

HEALTH COMMITTEE AIDS WATER PROBE

F. J. TOOZE, CHAIRMAN, MAKES COMPLETE REPORT OF RESULTS OF ANALYSES

SAMPLES ARE OBTAINED WITH CARE

Bottles and Corks Sterilized and Water From Various Parts of City Sent to Bacteriologists

F. J. Tooze, Chairman of the City Health Committee submits the following:

The following reports have been received during the past few days, from samples of Oregon City water, submitted to eminent bacteriologists of Oregon, for analysis to determine whether the water is responsible for the present epidemic of typhoid in our midst.

The order of the submission of the samples is here followed:

- The first samples, three in number, collected by Dr. J. W. Norris, city health officer, December 2, were analyzed and reported December 7.
- No. 1 contained 2 organisms per c. c. and colon bacilli negative.
- No. 2 contained 2 organisms per c. c. and colon bacilli negative.
- No. 3 contained 2 organisms per c. c. and colon bacilli positive.

CALVIN S. WHITE, State Health Officer.

The word organisms means "bacteria" and the word negative means "no." Colon bacilli means disease germs and might be "typhoid germs." Colon bacilli are always dangerous in quantities when taken into the human body.

A second set of samples, three in number, and submitted by W. H. Howell to Prof. A. R. Sweetser, bacteriologist at the U. of O., Dec. 7, was reported Dec. 7, and duplicated today by telegram as follows:

- No. 1 from 7th and Center Streets fountain, contained 43 organisms per c. c. and colon bacilli absent.
- No. 2 from 7th and Center Streets fountain contained 6 bacteria and colon bacilli absent.
- No. 3 from filter contained 1 bacteria and colon bacilli absent.

This set was kept packed in ice while enroute to University laboratory.

A third set of samples, three in number, collected by Supt. Howell and submitted to State Health Officer Dec. 7, reported Dec. 7:

- No. 1 from filter tank, contained 4 organisms per c. c. and colon bacilli negative.
- No. 2 from reservoir contained 160 organisms per c. c. and colon bacilli positive.
- No. 3 from Seventh Street fountain contained 18 organisms per c. c. and colon bacilli negative.

Colon bacilli "positive" in No. 2 means that these germs were present but whether plentiful or scarce is not recorded.

A fourth set of samples, three in number, collected and submitted by Dr. J. W. Norris, to State Health Officer, Dec. 7, reported Dec. 13:

- No. 1 from reservoir contained 10 organisms per c. c. and colon bacilli negative.
- No. 2 from terminal faucet at cemetery contained 3 organisms per c. c. and colon bacilli negative.
- No. 3 from basin unfiltered river water at intake contained 540 organisms per c. c. and colon bacilli positive.

A fifth set of samples, four in number, and two days later a sixth, were submitted to Prof. T. D. Beckwith, bacteriologist U. of O., Dec. 7, and by City Health Committee three, its chairman, reported Dec. 12 as follows:

- No. 1 water plant well contained 67 bacteria per c. c.
- No. 2 J. Q. Adams Street residence general faucet contained 28 bacteria per c. c.
- No. 3 Green Point residence, general faucet, contained 39 bacteria per c. c.
- No. 4, Eastham School building, contained 69 bacteria per c. c.

All of these counts are exceedingly low and other conditions being favorable this test would seem to show that all of these samples are good drinking water.

One c. c. means one cubic centimeter and is equivalent approximately to one twenty-fifth of an ounce.

In continuation of this test a series of preparations was made in order to determine whether or not sewage was present in these samples. The examination for the determination of specific typhoid is almost impossible and the ordinary routine examination of water samples is to determine whether sewage is present in the water, since sewage is indicative of contamination and shows that the presence of disease-contaminating in the water may be suspected. The following results were obtained:

- No. 1, well-found sewage bacteria to be present in quantities as small as 1 c. c.
- No. 2, J. Q. Adams Street, residence faucet, shows sewage contamination present in quantities of 3 c. c.
- No. 3, Eastham School building faucet, shows no sewage contamination present in quantities of 3 c. c.
- No. 4, Green Point residence faucet, shows sewage bacteria present in 1 c. c. and over.

