

PUBLIC LIBRARY POPULAR

Use of the Institution by Citizens Shows a Steady Growth.

EVERY DEPARTMENT SHARES IN INCREASE

Annual Report of Librarian Tobitt Contains Much Interesting and Valuable Information Concerning the Institution.

The annual report of Miss Edith Tobitt, public librarian, has just been made public and, as usual, contains a mass of interesting and valuable information.

The statistics of the circulation department show that the total number of borrowers were 12,472, as opposed to 12,023 the year before.

Borrowers Who Owe Fines.

An exact account of which nothing has ever been realized is the list of more than 1,100 borrowers owing fines.

The statistics of circulation show that 128,715 adults used the main library, as opposed to 123,033 in 1904, and 43,315 children, against 44,090.

The circulation of books in the library has had a steady growth, whereas all outside ventures seem to be rather uncertain.

Average of Children Attending.

The daily average number of children appearing in the room set aside for them was 156. The room was formerly used for lectures and seemed much too large for the purpose when occupied in 1900.

Use of Reference Room.

In the reference room the attendance was 22,881 against 18,814 for the previous year.

What Sulphur Does

For the Human Body in Health and Disease.

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

It was the universal spring and fall "blood purifier," tonic and cure-all, and mind you, this old-fashioned remedy was not without merit.

The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect.

Nowadays we get all the beneficial effects of sulphur in a palatable, concentrated form, so that a single grain is far more effective than a tablespoonful of the crude sulphur.

In recent years research and experiment have proven that the best sulphur for medicinal use is that obtained from Calcium (Calcium Sulphide) and sold in drug stores under the name of Stuart's Calcium Wafers.

Few people are aware of the value of this form of sulphur in restoring and maintaining bodily vigor and health.

Our grandmothers knew this when they dosed us with sulphur and molasses every spring and fall but the crudity and impurity of ordinary flowers of sulphur were often worse than the disease, and cannot compare with the modern concentrated preparations of sulphur, of which Stuart's Calcium Wafers are undoubtedly the best and most widely used.

They are the natural antidote for liver and kidney troubles and cure constipation and purify the blood in a way that often surprises patient and physician alike.

the first floor one large reference room is suggested.

The reading and public documents room has been altered to a room of 18,804 for 1905. There were 7,866 visitors to the Fryer Reed collection and 24,901 to the museum as opposed to 12,511 for the previous year.

A case of mounted birds loaned by Mr. John Collins was the principal addition to the museum.

New books purchased numbered 3,127; 338 were given to the library and 459 made by binding periodicals.

During the year 5,087 books were bound, besides preparing 780 magazines for circulation. The work was done by three persons at a cost of \$2,027.75.

Training Class Experiment.

"At the December meeting of the board," says the report, "the librarian was granted permission to establish a training class as an experiment, the pupils to consist of three of the substitutes here mentioned.

On the library staff Miss Egbert, who was granted leave of absence in January, 1904, on account of illness has not returned.

Miss Swartzlander has been promoted to a position in the children's room. In February Miss Jesselyn resigned her place because she was leaving the city.

Prose fiction continues to gain in the percentage of the character of books drawn for home use, the figures for 1904 being 71.1 per cent, against 62.35 per cent of the total.

"PARISIFAL" AT AUDITORIUM

Great Preparations Being Made for the Coming of the Concrete Company.

Manager Gillan of the Auditorium has received blue prints of working stage plans from the scenic director of the Metropolitan.

Mr. Gillan has already asked for bids on the filling in of the proscenium arch with fire-proof material and will at once take up the carpenter work on the stage.

Another Victorious Dog Ordinance.

The introduction into the council of a new dog ordinance, relating almost entirely to the keeping of vicious dogs, has called the attention of the city officials to the annual cost of impounding dogs.

Completing J Street Grading.

City Engineer Deal stated yesterday that the grading on J street would be completed just as soon as the contractors could get to work.

Trouble with Sewer.

The sewer at Twenty-first and H streets has been clogged up and the city plumbing inspector is having a hard time getting it opened.

Organizing Vikings Lodge.

Fred L. Pearson of Chicago is in the city for the purpose of organizing a lodge of the Independent Order of Vikings.

Mayor Signs Bonds.

Mayor Koutsky and Clerk Gillis were signing bonds yesterday for the I and J improvement districts.

Magic City Growing.

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ATTRACTIONS OF HAVANA

Cuban Capital a Beautiful Place for the Winter Tourist.

STREETS CLEAN AND CITY HEALTHFUL

John Steel Tells of His Recent Visit and What He Noticed While Moving About the Famous Place.

Omaha, when compared with Havana, the metropolis of the West Indies, is like a dear little boy who has been amusing himself by rolling in North Sixteenth street.

This information is brought by John Steel, who, with Mrs. Steel, returned yesterday from a three weeks' voyage to Cuba.

"Havana is the cleanest city in the world," said Mr. Steel. "It is perfect in that way. Omaha has never had to pay so much attention to sanitation, neither have other northern cities; the difference is very noticeable.

Streets in Havana.

"Havana is the most foreign city imaginable. Ninety miles from the United States, it is more foreign than any city, at least of northern Europe.

People Not Up to Grade.

Mr. Steel was not very favorably impressed with the Cubans. He thinks them, with exceptions, an inferior race.

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