DREAD DISEASE ATTACKS SCHOOL

Spinal Meningitis Claims Two More Victims at University of Washington.

MANY LEAVE INSTITUTION

Fear Is Now Felt That Epidemic Will Spread to Public Schools and Enrollment Is Decreasing. One Death at Chehalis.

SEATTLE, Wash, March 27 .- (Sperial.)-Two more students of the University of Washington died today of spinal meningitis, a total of four that have succumbed to that malady

Southern Oregon." The address was iliustrated with stereopticon views, obtained from photographs of bird life at Tule Lake and Klamath Lake. The views included studies of the habits and young of sand pipers, skelts, kildeers, terns, ducks, grobes, cormorants, pelicans and voews.

The lecturer addressed the school chil-dren of Engene and the university stu-dents again in the afternoon on "The Birds of Northern Oregon," creating sym-pathy for the songsters of this state.

AGED SHARPER IS ARRESTED

William Bell Used Lodge Badge to Obtain Money.

SALEM, Or., March 27 .- (Special.)-Dis inguished in appearance, with hair of tilvery white, William Bell, alias John Rice, was arrested here this morning by Chief of Police Gibson on a charge of obtaining money under false preter from the Bank of Woodburn and

from the Bank of Woodburn and will remain in the City Jail to await trial under an indictment filed this afternoon by 'District Attorney McNary. The The charge is made by J. M. Poorman, of the Bank of Woodburn.

Since the arrest of Bell developments have been an hourly occurrence. From advices received from Portland, Vigioria, E. C., Oregon City and other places he has been operating extensively his smooth confidence games, which are principally done by the aid of checks and a Knights. Templar charm which he wears on his waistcoat. Bell dropped into Woodburn last Sunday, attended church, attracted the attention of the minister, who is a Mason, and through him was introduced to Mr. Poorman, from whom he afterward obtained \$50. When arrested Bell had \$45 in gold and silver on his person, an Oddfellows' charm, two gold watches at the state institution.

Elmer Day, aged 29, and Harold Hands, aged 21, are the latest victims. Just became ill on Saturday and died

MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TEAM THAT DEBATES WITH UNIVERSITY OF OREGON AT EUGENE TONIGHT

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It is really surprising what a small amount of mency will do at this particular, time in the buying of a piane. Not only will a comparatively insignificant amount buy a very satisfactory instrument, but in addition to this, one may purchase almost on their own terms as to amount of payments. This is all the result of co-operative effort—the combined buying of nearly 500 pianos by individual purchasers, in a very short space of time. It is only a firm of the greatest magnitude that could be in a position to handle such a piano movement as has been under way during the past few weeks at Ellers Plane House. Hundreds of pianos have been sold at prices that have saved the club members thousands of dollars. And now the sale is almost over. Nearly all the pianos in the several clubs have been sold. But among the few remaining are some of the very finest makes, as well as a limited number of the medium price and less expensive instruments. The entire number is not large, and those who contemplate plano buying should hasten to secure membership before it is too late. Payments of \$1.50 a week for \$8 monthly) secure the well-known Lester pianos in Club B. selling at \$258. The remaining planos in Club A. selling at \$137, \$218, \$166, \$174—just about half, the usual selling price—may be secured on payments of \$1.55 a Week.

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to going before the jury. He said he was prepared to testify before the grand jury but would not answer questions in private. There were some vigorous ex-changes of remarks when he threatened to whip every man in the room.

DIVIDE STATE IN QUARTERS

Commissioner Hoff Fixes Districts for Workshop Inspection.

tontests are then telegraphed to the contesting institutions so that the victor is known at once.

This scheme has been used with great success by some of the Eastern colleges. The strong feature of the plan is that each school is required to defend both sides of the question. So that no school can win because of any inequality there may be in the question. The two teams also have the opportunity of meeting in practice debates for weeks before the contest, and are, therefore, in shape to put up an exceptionally, strong argument. These contests are of great interest and are far superior to the old method.

The team that meets idaho is composed of Victor Zednick, leader: Harlan Trumbull and George L. Spirk. Trumbull and Zednick debated with Pacific University last year, while Spirk, though a new man, is a member of the law school and a very forcible speaker.