This first set of samples therefore would seem to show that the water from Eastham School building is fit for drinking purposes while the other three samples are non-potable by which is meant they contain sewage germs and are therefore to be suspected of the presence of disease.

On Dec. 10th in the afternoon, there was received from you, marked reservoir, and examination was made for the presence of sewage bacteria only, some of which were found in quantities of 3 c. c. This water therefore may be considered same.

T. D. BECKWITH, Sewage and colon bacteria are at most universally associated. Such reports to be of definite value must be based upon conditions that are absolutely correct from the standpoint of: (1) preparation of receptacles for samples; (2) source of supply from which samples are selected; (3) elements of time elapsing between collection and analysis of samples, and (4) scientific accuracy in analysis and record.

A collection of four samples was made and submitted to Beckwith on the afternoon of the 7th inst. (1) Bottles and corks were kept in hot water in boiling water forty minutes, bottles were then emptied of the boiling water and corked immediately, nothing sterilized coming into contact with either bottles or corks. Bottles were uncorked in the vicinity of water for filling, filled and corked quickly, no contact with contamination of any sort being allowed.

(2) One sample was taken from the general purpose faucet in a residence on John Quincy Adams Street, north of Twelfth Street, where typhoid had been for two weeks; a second from the Eastham School building where several hundred children had been drinking daily; a third from a kitchen faucet in Green Point, where no case of typhoid has appeared, and a fourth from the well at the water plant itself, in the order named.

(3) The collecting was begun at half past two in the afternoon, and finished with the samples in a box at the express office at about four o'clock. The box was forwarded to O. A. C. at 6:50 and by previous arrangements with Prof. Beckwith he met the train at the depot, secured the samples and before nine o'clock in the evening had begun the analyses in the laboratory.

It was believed at the time of this collection that the sample from the Eastham School building was derived from the reservoir but upon information that at this time of the year this water is supplied direct from the well—fifth sample taken direct from reservoir before it had been cleaned and under conditions exactly like those attending the other collections—was also submitted. This sample was kept out doors during the night of low temperature, but owing to a possibility of bacteria germs multiplying rapidly during these hours in this sample confined as it was in a closed bottle the test upon it was made only for sewage contamination.

The results of these examinations are given above verbatim an differ considerably in some particulars concerning the relative purities of purities of water at the various points in the system.

ports that our citizens may consider together all these expert analyses and judge for themselves, further of the causes for conditions now existing and causing so much sorrow and sacrifice.

COURTS ARE BLAMED FOR DYNAMITE PLOTS

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—Politicians standing between labor unions and the courts, were blamed for the McNamara dynamite plots at the outset of the Government's argument to the jury at the trial of the accused "bomb plotters."

Pronouncing the series of explosions scattered over the country as a conspiracy, "more dastardly and more threatening to society than the crime of an individual," James W. Noel, special Assistant District Attorney, told the jurors they were called on to render verdicts in the most important trial in recent years.

"Organized crime has here appeared to an amazing degree," said Noel, "and it was carried on and it grew because locally the arm of the law failed. Had local authorities done their duty this conspiracy could not have spread, but it appears that politicians or obvious reasons stood between labor unions and criminals and the local courts."

"A strike of the ironworkers was called. Plain assaults became murderous assaults; then, unchecked by the local courts and favored by politicians, the criminals grew bolder and fought with dynamite and nitroglycerin."

"The Los Angeles Times building was blown up with the murder of 21 persons. After that, reckless disregard of life became a wanton desire to take life."

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HOUSEHOLD TAX IS HELD TO BE VALID

ASSESSMENT OF 1912 IS UPHOLD BY STATE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CRAWFORD TRIED TO MAKE CHANGE

Report of County Clerk Fields of Multnomah Shows Futility of Stand Taken by Opposition

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—Decision was reached at a meeting of the State Board of Tax Commissioners today that the 1912 assessment on household and other furniture coming under the exemption amendment passed by the people should remain on the assessment books as now assessed.

Recently Attorney-General Crawford furnished an opinion that he believed the assessment of 1912 should be eliminated inasmuch as the amended statute of 1912 as passed by the people is now in effect and the assessment against household property will not become a lien until at some date in 1913.

