

CITY PREPARED; FLU DANGER IS LESSENER

Barracks Put in Order for Possible Patients.

EPIDEMIC HELD UNLIKELY

Belief is That Readiness of Authorities to Cope With Disease Will Keep It Down.

Determined to be prepared in the event influenza becomes epidemic in Portland, members of the city council yesterday authorized the immediate fitting up of the temporary barracks adjacent to the county hospital in South Portland to receive patients. The council also appropriated \$500 to be used in the event of an influenza epidemic.

Mayer Baker yesterday issued a statement in which he announced that he would take personal charge of the influenza situation, arranging all necessary details and do all possible to avert the experience of last year.

Four cases, diagnosed Friday as influenza, and declared to have been the most severe cases ever noted in Portland, were found to be smallpox. Because of this discovery, orders were issued last night by City Health Officer Parrish to fit an observation ward at the temporary barracks, where patients will be confined for several days until the exact nature of the disease has been determined.

Nine New Cases Reported.

Nine new cases of influenza were reported to the health bureau yesterday, but not all these cases had been investigated and confirmed. The majority of the cases reported to receive patients in the barracks are said to be exceedingly mild. Some are of the lobar type and a few of the intestinal type.

Reports received by Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer, show that the disease has entered several additional cities and counties of the state. The report of the greatest number of new cases came from Pendleton, where 27 influenza patients are said to be quarantined. The disease there is largely of the intestinal type.

Several cases of influenza were reported yesterday at Hermiston, and 49 cases were reported at Astoria, Clatsop county. A report from Roseburg indicated two new cases in the city and 10 in the country adjacent to Roseburg.

Cases Declared Genuine. At the request of State Health Officer Roberg, the influenza cases near St. Helens were investigated by Dr. George B. Story, who saw some of the original influenza cases in Spain several years ago. According to Dr. Story the cases in Columbia county are exactly like the Spanish influenza.

The services of an additional physician are sorely needed in Burns, according to a telegram received yesterday by State Health Officer Roberg. Unless some physician will volunteer, Dr. Roberg is unable to assign anyone to the case, lacking authority from the federal health service. Last fall Surgeon General Blue requested the enrollment of 100 physicians in every state for emergency work, and Dr. Roberg telegraphed yesterday to State Health Officer Roberg, unless some physician will volunteer, Dr. Roberg is unable to assign anyone to the case, lacking authority from the federal health service.

The residents of Portland have nothing to fear from influenza if proper precautions are taken, was the sentiment expressed by the state health officer yesterday when he said that the disease was not epidemic in this city and that with the excellent measures already taken by the state health officer, the chances are that Portland will not suffer any severe epidemic.

Dr. Parrish is Optimistic.

City Health Officer Parrish said if the people would not become panicky, Portland probably would have but a few cases. "We are in far better shape now," said Dr. Parrish, "to handle influenza cases than we were last year. With the temporary hospital available, we will be able to move patients from rooming houses and hotels. The disease can spread throughout the houses, and with a strict quarantine such as is required here in Portland, it is almost certain that the disease can be kept within bounds."

Although City Purchasing Agent Peter McIntosh did not receive authority to prepare the South Portland barracks to receive patients until after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, before nightfall beds had been installed, blankets and other equipment had been delivered to the kitchen placed in shape for use.

Quarantine to Be Strict.

Property Custodian Wilkinson was chief aid to Mr. McIntosh, and for several hours yesterday morning the city departments were pressed into service to aid in preparing the barracks for the reception of patients.

The city health officers are enforcing an absolute quarantine rule for influenza, going so far as to require cases, in the belief that a strict quarantine of an entire family for a period not less than 14 days will do much to prevent spread of the disease.

MAYOR DECLARES WAR ON FLU

City Health Regulations to Be Strictly Enforced. Mayor Baker, announcing his determination to prevent an epidemic of influenza in Portland, yesterday issued a statement in which he assumed personal responsibility and will lay aside all other work, so far as may be necessary, to guard the health interests of the city. He will give every possible support to Dr. George Parrish, health officer, saving neither time nor expense, and will brook no interference with preventive and combative regulations.

