

HIDDEN EPIDEMIC DEEMED MURDER

Dr. William House Says Concealment of Plague Danger Is Legalized Crime.

BAD MEAT SALE SCORED

Portland Physician Stirs Oregon Commonwealth Conference in Speech on Public Health. Convention Is Closed.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Characterizing as legalized municipal murder the custom of suppressing facts and concealing conditions for business purposes when cities are undergoing an epidemic such as typhoid and protesting against deliberate playing of dollars against lives, Dr. William House, of Portland, opened today's session of the Oregon Commonwealth Conference with a strong plea for the development of a public-health conscience among the people of Oregon.

Dr. House attacked such crimes against the public health as killing injured and diseased animals for meat, dumping sewage of cities in the rivers to be passed on and down to other cities and the anti-vaccination campaign. He declared that public health was an asset of the state and as such should receive systematic protection.

The second session of the congress opened this morning at Willard Hall, and was presided over by President G. Young. The special subjects up for consideration embodied the relation of the professional man to the state and the proper utilization and exploitation of the state's undeveloped natural resources. The principal speakers were Dr. William House, of Portland; Alfred E. Clark, of Portland; John H. Lewis, State Engineer, and G. B. Caldwell, general superintendent of the power and light department of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. Discussions were participated in by Dr. W. Carleton Smith, of Salem; Will R. King, of Salem, and many others.

Meat-Inspection Law Needed.

Dr. House's paper was the first one on the programme for the morning session. "Development of a Public Health Conscience Among the People of Oregon," was the subject.

He called attention to the great increase of the length of human life that had come about through modern knowledge and practice, gave detailed enumeration of the causes that had led to it and recited the need of further reforms. He said that while meat killed for interstate trade was obliged to pass rigid Federal inspection, state laws were needed to protect the people against diseased meats killed for local consumption. He considered it advisable for the state to pass pure food laws modeled closely after the Federal statutes now in force, but admitted that such a course would entail a hard fight in the Legislature.

He hoped for better regulation as to the dumping of sewage into the rivers of the state, thus inviting typhoid, and spoke strongly against the selfish and misguided policy of minimizing the danger during an epidemic. He said that such a course was simply legalized municipal murder, and could not be justified on any ground. He also spoke strongly against what he termed "the misguided and fanatical campaign against vaccination" and quoted statistics to show the efficiency of vaccination as a preventative of smallpox. He stated that improvement of conditions could be brought about either by teaching the people to observe voluntarily the ordinary laws of hygiene or by forcing them to do it by law. Education he considered the better way, as legislation is not hard to secure in the first place, but hard to enforce later.

He was followed in the discussion of the subject by Dr. W. Carleton Smith and Dr. Calvin S. White, State Health Officer. Both strongly supported the stand taken by Dr. House in his paper in regard to concealment of conditions during typhoid epidemics in cities.

Public Health Giant Problem.

Dr. White said that selfishness was back of practically all the movements against pure food regulation—selfishness of the producer who refused to sacrifice his profit by destroying infected or inferior food, selfishness of city officials who shirked the responsibility of securing adequate water supply. He said that civic health was the biggest problem of the modern municipality and that cities would do well to make their health officer their best-paid official.

Attorney A. E. Clark, of Portland, spoke of the lawyer's relation to organized society, pointing out that the business of the lawyer is to present openly and fairly the case of his client and emphasizing the real human need that is filled by the legal profession. He spoke of the high standard of the American courts and emphasized what they have done for society.

The special subject for consideration at the afternoon session was the proper use and exploitation of Oregon's natural resources. Along the general lines of this topic, O. B. Caldwell, general superintendent of the power and light department of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, read a paper entitled "Utilization of Electricity From Water Powers On the Farms and in the Homes and Factories."

Lack of Map Hampers.

Along the lines of exploitation of the natural resources of the state, Professor McAllister, presented a paper from J. C. Stevens, of Portland, who was unable to be present, entitled, "Land and Steam Surveys."

The substance of Mr. Stevens' paper was that while Oregon has greater natural resources in the way of public land and water power than any other state, owing to the fact that so little of the area of the state is surveyed and mapped, it is practically impossible to present figures that will interest outside capital in development projects. Mr. Stevens strongly urged an appropriation from the state to be used in conjunction with the United States Geological and Topographical Surveys in the preparation of accurate data.

The discussion was closed by State Engineer Lewis, who strongly seconded the recommendations made by Mr. Stevens.

The conference, which is held annually under the auspices of the faculty of the University of Oregon, adjourned this evening and will be reconvened in the latter part of January of next year.

Fire Destroys Grain Store.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Fire in the hay and grain store of H. William Thielens, on North High street, early this morning, destroyed the interior of the building and contents. The loss of \$4000 is covered by insurance.

RIVAL LEADERS IN WASHINGTON EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION, AND PROMINENT PORTLAND WORKER.



MRS. EMMA SMITH DE VOE.



Mrs. Abigail Scott Duntway.

Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton.

SUFFRAGE ROW ON

At Tacoma Meeting Fists Are Shaken; Hats Disarranged.

EXCITEMENT IS INTENSE

Seattle and Spokane Women Find Opposition to Suffragette Ideas and Storm Breaks—Cold Sends Fair Sex to Cover.

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80 years of age. In her address she likened herself to "Mother Oregon," and said:

Mrs. Duntway Makes Address.

"I am like a woman who has raised her two daughters, seen them marry well and start out in the broader fields of life, while I myself, though I yearn for the things they have attained, must sit in the shadow and wait."

