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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Hotel Benson, 12:00, Sharp

SPEAKERS

J. N. TEAL
of Portland

JUDGE STEPHEN A. LOWELL
of Pendleton

SUBJECT

"Upper Columbia River Development"

GEORGE MAYO . . . *Chairman of the Day*
Captain, Corps, U. S. Engineers

The subject under discussion has demanded the attention of government experts and citizen groups.

With two speakers the program must begin early.

12:15 to 12:30—PRESENTATION OF REPORT ON TRAINING SCHOOL SITE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

"What Happened at Smyrna"

An eye-witness story

by

RALPH HARLOW

Scholar, Writer and Speaker.
For many years in the Near East

SATURDAY EVENING, February 3rd

Hotel Benson, Crystal Room,
6:30 p. m.

CITY CLUB DINNER AND RECEPTION

SPEAKER

CAPT. T. DINSMORE UPTON
of Michigan

First Appearance—CITY CLUB DOUBLE QUARTET

Tickets \$1.50

Women invited

Mail card today

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*"To inform its members and the community in
public matters and to arouse them to a realization
of the obligations of citizenship."*

POETRY FOR BUSY MEN

To rush in where angels fear to tread is tame compared to addressing a group of business men on "Poetry," but our fellow member, Harold L. Bowman, turned the trick last Friday and escaped with his life, even after he had quoted reams of poetry. Furthermore, the audience enjoyed the talk immensely and proved it by crowding forward after the meeting to copy Dr. Bowman's list of books.

Dr. Bowman gave as references the following books:

Page: British Poets of the Nineteenth Century, and Chief American Poets.

Richards: Star Points, and High Tide, collections.

Edwin Markham: Shoes of Happiness.

Rittenhouse: Little Books, American Poets and Modern Poets.

A number of poets, among them Tennyson, Browning, Service, Markham, Noyes and the Psalm writers were quoted by Dr. Bowman to illustrate different themes and types of poetry.

"Some new poetry is new in the same sense that sleeping in a gutter is a new form of architecture."—*Chesterton.*

CITY CLUB NOTES

The amendment to the City Club constitution, providing for a new method of nominating governors and officers, will be voted on at the meeting Friday.

Not a quartet, but a City Club Double Quartet, will be a leading attraction at the City Club Dinner, February 3. We are keeping secret the names of the members who make up the organization until that evening, but anyone who attends Apollo Club concerts has seen these artists in action.

Just a word about Ralph Harlow, City Club speaker for next week. To begin with, Harlow is a representative of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. His years of experience in the Near East give him the right to speak on Near East problems as few men can. In Smyrna, when the city was burning, he was associated with Dr. Lovejoy in the heroic rescue of refugee women on the wharves. Your only regret will be that every member in the City Club did not hear him.

"Dinnie" Upton is said to be a big brother to no less than a hundred thousand kids all over the world. He believes that it is much less expensive to care for the growing youngster by providing clean, wholesome recreation, and by winning his confidence, than to care for the boy and girl later in the house of correction. He is, decidedly, a fine type of speaker for an evening meeting. Put in your reservations for tickets now. City Club Dinner and Reception, Saturday evening, February 3rd. Women invited.

Come early this week—two speakers and a report on the State Training School site to be heard.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications for membership have been received and will be presented for the approval of the Club, Friday, January 20th:

G. T. FORSYTH,
Chief Engineer of Construction,
Yakima Southern R. R.

DR. C. H. MANLOVE,
Pathologist, Good Samaritan Hosp.

MORE BOOKS WANTED

"Book Week" added several desirable volumes to the City Club Library but those members who haven't responded may still do so without fear of filling the Office to overflowing.

Here are the new ones available for Club readers:

- Physical Education *Association Press*
- United States an Experiment in Democracy *Carl Becker*
- Real Democracy in Operation *Felix Bonjour*
- American Commonwealth *James Bryce*
- Sea Powers on the Pacific *Hector C. Bywater*
- Written and Spoken English *E. E. Clippinger*
- Commonsense and Labor *Samuel Crowther*
- Government and Politics *William B. Guitteau*
- American World Politics *David Jayne Hill*
- The Peace Negotiations *Robert Lansing*
- Practical Shipbuilding *MacBride*
- Constitution of the United States *Thomas James Norton*
- A Life of George Westinghouse *Henry G. Prout*
- Queen Victoria *Lytton Strachey*
- War and the New Age *Willis Mason West*

"A Friend in Need," a play by the Public Welfare Bureau, will be given Friday evening at 8:00 p. m., in room 530 Court House under the auspices of the City Federation of Women's Clubs.

IN THE MAIL

The following letter was recently received from a business man of Tacoma:

"Miss Allen, supervisor of the Tacoma Public Health Nursing Association, has referred me to you with the idea that I might get data in connection with the activities of your Committee on Public Health which works through the City Club of Portland. It is my idea that such a Committee should be formed in the City of Tacoma in some of our civic clubs. I would be very glad if you would furnish me with any information you have on hand which might enable me to sell the idea to some of these clubs."

