

COST OF VISITS TO DOCTORS ARE ADVANCED

Doctors Raise Prices to Keep Pace With Living Expenses.

SCHEDULE NOT IRON-CLAD

Charge for Operations Goes Up but Needs of Poor Will Be Looked After in Spite of Price List.

Portland physicians by concerted action have increased their rates in proportion to other items in the high cost of living, and patients must now pay all the way from 50 cents to \$100 more than they used to in pre-war days. The doctors make it plain that the new rates published in a lengthy schedule by the Portland City and County Medical society are not a hard and fast price list. The schedule is rather, they assert, to advise doctors of an approximate price for various professional services.

The new schedule, for instance, says the price for an office visit, quoted at from \$2 to \$5 in 1912, should now be from \$2.50 to \$15. One could have his hip joint taken out in 1912 for from \$250 to \$1000, but now the advisory schedule is \$250 to \$2000.

Poor Will Be Cared For, Anyway. Doctors make it clear, however, that they will continue to do such operations whenever needed, as in ante-bellum days, and collect whatever fee the patient can stand.

Most of the changes in the schedule apply only to the maximum rates. For instance, an ordinary physical examination for which the society suggested a fee of from \$5 to \$25 in 1912, should now, according to the pamphlet, be from \$5 to \$75. Chronic cases, non-operative, were from \$10 to \$15 in 1912 and now are from \$10 to \$75.

Other changes are:

	1912.	1919.
Outside visit (first) with examination and opinion.....	\$ 5.00-\$10	\$ 5.00-\$25
Outside visit (subsequent).....	2.50-5	2.50-15
Vaccination.....	2.50-5	2.50-15
Day visit.....	2.50-5	2.50-15
Night visit.....	2.50-5	2.50-15
Consultation.....	2.50-5	2.50-15
Letter of advice.....	2.50-5	2.50-15
Telephone consultation.....	2.50-5	2.50-15
Writing certificate of disability.....	2.50-5	2.50-15
Writing out death certificate for insurance.....	5.00-10	5.00-10
Emergency call.....	10.00	25
Use of office hours.....	25.00-200	25.00-200
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Rates for Operations Rise. Maximum rates for operations have risen largely, although the minimum in, in most cases, the same. For instance, the advisory rate for operating on a fractured skull in 1912 was from \$50 to \$1000, while the later figures are \$50 to \$2000. But setting a fractured jawbone in 1912 was from \$25 to \$100, while now it is from \$50 to \$250. The charge for setting a fractured collarbone was from \$25 to \$100, now it is from \$40 to \$250. Fixing broken arms was from \$25 to \$250, and now it is from \$40 to \$400.

Old family physicians, for the most part, say they never heard of the new rates. Several doctors had the new schedule in their desks and dug them out of a pile of papers and examined them for the first time when they were interviewed about the change.

RATE PLEA IS BELITTLED

COREY SAYS LINES ARE TRYING TO FRIGHTEN SHIPPERS.

Part of Argument for Increase Is Regarded as Sound but Railroads Not Alone to Be Considered.

SALEM, Or., July 17.—(Special).—Argument of the railroads that if they are not permitted to meet boat rates at the Pacific coast and other water ports they will lose a large amount of business which will go to the steamship lines, and that this will cause a reduction in their income returns and therefore justify higher rates at the shorter haul interior points in order to pay returns on their properties in part is perhaps the most telling argument in a statement issued by Public Commissioner Corey today. But he asks, would the short haul territory alone be injured?

Would not the equalization of rates throughout the country have a highly beneficial effect by placing all communities upon an absolute equality? We of the intermediate territory will not object to our railroad rates as long as they are reasonable and free from unjust discrimination, undue preference and prejudice, for we would then be upon an equal footing with all other localities and could, therefore, manufacture our raw products at home and compete in a healthy manner with other localities, and would obtain the advantage of community betterments and prosperity and permit of our spending our own money at home instead of allowing it to go to eastern industrial centers. Such industrial development would increase our population, wealth and taxable property.