He said, under these conditions, there would be no adequate remedy of enforcing the provision against the 1912 assessment.

Members of the State Board of Tax Commissioners believe the idea would be absurd to attempt to wipe out the assessment of 1912 and in addition it would be practically an impossibility. It was cited that County Clerk Fields of Multnomah County and pointed out the impossibility in connection with the rolls of that county.

As a result, the board took the position that it would be to the best interests of the state to allow the assessment to stand. Should some household take exception to the ruling, it was pointed out, the saving on the exemption would be so small as hardly to warrant the expense of a suit.

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WILSONVILLE.

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H. D. Aden has his store fixed up in 1910 holiday style.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beckman are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a young daughter at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore and daughter, Mrs. Boesch, who came here to attend the funeral of Alfred Baker, have returned to their home in Washington.

Miss Helen Murray and Mrs. Haselbrink have delighted the hearts of their pupils by planning to have a Christmas tree in the schoolhouse.

Dr. Brown's drug store contains some beautiful holiday goods, and is giving trading stamps in the jewelry department.

Miss Reed, who formerly resided here, now attending Pacific University visited Cora Irobost on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Emma Stangel spent part of last week in Woodburn, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin spent Saturday and Sunday in Woodburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould, of Salem, spent Sunday visiting friends in our village.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown are building a new house of modern architecture, which is nearing completion.

J. W. Thornton and wife spent Tuesday in Portland.

Mrs. Chas. Wagner and daughter, Gladys, spent Saturday in Portland.

Joe Thornton, was a business visitor to Salem, on Saturday.

Mrs. McKinney visited in the Rose City on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bethme spent Saturday and Sunday in Lentz.

Mrs. Brobst visited relatives in Portland on Saturday.

Mr. Doyle has Christmas goods displayed in his window.

The Students Literary League, of Corral Creek school met at the schoolhouse on Dec. 6th. The main feature of the program was a debate by the seventh and eighth grade pupils. The subject which was, "Resolved, that the city people are greener in the country, than the country people are in the city," was well handled, and all entered heartily into the discussion.

The fine, large display windows of Jase Peters Hardware store, are gorgeously arranged in red and green holiday attire, and the person who cannot find here a suitable holiday gift for the household, will be hard indeed to please.

Justice of the Peace N. O. Say tried the case of Mrs. Bartlett and Mr. Lawrence on Friday evening in the M. B. A. Hall at 7 o'clock. The witnesses all testified that Mr. Lawrence did not strike or curse the plaintiff and after due consideration by the court Mr. Lawrence was acquitted of the charge against him. There were about 200 persons present at the trial.

Why not subscribe for the Enterprise for a gift to your family for Christmas? If you have an item of interest, send it in to the correspondent. Our village news appears each week.

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TRANSFER WILL BE MADE JANUARY 1

Efforts to Transfer Affiliations to Rival Company are Defeated—Perfect Service is Promised

The announcement was made Wednesday by the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company that it had acquired the Milwaukie and Oak Grove telephone systems by purchase, and will take over the operation of both plants January 1.

Three hundred and eighty-four telephone subscribers are affected by the deal, many of them being patrons on phones in the Milwaukie exchange.

Arranging for the transfer for the two properties, which are under separate ownership and management, were completed Wednesday. The purchase price paid by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company was said by W. J. Phillips, division commercial superintendent, to be a little more than \$15,000.

Both companies, which were organized and owned by local men in each town, have an operating agreement with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company by which they get direct connection with Portland.

About four months ago, there was a sharp disagreement over this service, however, some of the local subscribers being dissatisfied with arrangements, and efforts were made to transfer their affiliations to the Home Telephone Company.

It was found, it is said, that an ironclad contract with the Bell people made this impossible. The sale of the properties is one result of the disagreement.

"What difference, if any, we shall make in operation have not yet been decided," said Mr. Phillips. "These exchanges are so close to Portland that it was desirable to have them under one management. Though separate exchanges, they are practically tributary to Portland. Under present arrangements free service is given from Portland out, but toll is charged on connections into Portland."

Mrs. Henry Gilbertson went to Portland Saturday.

Mrs. Wurfel went to Portland Saturday to consult a physician.

