

FULL-MOUTH DEATH Fanatics Try to Cure Smallpox by Prayer.

PATIENT DIES AT HOME Case Is Concealed From the Health Authorities.

INFECTION MAY BE SPREAD Members of Dead Woman's Family Are Held in Quarantine Pending Investigation.

Prayer has been found ineffective as a remedy for smallpox. Mrs. Mildred Albard is dead at her home in Arleta Park, while Rev. G. T. Neal, of the "Church of God," is quarantined at the stricken home. Death occurred on the day of her demise while the Rev. Mr. Neal was praying for her recovery from the dread disease. The other members of the Albard household are in quarantine, where they will remain pending an official investigation of the case which was commenced yesterday by the coroner and health authorities. Arrests may follow. Notwithstanding the nature of the woman's ailment she had no doctor or medicine during her illness. She was taken down with the disease in a virulent form a week ago, when Rev. Mr. Neal was prayed for her recovery. She got worse. Others of the church joined in the prayers. There was no improvement. John Albard, husband of the woman, became alarmed. He said he wanted a physician. The sick woman demurred faintly. Faith, not medicine, was the proper remedy, she would have no other she said. She had Mrs. O. Myers, of Willsburg, a member of the same faith, sent for. Mrs. Myers responded to the call and lent her voice to the praying. Sunday Mrs. Albard's condition became alarming. Late in the afternoon it was feared she was dying. Again the husband said medical attention should be had. He said he was willing to do anything or have anything done to save his wife. Rev. Mr. Neal administered more prayer. Early in the evening Mrs. Albard died. Since the faith treatment was of Mrs. Albard's own choosing the authorities say no one could be held culpable of negligence in not securing a doctor. But through the quarantine ordinance, the law may be found to have recourse. Neal is said to have visited the house each day, going back and forth between his home at 28 Second street and the Albard home without disinfecting his clothing. No quarantine notice was placed on the house, and children of the neighborhood played in the yard at will. The 3-year-old daughter of the stricken woman was permitted to enter the sickroom and members of the family did not remain at the house. Nor were the health authorities notified until after the woman's death. Deputy State Health Officer Evans visited the house yesterday morning and used disinfectants and vaccinated those who had been exposed. Neal and Albard refused to have anything to do with vaccination serum. "You will either be vaccinated or stay here in this house under strict quarantine," said the officer. "If it is God's will that I be here I am willing that it be so," said Rev. Mr. Neal. "I will not be vaccinated." They protested at having the little girl vaccinated, but this was insisted upon. The child was exposed to the disease several times, and in the next few days she died with the disease she will be sent to the pesthouse. Several children of the neighborhood who had been exposed were also vaccinated.

ple were married at Muscatine, Ia., in 1897, and have no children. Mrs. Hull avers that her husband has frequently falsely accused her of infidelity. She says she has neglected to support her and she has been forced to work out, sew, keep boarders and even take in washing to provide herself with the necessities of life and to pay for a home at Portsmouth consisting of three lots. She also asserts that she paid for the household furniture and other articles in the house and she asks the court to decree that she is the owner of all the property and to restore her to her maiden name, Lantz.

DEATH OF NOBLE WOMAN. Mrs. Margaret Mountain Stephenson, Pioneer of Coast, Passes Away.

Another pioneer has passed away in the demise of Mrs. Margaret Mountain Stephenson, the daughter of Captain Thomas Mountain, the oldest Portland pioneer, at the age of 86 years. She left this life last Sunday at No. 37 North Tenth street. Those who knew her, knew that she was a good woman, and devoted and exemplary mother, sympathetic and alert in assistance to the extent of her means. She came to the coast in 1852, and to Portland in 1857, and until the day of her demise was recognized as a prime factor in charity work. A mere friendship was not enough, an acquaintance was sufficient to enlist active sympathies regarding the hour of the night, storms or weather. The children she left behind her are Mrs. J. B. Mansfield, of San Francisco; M. William Stephenson, of San Francisco; R. E. Stephenson, of this city; Miss Emma Stephenson, of this city; T. M. Stephenson, of Missoula, Mont.; Miss Catherine Stephenson, of this city; Miss Louise Stephenson, of this city. She is survived by her father, Thomas Mountain, of this city, and other surviving relatives.

