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Prof St. John was reelected at the late meeting of the school board for the ensuing year as superintendent of the North Yakima public schools.--Yakima Herald, June 1, 1899.

A school meeting was held at the school house on Monday afternoon for the purpose of deciding by vote the long debated question of whether or not Parker should have a new school house. The majority were in favor of a new school house with two rooms for the purpose of having the school graded. Further particulars as to site, style and size will be given later--Yakima Herald, June 1, 1899.

The fifth annual commencement exercises of the North Yakima high school will be held in Mason's opera house on Monday evening, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. The exercises will consist of the usual commencement, parts, interspersed with music by the best talent in town.

It is to be regretted that the hall is not larger but no one is responsible for this. An invitation is extended to pupils in the seventh, eighth and high school graders, to teachers in and about Yakima, to patrons and taxpayers too until the full capacity of the hall is reached.

The graduating exercises of the eighth grade, a new feature, will be held the same evening. These will consist of a "Longfellow Reception."

The sermons to the graduates will be preached by Rev. Ira W. Kimmel at the Christian church, June 11, a.m.

The names of the class of '99 are: Myrtle Peck, Nellie Rogers and Ruby Vertner.--Yakima Herald, June 8, 1899.

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The result of the school election on Monday was 128 votes for the school house proposition and 77 against--205 in all of which the necessary three -fifth were obtained, with five votes to spare.

But little interest was taken in the election. The proposition to build two frame school houses, one in the north and the other in the southeast portion of the district No. 7 at a cost not exceeding \$750 each and an annex of two rooms two stories high, brick to the Columbia school, cost not to exceed \$3,000 is now fixed for good and all. The fact that the directors guaranteed that the two rooms should be in two stories as an addition to the Columbia school house had much to do with carrying the election as the west side practically agreed upon the compromise instead of insisting upon two stories of four rooms.

The school tax levied by the old school board of 5 mills and the tax voted for Monday now makes 9 mills of school taxation for district No. 7, a condition of affairs not generally known or realized.

The school board will call a meeting soon to determine the location of the two new school houses voted for and will doubtless also advertise for contracts for their construction, together with the brick addition to the Columbia school--Yakima Herald, July 27, 1899.

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The school board met on Friday night at Central school to open bids for the building of an addition to the Columbia school house, Rev. H.M. Bartlett in the chair and A.S. Dam clerk as per appointment by the board on the 26th day of August.

There were six bids submitted as follow:

Robert Scott \$3,700; C.V. Bissell \$2,992; A. Anderson \$2,925; A.F. Switzer, \$2,848; P.H. Stockand \$2,800 and C.H. Bruenn \$2,798.

Mr. Bruenn's bid being the lowest he was awarded the contract on giving bond for amount of his bid. The board then adjourned until today, Thursday when the contract for the Fair grounds school house will be awarded and a superintendent appointed in place of Prof. St John- -Yakima Herald Sept 7, 1899.

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The school board of district No. 2 Yakima City , with Mr. Schwartze and County Superintendent Plumb desire to meet the voters of the School Section at the school house on Friday evening, January 11 at 8.30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the subject of organizing a joint high school district to carry on school work above the eighth grade.

The state provides means for work of this grade by such districts to stimulate higher education in rural communities and all who are interested in our schools should be present and assist in promoting such organizations--The Yakima Herald, Jan. 10, 1901.

The electors of District No. 33 (the school section) will have a meeting on Friday evening to discuss matters pertaining to a union with school district No. 2 (Old Town) The purpose in joining these two districts is that they may have a high school which many of the patrons of both districts believe very necessary--Yakima Herald, Jan. 10, 1901.

Schools.. Parents and Teachers

About the first of the present year Professor Selleck and the members of the school board of district No. 7 began considering plans for a series of educational meetings to be participated in by the parents of the pupils in this district and the teachers.

The aim of these meetings is to organize and correlate the educational forces of the community to the end that the aims and methods of the school may be better understood, that information relating to the work and management of the schools may be mutually interchanged between parents and teachers and that the work of the school may be extended and made more efficient by the aid and cooperation of all.