Simultaneously, the mayor emphatically declared that, after a thorough, personal investigation, he finds the influenza situation in Portland absolutely under control; that there are but ten cases; that they are mild ones, and that there is nothing in sight to cause any apprehension.

"As chief executive of the city, I have taken over and will have personal supervision of and responsibility for the situation with regard to influenza in Portland," said the mayor. "This I have done because it is something in the present condition of things that should give rise to fear or panic on the part of citizens, but as a precautionary measure, I am determined that this matter shall be handled with the utmost care and that nothing shall be left undone to prevent recurrence of last year's epidemic."

Parrish Backed to Limit. "To that end, I have exercised the powers vested in me by the city charter and have taken over this

phase of the bureau of health work. Dr. Parrish, the health officer, and his entire force have been instructed to spare neither money nor expense in the preventing and combating influenza and I will support the regulations made by that office to the limit. Nothing will be permitted for a moment to interfere with the program in this respect, the entire resources of the city being back of this effort to safeguard our people from spread of the disease.

Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer, is working in co-operation with the city and assures me there is ample law to support the fullest enforcement of preventive and combative measures if additional legislation is needed in Portland, I will get it forthwith.

Practicing physicians must report cases promptly to the city health officer; they must not take upon themselves responsibility for determining whether a case is serious. That is the city's business, and we are going to assume full charge. Our health officer will say what must be done in each individual case, the idea being that the city is charged with the duty of guarding the health of its people and in no other way may we discharge this duty.

Mayer Means Business. "I assure the people that there is absolutely no disposition on my part or in the health office to prescribe any unnecessary regulations, but must make clear my determination to

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enforce without fear or favor any measures thought to be necessary in the prevention of treatment of influenza. The administration will make every effort to hold the situation to its present status as a maximum and to reduce as soon as possible even those mild cases now prevailing.

"Meanwhile, I, as mayor of this city, will be on the job day and night, if necessary, to keep in touch with the situation."

TRUSTEES FILE ANSWER

MR. PITCOCK NOT INFLUENCED IN MAKING WILL, IS REPLY.

Court Asked to Admit Document to Probate; Charge of Duress Denied by Trustees.

The answer of O. L. Price, executor and trustee, and C. A. Morden, trustee of the estate of the late Henry L. Pitcock, to the contest of will filed in the probate court by Mrs. Caroline P. Leadbetter, daughter, was recorded yesterday, denying that the will was executed under duress and undue influence exercised upon Mr. Pitcock at the time he drew his will.

Mr. Pitcock was 81 years old, in full possession of his faculties and under no restraint at the time of the drafting of the will, August 23, 1916, asserts the answer. Mrs. Leadbetter's petition seeks to have the will declared void on the ground that it was executed under duress and undue influence. The prayer of the answer is for confirmation of the will and admission to probate.

Four Gold Watches Taken.

Nob Hill pharmacy, Twenty-first and Gisan streets, January 16, \$25, four gold watches and two diamond rings taken.

Charles Langdale is 27 years of age, Robert Hall 17, and Russell Higginbotham 29. All three said they were cooks.

Langdale, who is said to have been the leader of the trio, told the detectives that he had been in Portland since about October 1, coming here from Duluth. He was arrested at 23 1/2 Nineteenth street as the result of the work of detectives operating under Lieutenant Golts Friday afternoon. A loaded revolver was found in a folding couch at the time and

"THE NEW YEAR'S EDITION," ONE OF THE PRIZE PHOTOGRAPHS ON DISPLAY AT THE ART MUSEUM.



THE PHOTOGRAPH, TAKEN BY WILL H. WALKER OF PORTLAND, SHOWS THE ANNUAL EDITION OF THE OREGONIAN ON SALE AT ONE OF THE STREET STANDS NEAR THE OLD POSTOFFICE.

