

OFFICIAL NEWS OF PLAGUE

RECEIVED BY STATE HEALTH OFFICER AT ASTORIA.

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ASTORIA, Or., May 19.—State Health Officer Dr. J. A. Fulton received official information this afternoon to the effect that there have been six cases of the bubonic plague in San Francisco, and that one case exists there now. Until he receives full information from the Marine Hospital Service he will have all incoming vessels from San Francisco anchored in the lower harbor until he can make an examination of them. He will, however, permit the steamer to come to her wharf here tomorrow morning, and there is no expectation that she will be delayed unless sickness is found on board of her.

Logger Accidentally Killed. Edgar Jones, an employe of Saldern's logging camp, at Gray's River, was killed this afternoon while working at the camp. He was engaged in coupling the cars, and as he stepped between them his head was caught between two logs and his skull crushed. He lived about an hour, but never recovered consciousness. The deceased was a single man, about 25 years of age, and had been in the camp only a few days. He has relatives living here, but has a brother residing at Woodburn. The remains were brought to this city this evening, and will probably be sent to Woodburn for interment.

Sale of Timber Land. Deeds were filed for record today by which W. A. Geer sold to the Astoria Company 607.72 acres of timber, located in the southwest portion of Clatsop County, and adjoining the Tillamook County line, for \$224.90. It is understood the property is lieu land, on which scrip had been filed.

Fishermen Arrested. Deputy Fish Commissioners Laughery and Baldwin this afternoon arrested C. E. Nelson, a fisherman, together with John Combs, and C. Burg, his boatpilot, for violating the fishing laws. Nelson has both an individual and gear license, but is charged with failure to have a number on his boat. Burg is charged with fishing without having a license. The cases will be tried in the Justice Court on Tuesday.

OREGON CITY COMPANY IN CAMP. Will Fight a Sham Battle at Oswego Today—Clackamas County News.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 19.—Company A, Third Regiment, Oregon National Guard, under command of Captain Fred Metzner, marched to Oswego this afternoon, where they will remain in camp until tomorrow afternoon. The company was provided with the proper camp equipage, besides their arms. Tomorrow the company will divide into two squads and give an exhibition sham battle between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Captain Metzner will command one division, and Lieutenants Leighton Kelly and Fred Humphrey the other.

L. E. Jones, City Treasurer, has called in all city warrants on the general fund indorsed prior to July 1, 1898, and all cemetery warrants issued prior to July 1, 1898.

D. R. J. Davis, who was recently arrested in company with Mrs. William Vanlar on a charge of adultery, had a hearing this afternoon before Justice Webster on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, and was bound over to the Circuit Court. Before entering the case, Justice Davis is alleged to have sold some horses on which a third party held a chattel mortgage, hence this charge.

In the Circuit Court today, Alice M. Butler, formerly of Multnomah County, filed a suit for a divorce from Frederick M. Butler, on the ground of cruelty, also Johannes Delinger, of Clackamas County, against John Delinger, on the ground of cruelty.

The tax rebate on wagons with wide tires promises to draw heavily on the county road fund. Every owner of a wide-tire wagon or motor vehicle is required when he pays his tax to the Sheriff, by making an affidavit before the clerk that he is entitled to such rebate. This rebate, however, is not of the road tax due from the owner of the vehicle, and should he not pay such tax, he is not entitled to a wide-tire rebate. No less than a dozen farmers today received rebates after paying their taxes.

THE REGISTRATION GROWS.

Latest Reports Show It to Be in Excess of Vote of 1898. Reports of the number of voters registered have been received from all but four counties, and the additions and corrections show the registrations for these counties to exceed the vote of the same counties for President in 1898, the heaviest vote ever polled in Oregon. The counties yet to be heard from are Crook, Curry, Malheur and Wheeler. Following is the showing made to date:

Table with 2 columns: County and Number of Voters. Includes Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wasco, Washington, Yamhill, and Totals.

LEAVING FOR CAPE NOME.

Jan Exceeds That of the Klondike Rush Two Years Ago. SEATTLE, May 19.—Five hundred people left for Nome today on the steamers Cleveland and Alliance, which had every berth sold. The water front was packed all day with departing passengers and their friends, and not even the rush to the Klondike of two years ago exceeded the jam of the past week. The Senator, with 500 passengers, will sail for the north tomorrow, and the Oregon, with 600, will get away in the afternoon. The Aberdeen, Getenue and Lakme will depart early in the week. Fully 100 Coloradans took passage on the two steamers leaving today for Cape Nome. Among others were Captain C. V. Noble, one of the most extensive operators in the Cripple Creek district, and T. B. McNeil, a prominent Leadville miner. Captain Noble estimates that Cape Nome alone will contribute 700 to the Cape Nome rush.

ADVERTISING A LOTTERY.

