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### SMALLPOX REPORT

#### Medical Gentlemen Give Their Opinion.

**THE DOCUMENT.**  
 The following official report to the county court speaks for itself:  
 EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 12, '00.  
 To the Hon. County Court of Lane Co. Gentlemen: Having been requested by your honorable body to determine the nature of the eruptive disease now prevalent in the vicinity of Crow, Panther, Mound and Hadleyville, and advise you regarding the nature of the same, beg to submit the following report:  
 On Sunday, Feb. 11th, 1900, we visited the neighborhood of the epidemic, examined several cases in different stages of the disease, and enquired into the history and nature of the epidemic. Altogether about 100 persons have been affected. Although none, with one possible exception, have died with the disease. It being in a mild form, several have been seriously ill. At present time there are one or two cases that are critical.  
 After a thorough examination we unqualifiedly pronounce the disease to be smallpox in the discreet, or mild form, with no symptom lacking to make the diagnosis absolutely certain. Respectfully submitted,  
 W. L. CHESHIRE, M. D.,  
 D. A. PAINE, M. D.

For months a skin eruption disease has been prevalent throughout Lane county, and the GUARD from time to time has given notice of the same.  
 SPRINGFIELD.

In the neighborhood of Springfield from 50 to 75 cases occurred last summer and fall, the first known in the county. Dr. John Harris, an able practitioner, examined the disease by order of the Commissioners Court and pronounced it a low order of chickenpox. No fatalities resulted and the disease seems to have at last "run out" in that vicinity. Several of those afflicted picked hops under a glaring sun.  
**IN EUGENE.**  
 It is known that 15 or 20 cases of the same disease has occurred in this city, and three families were placed under quarantine. Drs. Prentice, T. W. Harris and Kuykendall pronounced the disease a mild form of smallpox, while Dr. L. W. Brown said it was chickenpox. In the last case here, (Lee Hoeslein.) Dr. A. I. Nicklin also pronounced it smallpox of a mild type.  
**AT MOUND.**  
 The next place of attack was in Mound precinct, about 20 miles west of Eugene. A gentleman residing in that precinct, a few days ago informed us that there had been about 70 cases of what they termed chickenpox with no fatalities. No doctors were called and a great many of those afflicted never went to bed.  
**CROW VICINITY.**  
 Some 30 cases have occurred in the Crow neighborhood, and the Gates' settlement, but most of them are now well. Mrs. Frank Hadley of Hadleyville, has the disease, but not seriously. The school teacher in that neighborhood, Mr. Jordan, is said to have taught school right along while he had the disease.  
**SHOULD BE QUARANTINED.**  
 Undoubtedly a quarantine should be established and much care taken to prevent the spread of even a mild form of smallpox, or a low order of chickenpox, for that matter. Still we do not believe people should become unduly excited over a disease with no fatalities.  
 Schools should not be stopped, as some people on the streets have suggested. More people have died from colds, ten times over, this winter, than from this disease, and nothing has been said about it, either.  
**VACCINATION.**  
 Compulsory vaccination is advocated by some people. It is estimated that at least three-fourths of those attending schools in Eugene have never been vaccinated. This is a large percentage, but probably is nearly correct.  
**NOT VARIOLOID.**  
 This not varioloid, as hardly any of these patients were ever vaccinated or were inoculated with the smallpox previously. It seems strange that in so many cases generally without medical treatment, and with very little care, no fatalities should occur. In smallpox epidemics a large percentage of deaths is the result.  
 200 CASES.  
 At a low estimate at least 200 cases of this disease have occurred in this county since beginning at Springfield, July 1, 1899.  
**ACTS QUIETLY.**  
 George Holland, who resides near Crow says that vaccination does not keep a man from having the disease and several who have previously had the smallpox take it also.  
**NO ACTION TAKEN.**  
 The School Board has taken no action in the matter and probably will not.

