Elmira's Progress in Construction of Modern School

School Board Older than City Charter

esearch into the development Elmira's school system uncover-ed the interesting fact that the city's 1939 school enrollment approximates two-thirds of the total population of Elmira when the charter was granted in 1864.

SEVENTY-FIVE years ago Elmira's population was estimated at 13,000. Latest registration figures for Elmira public schools 7,808, with an additional enrolled in the parochial schools and Elmira Catholic High School, making a grand total of 9,558.

Elmira's first Board of Education was organized in 1859, five years before the city was incorporated. It consisted of Erastus L. Hart, president; John Arnot, Orrin Robinson, Elijah N. Barbour, Ariel S. Thurston, Stephen McDonald, Archibald Robinson, Civilian Brown, Shubael B. Denton. The first schools superintendent was S. R. Scofield.

Today the total value of public school buildings and sites is placed at \$2,404,230, and the annual public school payroll totals about

These valuation figures do not include the Elmira Free Academy addition and new schools 5 and 7, under construction. When they are finished the valuation will pass the three million mark. When the building program is

completed, Elmira's public school properties will consist of the Elmira Free Academy, Southside High School, Thomas K. Beecher School, School Two, Parley Coburn School, George M. Diven School, George Washington School (new School 5), School 7 (Riverside), School 8, School 9, School 10, and School 11.

THE PAROCHIAL schools are St. Anthony's, St. Cecilia's, St. Casimir's, St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, SS. Peter and Paul's, and the Elmira Catholic High School.

present Board of Education ts of Thomas S. Craig, president, and Commissioners William F. Martin, Fred E. Scharf, Michael W. Powers, Thomas J. Flynn, Flora M. Barber, C. Leon Hogg, Howard M. Keyser, and Allyn P. Hoffman, Oscar F. Kerlin is schools superintendent.

Absent Nearly Year, Canary Comes Home

Marion, Ill.-(UP)-The old adage, "Leave 'em alone and they'll come home," holds good even in the case of missing canaries, according to Mrs. Charles Lance. Her canary escaped in June, 1938, when a cat, springing against the cage, knocked open the small door. After an absence of 11 months, the canary returned and perched on the fence in front of he Lance

home. Mrs. Lance said she had no

trouble at all in coaxing it back

into its cage.

Mama Said 'No' First Elmira College Head Paid Fee to Inspect Institution

first president of Elmira College of flattering offers elsewhere paid 25 cents for his initial glimpse among them presidency of Wells of the institution which he was to College, Aurora,—the distinguished it would "only add to the difficulguide for so many years. the unique institution in 1855, Dr. tinued as president, beloved and played no active interest in the On top of the vast territorial

PART of the construction program carried on by the Board of Education. At the left-

The entrance of the George Washington School on West Washington Ave., formerly

asked to undertake. To his surprise, he found a State Fair in session in Elmira, and a at 25 cents per person was featured

out revealing his identity, the prospective president paid his admission fee and inspected the "commodious and elegant" building million-dollar fraud trial of Wil- which he was to supervise for over time here. Carol Maurice said he had in- paid visitor.

Cowles was a graduate of Union the Dakotas. port pastorate for ten years before by an acquaintance.

The Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, coming to Elmira in 1856. In spite educator refused to desert his dif- ties of provincial administration," province could lay claim to the When offered the presidency of ficult post at Elmira and con- the Manitoba government has dis- longest coastline in the Dominion. Cowles was pastor of the Presby- respected by collegians and towns- "march to the Arctic" movement gain and the increase in shipping terian Church in Brockport, N. Y. folk, until his retirement at the now current in British Columbia possibilities, Manitoba also would That summer he journeyed to El- age of 70 in 1889. From that year and Alberta. mira to have a look at the school until his death Mar. 15, 19_3, he whose administration he had been lent the college advice and staunch tion that the province link with The government's statement, support as president emeritus.

tour of the Elmira Female College Son, 40, and Father as an outstanding attraction. With- Meet First Time

Odessa, Wash.-UP)-A father

retired section worker, and the son extensions. A native of Geneva, N. Y., Dr. was William Koth, a refugee from Proponents of the project who ley municipal park building.

