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FORGETTING THE WARNING ALREADY.

Immediately after the Titanic disaster the big trans Atlantic liners abandoned the northerly course between this country and England for one farther south. The intention was to adhere to it until all danger of icebergs was over for the summer. Plans were set on foot to improve the ice-berg reports of the government hydro-graphic office and to have the danger zone patrolled by steamers fitted with the wireless telegraph.

But the memory of the Titanic horrors is becoming dim in the minds of nearly all except those who saw them and the friends and relatives of the victims. Some of the liners have already gone back to the short, northerly route, despite the fact that ice is still coming down from the Greenland region. A steamer that reached Boston last Monday reported having encountered a field of icebergs, some of them large, which required two hours for them to traverse. The same day two steamers arriving at New York reported having been compelled to change their course to avoid a heavy field of ice. One berg they saw was fully 1,000 feet in length.

The steamship companies that have gone back to the northern route declare they have done so because their passengers demand it. To what extent that statement holds true is, of course, impossible to ascertain. Most American travelers want speed and are willing to take chances. And while it seems reckless to navigate fast steamships through fields of heavy ice their owners are willing to do so if it will increase their business. But no passenger is compelled to take the ice-berg route. He can embark on a boat traveling the southern course if he so chooses.

RECENT MEDICAL DISCOVERIES.

That the surgery of the future will tend more and more to the prevention of disease, and not as a last resort in desperate cases, is the belief of Dr. John B. Murphy in an interview printed in a Paris newspaper.

The French people have been inclined to be incredulous as to the claims of a number of English surgeons about the possibility of increasing a person's stature by administering thyroid secretion, obtained from the sheep.

Dr. Murphy declares it is possible to produce a series of dogs of perfectly graduated size by feeding them thyroid at state intervals, commencing at definite periods during successive months.

Some wonderful discoveries have

been made recently as to the functions of the four mysterious glands of the body. The thyroid gland regulates the size of big bones, and giants or dwarfs are the result of over-stimulation or insufficient secretion.

The pituitary gland regulates the size of the wide bones, and its stimulation causes a broadening of the face, jaws and joints. Tiny glands attached to the thyroid gland have also been discovered. If these are removed the patient dies from violent convulsions or lockjaw.

Still more valuable is the discovery that the pancreas gland is identified with the conversion of sugar, and the removal of this gland, in whole or in part, will soon constitute a cure for diabetes.

By co-operating with medicine, and especially with bacteriology, surgery now promises even greater miracles than would have been deemed possible a decade ago.

The New York police have started to suppress Sunday baseball. Just to show, probably, that there are more important things than running down the murderers of Gambler Rosenthal.

Only one man stayed through the performance of a Bernard Shaw play in England. Doubtless he was the janitor and had to stay to lock up.

An eastern man offers to teach flying by mail. If all flying were done by mail, the aviators wouldn't have so much trouble in getting life insurance.

Doc. Cook is back home in time to make a real discovery—that he has ceased to be an object of interest in this country.

Uncle Sam wants to find out what makes the holes in a Swiss cheese. The odor trying to escape, probably.

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 3rd day of April, 1912, creating improvement district No. 50 and designating Third street, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 7th day of August, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Third street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon gravel bitulthic pavement, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district be so improved as follows:

All that portion of Third street from the south side of Washington avenue to the north side of Main avenue.

(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows:

The east half of block 9 and the west half of block 1, Grandy's addition, all in the city of La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and



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benefited by said improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$2,525.18. That the council will, on the 4th day of September, 1912, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, August 21, 1912.
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS,
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.
Aug. 24-10t

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 7th day of August, 1912, creating improvement district No. 66, and designating Greenwood avenue as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 7th day of August, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Greenwood avenue in said improvement district as hereinafter described by laying thereon gravel bitulthic pavement, the council will ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of Greenwood avenue from the north side of Washington avenue to the south side of Adams avenue.

(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows:

The east half of block 168 and all of block 169, Chaplin's addition and the west half of block 9, Coggan's addition, all in the city of La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by said improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$2,000.18. That the council will, on the 4th day of September, 1912, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m., to consider said estimated cost,

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Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, for the construction of approximately 900 lineal feet of standard board walk on the north side of G avenue between the east curb line of Fourth street and the west curb line of Eighth street. All bids to be in by 8 o'clock p. m. August 28th, 1912, and accom-

panied by a certified check for 5 per cent of the amount bid. The council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

La Grande, Oregon, August 21st, 1912.

C. M. HUMPHREYS,
City Recorder.

Aug. 23-5t

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