Mrs. O. Keebaugh went to Greasam last week to see her sister, Mrs. Kelly, who was quite ill.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, a son Mother and son doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Tull went to Portland Tuesday.

Will Bauer went to Oregon City Tuesday to see his sick ones at the hospital. He found his little son, Donald not so well.

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The Sunday School children are making preparations for a Christmas tree to be held in Twilight hall Christmas eve.

Dave Shepard came nearly losing his team in the ditch south of the water tank Saturday evening. Dave has been in the habit of driving his team and wagon in there to wash them off. Saturday evening one of them slipped, and tripped the other, both horses went down. The water was about four feet deep. All Dave could do was to hold the horses heads out of the water while as luck would have it, Orville Weddows passed by driving his cows home. Orville ran for help and by the timely aid of six or eight men with ropes they got the horses out. Dave says he will not try it again.

Dave did not enjoy the cold plunges.

Miss Gince Slatager and Enoc Grendeling were married Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Slatager. Only a few of the most intimate friends were invited. The marriage ceremony took place at 10 o'clock, a. m. A big dinner being served at noon. The bride came to Barlow when a child and is highly respected by all who know her. The groom has been here about three years and is well liked by young and old. They will begin house-keeping in the Dahlson house where the groom has everything prepared for his bride. Best wishes extended to the young pair by their many friends and may they enjoy peace and happiness.

Little Journeys to the Homes of Oregon Industries

Written for the Morning Enterprise by Col. E. Hofer, editor of the Oregon Manufacturer.

The Manufacturers Association of Oregon has employed a woman state organizer, who is going over the state to organize women's home industrial leagues to increase the demand for Oregon made products. It is estimated that the women buy 95 per cent of the supplies that go into the homes, and their co-operation will be very available in this campaign for the development of home industries. As next Monday is wash day, it might be interesting to consider what can be done to promote the manufacture of soap and washing compounds by such an organization. At a low estimate there are 200,000 homes in the state where these articles are used for cleansing purposes. Estimating that each soap empress only 50 pounds in a year of these articles it would mean that 200,000 50-pound cases would be called for from our manufacturers. There are in Portland three large soap factories, and one factory manufacturing what is known as the five-minute washing compound. Their total product probably does not aggregate 100,000 cases. If it could be generally introduced, this branch of manufacture would be increased 100 per cent. The effect of extending this industry is best illustrated by the story of a little occurrence that actually happened last summer. A housewife went to the grocery store in this city and asked for an extension of credit. The family were owing quite a bill, and she wanted the privilege of paying \$5 a month on the old bill, and wanted an extension of credit for more fairly supplies. She explained to the grocer that her husband was employed in the soap factory which was temporarily shut down. Her son was employed in a box factory and was always out of work. The grocer consented to carry the account. The housewife proceeded to order supplies, and first called for a brand of soap made in Philadelphia. The grocer expressed no surprise and furnished it. The point to the story is quickly seen. The housewife and the grocer were both uneducated, but the importance of supporting the home industries. It is the 200,000 housewives in Oregon, each calling for 25 cents worth of soap manufactured in some Eastern city, that is enriching men like millionaire Fels, who was able to spend \$35,000 on a political experiment in Oregon, the money for which is furnished by the Oregon housewives. More business for the manufacturers of soap and washing compounds means more business for the box establishments supplying the labels, more business for the sawmills and logging camps. When we consider that lumbering is probably the greatest industry in Oregon, and realize that all industries are more or less dependent upon each other, the importance of the campaign of education must become apparent to the dullest mind. There is more in the manufacturers' campaign for the home industries than in any other campaign that is being carried on in our state, not even excepting the work of the Hubbard made the statement that the man who gives an opportunity for a better livelihood to another is the real missionary. It is estimated that the people of Oregon are sending to the East \$20,000,000 annually for articles which are now manufactured in the state. The support of the home industries is not a boycott against the products of any neighbor-state, but is the scientific promotion of the welfare of the entire Pacific Coast. The greater prosperity of Oregon people means that they will be able to visit the wonderful places of interest in California and Washington, and by hearing to spend their money at home become more devoted and more loyal to every Western commonwealth.

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