Mrs. Margaret Mountain Stephenson.

NOT FOR DICTATION Water Board Resents Council's Interference.

Water Board Resents Council's Interference. City Attorney is Asked to Determine if Such Expenditure of the Water Board's Funds Can Be Legally Made.

Poltiness reigned supreme at a long session of the Water Board yesterday, but the members nevertheless gave little opportunity to Councilman Rumelin, who was there to boost a resolution of the Council. When the charter was quoted, they stated very emphatically that they didn't like the idea of being dictated to by anyone. The Council resolution provided that fire hydrants be placed upon the larger water mains, and also that the cost of new hydrants should fall upon the water fund. The Water Board referred the matter to the City Attorney, who must decide whether it will be possible for it to divert a part of the fund from the expenditure included in the annual estimate. Mayor Williams says that such can be done. Councilman Rumelin left his bass-profundos tones upstairs and talked to the Water Board in a most ingratiating manner. At the Park School fire, he said, there had been little water, for the engines, though two large mains, which the hydrants did not tap, flowed past the spot. He had asked Mayor Williams, as chairman of the Water Board, why these conditions existed. Now he asked the board itself. In presenting the resolution asking for an expenditure of \$500 a year for new hydrants he said: "We ask you because, as I understand it, the water fund has more money than the Fire Department."

NOT AN ORDER, BUT A REQUEST Telephone Officials, However, Prefer Dark Colors in Winter.

The Sunset Telephone Company has not ordered its operators to wear only black waists; it would not venture to so encroach on their personal liberty; it has simply requested them to wear dark colors in winter. Even this polite request is declared by an official of the company to be no new thing, for he declares that it has made a standing request of the kind for years, and that this was merely renewed last Saturday. "What is the reason of the preference for dark colors?" he was asked. He pondered for a reply and then said: "It is just for the sake of uniform appearance," and refused to further discuss the subject which the profane tongue of man should not be allowed to touch. He was very emphatic in his declaration that no order was issued, but that only a request was made. When asked what would happen if the request were not complied with he replied in silence. The preference for dark colors only applies to winter, in the bright Summer days the young women are welcome to wear all the gay and gorgeous colors their taste dictates. It was reported that a further flurry had been caused by an order that the young women should wear short skirts, in order that they might not stir up the dust and cause it to fly in the machinery and interfere with its working. This, too, was denied by the official in question, who said no such order or request was contemplated in this city, although it has been made in the California offices.

RIVER IS RAPIDLY RISING. Front-Street Merchants Will Be Notified to Move Goods.

District Weather Forecaster E. A. Booth expects to be compelled to notify the front-street merchants tomorrow that they must move all goods stored on the lower docks along the river front. The river is already up to the 3-foot mark, and if the flood continues to swell the stream the 12-foot mark will very likely be reached tomorrow. Fourteen feet of water above the low-water mark will cover the Ash-street and several other docks where considerable quantities of supplies are stored. Albany has already been notified that 20 feet of water may be expected today and a greater depth will mean a flood at that place. The rainfall has been very heavy throughout the Willamette Valley for the 24 hours ending yesterday noon. The precipitation registered at its various stations of the Weather service is as follows: Portland, 1.78; Salem, 2.84; Albany, 3.16; Eugene, 2.94. Heavy snows in the Cascade Mountains would cause great damage should they be melted at this time. Nearly two feet of snow is reported from the hills back of Mill City. The following reports of the stages of the river at the different stations were received at the Weather Bureau office yesterday afternoon: Portland, 8.1 feet, rise 0.5 feet; Salem, 12.5 feet, rise 1.9 feet; Albany, 12.8 feet, rise 2.4 feet; Eugene, 12.6 feet, rise 2.4 feet.

CITY NEEDS A PUGILIST. Assistant Dogcatcher Should Have a Ready Fist.

