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THE SALIDA MAIL.

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SALIDA, COLORADO, Tuesday, July 18, 1905



GOOD NEWS

A meeting of the directors and members of the board of trade will be held tonight to take up the matter of securing a Carnegie library for Salida. Public interest in this matter will be judged by the attendance. Let everybody turn out.

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SALIDA WANTS SOME OF MR. CARNEGIE'S COIN

At a special meeting of the board of trade Tuesday night a letter was forwarded to Andrew Carnegie requesting a donation from his library fund for the establishment of a free library in this city. The city council, it is said, has promised to make the required annual appropriation for the maintenance of the library according to the established requirements. The initiative in this movement was taken by Mrs. S. J. Spray, president of the Salida Women's club.

A Carnegie free library would be of untold benefit to the city and every legitimate effort should be put forth to secure one. One good thing helps another and things are done so quickly these days that the fellow who says, "it can't be done" will be interrupted by somebody doing it.

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• SALIDA, COLORADO, Friday, November 9, 1906

CARNEGIE LIBRARY IS TO BE BUILT

The Salida Library Association now owns those three vacant lots at the corner of E and Fourth streets, opposite the Episcopal church. It has been a long struggle to get them, but what wonder, when we consider that there were two owners of that property, one living in Muscatine, Iowa, and the other in Chicago, neither of whom wanted to sell? Furthermore, they stipulated that these lots could not be bought unless three other lots on D street owned by the same partnership should be disposed of at the same time. The owners of the six lots placed the selling of the D street lots in the hands of a real estate agent who was to find a buyer for them.

With two grantors and two grantees and a firm of lawyers at this end of the line and a firm of lawyers at the other and a title that needed much work in clearing up, we are very thankful to be owning our lots in less than a year from the time we began the acquisition. Furthermore, we wish it understood that we of the Library association did not have the selling of those D street lots, the sale of which was an absolute necessity to our getting the lots we wanted, until the 10th of September. As soon as we had that matter within our own hands we began "peddling" the lots and found a buyer before the first of October. But with the "red tape" of such deals we did not fully complete the deal until Monday of this week.

Mr. A. U. Ridgway, who is well known to all our older citizens, furnished the money for the buying of our library site. We are now ready to meet the conditions of Mr. Carnegie's promise to furnish us nine thousand dollars for the building of a free public library. We have sent to him the information and affidavits which we believe will enable us to proceed with all the alacrity that the time of the year will permit.

Our soliciting committee will soon be out amongst our citizens, giving them a chance to subscribe to a fund of not less than one thousand dollars, which we hope to raise for the completion of this much needed institution for our city.

We have a band of excellent workers and students in the Tuesday Evening Club, which constitute the "Salida Library association." Twenty-two very valuable new members have been received this opening year, and others are expecting to join.—Mrs. S. J. Spray, president Salida Library association.

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SALIDA, COLORADO, Tuesday, April 2, 1907

AMOUNT SHOULD BE RAISED

An excellent opportunity is at hand for the public spirited people of this city to show substantial interest in the growth and prosperity of Salida, and this opportunity has come about through demands for something like \$4,000 in addition to the amount given by Mr. Carnegie, \$9,000, to complete the public library building as drawn by the architects.

This increase cost results from an increase in price of all building materials, as has been previously stated in Mail columns by the president of the library association, and considering the fact that the building as planned is no more and no less than Salida or any town of its size and class should have, people of the city should certainly be willing and ready to furnish the required difference.

One resident of the city has already stated that he would be one of three to give one-third of a thousand dollars and the second has already come

to the front, perhaps the third as we go to press, so that all now pending is the \$3,000 to complete the sum required for construction of a public building far superior to any in Chaffee county.

Other towns have raised sums varying from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for like purpose and Salida should easily meet the present demand.

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SALIDA, COLORADO, ⁺Tuesday, October 8, 1907

CONTRACT LET FOR LIBRARY

One of the biggest and most important contracts for construction work that has been given out in Salida for some little time past was that of the Carnegie library, and S. J. England, a well known local contractor and builder, is the lucky man.

The Tuesday Evening club of this city, an organization including many of the talented, energetic women, have had the matter in charge for several months, and it is by their efforts that the building is to be much more substantial than first expected. Lots on E street, facing Alpine Park, the most central part of the city, were purchased some months ago, and it can easily be said that no more desirable spot for such a public institution could have been chosen.

Mr. Carnegie has given \$9,000 toward the structure and plans were drawn with that sum in view. Some changes in these plans were considered advisable after their submission in order that the library be just what was wanted and these changes, it was estimated, would cost something like \$3,000 additional. The club—above mentioned at once decided that that amount would not defeat a worthy purpose and with Mrs. S. J. Spray, one of the very active, energetic members to direct, they set out to "get the money." Success has resulted and it will not be long until Salida has one of the most substantial public library buildings in the entire west.