In the victor is commissioner O. P. Hoff today finished the work of dividing the siste into four districts, which will be known by numbers from one to four, and will be assigned to the inspectors of workships and mills, selected from the portlens of the state where the mills are most numerous. District No. 1 will include Multnomah. Columbia. Tillamook and Clatsop counties; district No. 2, Benton, Clackamae, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Washington and Yamhill; district No. 4. Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malbeur, Although Mr. Hoff has not announced the appointment of his inspectors, one will be from Portland averable core.

the appointment of his inspectors, one will be from Portland, probably one from Albany and the other two from extreme Western and Southern Oregon, The Commissioner still has about 80 days in which to perfect his plans for the inspection d states he intends to be very careful selecting honest and competent men who will not shirk the responsibility reporting conditions just as they

WILL ENLARGE SALEM PLANT

Portland General Announces Changes to Cost \$20,000.

SALEM Or., March 27 - (Special.) - Man ager R. K. Page, of the Portland General Electric Company's interests here, an-nounced tonight that as a result of the meeting held here yesterday, attended by General Manager Sykes and W. S. Dole, of the firm of Dole & Co., consulting engineers, the Salem gas plant will be entirely remodeled. It will be converted into an oil-burning plant, and about \$20,000

will be expended,
Mr. Page says that the company has appropriated \$50.00 for extension work on the various lines and other interests between Salem and Portland. The first year's expenditure on the gas plant will be followed next year by \$10,000. The present capacity of the plant is 50,000 cubic feet, which will be doubled.

Manager Page says that since the company acquired the plant one year ago the reduction in the cost of gas has been about 30 per cent. Besides the improve-ment in the gas plant, the company will spend \$8000 as their share of the new paving on State street and \$16,000 for new machinery for the power plant.

CONFER ON BRIDGE PROJECT

Major Chitttenden Will Meet Gray's Harbor Citizens

ABERDEEN, Wash, March 27 -(Spe cial.)—At the meeting of the business men of Gray's Harbor, to confer with Major Chittenden, the Government Engineer, as to the proposed bridge to be built across the Chehalla River by the Puget Sound & Gray's Harbor Railway Company, it is expected there will be a large attend Outside railway men who are inter ested in knowing what interests are back of the movement will also be present. The Northern Pacific, it is understood, will be represented, as the tracks of the proposed railroad will necessarily cros the Northern Pacific tracks. The meet will be held Friday night in this city.

Hoquiam Interested in Visit. HOQUIAM, Wash., March 37,-The vist of Major Chittenden to Gray's Harbor Thursday and Friday will be one of inter-est to this district. Consideration will be given the plan of the Gray's Harbor &

Puget Sound Railway Company to bridg

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the Chehalis River near Aberdeen, and the proposed bridge across the Hoquiam River to be built by the Northern Pacific. The Major will inspect the harbor, a tug

having been secured for this purpose. Second Case at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 27 .- (Spe cial.)-Jesse Fitzsimmons, son of Mrs. Mary Fitzsimmons, is the second re ported case of spinal meningitis here and is in a critical condition. Mari Strahan, the first case, is convalescing having responded to osteopathic treat

Preacher Heads Reform School. HELENA, Mont., March 37 -- At meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Reform School, the Rev. D. B. Price, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopsi Church South, of Helena, was elected Superintendent of the institution, and

cepted the appointments. Mayor Vetoes Oll Regulation. ASTORIA, March 37.—(Special.)—Mayor Wise today vetoed the ordinance passed at the recent session of the Council, re-

quiring off companies to erect retaining walls around their tanks. The veto states that the character of the walls provided for in the ordinance would be no protection in case of a fire or an explosion. Boat Club Elects Officers.

EUGENE, Or., March 27,-(Special.)-he Eugene Boat Club was permanently The Eugene Boat Club was permanently organized at its meeting last night by the election of the following officers: President, Dr. Ira Bartle; vice-president, Herbert Button; secretary, Lloyd Bellman, treasurer, Carl Washburne. The membership is

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at Providence Hospital. Hauck was check books on Montreal, Portland, Orenot affected until Monday and died after a two days' filness.

The startling rapidity with which leath his overtaken the University students and the fact that four young chill)—Rebekah Hold Convention.