Manitoba Turns Down Arctic Bite

No. 5. At right, work progresses on the addition for the Elmira Free Academy.

province's western boundary, would

enlarge it by nearly 220,000 square

The resultant inclusion of vast

Arctic and sub-Arctic peninsulas

automatically would change the

"prairie province" to that of the

leading maritime province in the

Dominion. Due to ice conditions,

however, the coastline involved is

province's classification

Winnipeg, Man.-(UP)-Because fit for shipping less than six months in a year, even though the stand to gain vast reserves of pulp-

The statement followed sugges- wood, furs and gold. British Columbia and Alberta in a however, reversed the province's drive to obtain permission of the long-standing attitude on expanfederal government to extend their sionism, which has often embroilnothern boundaries, and ask in- ed her in territorial arguments, corporation of all territories north | both with her sister provinces and of the Arctic Ocean with the the federal government. parallels of their respective boun-

Premier John Bracken told the Fire Blamed on Bird met his 40-year-old son for the first United Press that Manitoba is not time here.

With Lighted Cigaret very set ready to consult the federal With Lighted Cigaret liam P. Buckner in New York, 50 years, for the first time as a The father was Andrew Koth, government regarding boundary Shelley, Ida.—(UP)—A cigaret butt and a bird set fire to the Shel

see no reason why Manitoba After the volunteer fire depart-College where he earned member- Koth and his wife separated be- should not join the movement to ment extinguished the blaze, invesship in Phi Beta Kappa honorary fore the son was born. The meet- enlarge, if her sister provinces do tigators found it had started in a fraternity. He served the Brock- ing of the two men was arranged likewise, point out that the sug- sparrow's nest where a bird had gested northward extension of the apparently carried a lighted cig-

Winning Twain Essay Continued from 7B

last piece of writing he completed was a lovely account of Jean's

the drawing room where, a few were held in the Brick Church on and Bickford, Elmira architects, Fifth Avenue, New York City, were and built by the Felton Construcconducted jointly by Joseph tion Company. held in Elmira with the Rev. Sam- the following June. uel E. Eastman of The Park Those students and succeeding Church officiating.

be very proud that one of the most loved and honored men, not only ent principal, succeeded Mr. Edwhole world, chose an Elmiran as his wife and Elmira as his summer home and workshop.

Heiress to Wed



PRINCE AAGE of Denmark, 52, a major in the French Foreign Legion, is shown with the former Dorothy Gould, granddaughter of the late Jay Gould, Amer- beginning of actual work on the ican financier. In Paris, the project when the final condemnawarrior prince will wed Miss tion award was filed in the U S. Gould as soon as he wins a di- District Court, bringing the total merly married to the Baron de cent more than its present assess Graffenried de Villars.

Second Prize Registration Doubled at Southside

By ROBERT CLARK Advertiser Staff Writer

With student registration about death. His last words were uttered double and curricula greatly imto his only remaining daughter, clara: "Goodbye dear, if we side High School may well be proud of its 15 years of existence. FROM the first-day enrollment of 950 that trooped into the unfinished, freshly-plastered halls Jan. months before, he had given Clara 28, 1924, to 1,864 on Sept. 6, 1938, away in marriage. His face was SHS's rapid growth may be diswith smiling peace and cerned. The half-million-dollar happiness. The services which building was planned by Pierce

Twitchell of Hartford, Conn., and In September, 1924, the enroll-Henry VanDyke of Princeton. On ment shot to 1,089 from which a the 24th of April services were small Class of 1925 was graduated

classes had as their guide and The whole world mourned him mentor Frank M. Edson, who was and thousands of his admirers promoted from principalship of paid tribute to him as they passed School 11 to head the new high his bier. Perhaps one of the great- school's staff. Mr. Edson continued est tributes ever paid him was the as principal at Southside until his request of his son-in-law, Ossip death Aug. 28, 1932. Among the ma-Gabrilowich, to be buried at the terial works that Mr. Edson left foot of his grave in Woodlawn is the Student Loan Fund, a sys-On the night of his tem unique to Elmira and Southdeath Halley's Comet was once side High. This plan provides for more shining in the sky as it had financial aid to worthy SHS graduthe day of his birth. Elmira should ates toward their college expenses. Clifford F. McNaught, the presson, Aug. 9, 1933. Other department heads there are:

Osmond G. Wall, academic; Clifford I. Harding, commercial; Varner MacRorie, vocational; Mrs. S. Carolyn Austin, girls' dean and Miss Jarana A. LaBurt, educational adviser.