A man with a big, heavy, ready fist is the man to fill the position of assistant dogcatcher, according to the idea of the judiciary committee of the Council. Joe Keefe, who, until recently, caught most of the unlicensed dogs of the city, got into an altercation with a family named Penn, on the East Side, some months ago. Blows were exchanged, and Keefe was arrested for assault and battery. He was fined \$50, and has been the inmate of a jail. He also paid for \$25 worth of lawyer fees during the trial. So the judiciary committee tackled the question of paying attorney's fees for city employees when in trouble over alleged misconduct while on duty. "The trouble was that Keefe hit too hard," said Chairman Flegel. "But the people should understand that a dogcatcher is there to catch dogs, and that he has a right to take them. If the people resist he has the right to take the

dog by force. I think now in this case Keefe got the dog, and then the old man hit him, then he hit the old man. Finally they got the dog away from Keefe, took it out of the wagon, in fact." "I think people should understand that the dogcatcher is there for business," said Mr. Bentley. "Fight to a finish," said Mr. Zimmerman. "The job needs a pugilist," contributed City Auditor Devlin. It is probable that the Council will make an appropriation covering Keefe's expenses.

CHARLIE MAYS GETS A LICENSE Liquor License Committee Concludes He Is Punished Enough.

Because the protest of Fleischner, Mayer & Co. against the granting of a liquor license to Charlie Mays at Second and Commercial streets, held without them, the liquor license committee of the Council yesterday afternoon gave Mays his license. Mays' license was revoked over a year ago, the complaint being that he conducted a disorderly place. Henry Lau ran the saloon for some time, Mays continuing possession of the establishment on the corner of Second and Commercial streets. Mays had been sufficiently punished and the license was forthcoming. Fleischner, Mayer & Co. had protested against the saloon's return to their factory, but changed their minds. R. W. Patterson, who had besetged the committee for a license for his old Favorite saloon, now an oyster-house, was again turned down.

TO ISSUE OREGON EDITION. "Mining World" Will Advertise the Lewis and Clark Fair.

A letter was received yesterday by the Chamber of Commerce from the secretary of the American Mining Congress, which holds its annual convention in this city next August, stating that an special edition of the "Mining World," the official organ of the congress, is to be devoted entirely to Oregon and Portland. Considerable time has been spent by Irwin Mahon, editor of the paper, in gathering information about the state and city and illustrations to accompany stories about the resources of the state, particularly the mining resources. A large portion of the space is to be devoted to material about the Lewis and Clark Fair. The exposition will be well advertised in this special edition. In the meantime the local committee appointed to prepare for the celebration and entertainment of the delegates to the congress are progressing slowly. They are meeting with considerable difficulty in raising the necessary funds. It has been estimated that about \$2000 will be necessary to properly take care of the visitors. It was stated yesterday by one of the committee on finances that they are about \$1400 short of the necessary amount and subscriptions are coming in slowly. "The great difficulty is," said this member of the committee, "that there is a certain ring of business men that are always ready to donate to affairs of this kind. They always give, and every time there is any money to be raised they are called upon. There is another class of property owners who are always ready to contribute a cent towards anything of this kind. These people reap benefits as well as the merchant, but it is the merchant that is called upon first and last for any money in the way of help. They are having so many calls to meet now that they find it difficult to respond very liberally. There are others who will reap big benefits, yet will not contribute towards the expense of bringing the conventions here. Although subscriptions are coming in but slowly, the committee is not discouraged. It is working diligently and expects to see the mining congress a great success and a big benefit to Portland."

HOME BUYERS' OFFICE CLOSED Attachment Suit Results in Deputy Sheriff Locking the Doors.

Suit and attachment was brought yesterday by the Metropolitan Printing Company against the Home Buyers' Office of Home Buyers, and Deputy Sheriff Kelly has put out of business the semblance of an office which remained. Altmann and Harbaugh have been having a rather hard time lately in trying to get their work done, and when they were doing something more than keep out of the way of furniture-movers, but now their door is locked and they are unable to get in. The office is away from the books of the concern without their aid. Wakelief started the troubles of the two named persons by investigating his father-in-law's estate. He is a writer, which was in the office, and then followed up his relative's action by coaxing the furniture out of the office at the hands of a constable on a similar action. Altmann, who has been left by Harbaugh to stand off Wakelief, the ousted, from assuming his old position as chief chairholder in the office, thus left to sit around until he had nothing left to sit upon when Deputy Sheriff Kelly came along and invited him out to the hall where he was locked. As there is no one to let him in, he has been unable to get into the office since that time. Altmann and Wakelief, who were in charge of the firm, settle the matter up and that is not considered likely. In the meanwhile the brain which employs Home Buyers of the Inland Empire, who were taken into the Portland branch of the order, and do not like the looks of things there.