The first of these meetings is to be held this evening in the Lincoln school building and it will be called to order promptly at 7:30 o'clock. There will be music and a sort of informal reception and three speakers will give brief talks on the general topic: "The Co-Operation of Parents and Teachers. Miss Carrie Young will treat the subject from the standpoint of the teacher, Mrs. W. M. Watt will speak from the standpoint of the home and Dr. Henry as a member of the community.

It is the purpose to make these meetings informal, to give opportunity for free discussion and suggestions. All parents and adults who are interested in schools are cordially invited to attend..

On Monday and Tuesday of this week many of the pupils of lower grades wrote letters to their parents urging them to be present this evening. Professor Selleck will present facts constituting a review or history of work along this line in other localities and will make some recommendations and suggestions tending to aid the work here--The Yakima Herald, March 15, 1905.

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County Superintendent Wickey in closing out the business of his office preparatory to turning it over to his successor Mr. Jacobson on the first of September issued a report. The most important part of the work is the compiling of the annual report.

There are now 8,282 children of school age in the county, 4,290 male and 3,992 female. One year ago the number was 7,195, the gain of 1,087 or about 13 per cent.

The average salary paid to the male teachers last year was \$58 per month and the average salary paid to female teachers was \$55 per month. This is a reduction in both cases. The total amount paid to teachers during the last fiscal year was \$72,494.12 as against \$58,710.41 .

Eleven school houses were built in the county during the year, ten frame and one brick. Estimated value of all school houses including grounds is now \$252,200 ~~or 0000~~ or an increase since June of last year of \$40,900. Fourteen new districts were organized during the year.

Total amount paid out during year was \$148,377.21 and total amount received , bonds, special levies, funds etc. was \$186,575.40.

Total number of districts in county, 73; number districts maintaining at least five months school during year 70; number of graded schools in county 25; number of high schools in county ⁷4; number districts having no school house 4; 35 schools supplied with reference books; 58 schools supplied with unabridged dictionaries; number teachers holding state or territorial certificates or diplomas 7; teachers holding diplomas from normal department , state university, 8; number holding first grade certificates 24; number holding 2nd grade certificates 95; number third grade certificates 28--Yakima Herald, Aug 16, 1905

Schools-Yakima

At a special meeting of the school board of district No. 7 held last Wednesday evening for the purpose of opening bids for construction of the new building on North ~~W~~^W Natchez avenue, it was found that W.W. Felton's bid was the lowest and best and the contract was accordingly awarded to him.

Mr. Felton agrees to build the schoolhouse for \$20,000 and has given a guarantee of \$1,200 for the completion of the same by the end of August. ..The Yakima Herald, April 19, 1905.

The directors of school district No. 7 met in regular session Monday evening, Professor Barge being absent.....

A petition was presented signed by some 300 pupils of the district who will occupy the new school on North Natchez avenue asking that the same be named "The Barge School." After considering the matter the board ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and instructed Director Compton to notify the contractor to that effect. Yakima Herald, April 26, 1905.

Schools-Teachers

At a meeting of the male teachers of Yakima county held at the high school Saturday afternoon a new organization of teachers was formed.

The new club which will be called the Schoolmasters' club of Yakima County will be headed by County Superintendent Busch.

About 25 teachers were present at the meeting and a number of questions vital to school work were discussed. The purpose of the organization will be to bring the teachers together for the purpose of discussing school questions.

Officers elected were: S.S. Busch, president; Rodney Ackley, secretary and a committee to draft a constitution composed of D.C. Read, H.C. Davis and E.J. Robinson-Yakima Republic, Oct. 28, 1910.

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Kindergartens

There are to be four kindergartens in North Yakima the coming year. Last year the kindergarten course was discontinued owing to some inadequacy in the state law.

A law making the kindergartens part of the regular school system was passed by the last legislature, educators and women's clubs being behind the movement.

Prof. W.D. Sterling, the new superintendent of schools is a believer in kindergarten and thinks that the facilities should be such that little ones in all parts of the city can profit. There will be a morning session of two hours at Lincoln and of two hours in the afternoon at Fairview with Miss Annie Erwin in charge. On the west side there will be morning kindergarten at Columbia and afternoon session at McKinley with Miss Laura Hofman as teacher. It is possible that there will also be two assistants--Yakima Herald, Sept. 6, 1911.

