DOCTORS AT OUTS

Stormy Time at Session of Society.

HUTCHINSON IS ACCUSED

Is Charged With Advertising Self in Press.

CONSUMPTIVE CURE BASIS

Physicians Wrangle Among Themselves Until Quarrel Is Stopped by an Adjournment of the Meeting.

Trouble, harsh words and a lively row have developed among the medical profession. The quarrel, which some say was scheduled and some say was not, came at the meeting of the Portland Medical Society, held Wednesday night at the Marquam building. At this meeting, Dr. Woods Hutchinson, secretary of the State Board of Health, and Dr. Robert C. Coffey, director of the North Pacific Sanatorium, were openly accused of lacking professional ethics and were verbally assaulted by physicians who fancied their profession had been outraged.

It was Dr. Otto S. Binswanger who exploded the bomb at the meeting. Dr. Binswanger openly questioned Dr. Hutchinson's ethical position. Dr. William Jones and several other members of the profession backed him up. In the storm of personalities that began flying around, Dr. Coffey was dragged into the row and for a time it looked as if the lie would be given direct.

Arranged Beforehand.

In some quarters it is whispered that the meeting was arranged for the grilling of several medical men who, it was thought, had drifted from the narrow path of professional ethics. If this was so, neither Dr. Hutchinson nor Dr. Coffey were aware of what was coming. Dr. R. C. Yenney read a paper on the absorption of food, and at the close of the discussion which followed the trouble broke out. Dr. Binswanger, so the story goes, rose up in righteous indignation and called attention to a recent article which appeared in the Portland papers, in which Dr. Woods Hutchinson was given credit of having cured two cases of consumption. Dr. Binswanger had great difficulty in trying to convey to Dr. Hutchinson just what was the nature of the charges he was making. Then rose up Dr. William Jones, and, it is said, point blank accused Dr. Hutchinson of using his official title as secretary of the State Board of Health to advertise himself—in short, that he was an "advertiser" and unethical.

It is understood that Dr. Binswanger took Dr. Hutchinson to task, because the articles giving the account of the consumptive cases, which were recently discharged from the Open Air Sanitarium stated that the patients were cured. Dr. Hutchinson, it is understood, endeavored to explain that he had not told the reporters that the patients had been cured, but that the course of the disease had been arrested. Dr. Binswanger held that Dr. Hutchinson had stated that the patients had been cured of consumption, and is credited with having said that if Dr. Hutchinson made the statement, he, Dr. Binswanger, doubted Dr. Hutchinson's veracity. When Dr. Jones entered into the discussion trouble broke loose. Dr. Hutchinson, it is said, listened to the charges which Dr. Jones made and, in a quiet and self-controlled way, looked straight at Dr. Jones and said something like this: "Yes, I understand what your are driving at now, and I consider the source from which such accusations come."

Half a Dozen Engage.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie and a half dozen other members of the profession jumped into the arena. Dr. Coffey's attempt to defend Dr. Hutchinson brought down showers of wrath on his shoulders. For a time the meeting resembled an old-fashioned sewing society. Everybody was talking and howling at once. It is said that there was some mild profanity thrown into the arguments and accusations, and that several women members of the profession present fled, as did several of the more timid males. Dr. Coffey was accused of having runners out in Eastern Oregon and of the unpardonable sin of having a private institution. Dr. Coffey, it seems, had the goods on several of the doctors, whose tender ethics had been so roughly trampled upon. He kept up a scrap book and he claimed that he could show by that book that almost every member of the profession had broken into print just as often as a chance was given him.

It was the coolheadedness of the doctor who sat in the chair that saved the meeting from breaking up in a free-for-all fight. Several times he ruled the wrathful doctors out of order. Things were beginning to get beyond his control when some wise member moved an adjournment. Just when this happened Dr. Smith was delivering a caustic address against the "advertisers." The motion for adjournment cut off his speech.

Yesterday the quarrel at the Medical Society was the topic discussed among the physicians. The medical men themselves refused to discuss the trouble. It is not known whether there will be an attempt made on the part of those who precipitated the quarrel to oust Dr. Hutchinson and Dr. Coffey from the society. The fight is on, however, and from what could be learned of the trouble, sides have been taken, and if a move of this sort is attempted, the row of Wednesday night is only a forerunner. It is understood that Dr. Hutchinson gave what he considered an explanation of his actions and he maintained he was not guilty of any wrongdoing. He is said to have stated before the members of the society that the Open Air Sanitarium was a public institution and that the public was entitled to be informed as to what was being done at the institution. Dr. Hutchinson refused to discuss the charges made against him and says he is ready to meet his accusers.

Shows Receipted Bills.

Dr. A. W. Ball, who was accused of leaving Roseburg, Or., with unpaid bills, is in Portland and shows receipts to prove that he has paid his indebtedness in the Southern Oregon city. As to the name Dr. Bowie & Co., it is explained by Dr. Ball that it is a trade name, and that he was known among the Jamaican negroes as Dr. Bowie. Dr. Ball is a regularly licensed physician in this state. It seems that he left Roseburg February 23, going to Grant's Pass, and returned to Roseburg February 28, paying his bills, he says, as was his custom, on the first of the month. As to the statement of W. J. Ross, Dr. Bowie declares that instead of owing him money, he had advanced sums to Ross. Dr. Ball was a Red Cross surgeon in Cuba during the Spanish war, he declares, and subsequently went to Alaska for the Government, where he was Superintendent of the Government schools on Kadiak Island and physician to the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society orphanage on Wood Island.

