

FORMAL OPENING.

Y. M. C. A. Will Have a House-Warming Week After Next.

The directors of the Y. M. C. A. met yesterday afternoon, and decided to formally open the new association building the week after next. There is to be no program, the public will not be bored by any speeches; there will be no "creams lemonade" or other light refreshments," and the offenses committed by the "orchestra" which "discussed sweet music" in the Federal court room years ago, when the first Y. M. C. A. was started in Salt Lake, will not be repeated. The public will be simply invited to walk in and look around, and see what comes with a great work has been wrought in the city, for the benefit of the young men. The interior of the building is very attractive, with wall colorings pleasing to the eye, and furniture of handsome design, while the gymnastic and bathing equipment has nothing equal to it short of San Francisco. The tables in the large reading room are covered with periodicals, and the general air of the place is one of comfort and contentment.

OFFICES CLOSED.

Local Headquarters of Western Pacific Vacated This Afternoon.

Following instructions wired from Western Pacific headquarters in San Francisco last night, the local headquarters of the company in the Deseret News Annex were vacated this afternoon and all the office furniture, files, bank prints and data were stored here pending orders.

Shortly elicited the information that we are not particularly rushed right now, as the offices have been temporarily closed and the furniture put into cold storage pending removal to other quarters.

Just what this means is not at this time certifying. The local officials do for a moment entertain the possibility it is the forewarning of an abandonment of the project, but it is true that there is a temporary full pending cessation of details prior to the grand campaign.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the *China* & *Far East* Iron company is turning out rails for delivery at the California end of the proposed line and has orders for several thousand tons of heavy steel in addition.

IDAHO POSTAL MATTERS.

Rural Routes and Postoffices Are Established.

Special to the "News."

Washington, D. C., June 30.—Rural routes number five has been ordered established Sept. 1 at Moscow, Latah county, Idaho, serving 517 people and 113 houses.

Edna M. Sturgis has been appointed regular and Mabel M. Sturgis substitute rural route route 1 at Moscow, Idaho.

A postoffice has been established at Ketchum, Cassia county, Idaho, with Edward F. Turkey postmaster.

Lena A. Brown has been appointed postmaster at Lava, Big Horn county, Wyo., vice Henry S. Hoffman, resigned.

DELIGHTFUL MUSICALE.

Pleasing Function in Honor of Mrs. Fox Last Night.

An elegant and informal residence was given last evening, in honor of Miss Amelia M. Fox of Boston, by Mrs. Agnes Osborne in her studio suite. Most of the leading musicians in the city were present, and not a few of them participated in the program presented. Among the performers were George E. Skelton on the violin, Miss Beatrice O'Connor, soprano, Fred C. Graham, tenor, Miss Edna Cohn, contralto, Mrs. Osborne piano, Mrs. Ruth Evelyn, soprano, Miss Agnes Berkholz, soprano, Miss Lillian Thomas, Edward, soprano, Miss Alice Seckels, piano, Arthur Shepherd and Francis Whisman piano.

The evening was delightfully spent, in social conversation as well as in vocal and instrumental performances and choice refreshments were served.

LEASE AUTHORIZED.

Armory Board Decides to Rent the Old High School Building.

The state armory board held a meeting this morning and authorized Adjutant General Geoghegan to lease for a term of three years the old High school building on Main street, with an option for an additional two years. This settles the armory question for some time to come, and the guard, as a result, will breathe easier.

THANKS FOR CONVICTION.

Murderer Hancock Receives Verdict With Expression of Appreciation.

Hon. T. H. McNamee, former county attorney of Lincoln county, Nev., is at the Wilson. He was present the trial and conviction of Hancock the murderer, and says the man is a perfect degenerate. It came through that the man brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, as well as the court, and that morning Hancock was sentenced by the court in accordance with the verdict. It is proven that the woman had a husband, Carl Hancock, whom she was living with at the time of her better half, so that his story as to her did not hang together. However, Mr. McNamee does not believe that she had a name in the marriage.

He also reports a room on Las Vegas and has no idea that any railroad will be built to Pueblo from the main line as long as he can remember.

