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CONSTRUCT THE LIBRARY.

Immediate steps should be taken for the construction of that Carnegie library. That \$10,000 should not be permitted to draw interest longer for the enrichment of the laird of Skibo castle. If it is thought inexpedient by the council to purchase a site, the library should be placed on the city park site. The city needs a public library, and needs one badly. Up to date information can only be obtained conveniently by the majority of our people by access to a library. Under present conditions, when one is called on to prepare a paper on some subject, the production is of necessity of the encyclopedic order for the want of available books of reference.

Repeated remarks are made about the excellence of our public schools, and they are doing good work with the facilities at hand, but the need of a library for supplementary work needs no special pleading. Good library facilities are now regarded as the most necessary adjunct to any school. If Wenatchee wants to rise above the encyclopedic order of intelligence, steps should be taken to provide a public library.

Provision should be made for the creation of a library board, and this board should consider questions relating to an up to date library. Many questions, such as the selection of books, providing for artistic decoration, and the best methods for conducting such an institution should be under consideration while the building is under construction.

Councilman Ed. S. Russell is on the right track in bringing up the question of street designation. Since he has interested himself in this particular problem, he should be held responsible from now on for getting the streets designated by some simple and intelligent system, and this should be supplemented by provisions for correct house numbering. Every house in the city limits should have a number on it, both to conform to the postal requirements for free delivery and for general convenience. Since the recent thaw, "Wash-out avenue" might be a convenient designation for certain streets that need renaming.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

March 3.
1779—Americans surprised and defeated by the British at Briar Creek, Ga.
1780—Two men were branded with the letter "M" for murder in Boston.
1826—New England Society for the Promotion of Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts chartered.
1845—Florida admitted to the Union.
1854—United States Congress passed the Homestead Bill to encourage settlement on public lands.
1863—Idaho Territory formed.
1871—The House of Commons at Ottawa adopted resolutions approving the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion.
1879—United States Geological Survey created.
1887—United States Congress passed the Fisheries Retaliation Bill.
1896—James S. Hogg, ex-governor of Texas, died at Houston. Born at Rusk, Texas, March 24, 1851.
1907—L. J. Tweedie appointed lieutenant governor of New Brunswick.

"THIS IS MY 72ND BIRTHDAY"

George William Hill.
George William Hill, astronomer and author, was born in New York City, March 3, 1838. He was graduated from Rutgers College in 1859 and two years later became assistant in the office of the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac. Since 1893 he has been lecturer in celestial mechanics at Columbia university. Mr. Hill received a medal from the Royal Astronomical Society of England in 1887 for his researches in connection with the lunar theory. The Paris Academy gave him the Darnois Prize in 1898 and last year he was awarded the Copley Medal by the Royal Society. Cambridge, Princeton and Columbia universities have conferred honors upon him. Mr. Hill is the author of several well known works on mathematical astronomy. He is a foreign member of the Royal Society of London, foreign associate of the Royal Astronomical Association, and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Engineer Goes to Portland.

Engineer Hollenbeck, of the North Coast railway, who has charge of the survey on the east side of the Columbia river, is in the city today and expects to take the first train out for a short business trip to Portland. The North Coast surveying crew is now opposite Chelan Falls and has about three weeks more work to connect up with the survey which was made down the river by another party this past winter. Mr. Hollenbeck is non-committal as to the future plans of the North Coast company and did not express himself as to the possibilities of active building operations being commenced at once.

Mid-Week Meeting of Congregational Church.

The mid-week meeting of the Congregational church will be held this evening at 7:30 at the residence of R. S. Ludington, 136 D street. This is announced as a public meeting to which all interested are cordially invited to attend.

Billy B. Van has promised to shelve "Patsy Bolivar" forever.

Dorothy Morton is to make a tour of the West in "The Widow Jones." "The Climax" is to be produced in London with Marie Doro in the leading part.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

The Timsons; or, Two of a Kind.