OREGON CITY, Or., March I.—(Special.)—Rebekah Lodges held a district control. men have already died from spinal meningitis has resulted in the with-drawal of many students from the school. This is more noticeable among

school. This is more noticeable among the students enrolled from Seattle. City. The morning and afternoon sessions were held in Woodmen of the World large neutron of the meningitis epidemic. The same alarm felt over the University situation is spreading to public schools and local school authorities have been compelled to warn truang officers that there is an university large percentage of absenters. usually large percentage of absentees. Under the compulsory educational act these pupils can be compelled to re-

TO ENFORCE LAW TO LETTER

Land Regulations Must Be Obeyed

on Umatilla Reservation. NDLETON, Or., March 27.-(Special, Charles W. Davis, special Government inspector, who has been here for the past few weeks investigating the charges made against Major Edwards and his consuct of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. has brought his labors to an end and gone to Portland. From there he will go to Washington to make his report to the de partment concerning the result of his

only positively known result of his visit to Umatilla County is that for a e, at least, the law permitting one white man to rent no more than on section of land will be more strictly ad bered to. Soon after the advent of Major Edwards he cut down the holdings of a large number of renters while others were allowed to continue the farming of several thousand acres. It is said that those who had their holdings cut down, as well as those who did not sought to conde the law and the ruling in different ways. One of the chief means was to

employes, thus giving rise to the "cook wagon" system of farming.
Davis says that the one-section role must be adhered to without any regard to tavorites and that the "cook wagon the department to let farmers it is possible that Major Edwards' re Justi to allow some of the retters to farm more than the limit allowed by law and his alleged partiality in this respect were responsible in the first place for much of feeling against him on the part of the Indians as well as the white renters

JAPANESE MUST RETURN HOME

Officials Detect Orientals Brought Here Under Contract.

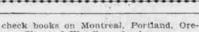
TACOMA Wash., March 37.-(Special. TACOMA Wash. March 37.—(Special.)

Eleven Japanese, brought to this country under contract to work for a wealthy Japanese farmer of Livingston. Mont., were apprehended today on the steamer Tremont by officers of the Immigration Euresit, and will be shipped back to Japan. The law regulating the immigration of aliens provides for a fine of \$1000 for each offense, so that the guilty party is hable to a forfeit of \$1,000 to the third States for his fruitess attempt to bring foreigners here for the purpose bring foreigners here for the purpose

The suspicion of the immigration offi-cials was first aroused when it was no-ticed that the II Japanese came from the came community in Japan and were all bound for Livingaton. The confession of one of the party was secured and two others, when confronted with the statement of their colleague, also confessed that they were coming here to work on a farm in Montana and were to receive two yen, or a little more than it a day. One also confessed that the transportaion of the II had been paid by the

Lectures Students on Birds.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene or. Marth 21.—(Special.)—William L. Fin-icy. National lectures of the American Audubon Society, delivered an address at the assembly today on "The Waterfowl of



cial.)—Rebekah Lodges held a district convention in this city today and members were present from Oswego, Clackamas, Estacada, Milwaukle, Molalia and Oregon. City. The morning and afternoon sessioms were held in Woodmen of the World Hall, and tonish Willamette, Rebekah

GOVERNOR APPEALS FOR RUS-SIAN FAMINE SUFFERERS.

Proclamation Setting Forth Dire Need, Issued in Response to Request of Relief Committee.

SALEM, Or., March 27 .- (Special.) -- Gov. mor Chamberlain this aftermon issued a reclamation, in response to a request om the Runslan familie relief committee, lew York, received yesterday from the ecretary, S. J. Barrows, in which he asks that the press and public be solicited to aid in every way possible the terrible conroclamation follows:

Whereas, The executive committee of the

valing must be the last act in the dark tragedy.

Now therefore, I, George E, chamberlain, as Governor of the State of Gregon, in compliance with the request of said committee, do appeal to the people of this commonwealth for assistance for those who are now confronted with starvation and with all the terrors which buch condition implies. Our country is prosperous and generous and agreeous and has often responded to appeals to aid unfortunate sufferers from whom the bounty of nature has been withheld, and I trust the people of this commonwealth will respond to this appeal for assistance. people of this commonwealth will respond to this appeal for assistance.