One of the photographs in the collection of pictorial prints now being shown at the museum of art, which is attracting much favorable comment, depicts one of the busy stands selling the New Year's edition of The Oregonian on a rainy New Year's morning. The picture was taken January 1, 1918. It has been exhibited at the Pittsburgh photographic exhibition at Toronto, Canada, in August, 1919.

Notable prints are also being exhibited by other local artists. A pastoral landscape, by A. A. Bailey Jr., in a finding particular favor with the critics. Mr. Bailey is one of the younger workers who has recently been admitted to the association. "The Library Door," by George M. Allen, is considered an excellent rendering of a difficult subject.

Pictures by other Portlanders on exhibition are a series of flower studies by Miss Clementina Hirsch, portrait work by Mrs. Henrietta K. Briggs and landscapes by Henry Berger Jr. and John Burkhardt.

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Police Report Confessions of Six "Jobs" Obtained.

BAIL FIXED \$5000 EACH

Charles Langdale, Robert Hall and Russell Higginbotham Said to Have Admitted Robberies.

Charles Langdale, Robert Hall and Russell Higginbotham, who, according to detectives, have confessed to no less than six recent hold-ups in Portland, waived preliminary examination in the municipal court yesterday.

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day and were held to answer to the grand jury by Municipal Judge Rossmann. Bail in each case was placed at \$5000.

Higginbotham, it is said, admitted participation in two of the hold-ups charged to the trio, that of the Fashion Garage January 1 and the Frank Nau drugstore January 7. Additional confessions said to have been obtained from the other two implicated them in two other hold-ups besides the four to which they originally confessed. These were at the Almsworth garage, Union avenue and Almsworth street, December 28, and the City Auto Laundry garage, 449 Burnside street, January 12.

R. E. Davey was in charge of the Almsworth garage at the time it was held up by two men who took \$40 and a watch belonging to Mr. Davey.

Some Articles Recovered.

In the robbery of the City Auto Laundry garage the two men who held up the place secured \$20. Five watches, two diamond rings, valued at \$500, and four toilet sets have been recovered, following the arrest of the three men, and are being held as evidence. Most of the loot, however, consisted of money, which will never be recovered.

A list of the jobs to which the three are said to have confessed follows: Almsworth garage, Union avenue and Almsworth street, December 28, \$40 and a watch obtained.

Fashion garage, Tenth and Taylor streets, January 1, \$70 obtained.

Frank Nau drugstore, Sixth and Alder streets, January 7, \$98 obtained.

City Auto Laundry & Garage company, 449 Burnside street, January 12, \$20 and a watch taken.

Standard Oil filling station, Thirteenth and Burnside streets, January 13, \$120 obtained.

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Realtors to Help Commission.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special)—The Astoria realty board will cooperate with the port commission here in plans for big open house, which will be held in the new port commission offices in the near future, according to a statement yesterday by the business session of the board held Thursday evening in the rooms of the Astoria chamber of commerce. A number of applicants were admitted to membership, and the officers of the board, recently elected temporarily at the organization meeting, were chosen regularly for the coming year. Today at noon the board met at luncheon at the Weimhard hotel, the present being the guests of R. M. Cobban of the Irving Realty company.

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"AWFUL" NEWS GET FIERCE REPLY FROM THE JOB

"Thirteenth Commandment," "Linger-ee," Etc., Berated.

FILM CENSORSHIP TOPIC

Mrs. Colwell and Others Discuss Question of Picture Play Morality at League Luncheon.

"The Thirteenth Commandment" and its censored chapters "Linger-ee," "Charlie Chaplin comedies," the vamp and nearly every other subject which could be related to the morality of moving pictures was injected into the discussion yesterday day under the auspices of the Civic league of the subject, "Should Movie Censorship Be Supported and Strengthened?" The occasion was the regular weekly luncheon of the league at the Benson hotel.