Timson had for nearly an hour been in the smoking compartment, while his wife had been permitted to sit alone at the rear end of the sleeper as it was whisked briskly across the uninteresting landscape. At last he sauntered back and sat down beside the lady, saying as he did so that he was getting hungry and wished the first call for lunch might soon be given.
Then he noticed that his wife was concealing something between herself and the side of the car.
"What have you got there?" he asked.
"Sh-sh!" she replied, looking around to assure herself that she would not be overheard. "It's a book. The news agent came through a little while ago, and he had this hidden under a lot of other things. I don't know why he thought he could trust his secret with me, but he did. We must not betray him."
"Let me see it."
"No, we mustn't show it here. Somebody might notice it, and the boy would get into trouble."
"He told you the railroad company had given orders that no more copies of it were to be sold on the train, didn't he?"
"Yes."
"And said it was terribly sensational?"
"Yes. It's a story we must be careful not to leave around where the children can get hold of it."
"It was the last copy of the book he had, too, wasn't it?"
"Yes. How do you happen to know so much about it?"
"He sold me one, too," said Timson, slipping his copy out from under his coat.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Certainly She Was Indignant.

The drowsy afternoon calm of Magistrate Harris' office was rudely broken yesterday by a very stout woman, who tore through the door in a mood for which indignant or angry adjectives are far too mild. She was furious.
Rustling up to the magistrate, she smacked her hand loudly on the desk. "She called me a tropple," she shouted, "and I want her to prove it!"
"Who? What?" exclaimed the magistrate, rousing himself from a reverie on the recent unsuccessful campaign for an increase of magistrates' salaries.
"Mrs. Blank, that pesky neighbor of mine, that's who! She called me a tropple and—"
"A what?" asked the puzzled magistrate.
"A tropple!" roared the woman. "Do you hear? A tropple, tropple! And I want—"
"Madam," interrupted the magistrate, "my jurisdiction extends only to words in the live languages, and Latin and Greek are dead. Good day."
As the woman flounced out Magistrate Harris brought his fist down on the desk with a bang.
"By golly!" he said. "She meant tropple."—Philadelphia Times.

Diagnosis.

The bookkeeper answered the phone. "Is this Wilkins' market?"
"Yes, ma'am."
"This is Mrs. Johnson. I want you to know that the liver you sent over today was extremely unsatisfactory. It was not calf's liver at all. Calf's liver is always tender, and there is no mistaking it."
"Just a moment, madam. I will call the proprietor."
"What is it?" Wilkins asked.
The bookkeeper surrendered the phone.
"Mrs. Johnson," he said—"liver complaint."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

She Had Listened.

It was at a private entertainment, and a lady had just risen from the piano.
"Wouldn't you like to be able to sing and play, my dear?" she queried of a little five-year-old miss.
"No, ma'am," was the unexpected reply.
"And why not?" asked the lady.
"Cause," explained the small observer, "I wouldn't like to have people say such horrid things about me."—Chicago News.

A Peeping Papa.

Her Father (trately)—Young man, do you know that you've been calling on my daughter since 7 o'clock?
Tarrying Youth—Yes, but she has been sitting on my hat for the last three hours, and I didn't want to tell her.
Her Father—Then hereafter don't keep your hat in your lap. Hang it on the rack in the hall.—Circle Magazine.

They Brayed.

Aristippus (when cattle were money)—Did you get in last night without your wife hearing you?
PheMippides—No, confound it! I spent three bulls in that last wine press we stopped at, and the bartender gave me a couple of jackasses in change!—Puck.

Usually Effective.

Crawford—What do you think of the fight woman is making for the ballot?
Crabshaw—She would probably succeed better if she went back to first principles and began to cry for it.—Life.

Wonders of Modern Science.

"Professor, what is 'intensive corn culture'?"
"Persistently wearing tight shoes."—Chicago Tribune.

Francis Wilson may write another play for himself when he concludes to give up playing "The Bachelor's Baby," which met with great success.

It is said that E. H. Sothern and Miss Julia Marlowe will not act together during the coming season, and that Miss Marlowe may visit Australia.

Rose Melville has bought an orchard in California.

POLICE OFFICIAL OF PARIS EXAMINING "APACHE" WEAPONS.



Members of the underworld of Paris who live by preying are known as "Apaches." They rank among the most desperate criminals and thugs of the world. One of the Apaches captured recently was named Libauf. He wore sleeves and wristlets of brass studded with keen points, which lacerated the hands of the policemen who arrested him.

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