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General Summers, a veteran office-seeker and office-holder, and a soldier between times, is reported as recommending his soldier-candidates, so-called, says the Roseburg Review, and who is Summers? Not a man of the masses, but a tax-eater by profession, far removed from the "plain people." He quit a \$4000 a year job, as Appraiser of the Port of Portland, for the more lucrative position of Colonel of the Oregon regiment, with the understanding that he would have his old office again when he came back—and he got it and still has it. The fact that he may be brave in battle is not alone sufficient to entitle him to select the officers who shall manage the business and financial affairs of Douglas County. We have a class of voters here who are not in the habit of allowing "high-toned" army officers or Government time-servers do their thinking for them. They are more interested in putting into office—or keeping there—men who will conduct their public affairs economically and honestly and lighten the burden of taxation, and their heads are not easily turned at the sight of a smart army uniform.

No Pride to Point With.

The Dalles Chronicle. Why don't our Democratic exchanges point with pride to the fulfillment of the prophesies made by Bryan four years ago? We were to have 15-cent wheat and 5-cent cotton and 15-cent corn. Wretchedness and poverty and distress were to be all-prevailing. The "money power" was to contract the currency, drive gold out of circulation, drive greenbacks out of circulation and bring the country to the bow-wows. Wages were to be cut so low that the laboring man would not be able to earn enough to buy his bread. Our tariff laws were to shut us out of the foreign markets. Lombard street and Wall street were to conspire against the common people and grind them into the dust. All these horrible things, and more, were to happen if we did not get Bryan and 16 to 1. We got neither, thank God, and have managed to get along tolerably well without them.

World Disfranchise Hard Drinkers.

It is asserted by the readers of the Prohibition party that fully 800 votes will be polled in this county for that party's ticket at the election next month. This is undoubtedly an overestimate. There are a great many people who have symptoms of getting that ticket, but they never do. They preach prohibition, but they do not vote it. To attempt to control men's appetites by enacting and enforcing a man-made law is almost a waste of effort. Men who cannot govern their appetites should probably not be allowed to participate in the government of others. If the man who abuses the use of alcoholic beverages was disfranchised on the ground that since he cannot control himself he should not expect to participate in governing others by his right of suffrage, it would likely do more for temperance than even the adoption of prohibition, and at the same time it would leave to men who could control themselves all the rights guaranteed to them under free institutions and self-government.

It is a Cruel World.

The Dalles Chronicle. The lot of a Democratic editor in these piping times of McKinley prosperity is hard enough to call out the deepest Republican commiseration. It is especially hard when the fates have cast his lot in a

Prosperous community like The Dalles.

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Don't Kick Over the Soap.

Forest Grove Times. While the Indian War Veterans are railing against Congressman Tongue, it will be well for them to remember that Mr. Tongue has worked harder for them than any other man ever sent to Congress. They might also consider that if they sent Mr. Daly their chances of Congressional relief will disappear. Mr. Daly, being a Democrat, will act with the Democrats, and the Democratic party will afford no relief to war veterans—it isn't built that way.

Still Against Bryanism.

Louisville Courier-Journal. "Resolved, That the Democratic party is in favor of the acquisition of the Island of Cuba, on such terms as will be honorable to ourselves and just to Spain, at the earliest practicable moment." That was Democratic doctrine just 40 years ago, as declared by the Democratic platform put forth at both Charleston and Baltimore. Expansion was not then denounced as un-American and un-Jeffersonian.

More Expansion Wanted.

Eugene Register. It is estimated that the present census will give Oregon 500,000 population. We have been enjoying a little expansion on our own account the past few years, and if the Republican policy of National expansion is maintained for the next 10 years, the next counting of noses will find Oregon with 1,000,000 population. Bryanism can offer no such assurance to Oregon citizenship.

Teachers for Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Or., May 19.—The Directors elected last night the following teachers for the ensuing year, commencing September 1: Principal, Ward Swope, re-elected; first grade, Miss Orell M. Beal, re-elected; sixth grade, Mrs. Josephine Case, Hillsboro; Miss Persephone Butler, Monmouth, Or.; Miss Ella Mason and Miss Lorena Gleason, Forest Grove, Or.; Miss Marie Velten, Hillsdale, Or. The last four have not yet been assigned their grades.

Pendleton Beat Weston School.

PENDLETON, Or., May 19.—Pendleton High School won the Tribune cup today over the Weston Normal School in the field day sports here. Nearly 1000 people attended.

Death of Judge Ford.

TACOMA, Wash., May 19.—Judge Henry Ford, senior member of the firm of Harris & Ford, died suddenly at 10 o'clock this morning. Deceased was 67 years old.

Investors, Attention!

Phenomenal Profits In Oil. The Oriental Oil & Fuel Co., incorporated under the laws of Oregon, owns 100 acres of oil land in the heart of the oil belt of California. Property has been reported on by C. W. Fox, for 15 years with the Standard Oil Co. and Colonel M. M. Ogden