

YMCA

Secretary Turner announced last evening that about one third of the pairs of business men went out into the field yesterday morning and added another \$2,000 to the fund. He said he believes no difficulty will be experienced in raising \$25,000 and that Yakima will not be content with less than \$35,000 to \$40,000 for a building in the end--The Yakima Herald, May 23, 1906.

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The Royal Neighbors held a delightful entertainment Monday evening at their hall for the benefit of the YMCA fund.

The reception was well attended and a pleasing program given. Those taking part were Miss Margaret Green, Miss Carrie Stone, Miss Taylor and Mrs. Skillern. N.F. Turner gave a talk on YMCA work. Ice cream and cake were served. The sum of \$25 was realized--
The Yakima Herald, May 2, 1906.

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The Citizens committee is so very closely identified with the fund being raised for the San Francisco sufferers that while they have been working on that latter fund, the other for the local YMCA building has not been aggressively pushed.

The Young Men's committee are hoping that they will soon have made up their sum of \$10,000 and are working quietly to that end. Of course it is not necessary to wait to be asked if you have subscribed. If you have not, you who are reading this why not go to some one on the Young Men's committee, if you come within their territory, and volunteer your subscription? It will cheer them up--and it will not cost you any more--The Yakima Herald, April 18, 1906.

The teachers' contribution to the YMCA building fund is almost completed and will be ready to report in a few days. N.F. Turner met with the teachers Saturday evening and reports that they are all giving liberally, considering that they have a long vacation before them.

The business mens' fund is growing and the next week or ten days will show a large increase in it--The Yakima Herald, May 9, 1906.

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The first gun in the whirlwind campaign for the \$25,000 to be raised for the new YMCA building in the next days was fired at the Yakima hotel Monday night at a banquet to the committee of 100 well known local men named to engineer the fight for the money.

The young men's committee raised the largest subscription of any committee in connection with the big committee of 100, the amount pledged by members being \$2,770.

The announcement that H.M. Gilbert would be one of five to put in \$1,000 for the last \$5,000 brought forth a cheer.

The present subscription from the committee of 100 was \$6,400. S.J. Harrison, Sunnyside gave \$100; Robert E. Strahorn of Spokane \$500. The The Yakima Herald, October 3, 1907.

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The corner stone of the new YMCA building was placed Tuesday morning in the presence of nearly 3,000 spectators. Few but realized the importance of this step in the work, a step which in sentiment at least represents the culmination of years of effort.....

Following the parade the people moved to the new structure where ceremonies took place. Among those present were Secretary H.W. Stone of Portland; Rev. W.J. Hindley of Spokane, Rev. Alfred H. Henry, Secretary N.F. Turner, President W.B. Dudley as well as other well known people.

The invocation was given by Rev. Alfred H. Henry. This was followed by children singing "America" and patriotic airs from the band.

Secretary Stone of Portland spoke on the work of the association...

Secretary Turner read a list of things placed in the copper box:

Copy of Holy Bible, copy of vestry, warden, rectors and organizations of St Michael's Episcopal church, members of Young people's society, Christian Endeavorers and bulletins of Presbyterian church, directory of membership of First Methodist Episcopal church, officers of Women's missionary society of Methodist Episcopal church, so er of Mens Civic brotherhood Bible flass.....etc. etc. etc. half col.) Copies of Yakima Democrat for week ending June 1, 1907; copy of Morning Herald June 4, 1907 Cop of Republic June 3, 1907, copo "Good Stuff for May, 1907, badge, "That Building's Coming, worn by young men, association letterheads and envelopes, invitation to corner stone laying, invitation for YMCA Sunday, copy of "This is That Building" used during the canvass containing plans of building

It being necessary to make some structural alterations to C.H. Hinman's office over the First National bank the Young Men's Christian association had to look for desk room elsewhere.

The association has had the use of Mr. Hinman's outer office since the first inception of the work in March of last year and the board meetings have been held there.

The association is fortunate in being invited to share the office now of Ward & Hunt, the attorneys at No. 110 1-2 Yakima avenue where Secretary Turner will be found, when he can be found, and where he will be pleased to have all who so desire call upon him.

The board of trustees will meet at the above new location Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock when Architect Gauntt will meet with them and all bids and quotations received to date will be considered and it is hoped that some definite action will be made possible. All who have any further figures to submit are asked to present them before the above mentioned hour--The Yakima Herald, Feb. 6, 1907.

At a meeting of the YMCA board of trustees held Tuesday evening with an almost complete representation it was unanimously decided to award the contract for the erection of the Young Men's Christian association building on the site on South Fourth street exclusive of plumbing heating and wiring to Messrs Gibson & Smith of Seattle.

The bid submitted by the firm for the construction of the building as above is \$36,794.