This threat of it being necessary to increase rates in the intermediate territory if not permitted to haul to the coast at a rate that will prohibit the operation of boats is always held up by the railroads to frighten the people of the intermediate points. We are not so easily frightened. Our rates will not be raised out of proportion to all other localities. As we view it, the rate, in no event, would be in excess of the boat rate plus the local rate back to intermediate points, and the local rates cannot be increased upon the whim of the carriers. Such increase would, under the law, require the approval of the interstate commerce commission. Furthermore, the law prohibits unjust discrimination. Rates must be fixed and usually have been fixed in the past with reference to the traffic and the needs of the public, and not with reference alone to the needs of the railroad.

VIRGIL D. EARL ADVANCED

Former Portland Instructor Made Principal at Astoria School.

ASTORIA, Or., July 17.—(Special).—Virgil D. Earl, for the past 11 years head of the department of mathematics and athletic coach at the Washington high school in Portland, has been elected principal of the Astoria high school.

He succeeds J. F. Elton, who recently resigned to accept the principalship of the Commerce high school in Portland.

BOND THEFT SUSPECT HELD

Ex-Chicago Broker Believed to Have Been Arrested in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 17.—In the arrest of a man calling himself F. H. Woods last night as he stepped off a train from Vancouver, B. C., federal officials today say they believe they had apprehended John W. Worthington,

ERSKINE GAINED EIGHTEEN POUNDS

Portland Man Is Also Relieved of Rheumatism by Taking Tanlac.

"I have not only been completely relieved of a bad case of rheumatism by taking the Tanlac treatment, but have also gained eighteen pounds in weight, so you may know by that what I think of the medicine," said A. M. Erskine of 5150 Eighty-fourth street, Southeast, Portland, Or., to a Tanlac representative recently. Mr. Erskine is employed by the Northwest Steel & Shipbuilding company.

"I began to suffer with rheumatism about ten months ago," continued Mr. Erskine. "I was in Vancouver at the time, helping to build the Standifer Shipbuilding plant, and I first noticed it in my left knee. The pain felt more like neuralgia than anything else, but it kept getting worse all the time and finally shifted from my knee to my hip and at times I would have it in my back and then in the muscles of the calf of my leg. That part of my leg seemed to be troubled the most and the muscles just felt all the time like the skin had been torn and like a hot mustard plaster had been put on the spot. At times, I also suffered with sharp, shooting pains that would run up and down my leg and I just couldn't walk any distance without my leg giving out entirely. When this would happen I would just have to stop and rest and sometimes the pain would be so awfully bad it looked like it would cut off my breath. Sometimes about the only way I could get any rest at night would be to use hot applications and I suffered such agony for eight months and got in such bad shape that I fell off in weight from 145 pounds down to 129 pounds, and, while I kept at work, I was certainly in a bad way and would feel all fagged out when I would get home in the evening. I took different treatments and medicines but I might just as well have taken so much drinking water for all the relief I got."

"I had been reading so much about Tanlac and what it was doing for others, that I decided to try it and I hadn't been taking the Tanlac treatment long until I commenced to feel better, so I kept it up and the treatment relieved me of my rheumatism entirely. I not only got rid of the rheumatism but got back all the weight I had lost and three pounds more besides. I am working fine every day now and never have that worn-out, draggy feeling that used to trouble me. I am certainly glad to give this statement for the sake of others that are suffering with rheumatism, because I know what Tanlac has done in my case."

Tanlac is sold in Portland by the Owl Drug company.—Adv.

former Chicago broker. Worthington, it was said, has been sought for three months in connection with the alleged theft of \$125,000 worth of bonds. The man arrested here denied his identity as Worthington.

He carried a "flash" roll of small bills, government agents said, and was planning a trip to San Francisco and thence to Honolulu, apparently having information that he was being sought by the officers. Worthington was arrested in Chicago May 19 and was said to have "jumped" a \$10,000 bond there.

