

TWO HUNDRED DIE DAILY FROM PLAGUE IN ONE TOWN

Death Roll From Cholera In Manchuria Is Becoming Appalling
TOWN NEAR HARBIN HAS HEAVIEST LOSS

Chinese Emperor Reprimands Manchurian Officials For Laxity.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, Feb. 28.—Shaulintze, about fifty miles from Harbin, is being ravaged by the plague. The deaths are reported to number 200 daily. The Chinese emperor has reprimanded the Manchurian authorities for not having dealt more energetically with the situation.

The disease has appeared in many places and the death roll is appalling.

ARE AGAINST RECIPROCITY.

Senators Stone and Young Speak Against It.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Senator Stone spoke for more than two hours and a half and as soon as Stone concluded, Young of Iowa took the floor and spoke against the reciprocity agreement.

FATAL FIGHT IN CHICAGO

City Primaries Results In Many Rows In "Windy City"—One Dead.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 28.—One killing and several less serious disturbances marked the municipal primaries today.

Arthur Quinn, son of James Quinn, former city sealer and a well-known politician, shot and killed Richard Clark, a union hod-carrier, after the man had shot Quinn in the foot in an election row.

NO DECISION IN PORT CASE

Oregon Supreme Court Has Not Yet Passed On Local Litigation.

The Oregon supreme court has not yet handed down a decision in the case of the Bennett Trust company and the Southern Oregon company vs. the Port of Coos Bay. All the other Coos county cases argued when the port case was last submitted have been decided by the Supreme Court. It is expected that a decision will be handed down in it next Tuesday sure.

Today, the Oregon supreme court sustained the decision of the lower court in the case of F. S. Dow vs. the Courtney Mill company. This decision is a victory for Mr. Dow and against the C. A. Smith company who was trying to establishing its claims as prior liens to those of Mr. Dow.

The Oregon supreme court also modified the decision of the lower court in the case of Smith vs. Kinney.

ENGINEER IS LET OUT AGAIN

Council Declares Office Vacant—Filling Lowland Is Discussed.

The office of city engineer of Marshfield has been declared vacant again.

The council last evening adopted a resolution to that effect after some discussion of the matter. Mayor Straw, who was in attendance at the early part of the meeting left before the question of whether Sandberg was still city engineer was brought up.

Councilman Albrecht first brought it up early in the meeting by inquiring to make sure that the minutes of the previous meeting showed that Mayor Straw had declared the motion not to confirm the last appointment of Mr. Sandberg had carried.

Towards the end of the meeting, Mr. Albrecht wanted to know if the council could reconsider the appointment, saying that there had been some question as to whether there had been sufficient votes at the last time to reject Sandberg's appointment. City Attorney Goss said that he didn't think they could reconsider it, having acted on the matter once. Then Mr. Albrecht made a motion that Mr. Sandberg be discharged.

Here Councilman Cople asked the opinion of City Attorney Goss on the matter as to whether the mayor's appointment really stood. Mr. Goss said that there was a legal question as to that, two provisions of the charter conflicting. A discussion of this followed in which Mr. Goss said that perhaps the council might think that because he was a friend of Mr. Sandberg that his opinion was not the proper one. Mr. Cople assured him otherwise, saying that if the council thought that they would fire Mr. Goss also.

Finally, the question of what to do was put up to Mr. Goss and he said that the council could adopt a resolution declaring the office vacant and that this would decide the matter beyond question. Then Mr. Albrecht changed his motion to make it declare the office vacant.

Councilman Coke who was presiding wanted to know if an aye and nay vote was desired. Councilman Albrecht said it was.

"Better make it unanimous," declared Councilman Powers.

"Yes, make it unanimous," said Mr. Savage.

However, the aye and nay vote was called and all six councilmen voted to declare the office of city engineer vacant.

Then a motion ordering the city engineer to turn over his maps, profiles and records and the keys of his office to the city recorder was passed. The city recorder by another motion was instructed that in the future he should keep all maps, profiles, plans and specifications adopted by the council on file in his office.

Mr. Albrecht said that if Mr. Sandberg wanted to sue for his February salary, he could and that he was in favor of fighting it in the courts to find out where the city stood on such matters. He said that the city engineer had not done any work during the month except a little that had been authorized by the mayor alone and that the city had already paid \$600 too much for the engineer's office.

FILL LOWLANDS.