Contributions may be sent to the secretary of said executive committee. Mr. Samuel J. Barrows. 135 East Fifteenth attrest, New York, N. Y., who will promptly acknowledge receipt of same.

CHEHALIS REPORTS ONE DEATH

Stagedriver Dies After Few Hours Illness.

CHEHALIS, Wash. March 27.— (Special)—Peter Dershay, a young man employed as a stagedriver, carrying mail between Chehalis and Alpha, died at 2 o'clock this morning after a few hours' illness. His symp-toms were pronounced as unnistak-ably those of spinal meningitis. toms were pronounced as unmistak-ably those of spinal meningitis. Young Dershay drove the stage yester-day morning and seemed in good health. He was a robust, well-de-veleped young man of 17. The little daughter of John Brown-ing, of Chehalis, is now ill with spinal meningits and her life is despaired of.

Eugene Lets Paving Contract. EUGENE, Or., March 25-The City Warren Construction Company. There were two bids, the other one being made

by James Frainey. Both bids were accompanied by guarantee checks for \$1000. The paving will be on Willamette street, from the depot grounds to Eleventh street, and will be made after the Willamette Valley Company has congructed its rail-road on this street, which is to be com-pleted by Gelober I.

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away; the affirmative debates on the home platform. This makes three de-bates on the same question and held at the same hour. Results of the different ontests are then telegraphed to the cor

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very forcible speaker. IDAHO MEN FEEL CONFIDENT

Have Strong Case Against University

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 21,-(Special.)here the second annual triangular de bate will be held between the Universi-ties of Idaho and Oregon. At the samtime Idaho's visiting team will mee

More than usual interest has been cen tered on the word battle to be fought between Idaho and Oregon. Last year Idaho won a unanimous victory over

Mashington.

Idaho's team to meet Oregon's is com

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Whereas, The said committee has addressed me a communication, advising me that it has direct information from personal witnesses as well as from the public press and official sources, confirming reports as to the vast magnitude of the calamity which has visited certain portions of Russia, and as to the widespread missey it entails, and as to the widespread missey it entails, and as to the widespread missey it entails, and three months before the new harvest can be resped, disease and death from slow starvalled must be the last act in the dark tragedy.

Washington.

Idaho's team to meet Oregon's is comfidence in the dark of T. C. Galloway, James H. Franker and McKeen S. Morrow. The Oregon team is considered especially strong this year. Judge Miles Poindexter and Attorney W. H. Winfree have been appointed as Judges and Congressman Emrits of the control of the control of the property of the post of the property of the property of the post of the property At will be a strong light, said Pro-fessor Edward Hulme, the debating coach, tonight. "The Idaho team is well balanced and it is expected that every argument set forth by Oregon will be directly attacked."

Goes to Judge Debate.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 27 .- (Special. -City Attorney Campbell left this city today for Seattle, where he has been chosen as one of the judges of the inter-collegiate debate to be held between the University of Washington and the University of Idaho.

Washington Will Try to Ture Tables

on Opponents. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., March Z.-(Special.)—The annual triangular debating contest between teams

triangular departing contest between teams representing the state universities of Oregon. Washington and Idaho, will be held tomorrow night. Interest here centers in the contests between Oregon and Washington, at Eugene.

Oregon's affirmative team will be led by J. C. Veatch, 67, with John R. Latour-ette, 67, and C. L. Whraldon, 19, as col-leagues. Francis V. Galloway, 97, will lead the negative team at Moscow. His two colleagues will be Jesse H. Bond '90 and Thomas R. Townsend, '09. Last year's championship was won by

Washington promises to be the most spirited of the three, for the reason that Oregon has defeated the northern rival for two consecutive years.

year's championship was won by The debate between Oregon and

Witnesses Forbidden to Talk. BOISE, Idaho, March 27.-(Special.)-There was no important development in the grand jury investigation today, althe grand jury investigation today, although a large number of witnesses were
waiting to be called. District Attorney
Ruick aunounced that no witness should
talk with representatives of newspapers.
The District Attorney added that newspaper man must not stand in the hall nor
where the jury assembles.
There is a story floating about respecting the attitute assumed by a witness

Do you think you know all there is in those three letters, t-e-a?