ESSIG ESTATE \$500,000

Pioneer Spokane Physician Leaves Fortune All to Wife.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 17.—Dr. N. Fred Essig, a pioneer physician, who died June 8, has left his entire estate, which may total \$500,000, to his wife, with the provision that she may divide it share and share alike with her two children if she desires to do so.

Mrs. Essig is at Atchison, Kan., and while she is named as executrix of the will, has asked that her son, Lieutenant N. Fred Essig, act as special administrator, with will annexed, and have the estate appraised. Lester C. Essig, the other son, who is 28 years old, is in Chicago and in business.

The estate of Dr. Essig includes valuable orchard properties at Lake Chelan, real estate and personal property here.

Dr. Essig always handled all the details of his interests and the complete data of the property will not be available until the appraisers have prepared inventories.

Dr. Essig died at the Mayo brothers' hospital in Rochester following kidney trouble. He was 70 years old and came here in 1887. He brought considerable money with him from the east and leaves the large estate as the result of investments.

MISS ASH MEDFORD GIRL

Young Woman Lost in Honolulu Seen Swimming Far Out in Surf.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The mysterious disappearance recently at Honolulu of Miss Frances Ash is causing anxiety here among friends and relatives of the young woman. Miss Ash is a daughter of Archibald Ash of Medford, Or.

According to passengers arriving here from the islands, Miss Ash was seen swimming in the surf at Waikiki beach and at six then no trace of her has been found, although a systematic search was made. Miss Josephine Well of Peoria, Ill., who returned from Honolulu yesterday, said she saw the young woman on the day of her disappearance swimming far out in the surf.

"When we returned to the beach," Miss Well said today, "we learned a woman had been struggling in the surf and that some men had gone to her rescue. Miss Ash was not seen afterward."

Miss Ash was 25 years old and formerly a bookkeeper here for the War Camp Community Service and later joined the navy as a yeomanette. An aunt and sister live here.

CHAUTAUQUA IGNORES FIRE

Brownsville Hears Programme in Spite of Recent Conflagration.

BROWNVILLE, Or., July 17.—(Special).—Owing to the state of chaos in which the town was left by the big fire here Saturday, Chautauqua began here Tuesday under difficulties. Many are homeless today in Brownsville and consequently taking little interest in the Chautauqua programme.

The intense heat has also tended to keep people away from the big tent and the audience for the opening programme on Tuesday was the smallest in years.