Mayor Straw reported early in the meeting to the council that he had conferred with Engineer Leefer relative to filling the city streets with dredgings. He said that Mr. Leefer had informed him that if the city would ascertain the amount of dirt to be removed from the government

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NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED DROWNED

Terrific Loss of Life Reported From Gulf of Finland As Result of Hazardous Fishing.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, Feb. 28.—According to a official report of a fishing disaster on the Gulf of Finland, of 500 persons engaged fishing on the ice, February 23, when it broke away from the shore, only

120 subsequently got safely back ashore.

NEW MEXICO WINS.

Constitution of New State Approved By Committee.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The constitution of the new state of New Mexico was unanimously approved by the House Committee on Territories.

PORTLAND LUMBER MILL BURNS

Oregon and Washington Lumber Company Plant Destroyed and Other Institutions Damaged.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28.—Fanned by a strong wind, a fire today practically destroyed the plant of

the Oregon and Washington Lumber Company in this city entailing a loss to that company of about \$100,000. Plants of the Multnomah Lumber and Box Company, and the Gold Medal Shingle Company were damaged to the amount of \$25,000 and a private residence two blocks distance upon which embers fell was destroyed. The cause was not ascertained. The insurance will protect owners for about one-third the damage.

DR. BENJ. BOND PASSES AWAY

Son of Illinois' First Governor and Oldest Mason in Washington Dies.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 28.—Dr. Benjamin Bond, son of the first governor of Illinois, a veteran of the civil war, and the oldest Mason in Washington, died here today, aged 84 years. He is survived by a widow and three children, 26 grand children and twice that number of great grand-children. He was Mason for sixty years.

GRIEF CRAZED GIRL'S CRIME

Poisons Mother and Nephew and Commits Suicide Following Sister's Death.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Feb. 28.—Miss Jeanette Lewis, aged 27, today murdered her mother, Mrs. Sarah Lewis, and her nephew, Edward B. Midlen, aged 9, by administering cyanide of potassium, and then committed suicide with the same drug. Miss Lewis' sister died last night, and it is believed the young woman was crazed with grief.

THINK WOLF IN EAST INDIES

Portland Murderer Sought On Coos Bay Twenty Years Ago May Be Located.

Old timers, who recall the search made here for Burdette Wolf, the Portland murderer, twenty years ago, will be interested in the report that he is now being sought in the British India. Wolf was on Coos Bay and "Hark" Dunham made severe ineffectual trips to get him. Concerning the latest development in the case, a Portland paper says:

"Remembrance of a sensational murder case of two decades ago was revived when District Attorney Cameron said that he had received private information that Burdette Wolf, accused of killing Birdie Morton, a Montavilla girl, is living in Calcutta. The statement came from a seafaring man who arrived in Portland recently, but it does not appear that he has direct knowledge of the fact. The rumor, however, has served to revive the hunt for Wolf, which has continued spasmodically nearly 20 years, and the East Indian officials will be communicated with.

"Wolf was a youth about town at the time of the murder, and had paid attention to the girl. He went walking with her one Sunday and on the way home asked her to marry him. She refused and as she walked up the steps to the door of her home he shot her and fled. Sheriff Kelly traced Wolf into the foothills of Mount Hood, whence he is believed to have circled back and boarded a sailing vessel of which his uncle was mate. "The murderer was traced to Brazil, but was lost again. It is said that he has been a sailor ever since his flight and has been in this port numerous times."

COKE'S STRIKE IT RICH IN OIL

Former Marshfield Men Reported to Have Made Valuable Find.

The Coke Brothers of Honolulu, former Marshfield boys, have struck it rich in oil, according to a copy of the Honolulu Bulletin which Dr. Tower has received. The news will be gratifying to their many friends on the Bay. Concerning it, the Bulletin says:

"The Coke brothers of Honolulu received a cable from Dr. P. S. Coke of Oakland, Cal., Friday evening announcing the striking of high gravity oil on their property at a depth of two hundred feet. They have thirty thousand acres of land within a basin surrounded on three sides by an immense outcrop of rich oil sand lifted up to an elevation of from eight hundred feet to twenty-eight hundred feet from which rich oil of paraffine base exudes. It is said that in one place the outcrop shows an exposure of sands of as great a thickness as eighteen hundred feet. The basin is pronounced by the best experts to be the greatest oil field in the world.

"H. M. Coke, who was formerly connected with the department of education of this territory and later for a number of years editor of the Maui News, is vice-president of the company and the promoter of the same. He succeeded in interesting a number of the wealthiest financiers in the territory in his field. The cablegram will be of great interest to them, and particularly gratifying to Mr. Coke."

