

**EAST PORTLAND.****FIRST WARD FINE COMPANY.**

Pursuant to a call, about twenty-five residents of the first ward assembled Saturday evening at the oil clothing factory of F. Terramora & Co., corner First and B streets, McMillen's addition, for the purpose of taking preliminary steps toward the organization of a fire company. M. T. Cunningham, ex-city councilman, was called to the chair, who stated the object of the meeting and urged upon his hearers the importance and necessity of thorough organization. W. H. Meade was chosen as secretary. Earnest remarks were made by several favoring the formation of a company and of organizing without any unnecessary delay. On motion, a committee on resolutions, consisting of Frank Terramora, J. H. McMillen and W. H. Meade, was then appointed to report at a meeting to be called for Saturday next at the store of Mr. Adams on the corner of Fourth street and Holladay avenue. About twenty signified their intention to become members by signing an agreement to that effect. The committee appointed will inventigate the plans and workings of other companies with the view of recommending those which, in their judgment, would be most desirable to adopt. From conversing with many of those interested, the prevailing opinion appears to favor a hook and ladder company, having a plentiful supply of buckets, until such time as better facilities can be secured. Mr. McMillen offers to donate the lease for a term of years of a lot in the vicinity of Second and C streets, McMillen's addition, providing the city will build a suitable building thereon, but would gladly withdraw his proposition in favor of one guaranteeing the use of a lot on equal or better terms in a more central location of the ward. Mr. McMillen also agrees to furnish all necessary hooks and ladders. It was desired that a full representation of those interested be had at the meeting Saturday next, in order that an organization may be effected which will be generally satisfactory.

**ALBINA ALARMED.**

The long dry spell, and the encroachment of the fire band almost upon their very threshold, have created the property-owners of Albina into a realizing sense of their danger from the devouring element. In the rapid growth of this flourishing suburb and the undue haste to "realize," the matter of protection from fire appears to have been entirely overlooked; and the business portion of the town is now so thickly occupied by wooden buildings as, in their present condition, to preclude the possibility of checking a general conflagration if a headway is once obtained. Interested parties are now earnestly "talking up" a meeting to organize a fire company, and the prospects are that the matter will come to a head at an early day.

**TEACHERS SELECTED.**

The following teachers have been selected in district 31, Holladay's addition and Albina: Principal, M. L. Pratt; first assistant, Miss Carrie Packard; second assistant, Miss Nettie Spencer; third assistant, Miss Alice Ours. The demand for two extra teachers, created by the new school house to be built in Albina, has been provided for by the election of Miss Ingalls and Miss May Loller. The next term will commence the first Monday in September.

**CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.**

Bids for the proposed improvements to St. David's Episcopal church of this city were opened on Friday last, and K. O. Lundin being the lowest bidder, at \$1050, the contract was awarded him. Under the contract the building will be enlarged by the addition of a new recess chancel and study at the rear, increasing the seating capacity of the auditorium about forty. The interior is to be wainscoted diagonally from floor to plate by alternate spruce and cedar boards three and one-half inches wide, and varnished. The church will also be carpeted and entirely overhauled and the exterior painted. The contract is to be completed by the 1st of August. The church, however, will be closed for five weeks, services to be resumed on the fifth Sunday from date in order to give the rector, Rev. J. W. Bellwood, ample time for a breathing spell, which he will spend with his family at Nestucca, Tillamook county.

**A BAD CAT-ASTROPHE.**

A touching story of the death of a mother from grief through the murder of her offspring, has developed in this city, the perpetrator of the deed and the cause of the piteous result being no less a personage than Mrs. Dr. Charlton. The unfortunate object referred to had for some time resided with Mrs. Charlton, who had become very much attached to her, through her gentleness and faithful companionship. A few days ago, however, she became a mother of five little ones, which, being objectionable to Mrs. Charlton, this lady concluded to put an end to. She first secured the possession of four of them, which she deliberately drowned in the slough, and a short time thereafter, mercilessly took a remaining one from its mother to dispose of in a similar manner. The mother closely followed her, crying piteously for the return of her loved one; but the bearer of the treasure was inexorable, and reaching the fatal spot, plunged it to a watery grave. While in the act of throwing it, the mother, almost frantic, sprang forward in a final and desperate effort to rescue it, but failing in this, hung her head and returned home disconsolate, and, like Rachel of old, weeping for her children, refused to be comforted because they were not. From that moment the poor thing gradually pined away, refusing all nourishment, though Mrs. Charlton, assisted by others, used their best endeavors to induce her to partake of wine and choice vivanda prepared especially for her. She lingered in the deepest grief till Friday last, but three days after she received the fatal shock, when she died of a broken heart. And now the false felicity which charmed Mrs. Dr. Charlton's home is no more. Though only a cat, her sufferings appeared human in their bitterness.

**RAILROAD DIRT.**

A force of men were at work yesterday arranging the tracks for the Union depot to be erected immediately east of the old O. & C. depot in this city. The O. & C. track will be raised about one foot and that of the O. R. & N. Co. will be removed about thirty feet east of the location occupied by it heretofore, so as to bring the depot between the former on the west and the latter on the east. The depot will be ninety feet long by thirty feet wide, with a platform on either side. The depot will be erected forthwith.

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