Lincoln--Fire

Nothing but charred ruins and dilapidated walls mark the spot where the Lincoln school formerly stood on North Third street. The school was totally destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. The alarm was given shortly after 3 o'clock and the fire department was at the scene a few minutes later. The loss is estimated at about \$47,000.

The building and contents were insured for about \$15,300.

Nothing was saved except the high school records and a typewriter.

Superintendent Reed arrived on the ground shortly after 4 o'clock and with the aid of several of the spectators succeeded in getting through the office window, opened his desk and passed the school records out. He then went back for the typewriter and shortly returned with it. He had no sooner landed safely on the ground when the office was filled with flames and the floor fell.

There were about 40 tons of coal in the cellar which caused thick clouds of dense, black suffocating smoke....

The building consisted of eight classrooms, assembly room, primary room, library, office, laboratory, supply room, boys' gymnasium and a store room for furniture.

There were 50 guns belonging to the cadet corps, 1500 volumes in the school library, a piano, stock, and supplies for all the district, desks, stationary, ink, pens etc.

The register of the Barge school was also lost. This had been taken to the superintendent's last Friday and was placed in his desk.

The board of education announced yesterday that the high school will open Monday this morning in the new Methodist Episcopal church. The grade pupils who occupied a room in the Lincoln school have been transferred to the Barge school. Permanent quarters for the high school will be procured as soon as possible for the rest

of the term.

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There were 220 high school students in the Lincoln building.

City Superintendent Reed opened his office in the Metzger

building in the rooms formerly occupied by the North

Yakima & Valley railway...The Yakima Herald, Feb Jan 9, 1907.

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High school

As predicted, the school board selected block 313 on Capitol Hill as the site for the new high school building. This was done at the meeting of the school board held Monday evening.

Six different sites were offered, four of them outside the city limits and consequently not considered.

The fifth is situated in the hollow below Capitol Hill and was considered to be unsightly.

The cost of the site which has been decided upon will be \$13,500.

The Yaki a Herald, March 13, 1907.

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Yakima's new east side school buildings costing approximately \$170,000 are rapidly nearing completion and according to the contractors will be turned over to the school district about June 15. General parts of the structures such as foundations, walls, partitions and flooring are roughly completed. Roof work is now in progress and will be finished soon. The structures are thoroughly modern within and at this early stage of completion present an artistic appearance to the passerby.

While the new schools, the junior high school on Maple and South Seventh street and the Madison grade school on Fourth and Spruce streets are costing the taxpayers a substantial sum, much of the money is being paid out for materials and labor. Sixteen men are ~~working~~ working on the Madison building under the contractors, Gibson & Wieland and 45 are helping on the junior high school under W.M. Yeaman, contractor.

The Madison school will have six class rooms in addition to the principal's rooms, 60000 cloak rooms and other essentials. Stairways will be at either end opening directly to the outside at the foot. The Yakima Republic, March 21, 1924.

Nob Hill school

Purchased by the Nob Hill school district of two acres of land adjoining the school grounds from Mrs. Daniel Webster for \$4,000 was authorized by patrons of the district at a special meeting in the school house last night called to consider the matter. The land will be used for a playground.

The purchase will be arranged at once and the district will acquire the use of the land as soon as the crop of fruit is off according to O.R. Schumann, president of the school board. School will open Tuesday with enrollment of 300 pupils expected--The Yakima Daily Republic, August 26, 1925.

Last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock occurred the dedicatory exercises of the Nob Hill school.

The main room of the building was packed to overflowing with residents of district ²⁸ 28 and quite a large delegation from North Yakima. M.N. Richards, chairman of the board of directors presided at the meeting. D.L. Druse spoke in behalf of the board of the difficulties that were overcome in the securing of the building and site. Gov. McBride, who was to speak in the evening at the armory, was present and made a few pleasant remarks, congratulating the people of the district in securing such a site and building, the former he said surpassing anything in the state if not in the nation.

Messrs Barge, Cannon and Nichols, directors of the city schools were called on for remarks.

the dedicatory address was given by Judge Preble who spoke eloquently.

The plans and building complete cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000 including the furnishings and is a compliment to its architect and builder, W.W. Felton and foreman, Elmer Schwartz.

The building consists of four large school rooms, office and library, two cloak rooms for each room, teachers room for each teacher, two playrooms in the basement and furnace rooms. The rooms are well lighted from three sides and the ventilation is as perfect as modern architecture can make it.