COMMITTEE ADVISES NO CHANGE OF SCHOOL SITE

Published below is the full report of the City Club committee appointed last summer to investigate the site of the State Training School for Boys. The recommendations of the Committee were considered by the Board on Monday and were unanimously approved. The report is submitted to the Club for its consideration and will be brought up at the meeting this week.

Because of an already full program, the report will be introduced for discussion at 12:15 and will be closed at 12:30 sharp and a vote taken. Discussion of the report will necessarily be limited. Come early in order to take part.

(Unanimously approved by the Board of Governors, January 22, 1923, and referred to the City Club for adoption.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SITE FOR BOYS' TRAINING SCHOOL.

To the Board of Governors of the City Club:

The Boys' Training School, at Salem, Oregon, is located on the main line of the Southern Pacific about six miles south of the State House.

It is the state institution to which delinquent boys up to the age of eighteen are sent for correction, education and training. At the present time the majority are there because a lack of parental control and home surroundings have brought them into bad company and trouble. There are, however, a number of older boys, of a hardened type, who properly belong in a reformatory.

The management of the school is vested in the State Board of Control acting through a resident superintendent.

The school is at present housed in a four story congregate dormitory and adjacent small shops, with an extremely limited play yard.

The legislature of 1921 appropriated \$280,000.00 for the purpose of providing ample modern facilities on land owned by the State.

The Board had also appointed a new superintendent for the Training School, Mr. W. L. Kuser, of Iowa, a highly trained and efficient executive.

The Board of Control made an extensive study of similiar institutions throughout the United States and had plans prepared for the new buildings and were ready to start building operations when work was halted as a result of the opposition to the use of the present site.

Your committee was appointed to investigate

the site of the Boys' Training School because of this protest. The principal objections to the site now occupied by the Training School are outlined in a report submitted to the Board of Control by W. H. Slingerland, Ph.D. and as the opposition to the present site centers around the objections as therein outlined, your committee has undertaken to analyze the present site in connection with this report.

In carrying on this investigation, your committee has visited the site, has conferred with the Board of Control, Supt. Kuser, the Board's architect, and several times with a committee from the Social Workers Association; and in further pursuance of this investigation, has asked for and received a soil survey from the experts at the Oregon Agricultural College, which is herewith appended.

As a result of our investigations, we beg to submit the following statement of our findings:

1. The present site is now owned by the State and is of sufficient size to support the maximum number of boys that it is considered advisable to handle in one school. A new site of equal area would cost not less than \$50,000 and perhaps considerable more, and granted that the taxpayers would be willing to spend this additional sum, there is still the question of finding a superior site.

2. The school is directly under the State Board of Control, and in order that this control may be exercised in a proper manner, the school should be within a short radius of the State House. The present site is located on a main highway connecting the various state institutions under the supervision of the Board of Control. Any other site available would of necessity mean a special inspection trip by the Board of Control. As a result, there would probably be less supervision and another site would thus be at a decided disadvantage.

3. The present site is sufficiently varied in contour, exposure and soil conditions to provide the proper conditions for diversified farming essential to making the school self-sustaining. There are available, 504 acres, divided as follows: bottom land 240, of which 185 acres are under cultivation; hillside land 264, of which 145 acres are under cultivation. By a system of ditching and tile drainage, an additional area of bottom land can be made available.

4. A comparison of the school farm with the State Hospital farm immediately adjoining (a farm on the same soil strata and admittedly a prize farm) indicates that the school farm is suffering from inadequate fertilization as well as

the handicap of insufficient adult labor and management, as might be expected where the work is largely done by the inmates of the training school. This latter handicap would of course exist in any other site.

5. The present site adapts itself well to the location of the necessary buildings and playgrounds, particularly if the detached cottage type of home is adopted and the homes are located on the contours. It offers an opportunity to so place the units that each will have a splendid outlook.

6. The present main building is generally conceded to be undesirable and a bad fire risk, as living quarters for boys of any sort, but might to advantage be remodeled, cutting off the upper portion and making of the lower story (with a raised ceiling) a satisfactory work shop. The present minor buildings, as stables, laundry, etc. could be used until other buildings could be provided from later appropriations. In case of a new site, it would be necessary to provide these buildings, in addition to the living quarters, out of appropriations.

7. If the present site is used a considerable amount of construction cost can be eliminated by the use of the school boys, and men and equipment from the State Farm, thus considerably increasing the quality and quantity of facilities provided, as well as providing a means of training the boys with an inclination to the building trades. On the other site, this labor would not be available and consequently a larger appropriation would be necessary.

Conclusions

Your committee therefore concludes:

First: That the present site has all the major requirements demanded of a site for a modern State Training School.

Second: That the detached cottage type should be used, housing not to exceed a maximum of thirty boys in each family, and that the unit be made as much smaller as possible, consistent with the means available.

Third: And further, that, inasmuch as it appears that the greatest hindrance to efficiency at present is the lack of segregation of good and bad boys, we would suggest that immediate steps be taken to provide a suitable reformatory for the boys, older and more hardened in criminal ways.

Respectfully submitted,
 COMMITTEE ON TRAINING SCHOOL SITE
 Guy A. Woods, Chairman
 W. G. Holford
 H. D. Robinson