The railroad is building south from Las Vegas to Bullfrog, 12 miles, and from there it will be extended to Tonopah, with a branch to Goldfield, about 15 miles. Then Goldfield will have a good chance to compete with San Francisco for tonnage business. Mr. McNamee and those who are in the valley believe that there is an immense business emerging there. A ranch of 120 acres, of which only a part is under cultivation, and a spring 100 feet deep per minute, is valued at \$1000. Prices on everything are about up in that country.

DISTEMPER IN DOGS.

Please Has Carried Off Many Mighty Prized Canines of Late.

The dogs in the northeastern part of town are becoming afflicted with a distemper which in many cases is proving fatal. The animal gradually loses the use of its hind legs, and unless the disease is stopped, it creeps up the spine, paralyzes the front legs, and presently strips the animal naked. The dog becomes unconscious and finally dies. Veterinarians say the matter should be taken in hand immediately in the appearance of the disease, as if allowed to run, it is fatal.

AT PORTLAND FAIR.

Andrew Jensen and Friends See Exhibition and Other Oregon Sights.

To the Editor:

Portland, Ore., June 26.—The members of the Utah Press association who are visiting the Lewis and Clark exposition are having a splendid time in Portland and vicinity. The fun is fully up to our expectation and though small in scope, and the day was enjoyed by a large number of pleasure seekers, in the afternoon an athletic program was provided, and in the evening dancing was the chief attraction. A successful game between "Giant" and "Giant" No. 12 ended in a score of 16 to 12 in favor of the former.

Real Estate and Mortuary, July 14, will be a bonanza. The present exhibition is now being extended to visitors to the largest fair of the season, and the exhibits will be well selected. Some of the exposition buildings are grand structures, and when these and the fair grounds generally are illuminated with electricity in the evening, a sight is promised that is not easily forgotten.

The Utah delegation and the exhibits of our state in the fair are of great interest. Clawson, Eggs are quite interesting, though it scarcely equals the exhibits of our neighbor Idaho, which has erected a fine bandstand next to the Utah pavilion. The states of California and Washington are well represented here. Most of the members of the Utah Press association are staying in the hotels in the city, and the accommodations are large, a large hotel on the fair grounds, which has rooms and accommodations for thousands.

Last Saturday, through the courtesy of the Portland board of trade, together with the Utah Press association, a luncheon was held at the Hotel Astoria. Under the Columbia River to the celebrated Celilo Hot Springs, in the state of Washington, about 27 miles by river from Portland. Notwithstanding the stormy weather we thoroughly enjoyed the trip, the scenery was most beautiful, and the food delicious, and the general atmosphere delightful, and the general atmosphere delightful.

Judge Mattheson returned today from Nevada, where he has been on legal business.

Clerk H. W. Griffith of the state supreme court has returned from a vacation in Wyoming trip.

J. F. Schindeler, member of the Western band of Western Union, is visiting in the city, en route to Portland.

Alfred Oberle and Alvin Aronson of the Pauline orchestra of the Southern hotel, visited with Mrs. L. H. Cook.

Miss Jessie Davis, check in the office of the city band, and after coming home again, turned over to the band a sum recently received from a friend's visit in Kansas City, Portland and Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. K. U. Rich, all recent summer from Florida and the Bahamas, have sailed on many rivers in different parts of the world, but I have never seen scenes among our navigable streams equal to that found along the Columbia between Portland and The Dalles.

On our return trip an informal program was rendered in the steamer cabin in which Oregonians, Californians and Idahoans took part. Among others the writer of this issue was called upon to speak, and in response to certain events which occurred in close touch with Oregon and California on an early day, was followed by Commissioner Fletcher of California, who gave a history of the old days on which the late Samuel Newman printed the California Star, the first paper of any note published in the English language in California. Mr. Fletcher, in a speech, gave a history of the press which in those very high lights a rôle. In the course of the exercises, David P. Egan, president of the Utah Press association, also made a short speech in which he, in behalf of the citizens, expressed appreciation of the courtesy extended by the Portland board of trade to the press representatives of the various California cities.

Capt. H. D. Keyes of the Pacific fleet, commanding of the gunboat the Agricultural, spoke to the band, and the band, with the exception of the band leader, and Mrs. Agnes Dahlquist gave a piano solo. An orchestra from Portland entertained the company with beautiful strains of music on the trip.

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