

PORTLAND'S HEALTH IS BEST IN NATION

Infant Mortality Only 3 Per 1000 Here, White Figure for United States Is 17.3.

LONGEVITY IS MARKED

Statistics Show Death Rate for Ages From 50 to 99 Years Is Greater in This City, and Smaller for Those Below 50.

Eleven and three-tenths per cent more people born in Portland reach the age of 20 years than in the average city of the United States.

Such are facts shown by a comprehensive tabulation of deaths made up by the City Health Bureau, using the official population figures of the United States Census Bureau and the official mortality figures in the area of the United States included in the registration area, which takes all large cities.

It is shown that in 1915 Portland had the lowest death rate of children under 2 years of age from diarrhea and enteritis of any city in the United States, and probably in the world.

Child Death Rate Reduced. It is shown that Portland has reduced its death rate of children under 2 years from 32.5 per 1000 in 1915, a decrease of over 1000 per cent in seven years.

Figures regarding infant mortality are astonishing. Federal census data of 1914 show that of the total deaths in the census registration area of the United States 17.3 per cent are children under 1 year of age.

Portland Rate Below Average. The averages for the United States show that of all the deaths in the country between birth and 20 years of age, in Portland the percentage is 13.5, or 13.3 per cent under the average.

Another remarkable thing in the tabulations is that of all the deaths in Portland 16.5 per cent are between the ages of 60 and 70 years. The average for the United States is 12.5 per cent.

Table with columns: Deaths, Rate. Rows for various age groups (1900-1916) and infant mortality (1900-1916).

Following is the tabulation showing up Portland's extreme longevity: Under one year, 3.1; 1-10 years, 8.7; 10-20 years, 13.5; 20-30 years, 8.0; 30-40 years, 10.5; 40-50 years, 12.5; 50-60 years, 13.5; 60-70 years, 16.5; 70-80 years, 12.5; 80-90 years, 1.0; 90 and more years, 1.4.

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NOTED SLUM WORKER WHO WILL LECTURE HERE.



Brigadier Mary Stillwell, of Chicago, in charge of slum and rescue work in the Western states for the Salvation Army, will arrive in Portland Tuesday on her annual inspection tour.

TWO ARE FROZEN TO DEATH

Several Frostitten in Storm in Red River Valley.

GHAND FORKER, N. D., Feb. 17.—Two men were frozen to death, and several others severely frostitten in the storm which raged over the Red River Valley Friday night and early this morning.

NEUTRALS DECLINE BID

Ambassador Elkus Invites Diplomats to Dinner for Discussion.

SOEFA, via Berlin to London, Feb. 17.—The Balance Books published a Constantinople dispatch to the effect that American Ambassador Elkus had invited the diplomatic representatives of neutral states to a dinner at the Embassy for the purpose of interchanging political opinions.

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ROAD ASKS MILLIONS

O.-W. R. & N. Company's Budget for 1917 Is \$2,700,000.

MANY ITEMS AUTHORIZED

Important Improvements and Additions of Much New Equipment to Be Made—Several Bridges Are to Be Filled.

If the amounts asked for by the various departments of the O.-W. R. & N. are authorized about \$2,700,000 will be expended in general betterments this year.

Among the betterments decided upon are the following: Three miles of double track between Meacham and Kamela, over the Blue Mountains, to cost \$65,000.

Four large wooden bridges on the line between Pendleton and Spokane will be filled. It is estimated that about 600,000 cubic yards of earth will be removed in this work.

A large trestle on the Spokane-Ayer line will be filled at a cost of \$90,000. Several grade crossings in the eastern part of the city will be established.

MISS WOOTTON IS STAR

Astoria Girl Will Play Lead in Pageant at University.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Miss Emma Wootton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wootton, of Astoria, and a prominent junior in the university, has been selected to play the leading part in the Oregon pageant that will be staged on the campus commencement week.

Live Agents Can Make Sure, Quick Money

The "MANNING" Kerosene-Oil, Gas-Producing BURNER. Advertisement for a kerosene burner with an illustration of the device.

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FRANKLIN SAFETY SELF-FILLING Fountain Pen. Advertisement for a fountain pen with an illustration of the pen.

SEE ALSO BACK PAGE. This section for other interesting Meier & Frank store news.

Meier & Frank Co. THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND. Established 1857. 717 1/2, Sixth, Morrison, Alder Sts.

CLIP OUT THIS ADVT. It will serve as a most convenient shopping list. Use it every day.

Beginning Tomorrow and Continuing This Week Only OUR GREAT MONTHLY SALE OF DRUGS AND TOILET ARTICLES

Demonstrating Most Conclusively That We Always Undersell We Reserve the Right to Limit Quantities at These Prices

FREE 25c Lilas Arly Talcum Powder with every bottle of Vivaudou Violet Toilet Water in this sale at 75c. SASSAFRAS BARK. FREE 25c Mavis Toilet Water with FREE every jar of Vivo Cold Cream purchased in this sale, priced at the jar, only 50c.

GOURAUD'S ORIENTAL CREAM. "The Magical Beautifier". An elegant and delicate preparation for the skin and complexion. It purifies as well as beautifies.

MELBA MASSAGE CREAM and CLEANSER. A great favorite among the famous Melba beauty preparations. A perfect emulsion of fine oils, which gives the skin best and most lasting results.

Sempre Giovine. Pronounced Sem-pray Jo-ve-nay. Meaning "Always Young". Has proved a boon to thousands of women in preserving a fresh, beautiful complexion.

VAUCAIRE GALEGA TABLETS. Are used and recommended by dainty women everywhere. Willard White Co.'s Vaucaire Galega Tablets contain the genuine imported Galega—a wonderful flesh developer.

BORDEN'S PURE MALTED MILK. Is a perfected milk food, wholesome and delicious, prepared by the most improved process, whereby the nutritive elements of the richest cows' milk and strengthening cereals are scientifically combined.

The FAMOUS POMPEIAN MASSAGE CREAM. Completely cleanses the pores of the skin. A fresh, clear skin and a healthy, rosy glow always follow the faithful use of this wonderful massage.