The main part of the structure is to be constructed of local sandstone above the water table and basalt rock below the water table, laid in range work. ...As soon as the question of satisfactory bond and the legal end of the contract is settled, everything being perfectly understood and clear, work will be begun by the successful bidders--The Yakima Herald, Feb. 13, 1907.

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On Monday, March 4 at the hour of 12:10 p.m. the first spadeful of earth will be taken out at the building site of the Young Men's Christian association, South Fourth street near Yakima avenue.

The ceremony will be brief but interesting and all are cordially invited to be present and witness the beginning of this work in the city of North Yakima. It will mean much in its outcome not only for the city but the entire valley and county, the first building of its kind, devoted solely to the purpose of helpfulness and development in young men and boys.

Many months have been spent in preparation for this simple event and in honor of the occasion the whistles of the Cascade mill will put in extra time on that day blowing from noon to 12:05 in order to remind everybody there is something doing in town thereby calling attention more or less directly to the ceremony at South Fourth street.

There will be music by a male chorus representing the various churches of the city prayer will be offered, a speech given and the first spadeful of earth will be dug out. This will begin the work which is to result in a splendid building for the character forming periods of a young man's life...The Yakima Herald, Feb. 27, 1907.

YMCA

At the meeting of the trustees of the YMCA held Tuesday night in the YMCA office ^{business} there was much satisfaction expressed over the fact that matters had so far progressed and the ceremony of laying the corner stone could now be taken up.

The date suggested for this ceremony was Tuesday, May 28 and the details were left in the hands of a specially appointed committee to arrange. A special man will be secured, if possible, to deliver an address but the program will be brief and it is desired instructive of the YMCA aims and methods.

Other matters that occupied the attention was the question of payments of subscriptions already due. This was discussed as a business proposition and it was decided must be dealt with immediately--The Yakima Herald, May 8, 1907.

During the past week a few of the prominent ranchers around North Yakima have been interviewed by men connected with the YMCA movement with the object of enlisting their interest and support in the building enterprise now on hand.

The response has been very encouraging and the men themselves have thought it quite possible that a county or ranchers' fund of \$10,000 would be only fitting in a total of \$60,000 on a building of this character. Towards this amount a good start has been made and many of the wealthiest landowners have not yet been seen.

This is not surprising after all. The ranchers around Walla Walla contributed generously toward the \$80,000 building there. At Brandon, Manitoba, farmers up to twenty miles away made subscriptions totalling \$10,000 on a fund of similar proportions to our own for North Yakima.

....The cornerstone of the new building will be laid either next week or the following, the date having not quite been determined but notice will be given and it is hoped that all will then take a few hours off and join in a celebration of rejoicing over the progress thus far made and in hopeful anticipation of a complete and successful building--The Yakima Herald, May 22, 1907.

On Tuesday next, June 4th at 10 o'clock a.m. the corner stone of the Young Men's Christian association building will be laid.

This event has been looked forward to for some time and promises to be of great interest.

Dr. W.J. Hindley of Spokane will be the speaker for the occasion and his connection with the association work and deep interest in it assures that it will be worth listening to. H.W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland association will also be present.

The services of Magler's band have very kindly been offered for this occasion and a double male quartet is also assured. School children have been invited to participate.

A copper box is being prepared which will be sealed and placed under the corner stone, containing matters of interest at the present time, such as a record of the association work up to date, a list of subscribers of the fund, rosters of church, lodge, club and society memberships etc. If anyone has an item of special moment that should be included it would be appreciated if same could be left in the office of the secretary by Monday, June 3. The box is limited in size but the association management desires to include everything possible to include deal with history and status of North Yakima and Yakima county at this time. The Yakima Herald, May 29, 1907.

At a meeting of the YMCA board of trustees held Tuesday evening in the office over the First National bank it was decided to award the contract for completion of the building to Messrs Corbett & Raymond, they being the lowest bidders in the recent call for bids.

A letter was sent out (copy of letter published) to subscribers asking them to complete payments of their gift when needed without waiting for it to mature..

The executive committee is composed of L.O. Janeck, Alex Miller, C.H. Hinman--The Yakima Herald, March 4, 1908.

Bids requested by the bonding company for the completion of the YMCA building were opened by the board Tuesday evening and sent to the attorney in Seattle.

Thacker & Smith, Corbett & Ramond and George Ellis were the only bidding contractors but who will be the successful bidder cannot be stated at this time.

The board is satisfied that the work will start in a short time, the only difficulty now apparent being the financing of the project. Enough money has been subscribed but the payments are coming in so slowly that enough actual money to carry on the work will not be secured for some time.

A number of them have stated that they would pay at any time and the board will try and induce others to do likewise.

Under the former contract the money was not needed but now it is believed the money will have to be paid as the work is done. Just what action the bonding company will take on the bids submitted or what they will be toward the hurrying of the work the board are still in complete darkness--
The Yakima Herald, Feb. 26, 1900 1908.

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The YMCA now fears that the only method by which they will be able to complete the unfinished building will be through a law suit.

