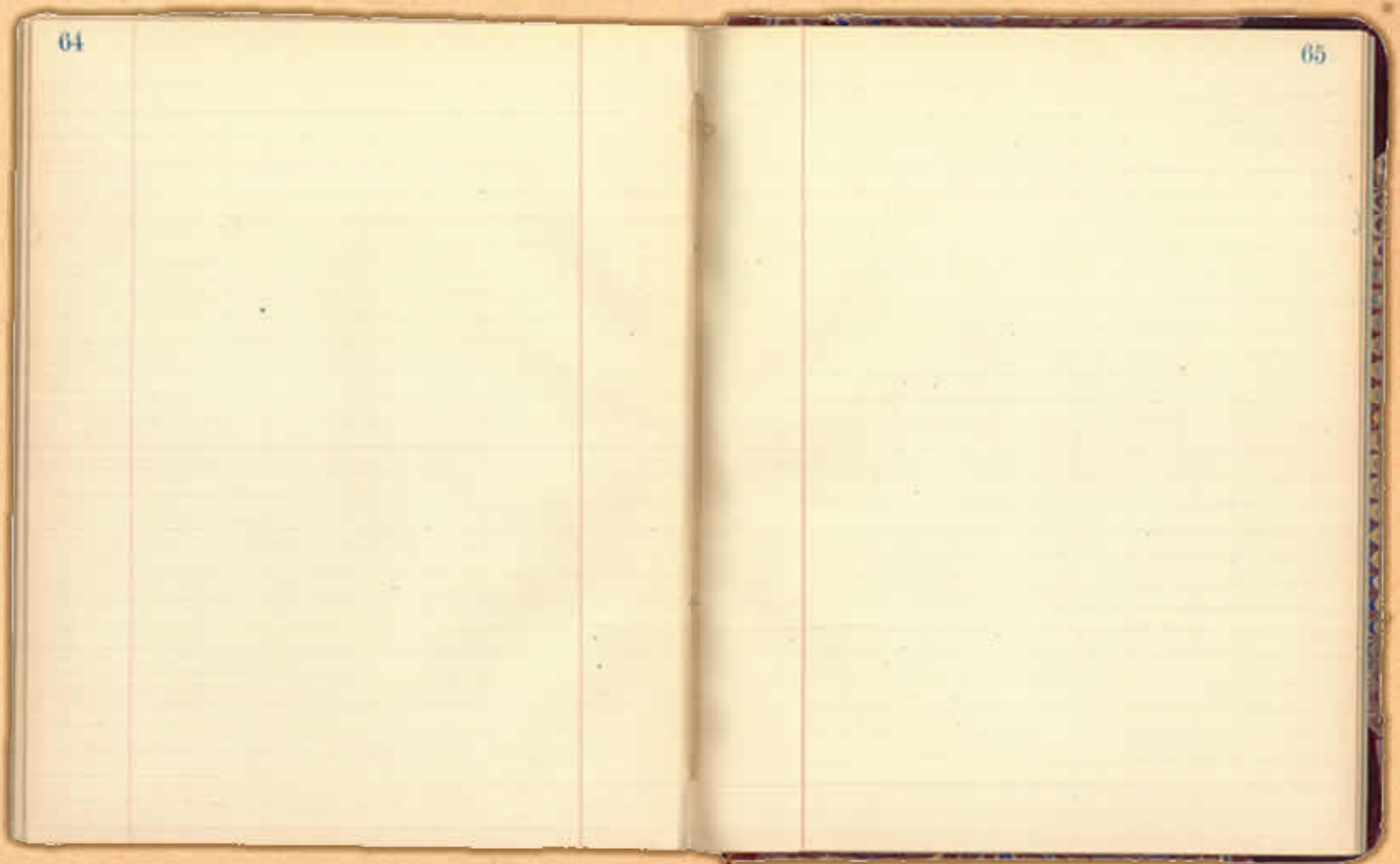
The Yakima Library Association met at library room on the evening of Mar- 31st at 7.30 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing, and voting on plan formulated by the Trustees (of said association) at a former meeting. The President, Mrs. Heg. asked Mr Steinweg to explain plan, and read Articles of incorporation, after some discussion Mrs. Snively moved the articles of incorporation be adopted. Carried. Mrs. Weed made a motion that all who originally paid one dol. (\$1.00) to Library should be considered Life Members; and, all persons who in the year 1895 & 96 paid two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) should have an additional membership. Carried. The third Thursday of April was voted for the annual meeting. The President - appointed Mr W L Steinweg Chairman of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. There being no further business, on motion the meeting adjourned, to meet on April 16 - 7.30 P. M.

