

DR. MARCELLUS IS PUT ON DEFENSE

Mr. Daly Is Endeavoring to Prove His Assertion That Health Officer Is Unfit

DR. ROBERG ALSO ACCUSER

Dr. Calvin S. White Says Mountain Being Made of Molehill in Leprosy Case—Relationship of Mr. Beeman Is Shown.

"A mountain out of a molehill" was the description Dr. Calvin S. White, ex-state health officer, gave yesterday of the case of a leper found in Portland last September, which was made the paramount charge before the City Council by Commissioner Daly in an official investigation of charges of "reprehensible conduct" on the part of City Health Officer Marcellus.

Dr. White's statement came at the close of a day's effort on the part of Commissioner Daly to prove that Dr. Marcellus had been giving false personal attention to the leper during confinement in a tent at the smallpox hospital. Dr. Marcellus had explained how he had handled the case during the past several months, saying that every pre-arranged had been taken for the welfare of the community and the patient, and the present State Health Officer, Dr. Roberg, had testified that the case had not been properly handled.

The inquiry was the case presented as the general issue took all day and attracted by many Councilman squabblers. It will be resumed at 3 o'clock this morning at the City Health Officer's office, where Dr. Marcellus will be brought up one at a time with no limitation in advance as to what was to come next. Commissioner Daly had witnesses to present in each case.

Mr. Beeman Is Witness. In the leper case the principal witnesses were Dr. Roberg and White and Dr. T. Beeman, the dismissed city health officer, whose dismissal the present trouble centers, and Dr. Marcellus. Other specific charges presented during the session were to the effect that Dr. Marcellus had a secretary, one of whom he took care of during office hours, that he had given private typewriting to stenographers in his bureau and a few minor charges.

Dr. White Not Excited. Ex-state Health Officer White testified that he did not consider the case alarming. "The facts are," said Dr. White, "that the leper case was not a case of leprosy in the poor farms of California."

Notary Public Case. During the morning session of the Council a lively tussle centered about the declaration that the State Health Officer had not been notified of the case. Copies of The Oregonian were introduced to show that the day the leper was discovered the existence of the case became known to the public. Dr. White testified that Dr. Marcellus had notified him, but there was a question then as to who was Health Officer. There was much discussion about why State Health Officer Roberg should not have taken charge of the case when he found, as he charged, that it was not being properly handled.

reports of subordinates showed that the owner had agreed to do this. Two stenographers of the health bureau were put on the stand and asked if they have done any private typewriting for Dr. Marcellus during office hours. One said she wrote an occasional letter, while the other said she had not. One was asked if Dr. Marcellus had treated her during office hours and charged her for it. She testified that he treated her once in 1914 and made a charge but had treated her since and made no charge.

Dr. Roberg said his attention was first called to the case the day after he took office. He said Dr. Calvin S. White, his predecessor, had been notified of the case the day he left office. He said he (Roberg) went out and looked up the "very poor" tent several days later, and found the place full of flies, which were gorging themselves. He said the deplorable condition was nearly identical several days later when he again made a visit. He said there were no screens. He wrote to Dr. Marcellus telling him the condition and made some suggestions. Dr. Marcellus, he said, wrote back that his suggestions and others not thought of had been carried out at once.

Dr. Roberg presented pictures of the tent which, he said, were taken October 4 to show that there was not protection of the patient from flies. "Why were these pictures taken?" asked Mayor Albee. "For purely scientific purposes," replied Dr. Roberg. "What scientific purpose is served by a picture of a tent?" asked the Mayor. "It was for the benefit of Dr. Bettman, who had never seen a case of leprosy before."

False Report Asserted. "More than anything else," said Mr. Daly, "it shows that when Dr. Marcellus reported to you the man was protected from flies he made a false report." "Absolutely," replied Dr. Roberg. "What is this on the man's head?" asked Mr. Dieck. "Looks to me like it might be a face screen or something of the kind."

County Physician Geary was called in by Dr. White. "Were there any screens over this leper when you saw his case?" asked Mr. Daly. "I do not remember, but I believe there were," replied Dr. Geary. "It has been intimated," said Mr. Daly, "that there is an ulterior motive in this case on the part of Dr. Roberg. I wish to present telegrams sent to Dr. Marcellus by former State Health Officer White, and the National Guard at Tillamook."

Work on Hall Opposed. Mr. Baker Refuses to Listen to Delay on Auditorium. Commissioner Points Out That Vote Was Two to One, and Says He Will Follow Instructions. "There have gone too far in the project of the municipal auditorium for me to perform the culinary miracle of unscrambling the eggs now. It is up to me to go ahead as best I can and carry out to the best of my ability the idea which the people of Portland had in mind when they voted the bonds for the auditorium," said City Commissioner Baker at the luncheon of the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Guardian to Run Store. Business of Man Mysteriously Injured Will Be Cared For. County Judge Cleeton yesterday signed an order appointing F. H. Putnam guardian of C. Milton Moore, who is unconscious in Good Samaritan Hospital from a fractured skull received in his store on Monday, December 6. Putnam set forth in his petition that Moore's little store at 233 Larrabee street, with stock valued at \$550, is in need of attention. During his unconsciousness the guardian will take care of the store. The cause of Mr. Moore's fractured skull still is a mystery. The police have been unable to learn by whom the injury was not caused by a fall.