Keynote Is Sounded.

Mrs. Duntway sounded the keynote against women being relieved of jury duty and nearly every speaker of the morning session followed it up. It was the theme that brought the rattle of kid-gloved enthusiastic applause of the whole session.

"In every case where a woman is to be tried, whether in complicity with a man or not, a mother of women and a mother of men should be on the jury with men," said Mrs. Duntway. "And," she continued as she told a story of a woman juror in the early days who got a needed rest and \$15 jury fee in the bargain, "possibly it may be this fee the men do not want to let go of that is causing them to be so concerned about women sitting on the juries."

When the ballot is back of it, the women in the suffrage movement want the Legislature to keep hands off and they want the jury duty for women.

Mrs. Hunsinger, of Seattle, who served on a jury yesterday, and Miss Bernice Sapp, of Olympia, who served on the first jury since women gained the ballot, were introduced to the convention as heroines of the new movement.

At the Mason home meeting Mrs. Devoe, of this state, was named president. Taking part in the deliberations were Mrs. Mason, Washington state representative; Mrs. C. C. Bradford, of Colorado, and Miss Margaret Roberts, of Idaho.

In organizing the delegates followed by the most part a plan worked out by Governor Brady. It was decided that each state should have a vice-president of the National organization, who should be that state's representative on the National board and the head of the state organization.

For Washington, Mrs. Mason was chosen. Other officers elected, in addition to Mrs. Devoe as president, are:

Other Officers Elected.

Harriet G. R. Wright, of Colorado, first vice-president; Mrs. Leona Cartee, of Idaho, recording secretary; Mrs. Bernice E. Kittleson, of Tacoma, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Frank Shiek, of Wyoming, treasurer; Mrs. McMann, Utah, auditor.

could be waged, and closed his remarks by paying a glowing tribute to the men and women of the West who had accomplished so much for the uplifting of the race.

Governor Hay was here tonight and made a short address. The Commercial Club gave a dinner to Governor Brady and other prominent visitors.

A meeting will be held tomorrow to decide on headquarters for the National Council.

Oregon delegates, besides Mrs. Abigail Scott Duntway, were: Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, Mrs. H. R. Reynolds, Mrs. F. Egger, Mrs. E. Potter, Mrs. Josephine Hirsch, Mrs. A. B. Manley, Mrs. Viola M. Coe, Mrs. R. M. Tuttle, Mrs. Alice Welster, Mrs. Ella Crim-Lynch, Mrs. Grace Watt-Ross, Mrs. Anna E. Fulton, Mrs. M. C. E. Woodruff, Mrs. M. A. Dalton, Miss Myrtle E. Pease and Miss Elma Buckmann, all of Portland; Mrs. Elizabeth Lord, The Dalles; Mrs. Minnie Washburn, Eugene; Mrs. Imogene Bath, Hillsboro; Mrs. J. E. Eaton, Salem; Mrs. L. G. Thompson, Albany; Mrs. S. L. Kline, Corvallis; Mrs. E. E. Purcell, Union; Mrs. C. E. Moore, Baker; Mrs. Estelle Dodge, Ontario; Mrs. H. P. Belknap, Prineville.

The convention proper closed tonight, but there will be a meeting of delegates and officers tomorrow morning to select National headquarters, and it is thought Tacoma will be chosen. The first National convention of women voters has been a success in every respect and it in many ways resembled a political convention of men.

The features of the final session of the convention tonight, which was attended by the National and state delegates and hundreds of spectators, were addresses by Governor Hay, of Washington, and Governor Brady, of Idaho.

VOTE BY MAIL IS LATEST

Bill Drafted to Permit Washington Citizens to Send Ballots.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special.)

—W. V. Tanner, Assistant Attorney-General, at the suggestion of Track Inspector Perley, has drafted a bill permitting railroad men, state officials, state employees and their wives to vote by mail. If on election a voter is in any precinct he may go to a polling booth, take oath he has registered and will be given a ballot. He can only mark the names which appear on the ballot he would be given in his home precinct.

When the ballot is made out, it is placed in an envelope after the oath is pasted on the back, turned over to the County Auditor, who mails it to the precinct where the voter is registered, and counted in his precinct. The ballot is only to be opened by the Commissioners in the presence of the Auditor and no other person, to preserve secrecy.

The State Treasury made a slight gain last week as the receipts ran up to \$177,000 and the disbursements only \$175,000.



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\$125,000, leaving more than \$1,000,000 cash on hand. Next week the Legislators will begin drawing pay and then there will be a shrinkage. The subject will be taken up by the appropriations committee Monday.

MIXED UNIONS OPOSED

Clark County Auditor Urges Solons to Pass Opposing Law.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Requesting that Representatives French and Moody, from this county, use their best efforts to have a bill passed prohibiting marriage between whites and any other race, William N. Marshall, County Auditor, has written them at Olympia.

This letter was prompted by the appearance here Thursday of two white women and two Chinamen, who demanded marriage licenses.

Three Printing Bills Alike.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Three bids for printing the county tax rolls from firms in Portland and Tacoma were exactly the same, \$266.60, today. The contract was let to a local paper for \$250.

MID-WINTER REDUCTION SALE Benjamin Clothes

Your interest in this Mid-Winter Reduction Sale is not merely because you can buy clothes here now at reduced prices—it's rather because it gives you an opportunity to buy clothes of the recognized highest standard at less than usual prices—the clothes themselves are what give meaning to such reductions as these.

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- \$30.00 Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats, now \$22.50
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