### CITY COUNCIL.

#### Bicycles to Be Taxed—Proposed Dog Law.

**A PROTEST.**  
 Daily Guard, Feb 15

Council met in regular session last evening. Present, Mayor Harris and Councilmen Luckey, Osburn, Abrams and White.  
 Minutes of January 8 and 25 read and approved.  
 Finance committee reported favorably on a number of bills and they were ordered paid.  
 Councilman Luckey read monthly report of street committee. It showed 2,510 feet of new lumber used during month.  
 Street committee recommended the grading and graveling of Jefferson street from Eighth street north to the railroad.  
 City attorney reported the collection of delinquent sewer assessments as progressing satisfactorily.  
 Protest of property owners abutting against grading and graveling Jefferson street from Eighth street to R. H. for the reason: "That the graveling of said street would cause a heavy expense to the said property owners, and a number of the said property owners are not in a financial position to pay any of the said expenses, and the same would place their property and houses in jeopardy." This was signed by F. O. Emerson, E. D. McKenny, D. M. Drake, J. F. Starr, J. L. Gardner, J. M. Roberts, Mrs. L. T. Burr, Mrs. L. Dies, Rev. K. Koerner, Miss Maggie White, Mrs. Bessie Rankin, J. H. Honig, Geo. L. Diesse, Susan Lowell, B. J. Deadmond and J. B. Chambers. Read and laid on table.  
 D. R. Lakin presented a petition for a sidewalk on the south side of Eighth street from High street east to the west line of the foundry, said sidewalk along the property of R. Mount. Referred to street committee.  
**DOG PETITION.**  
 A petition was presented by J. H. Goodman and 117 others, making it unlawful for any person residing within the limits of the city of Eugene to keep or harbor any dog within said city, unless said dog be kept at all times upon the premises of the owner thereof. Referred to judiciary committee.  
 Councilman Osburn from finance committee reported that they had reduced D. Cherry's sewer assessment \$40.40, on account of mistake, and the balance was paid.  
 Committee on naming streets and buildings asked for further time; granted.  
 Ordinance regulating show licenses read third time and passed under suspension of rules unanimously. It provides when the fee of admission is under 50 cents; the license shall be \$3 for first exhibition and \$1.50 for each other; when the fee is 50 cents or over, the first exhibition shall be \$5, and each other \$2.50.  
 Bills read and referred to finance committee.  
 City Attorney Stevens, on motion of Councilman Osburn, directed to draft an ordinance taxing bicycles. A tie vote resulted. Osburn and Abrams vote aye and Luckey and White nay. The mayor voted aye, carrying the motion.  
 Judge Potter read report of Drs. W. L. Cheshire and D. A. Paine, to county court, on smallpox. On motion of Councilman Osburn, the Mayor and health committee were directed to confer with the school board in regard to preventing the spread of the disease.  
 Warrant for \$2 in favor of Dr. A. I. Nicklin for professional visit to Lee Hoeslein, a smallpox patient.  
 A. E. Wheeler offered his safe for sale to the city. Councilman Luckey moved to refer to finance committee.

### WILL EVACUATE

#### British May Give Up Rensburg Any Hour.

**THE KIMBERLY BOMBARDMENT.**  
 Special to the GUARD.  
 BERLIN, Feb. 13.—Reports on the Boer state that it is expected hourly that Rensburg will surrender, and that the British are prepared to evacuate if the strain on their position continues.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Another heavy bombardment at Kimberly is reported. It is further stated that projectiles for the big guns are getting short in the Boer camp, and it is thought they will be unable to procure more easily.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Advices received by the war department state that General Wood has seized and holds Soopans Drift. Regarding Kimberly report says that the Boers bombarded that city all day February 8, but without any appreciable damage resulting.

RENSBURG, Feb. 13.—The British outposts at Bastards Nek, Hobkirk, and other points along the line of battle have been driven back by the Boers, the British retiring to Maeders Farm. The Boers continued on the aggressive and are pressing around Rensburg.  
 The British force at Slingerfontein has also been compelled to fall back, before the active fighting of the Boers.

### MORE TROUBLE.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 13.—The feeling that Kentucky trouble has ended is not very strong, in spite of the fact that this report has gone out from prominent men of both parties. Taylor's refusal to withdraw troops indicates a smouldering feeling which may be fanned to a flame at any moment, by any event which may appear to have sinister motives back of it.

### UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The Oregon Weekly.  
 The committee on hall and furnishings of the corporation of the Laurean and Eutaxian Societies have reported that preliminary arrangements have been made with Professor Glen for the staging of a play to be given at Villard hall in the not distant future.  
 Dr. Schmidt, our professor of modern languages, is preparing for a trip to Europe this coming summer. It is his intention to leave as soon as his second semester's work is finished and go direct to Paris, where he will attend the world's fair. From here he will proceed to Madrid, where he goes to procure material for a Spanish text book which he is preparing for publication. He contemplates then a trip through Italy, Switzerland and to Germany, where he will visit his home and spend most of his time at Leipzig. While in Germany Dr. Schmidt expects to visit Ober-Ammergau to see the Passion Play, which is given there every ten years. The professor's German students are looking forward to some interesting articles descriptive of this trip upon his return next fall.

### A MILITARY FUNERAL.

Daily Guard, Feb 12  
 Yesterday afternoon the remains of the late Charles A. Horn, private in Company C, Second Oregon Volunteer, were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, by his comrades. The funeral services were military in character, Willard A. Elkins, of the company, acting as chaplain, and the volunteers as pallbearers, escort and guard, performing the last rites in memory of one whose life has gone out on the altar of humanity. The attendance was large, and a large number of people escorted the procession from Army hall to the cemetery. The G. A. R. and Company C, Third regiment, were in the line as a tribute of soldierly respect.