INCLUDED in the school plant are a cafeteria that seats more than 500, boys and girls gymnasiums and locker rooms, two homemaking kitchens, sewing rooms, a "practice house," a modern auditorium and stage, a health room, art studios, drafting rooms and mechanical shops. Numbered among the industrial shops to aid boys to secure a foundation of various trades are the electrical, auto, sheet metal, printing, general mechanical and woodwork rooms. When Southside was first constructed, only the general mechanical and auto mechanics were

Jefferson Memorial Site Obtained

St. Louis-(UP)-Razing of riverfront buildings to make way for the huge Jefferson National Expansion Memorial here is expected to a cousin of King Christian, and get underway early in August, according to John M. Nagle, director

> The way was cleared for the Miss Gould was for awards to \$6,985,053, or 31.99 per ed valuation.

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LAST CHORUS GIRL witness at

vited her to fly to Washington,

to California and to Manila, but

that her mother had said "no!"

money.

She said she had loaned hin

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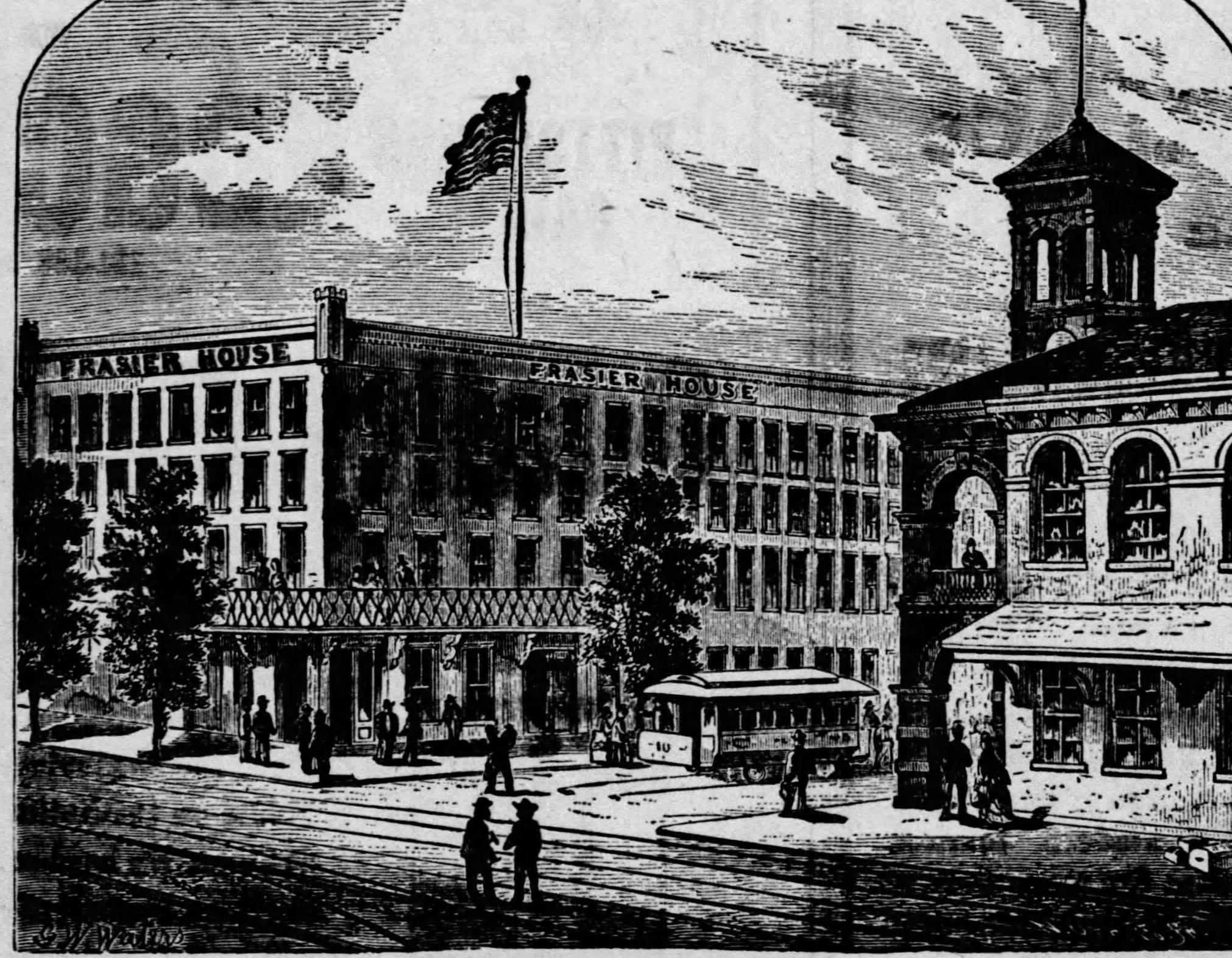
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Frasier House and Erie Depot in 1873