A debate on the subject was scheduled as the feature of the day, but the debate was soon forgotten when those present began to voice their convictions regarding some of the movie shows and "The Thirteenth Commandment," the picture recently shown at the Columbia, got its share of attention.

A group of theaters at Eugene, who are in operation in connection to local censorship, expressed the conviction that the "Linger-ee" scenes in recent pictures were harmful and that the only thing accomplished by cutting the film was to inflict hardship on the theater showing. The Hill of the Paramount-Atcraft company had ever called it "Linger-ee," as has been suggested.

"Awful" News Writer Hit. This last statement brought Mrs. E. B. Colwell, secretary of the censorship board here today for his reply. "We never said that it was Mr. Hill who called it 'Linger-ee,'" she affirmed, intimating that it had been some other person who had called it "Linger-ee," the name of the Columbia, who had so labeled the dainty undergarments. "We were misquoted," she said, "and we know the awful falsehoods the newspapers women at Stanford this year."

Mr. Raleigh denied that the word "Linger-ee" had any place in his vocabulary as a censor, before that he could not have used it.

In answer to a statement by Mr. M. B. Colwell, secretary of the censorship board, that the censorship board was a failure and was accomplishing little for the betterment of pictures, Mrs. Colwell said she wished she could take the audience in on some of the things the censorship board had had to do to keep bad pictures out.

"I would like to tell you something of the pictures you have not seen," she declared. "The board did a big job of keeping out of the picture, which an operator wanted to show here and which he declared would net him \$2000 a week. The exhibitor told me he never showed it without having a trained nurse in the audience and an ambulance waiting at the door to care for those who fainted while the picture was being run."

F. Fiegel spoke on the affirmative side of the question, urging that the censorship board be supported actively, additional powers, while Mr. McDonald declared the work of the national board of review was being improved by the local boards and exhibitors. He held that the tastes of the people themselves constituted a big censorship and that no exhibitor could make a financial success now by running immoral pictures.

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Not So Bad, Says Gatens.

Judge Gatens was called upon for a talk on his observations of the Portland movies, and expressed the opinion that the pictures here are on a high level of art and that there is improvement in this respect within the last few years. He rapped the fact that the movies here are no longer so vulgar, and expressed the belief that these reels needed censorship more than the feature pictures.

The pictures that show a woman being chased by a mob or someone sticking a woman with a pin do not impress him so much as the vulgar convey a poor idea of civility. Many of the comedies, including those of Harold Lloyd, Charlie Chaplin, have these disgusting features, and he never could see anything funny about Charlie Chaplin, anyway."

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Tillamook Cattle Men Elect.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special)—At the annual meeting of the Tillamook County Jersey Cattle club, held at the residence of F. D. Bester at Fairview Thursday, the following officers were elected: A. M. Hays, treasurer; Ross, F. Blackadar, Joseph Donaldson and Rose Crawford, directors; Joseph Donaldson, president; and Louise Crawford, secretary-treasurer. B. C. Jones, county agriculturalist, gave a talk on better herds and outlined a plan whereby herds may be improved. A committee of three was elected to arrange for a programme for the next meeting, which will be held on February 26.

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FROZEN BEETS ARE SAVED

HIGH PRICE OF SUGAR MAKES CHANGE IN FACTORY PLANS.

German Sugar Expected to Force Prices Down, but in Meantime Beet Sugar Will Be High.

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special)—Sugar beets estimated at 1300 tons, which were caused to rot by the cold snap, are to be dug and converted into high-priced sugar, officials of the Yakima Sugar company announced today. They will make an extra run of four or five days for the Toppenshug factory of the company. Had the sugar price remained at 11 cents, the beets probably would not have been dug, the company representative said, but they expect to see beet sugar reach 15 cents on a par with cane sugar.

The company has reorganized its force in this valley, a Yakima agriculturist being placed in charge. In addition, an ambulance was donated to the hospital, and district agriculturists being named for the Toppenshug, Sunnyside and Yakima districts. The company expects to lease up to 12,000 to 15,000 acres in Yakima, sub-letting some of it and farming the rest itself.