### DR. WELCH'S OPINION.

Disease Prevalent in Many States, but Not Virulent.  
 In a dozen or more states a disease has for many months been epidemic, called by some smallpox, and by many chicken-pox. Cases have appeared in almost every town on the coast. Considerable interest will be manifested, no doubt, in the statement of Dr. Welch, of Philadelphia, who treats the subject thus:  
 He takes the ground that the present disease now going the rounds of many of the Northern states has its source in the very mild epidemic of smallpox that prevailed in the South two or three years ago. It was there very frequently diagnosed as chicken-pox, in fact, the profession was about equally divided on the point. But the disease was ever of a mild type and rarely resulted fatally. Not infrequently patients kept about their tasks and youths at the quarantine hospitals often would while away the time by playing ball.  
 The disease followed much the same course in the Northern states, physicians often falling into the error of diagnosing it as chicken-pox, and considering the unprecedented mildness of the disease, Dr. Welch says he is not at all surprised at the disagreements in diagnosis. After a study of 29 years in hospital work covering 5,500 cases, he says he has never seen cases of uniformly so mild a type, nor can he find a similar epidemic in this or any other country. Previous to November 1 of last year he had 128 cases, without a single death. In the smallpox epidemic of 1894, in Philadelphia, the mortality was 18 in the unvaccinated and there was an average of 58 per cent in all other epidemics in the city back to 1870.  
 The average death rate during the eighteenth century was about 40 per cent. The mortality from the present epidemic he declares is practically nil. Why the disease should present itself in such an unprecedented mild form is a question that he will not undertake to answer, but there can be no doubt of its being genuine smallpox, Dr. Welch avers.  
 Dr. Welch is accounted most eminent among the medical profession and his views carry great weight.

### NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Special to the Guard.  
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—In a conference of democratic leaders held in this city today it was developed that W. J. Bryan wants the democratic national convention held prior to that of the republican and populist parties, believing that such a course will tend to thoroughly outline important issue in an unequivocal manner.  
 Work in congress is of a desultory nature. Routine business and committee reports occupy most of the time in sessions. The public ownership feature of the Pacific cable bill has been shelved and it is thought will not be again brought up in connection with the matter. It is generally conceded that there is no hope for the passage of the Payne-Hanna subsidy shipping bill, as the opposition proves to be very strong and well organized.

### Who is a Citizen.

EUGENE, Feb. 13, 1900.  
 TO THE EDITOR:—In your issue of yesterday you say, in effect, that two young women were being mentioned in connection with the republican nomination for superintendent of schools for Lane county, but owing to a recent decision of the Oregon supreme court (State ex. rel. v. Stevens) a woman cannot hold an office " \* \* \* the court holding that a woman is not a citizen.  
 It is true that the court did hold under Art. 6 sec. 8 and Art. 2 sec. 2 of the constitution of Oregon that women are ineligible to the office of superintendent of schools, for the reason that that office at the time of the adoption of the constitution was a constitutional office and that under article 2 section 2 supra, only male citizens are eligible to county offices.  
 To have held that a woman was not a citizen would have been utterly absurd and made the court ridiculous in the eyes of the whole world. No court in this country ever pronounced any such judgment, no text writer ever suggested a proposition so contrary to all sense of reason.  
 A citizen is defined to be, "any native-born or naturalized person of either sex, who is entitled to full protection in the exercise and enjoyment of the so-called private rights." 3 Am and Eng Ency of Law, 242.  
 Respectfully,  
 E. R. SKIPWORTH.

### ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

The Portland Telegram calls attention to the gradual change that has taken place for the past few years in the manner of St. Valentine's day remembrances. It says:  
 "Wednesday is St. Valentine's day. Many stores have windows full of cards and monstrosities which are politely called comies." The practice of sending valentines is rapidly ceasing, at least so far as sending cards is concerned. Boxes of candy are considered more appropriate, and the donor usually places his name on the package in order that the recipient will not give the credit to some one else. So much trouble has been caused by the so-called comies that they are gradually being tabooed.

### LOG DRIVE.

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 Log Drive.—This morning a force of eight men left Coburg for the Upper Mohawk, where they will start a log drive for the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. They will first start the leader drive, which contains about 800,000 feet of logs which are needed for immediate shipments. This will be followed by a second drive containing 3,000,000 feet. When the second drive is completed a third drive will commence containing 4,000,000 feet. The company has a large force of men at work at their Coburg mill and the town now has an active appearance. Jno. F. Kelly, the general manager, says they have orders ahead to keep them running steady for several months.

### TO BUILD A SCHOONER.

Florence West: I. B. Cushman informs us that A. W. Beadle, of San Francisco will be at A. W. in a week or two for the purpose of making arrangements about building a schooner. With the construction of more sawmills, shipbuilding is almost certain to become an important industry on this river, as there is an abundance of the finest timber in the world for that purpose to be easily obtained here, and the mills can furnish steady employment for the vessels to carry lumber.

**Saturday the 10th**

**...First Come--First Served...**

**Remnants we are going to sell. We want your attention.**

**TOMORROW.**

These are a few of the things we will show you as we cannot mention all. Eugene has never witnessed a large sale of this kind.

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- Bed Ticking, Gingham, Muslins, Sheetings, Outing Flannel, Canton Flannel, Demins.
- Wrapper Goods, All Wool Dress Goods, Corsets, Calicoes, Purcolli, Silks, Underwear.
- Shoes—always remember the Shoe Business is wide awake with us; as we mean to make it that way with Quality and Prices. Sale will last until all these lines are extinct.

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