THINGNESS OF THE NEAR. Not to Mention the Tout Ensemble of the Whole Thing.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Rookin says "hundreds can talk to one who can think," and thousands can think to one who can see." Scholars of the 20th century are prone to drink in the shadow instead of the substance, mistaking the sign for the reality. Machinery drowns the voice of faith, and convenience blinds the internal eye, to which Ruskin points; but no great poem, no great work of art ever originated in the external which employs machinery and spreads convenience, but that these are great instruments in civilization, on the contrary, they may be regarded as the great curses that will ruin the sign for the reality. When applied, however, to the interpretation of the Bible, or to the conception of the "mountain of truth," the infiltration of warmer blood now preponderating in our immigration will swerve our National type precipitately from the "Textonic toward the Latin form" is pre-

CUP FOR MOST PROGRESSIVE Board of Trade Committee Will Start a Voting Contest.

As a stimulant to progressiveness among the citizens of Portland, the Board of Trade has decided to offer a silver cup to the most progressive citizen during the year of 1904. The winner of the trophy is to be decided by means of a voting contest participated in by all citizens. This action was determined upon yesterday afternoon at the meeting of a special committee composed of F. E. Beach, B. S. Page and J. E. Lathrop. The idea of the committee is to place voting tickets in all the business houses and to have a ballot-box established at Woodard &

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION READY J. L. Mitchell Returns From Inspection Order of Washington Lodges.

J. L. Mitchell, supreme secretary of the Order of Washington, returned last Sunday from a month's visit to the St. Louis Exposition buildings, and states that most of the latter are being rapidly completed, but that the Oregon State building is not as far forward as he had expected. He visited subordinate lodges of the Order of Washington in Idaho, Utah, Colorado and other sections. "I also inspected at St. Louis the new Fraternal building, the cost of which, \$200,000, has been subscribed by different

French Thieves Rob Tourists. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Hobbers of wealthy victims to the Riviera are rife, and apparently are the work of a daring band of well-organized thieves, says a dispatch to the American from Mentone, France. A wealthy American widow reports having been robbed at her hotel of jewels valued at \$20,000. An English woman on her way back from Monte Carlo lost \$200, which she had won from the bank.

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fraternal organizations throughout the United States," proceeded Mr. Mitchell. "We hope to have a similar building on a smaller scale at the Lewis and Clark Fair, costing about \$50,000 to build and \$20,000 to maintain during the Fair. The Order of Washington day at the St. Louis Exposition will be September 23, the same as the Lewis and Clark day, and the Lewis Loyal Legion day. This latter event will be under the auspices of the Lewis family, the descendants of Captain Meriwether Lewis."

Another Try at Peace Before Striking. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Four hundred telegraph operators employed by the Erie Railroad have held an all-night meeting at Paterson, N. J., to discuss alleged grievances. Representatives from every section were present, and the Western delegation is reported to have favored a strike immediately, but the delegates finally decided to make further representations to the management and report in two weeks.

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Table with 3 columns: Time (10 to 11 A. M., 2 to 3 P. M., 3 to 4 P. M.) and various items like Hats, Umbrellas, Neckwear, Pictures, Trimmings with prices.

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Clark's. The voting will commence late in the Summer or early in the Fall. Each citizen is entitled to one vote, which will cost him 25 cents. With the funds raised in this manner the cup is to be bought, engraved and stamped with the name of the winner. The expense of the contest will also be paid out of this fund, and if there is anything left it will be used to advertise the city. On December 21 the ballot-box will be opened and the votes counted. At the subsequent annual meeting of the Board of Trade the cup will be presented to the winner. It is designed to secure a fair expression from the citizens as to who is the most progressive citizen during the year, and it is hoped by this manner to stimulate others in progressiveness. The name of the cup has not been decided upon as yet. This detail will be settled at the next meeting of the committee. The majority seem to favor calling it an "Administration Cup."