LAWYER SCORES ON SHERIFF

Not Permitted to See Prisoner Has Court Intervene.

William M. Gregory, attorney-at-law, scored one on Sheriff Word and Jailer Grafton yesterday after a hot controversy which served to raise the angry passions of all concerned. Judge George finally settled the matter.

It was alleged by Lawyer Gregory that Sheriff Word had refused him permission to visit Robert A. Condee, a prisoner in the County Jail and a client of Gregory's. Gregory carried his troubles to Judge George, before whom the attorney insisted he had a right to see his client, and Sheriff Word stated that he was Sheriff of Multnomah County and therefore boss of the county's jail. After a stormy scene, Judge George notified the Sheriff that any reputable attorney was privileged to visit a client in the jail, and that even the Sheriff could not stop him. He also stated that the request of Mr. Gregory should have been granted immediately by Sheriff Word.

After Mr. Gregory had disposed of the Sheriff he again went to the jail, where he met Jailer Grafton. Grafton stated that he was boss during the Sheriff's absence and that he was running things to suit himself. Gregory replied that that was the way Grafton generally ran things, and the jailer, it is alleged, shook his fist in the attorney's face and threatened dire and sinister things. Whereupon Jailer Grafton was promptly haled before Judge George likewise, and likewise received a few pointers concerning the rights of an attorney with a client in jail. Grafton said there was a misunderstanding.

Condee is a printer who was going under the name of C. O. Roberts when he was arrested a short time ago on telegraphic advices from the Sheriff at Los Angeles. He is wanted for obtaining money under false pretenses. Condee's father-in-law learned of the arrest and wired Mr. Gregory to attend to the case. When Gregory went to the jail he was refused permission to see the prisoner, and immediately went upstairs, where he filed a writ of habeas corpus, and Condee was brought before Judge George at 2 o'clock. Gregory then attempted to speak to the prisoner and the Sheriff ordered him not to do so. Then the trouble began, and it was not settled until Judge George informed Sheriff Word and Jailer Grafton that lawyers were to be allowed to see clients.

DR. EDGAR HILL MAY ACCEPT

Congregation Thinks He Will Probably Go to Philadelphia.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland are absorbed in the question as to whether their pastor, Rev. Edgar P. Hill, D. D., is to accept the call made to him to take charge of the Presbyterian board of publication and Sabbath school work with headquarters at Philadelphia, Pa. Although Dr. Hill has not personally made his wishes known, it is believed here that he will resign his pastorate and accept the new appointment. He is expected home in about ten days, or sooner. His friends say that the new appointment means a life position to him, that he will be able to do more effective work directing the publication board of the whole Presbyterian Church than working along at $5000 a year as pastor of a Presbyterian church on the Pacific Coast, far removed from the center of population, and that in a very short time he would make a National name for himself in the Presbyterian church at large. These are the reasons, it is stated, why Dr. Hill will probably decide to accept the call to Philadelphia. Dr. Hill left this city February 13, personally to look over the ground at Philadelphia and to engage and report on speakers for the series of congresses and conferences to be held Sunday afternoons at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

BIG COLONIST RUSH EXPECTED

First Contingent From East Will Arrive in Portland Tomorrow.

Many homeseekers, who have taken advantage of the colonist rates on all the transcontinental railroads leading into this city, which went into effect on March 1, will arrive in Portland tomorrow. From Missouri River points to Portland by the colonist rates the fare is $3. From Chicago the fare is $3, owing to the reduction. These rates are for one way only, there being no reduction on the round-trip tickets. It applies only to second-class travel.

The Denver & Rio Grande has instituted a daily through tourist car service from Denver to Portland because of the extra travel that will result from the low rates. On all the roads affected by the colonist rates extra equipment has been added.

The railroad men say that more homeseekers will take advantage of these low rates than ever before because of the extensive advertising that has been scattered through the East on the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Besides the colonists who will arrive, there will be hundreds of people who will come to Portland to remain during the Summer on account of the Fair.

PIONEER WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. J. S. Giltner Dies at Her Home in Portland.

Mrs. J. S. Giltner, a Portland pioneer, died at her home on First and Market streets last night after a short illness. A severe attack of the grip was the immediate cause of her death. Of a kind and gentle disposition, loved by all who knew her, Mrs. Giltner is mourned by many old friends. She had lived in her home on First street for almost 40 years. She was one of the oldest members of the First Presbyterian Church and a charter member of the missionary society of the church.

She was born in Philadelphia, December 26, 1826, and lived in Western Pennsylvania until 1866, when she came here with her husband, Dr. J. S. Giltner, to whom she was married March 9, 1846. Dr. Giltner and four of six children, Emma G. White, R. R. Giltner, F. F. Giltner and Mrs. Martha Matilda Crowell, survive her. Two sons, Dr. Paris D. Giltner and Horace G. Giltner, died several years ago.

REDUCED PRICES ON COAL.

We have reduced the price on Great Western washed lump coal to $5.50; range, $5; Australian lump, $6.50; Rock Springs lump, $7, delivered. No screenings and full weights guaranteed. Phone Main 948.

Mrs. John Springer Is Dead.

Mrs. John Springer died at the home of her daughter, in Helena, on the evening of February 27, aged 63 years. She leaves a husband, one son, John Springer, and eight daughters. The daughters are Mrs. W. F. Martin, Mrs. Ida Cornelius, Mrs. Clara Freeman, Mrs. Edith Pinkett, Mrs. Emma Lee, Mrs. Cora Boyle, Mrs. Lillie Mingus and Miss Allie Springer.