Alice V Goodwin

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Constitution

^I
Name This Association shall be called the
Yakima Library Association.

^{II}
Object The object of this Association shall be
to improve the intellectual condition
of the community by providing good
reading for all who are willing
to observe its conditions & regulations.

^{III}
Membership Any person may become a member
of this Association by the payment of
one dollar (\$) as an initiation fee
and may continue in membership by
complying with the by-laws in the
payment of dues.

^{IV}
Officers (1) The officers of this Association shall be
president, two Vice-presidents, secretary,
treasurer and librarian.
(2) The offices of president and librarian
shall always be held by ladies,
members of this Association.
(3) all officers shall hold office for one year,
and shall be chosen by ballot at
the annual meeting, excepting that
the librarian shall be chosen by the
Executive Board, to hold office at their
option or until resignation.

- (4) The librarian shall receive a salary, the amount of which shall be determined by the Executive Board.

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 Powers
 President (1) The president shall have power to call all meetings of the Executive board and special meetings of the Association. She shall when present preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Association.

Vice (2) The vice-presidents in order shall exercise the powers of the president in the absence of that officer.

Secretary (3) It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep minutes of all meetings of the Association and board; to keep the Constitution, By-Laws and other papers of the Association, and to give notice of meetings to every member.

Treasurer (4) It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all money belonging to the Association and to make a report of receipts and disbursements at each meeting of the board and an annual report to the Association at its annual meeting. The treasurer shall make no payments except upon the order of the Executive board, provided that bills for salary and rent being once approved by the board shall thereafter be regularly paid without further order.

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(5) It shall be the duty of the librarian to be present in the library when open for the distribution of books; to care for the books, and to keep a record of all books distributed and returned. She shall receive and turn over to the treasurer all dues, fines, and fees, and shall keep a record of the same and of the indebtedness of each member. At the annual meeting she shall make a report to the association of all monies received and of the status of the members; she shall also present an inventory of books showing the number in possession of the library and the losses and the additions.

VI* The officers of this association shall constitute an executive board with full power to receive money to buy books and to employ a librarian. The board shall have power to make any other arrangements for the management and welfare of the library not conflicting with this constitution or with the by-laws or previous resolutions of the association, provided that the association shall retain the power to change such arrangements at any regular meeting such change to take effect after the meeting and not to affect or reverse any previous action of the board.

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VII (1) There shall be an annual meeting of the Association held on the evening of the third Wednesday in March.

(2) Quarterly meetings shall be held on the evenings of the first Wednesday in February, May, August and November.

(3) The President may call a special meeting whenever in her judgment it shall be necessary, and she shall call such special meeting whenever so requested by the Executive board, or by the written request of five members.

(4) All meetings shall be held in the room occupied by the library unless otherwise appointed by the Executive board, or by a special resolution of the previous meeting.

VIII

Quorum (1) Ten members shall constitute a quorum with full power to transact all business of the Association.

(2) At any meeting of the Executive board four members shall constitute a quorum with all the powers of the board.

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Amendments Amendments to this constitution can be made by a three fourth vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided that any amendment proposed shall have been moved at some previous

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meeting a copy left in the possession of
the librarian for general perusal and
a notice of the associations purpose to
vote upon the proposed amendment
given in the notices of the meeting at
which the vote is to be taken.

Signed Alfred Hodgdon Brown
Susanna Estlin Weg
L. C. Spurr
by Ida B Sharkey
Sec.

By Laws.

- I x The monthly dues of each member shall
be twenty five cents in advance, but
dues may be commuted to two dollars
and fifty cents per annum, provided that
annual dues be paid in advance.
- II x Any member may draw from the library one
book each week, provided that any book
previously drawn shall have been returned.
- III a book may be kept two weeks and if not returned
at the expiration of that time a fine of ten
cents will be imposed for each week the
same is so retained; but a book may

be renewed for not more than two weeks at the discretion of the librarian.

IV Any book lost or defaced shall be replaced or paid for at the cost price.

No person owing the association fees fines or dues shall be allowed to draw books until such indebtedness be paid.

V Any person may draw books from the Library upon the payment of twenty five cents per month or two dollars and fifty cents per year in advance.