Have your job printing done at The Times office.

DIRECT ELECTION OF SENATORS IS BEATEN IN U. S. SENATE

HALL AVENUE PAVING WORK

Contractor Morrissey Allowed \$700 On It—Council Proceedings.

The question of settling the trouble about the Hall avenue paving was brought up at the city council meeting last evening and it is likely that a large portion of the block nearest the new schoolhouse will be torn up and repaved, or rather the coating of bitumen will be taken off and put on again.

Contractor Morrissey asked that he be allowed \$700 more than had been paid in on the street. Councilman Coke objected on the ground that the work had not been done according to contract. Councilman Powers said that he thought that the \$1,900 balance on the contract due the contractors was sufficient to force them to do the work right.

Mr. Morrissey said that he would like to settle the matter and was ready to do whatever the council wished. He said he would tear up the old paving and relay it if that would be satisfactory although the work would be more difficult than it was to do it in the first place.

Someone suggested that although the surface of the paving was not as thick as it is supposed to be it is ample and while the council could not accept the street without the property owners consent that may be the contractors could arbitrate it with the Baines estate, the principal objectors. Mr. Morrissey said that he had not tried to do this, having left that to his partner, Mr. Whitmore, who was now out of the company. He said there was only about seventy-five feet of the block where the surface work was deficient.

Councilman Cople said that if this was all, it probably would be the best way to repave it.

Mr. Morrissey said that he was given to understand that even if this was done, the Baines estate was going to kick on something else. He was told that if the work was done according to specifications that the council would see that he got his money.

Finally Councilman Powers made a petition that Morrissey be allowed the \$700 on the street, all voted in favor of it except Councilman Coke who voted no, saying the council had no right to pay any more on it until the contract was done according to specifications.

Wants More Police.

Eugene O'Connell asked the council to provide better police service. He said that at present there is no headquarters where you can telephone to for a policeman when you need him but have to go out and chase around the street until you find him. He said that he had been bothered lately by "drunks" getting into his building during the night. He declared that he thought some of the saloonmen were accompanying the drunks there after the saloons close and leaving them in his building.

Councilman Powers said that not long ago, one was before the council and asked to have the force cut down instead of increased.

Mr. O'Connell said he thought there should be another night watch and that it would be money well spent.

The matter was referred to the street committee to report on later.

Front Street Grade.

Eugene O'Connell presented a petition from the North Front street property owners asking that the grade of that thoroughfare be changed again so that it will not be more than twelve inches above the present planking.

Claude Nasburg said that he

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Needed Two-Thirds Majority While Vote Was 54 to 33 Today.

RECESS TAKEN IN THE LORIMER BATTLE

Contest Over Illinois Senatorship Broken to Permit Vote.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The Senate in accordance with a previous agreement interrupted the Lorimer battle with the vote on the joint resolution for the amendment for the direct election of United States senators.

The resolution which required a two-thirds majority was lost, receiving a vote of 54 to 33.

Senator Borah of Idaho, who has been in charge of the resolution for the election of senators by direct vote, was gratified over the result notwithstanding he lacked four votes of getting the necessary two-thirds.

"When it is demonstrated that the Senate stands within four of the two-thirds, it is certain the real fight is over," he said. Borah said the resolution will be again introduced at the first meeting of congress in the regular extraordinary session, and urged unremittingly.

LARGE FORCE IS LET OUT

Milwaukee Railway Retrenches By Reducing Its Payrolls In Middle West.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 28.—The retrenchment ordered by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul lines following the recent rate decision has resulted in the discharge of 25 per cent of the force on the main line engaged in construction, car repairs and other improvements. In St. Paul alone it is estimated that 700 were taken from the pay rolls. It is stated at the general office that there will be no reduction on the Puget Sound extension force.

INDIAN BILL IS SENT BACK

House Refuses to Concur to Senate Amendment to the Measure.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—No agreement has been reached thus far between the two Houses of Congress on the Indian appropriation bill. The House today sent the bill back for further conference. The House refuses to approve a Senate amendment authorizing the payment claims of certain traders against individual Indians and an amendment partly recognizing an attorney's claim of \$90,000 against the Colville Indians.

SPRING OPENING OF MILLINERY Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, at 119 Front St. A Miss Birdsey, an up-to-date trimmer from Portland, is with Mrs. Donaldson this season.