The bonding company's attorneys in Seattle now declare they know nothing about the building or the controversy which the association has put up to them several times.

The association has held off and tried every means within their powers to bring about a peaceable adjustment of the difficulty, and they feel that the limit of their patience has been reached.

The bonding company had a man on the ground several weeks ago and the association believed that the work would soon be resumed. Time has dragged along and nothing definite can be learned, letters remain unanswered and the actions of the company indicate that if a settlement is ever secured it will have to be forced or they will bid their own sweet will.

A meeting will be held in the offices this evening at 5 o'clock when the board of trustees and Mr. Hodge will discuss the educational work of the association.

The Yakima Herald, Feb. 19, 1908.

"At the special meeting of the YMCA board of trustees held in the office of the association Tuesday evening a number of matters were transacted looking toward the better carrying on of the work particularly in view of the approaching opening of the building.

Regret was again expressed at the seeming reluctance which is as yet unexplained that exists in the manner of paying up subscriptions already past due. It is impossible for payments to the contractors to be met when those who have been depended upon for that purpose fail. Hope was expressed, however, that this condition would not last long and that payments would be met soon although a little late.

Great satisfaction was recorded in the acceptance by Harry A. Cook, who graduates from Springfield, Mass. training school next month, of the position of physical director of the association. He will come as soon as his duties will permit and as soon as the local field is ready for his services. There seems to be no doubt of his fitness for the position and the board were inclined to congratulate themselves or their city upon the fact that he has accepted this position as a choice out of six offered him. It was recommended that the committee appointed for the purpose proceed at once to secure another man who shall have special relation to the boys' work and the position will be offered to Carroll E. Kirk who was, before he went east last year, director of boys' work in the Seattle association.

Announcement was made that membership tickets are now ready and that applications are being made daily for charter memberships. The Yakima Herald, May 13, 1908.

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Representative women of the city Saturday organized a woman's auxiliary of the YMCA for the purpose of furnishing the handsome building and by so doing shouldered a stupendous task which deserves the heartiest support of the entire city.

The women in a body were shown through the new structure by Secretary Turner, Directors Alexander Miller, W.L. Steinweg, W.R. Dudley, C.H. Hinman, B.F. Barge, L.O. Janeck and Contractor Corbett.

....The auxiliary was organized with the following officers:

Mrs. J.L. Hughes, president; Mrs. L.O. Janeck, treasurer; Miss Jeanette Bridgman, secretary.

The Yakima Herald, June 17, 1908.

Many young men and boys took advantage Tuesday of the first opening of the swimming pool and the baths of the Young Men's Christian association, the pool being the first natorium of any kind in North Yakima. That this feature of the building will be popular is certain judging from the interest that was shown on the first day.

Not only was there a crowd during the day but in the evening there were many to seek the benefits of a plunge in the water.

Yakima Herald, July 22, 1908.

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At a meeting of the board of directors of the Y.M.C.A. held Wednesday it was decided to form classes for boys over 11 years of age.

The officers of the association have been urged by repeated requests to form a class for the youngsters and the action of the board will be welcome news to the little fellows.

The class for the 11 year old boys will meet Saturday morning and gymnasium exercises held. Boys of 10 years passing the tests given by the director will be taken into the 11 year old class.

The total membership of the YMCA to date numbers 412 and with new members coming in daily promises to reach the 500 mark soon. The gymnasium classes have been formed and are beginning to take shape under the direction of Physical Director Cook.

The rooms in the building have nearly all been taken by members of the association. The magazine and news list of the association has been completed and includes the leading newspapers of the country and standard magazines - The Yakima Herald, Sept. 16, 1908.

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Again the "Every Day in the Year Club" has a chance for publication at the YM A office Monday evening. Just as the class was dismissing after 45 minutes of Bible study a telegram was brought in which announced that Carroll E. Kirk would accept the assistant secretaryship and direction of boys' work in the local Young Men's Christian association.

Secretary Turner informed a Herald representative yesterday that although no effort has been made as yet to enlist members, not a day passes but what several step into the office and make application for charter membership.... Tickets are now being issued and the special feature in connection with them is a seal bearing the words, "Young Men's Christian Association No. Yakima, Wash. Charter Member, 1908," in the center of which is the triangle emblematic of the association's spirit and the initial Y standing for the greater Yakima, both city and county;.... The Yakima Herald, May 20, 1908.

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The organization of the ladies classes at the YMCA was begun Tuesday morning and the maids and matrons of North Yakima are taking ~~in~~ kindly to the proposition.

The classes will be held Monday evening and Thursday morning from this on, instead of per the schedule as first arranged

The dormitory of the association is taking on new life, most of the rooms being taken. All of the gymnasium classes are well attended and all are getting into the swing of the work. The formation of a lecture course for the coming season is being planned and several noted lecturers are on the boards for dates-
The Yakima Herald, Sept. 16, 1908.