School opened on Monday, October 20 with the following teachers:

J.R. Schwartze, principal; Miss Ethelyn Young and Miss Emma Pihl.

The board consists of M.N. Richards, D.L. Druse and L.B. Kinyon, W.C. Wimer clerk-Yakima Herald, October 21, 1902.

High School

There will be 15 graduates from the North Yakima high school this year, the largest class in its history.

The commencement exercises will be held at Larson's theatre on Friday evening, June 3, and the class day exercises at the high school building on the evening previous where all the other exercises attendant on the annual commencement will also occur. ^{Some} ~~Other~~ prominent educator of the state will be secured to address the class at the graduating exercises for which the ~~usual~~ usual invitations will be issued. The names of the members of the class are as follows:

President, Ora Huxtable, Floyd Fairbrook, Royal Shaw, Harry Cook, Fred Casey, Claud Kinyon, Raoul Benoit, Misses Mary Erwin, Edith Cole, Maude Butler, Jean Comett, Helen Scott, Alda Flint, Mina Matterson, Helen Nelson--The Yakima Herald, April 13, 1904.

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Formal opening of the Washington junior high school Nov. 18 and of the Madison grade school Nov. 21 are the main features of National Education week. Nov. 17-23 observance as far as the city school system is concerned A.C. Davis, superintendent reports.

A.F. Gehring, junior high school principal and Mrs. Annabell Tufts, Madison principal have prepared programs.

Thursday night of education week, Nov. 20, Gehring plans to form a junior high school Parent-Teacher association. There is an enrollment of 514 at the new institution and Gehring expects at least 500 of the parents to participate in the organization. Other PTA organizations will meet during the week. Civic clubs will hold their meetings in the new junior high school.

Mrs. Tufts plans to make Nov. 21 Dads' night as well as opening night at the Madison school.-The Yakima Daily Republic, Nov. 11, 1924.

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A second Brick School House--The school election on Saturday last was overwhelming in favor of building a new brick school house on the west side of the tract. There were but 22 votes out of 196 that favored building an addition to the present structure. The school directors have sent to Architect Nestor of Seattle for plans and specifications and the contract will be let as soon as these are received--Herald, June 28, 1889.

Education

School Superintendent J.C. Lawrence was in an excellent humor when seen by The Herald Reporter Tuesday.

He had recently visited a number of the district schools and the splendid progress made and the interest evinced by the teachers, scholars and patrons, acted like a tonic upon his system.

On November 27 Mr. Lawrence visited the lower Wenas school district 15 which is now under the able tutelage of Mrs. Van Horn. The occasion was the closing exercises of the fall term and the entertainment was a little out of the usual order. A model exercise was being given, thus treating the parents and visitors to an idea of the plan pursued during the three-months work.

The school at Kennewick is doing very nicely. C.F. Lum has been untiring for several years past in his efforts to keep up the school at the place and although it has been very discouraging at times, the few families residing there have managed to maintain the school and the directors will endeavor this year to maintain a six months' school. Miss Mae Conrad, daughter of J.H. Conrad, is the present teacher and is giving excellent satisfaction.

The closing exercises of the Hay's district, where Miss May Young has taught for the past three months with credit to herself and to the marked benefit of her scholars, consisted of songs, recitations, brief talks by the parents and an old fashioned spelling bee.

On the seventh and eighth of December the superintendent visited the school in what is known as the Nile district. It is number 29 and was organized in May last and although an infant in age, it is apparently in a prosperous condition. The superintendent found the journey a hard one as the Nile valley is difficult of access and fifteen miles above the Yeates mill on the Natcheez.

The Nile valley is one of the prettiest spots in Yakima county and the soil is very rich and productive.

The country is new and unsurveyed and there are six or eight families residing there, besides a number of old bachelors who in September last built a neat school house which is presided over by Miss Maggie Larson, a young lady who is doing good service to the cause of education.

The Nile school is now closed on account of the deep snow which prevails at that high altitude, but it will be open again in the spring.

Among the other schools which Supt. Lawrence has recently visited are those in the Parker Bottom, Nob Hill, Gleed and Sinclair districts. In the latter school Miss Ferrell has completed a four months term and has started on a second term-- Yakima Herald, December 19, 1891.