The company's belief is that while sugar is high now, the German sugar output, when marketed, will bring prices down against Merrill, assistant general manager of the company, said, announcing that this season the Yakima beet price would be \$12 a ton.

Judge Gardner of Toledo Dies, Aged 64.

Former Portland Resident Had Served Lincoln County.

TOLEDO, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special)—With the passing of ex-County Judge Gardner, who died at Orton January 17, Lincoln county lost one of her most worthy citizens.

Charles Henry Gardner was 64 years of age, having been born in La Center, Ill., April 16, 1856. He was always a strong republican, and served as chairman of the central republican committee in Illinois at the time of the civil war.

He entered public life at an early age, serving 12 years in the county clerk's office at Dixon, Ill., on December 27, 1887. Mr. Gardner was united in marriage with Virginia Heaton, coming west, he located in Portland, Or., and was there engaged in the implement business. He came

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Don't drug kidneys! Rub the pain right out with old "St. Jacobs Liniment"

Back hurt you? Can't straighten up without feeling sudden pains, sharp aches and twinges? Now, listen! That's lumbago, sciatica, or maybe from a strain, and you'll get blessed relief the moment you rub your back with soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Liniment!" Nothing else takes out soreness, lameness and stiffness so quickly. You simply rub on and out comes the pain. It is perfectly harmless and doesn't burn or discolor the skin.

Lumber up! Don't suffer! Get a small trial bottle from any drug store, and after using it just once you'll forget the pain ever had lumbago, sciatica, because your back will never hurt or cause any more misery. It never disappoints and has been recommended for 60 years. Stop drugging kidneys! They don't cause backache, because they have no nerves, therefore cannot cause pain.—Adv.

HOT TEA BREAKS A COLD—TRY THIS

Get a small package of Hamburg Brew Tea at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of this Hamburg tea, pour a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teaspoonful at any time. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking a cold at once. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore, harmless.

LIQUOR ON TRAIN SEIZED

Man With Seven Full Suitcases Is Arrested at Nampa.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Federal officers acting on a tip given by Clarence Wheeler, sheriff of Lincoln county, today at Nampa entered the stateroom of a passenger Pullman sleeper, obtained seven suitcases loaded with whisky, and placed under arrest H. R. Chase of Hamilton, Or.

Chase was brought to Boise, arrested before United States Commissioner Jackson and placed under a bond of \$250, which he furnished.

Chase was traveling from Wyoming to Hamilton when the sheriff of Lincoln county learned of the game, telephoned to Leroy Jones, United States marshal for Idaho, and he in turn notified Lewis Williams, collector of internal revenue for Idaho, who, with the chief deputy, surprised Chase, confiscated the whisky and put him under arrest.

Knights Templar to Entertain. Oregon commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, will give the first of their 1920 series of dancing and card parties on Tuesday evening, January 27, at the Masonic temple, West Park and Yamhill streets, 8:45 P. M. The eminent commander, Dr. G. Earle Henton, has selected the following committee on social activities: Hugh J. Boyd, chairman; Hopkin Jenkin, William R. Boone, A. R. Bonney and Dr. B. F. Shepherd. All resident non-affiliated and sojourning sir knights are requested to attend.

Competence Asks No Favors

He Serves Himself Most Who Serves the Public Best

A stream never rises higher than its source, nor does a business grow greater than its builder.

Some people have marveled that I have built so large a practice in a few short years, and Dental Supply Houses have commented on the fact that I buy more and better Dental Supplies than any half dozen competitors, some of whom have been practicing here for years.

I am fair enough to admit that I do not deserve special credit for the feat—because the KIND of competition I have had made my task easy; in fact, I feel that my up-to-date, competent dentists, possessed of the requisite skill and training, who would display the courage born of knowledge and ability, could have done the same thing—and perhaps in less time.

If I seem so far AHEAD of the procession, it is so because others are SO FAR BEHIND.