PLEA FOR BOY MADE

Ward of Associated Charities Struggling for Education.

PUBLIC GENEROSITY URGED

Fund Declared Too Low for Season and Demand Greater Than Ever, So Gloomy Days Are Feared Unless Response Comes.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes H. J. Henry, J. E. Davidson, A. J. Hale, etc.

A 15-year-old boy in a family of five has been obliged to leave the Trades School, where he was learning plumbing, because he has no suitable clothes, and he has been trying for some time to earn enough to dress himself for school.

BIG FIRM TO BUILD

Studebaker Company Reported to Plan Structure.

EAST SIDE IS LOCATION

Eight-Story Reinforced Concrete Home Said to Be Contemplated to House Both Auto and Vehicle Departments.

The three-story frame Studebaker building now standing on the southeast corner of East Morrison and East Second streets is to be torn down to make way for a tall, reinforced concrete structure designed to house both the automobile and vehicle departments of the Studebaker Corporation of America, according to apparently authentic reports in local building circles.

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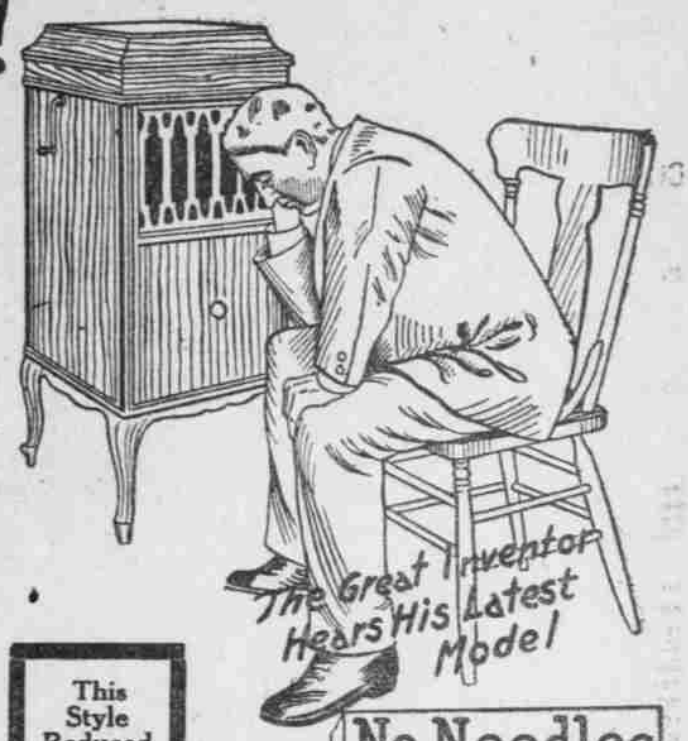
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HUSBAND REPLIES TO SUIT

Extravagance and Cruelty Charged in Divorce Action Answer.

Answering his wife's suit for divorce, Alexander G. Riddell, one of the owners of the Liberty Coal & Ice Company, accuses her of extravagance and cruelty. He declares his income does not amount to more than \$250 a month and asks that her complaint be dismissed without action.

MAZAMAS TO SCALE LARCH

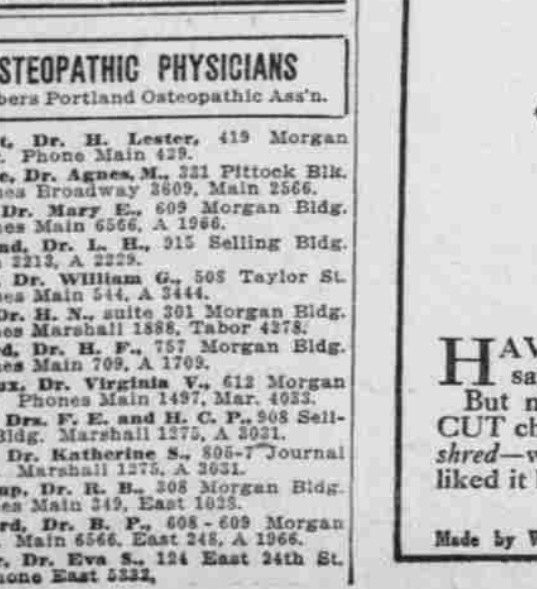
Second Annual Winter Climb Will Be Made Next Sunday.

The Mazamas' second annual winter climb of Larch Mountain will be made next Sunday, December 15. The party will leave Portland Saturday at midnight from the Union Depot. The climb will be made over the new trail from Multnomah Falls. The party will return to Portland Sunday at 6 o'clock.

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