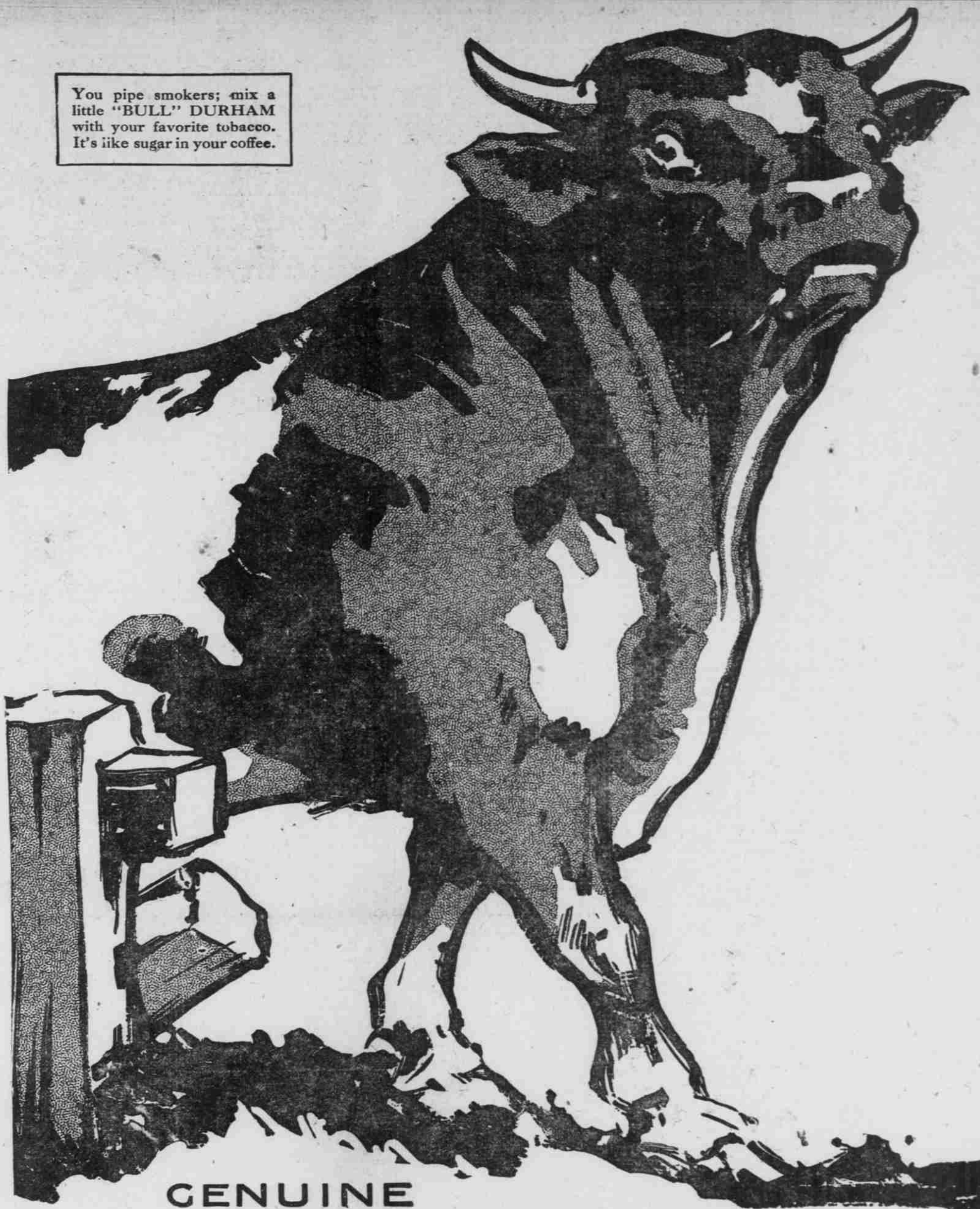
Veterans' Picnic Held at Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 17.—(Special).—A patriotic picnic was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Frank Ipe on Fords Prairie by members of General Lew Wallace Circle of Ladies of the G. A. R., C. D. Spencer, corps commander of the W. R. C., and G. A. R. veterans. The annual picnic of the Centralia Homestead of Yeomen will be held Sunday at Claquato, west of Chehalis.

Centralia Plans for Labor Day.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 17.—(Special).—The Lewis County Central Trades Council is working out an extensive programme for Centralia's observance of Labor day. A parade by 2000 members of the 17 trades unions affiliated with the Lewis county council will be a feature. The principal

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speaker will be Louis Nash, president of the retail clerks' union in Seattle and head of the Minnesota club in that city.

Sheep Dipped for Scab.

SALEM, Or., July 17.—(Special).—

More than 150,000 sheep in Klamath county are being dipped for scab, according to a statement made by the state veterinarian here today. Dipping of practically all herds in Klamath county was made necessary because of recent importations of sheep from California afflicted with the disease.

Most of the diseased sheep were sent to the California ranges from Oregon last fall because of the shortage of feed in Lake county.

Scaler Hears Complaints.

SALEM, Or., July 17.—(Special).—W.

A. Daisel, state scaler of weights and measures, has returned from Gresham, where he considered a number of complaints involving canneries and fruit warehouses of that vicinity. Most of the complaints were based on short measure, but were found to be without foundation.