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting provided that a copy of the proposed Amendment be left with the Librarian at least one week before the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

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Amendments to Constitution

March 18, 1906 ~~Article III~~ Article III amended to read "Any person may become and continue to be a member of this Association, by the annual payment of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) in advance, which will entitle the member to all the privileges of the Association. Now members shall be entitled to receive books from the Library on the monthly payment of twenty five cents in advance."

Section 3 of Article V amended by adding the words "and to make a report at the annual meeting of the Association, of the year's work."

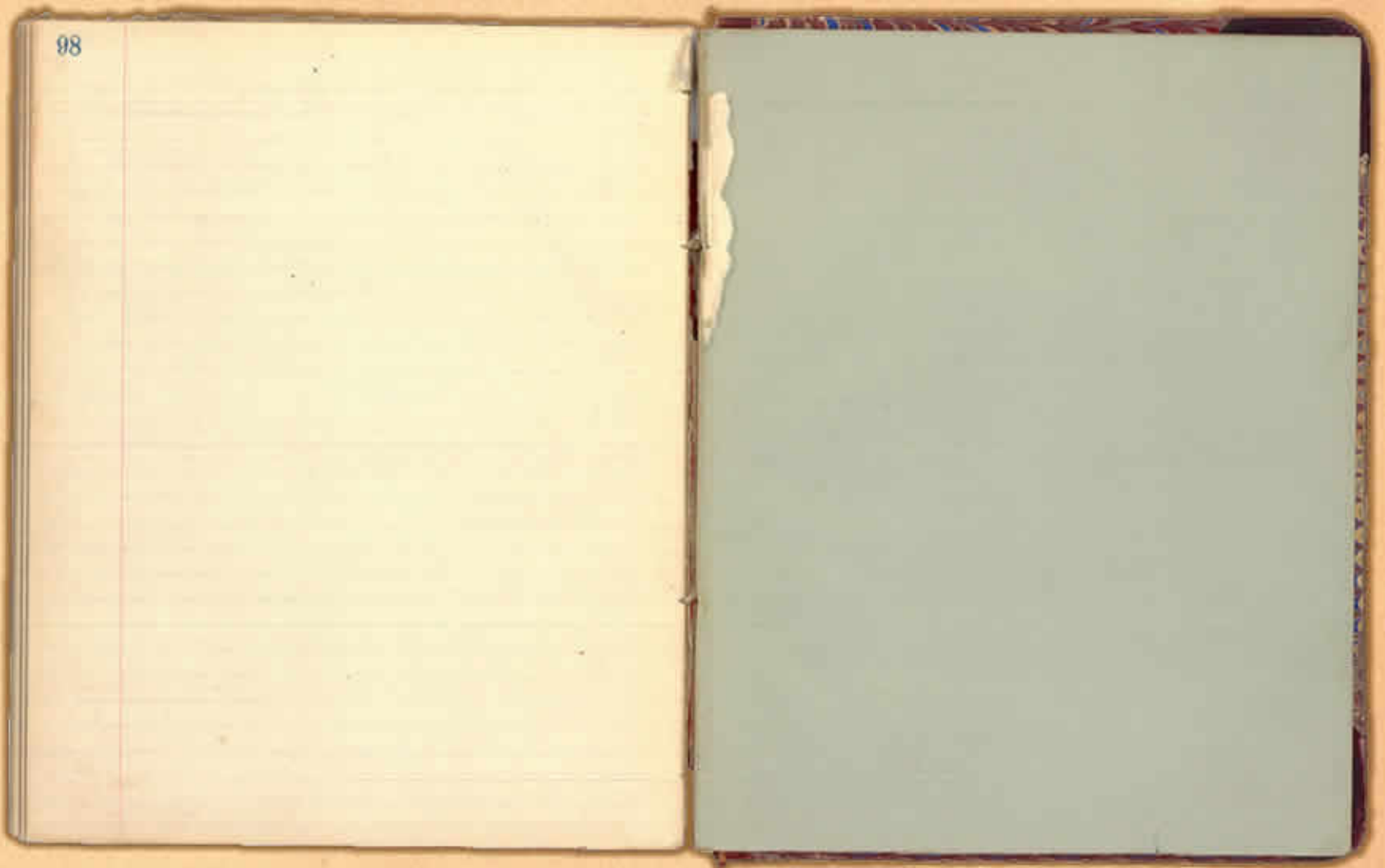
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Amendments to By Laws.
March 18/96. Article I stricken out as unconstitutional

Article II amended to read as follows.
"Each person entitled thereto shall be permitted to draw a book from the library on return of the one previously taken."
Article VII was amended by striking out the words "or two dollars and fifty cents per year."





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