Hudson Shoe Store

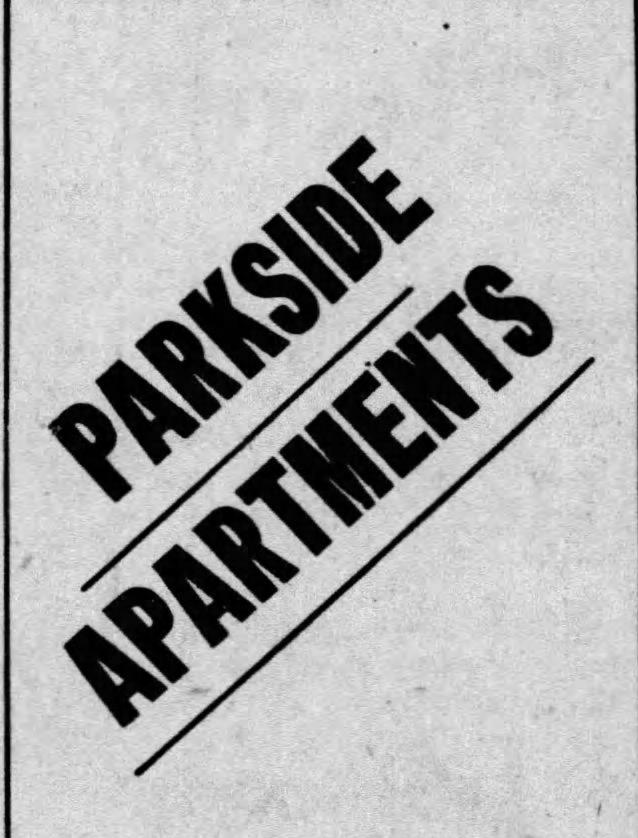
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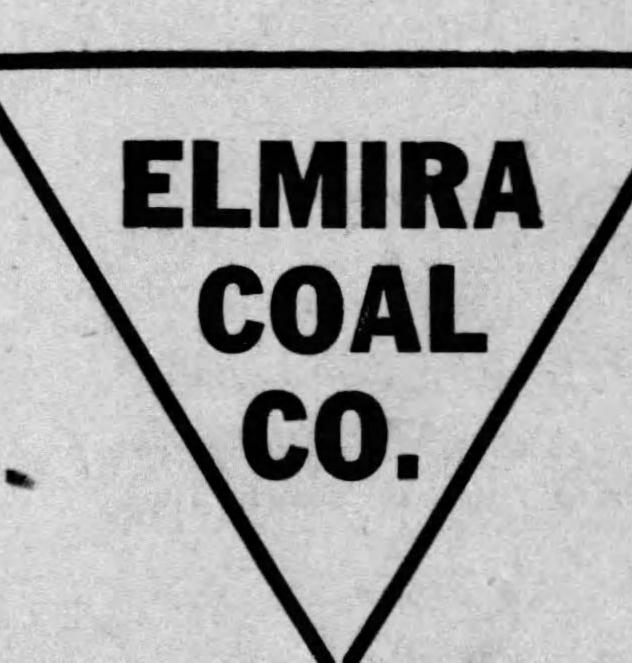
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