PHYSICIANS TO BE BROUGHT UP

Health Officer to Take Stringent Action.

The Main Trouble Is Failure of the Doctors to Obey the City Laws.

So many physicians of the city have persistently violated the laws requiring them to present to the health office daily reports of all deaths and contagious diseases that Health Commissioner Biersdorff has decided to enforce the ordinances to the letter and to arrest all offenders. It is said that the sections of the ordinance are regularly misunderstood by the physicians, and to this misunderstanding a great deal of the sickness now prevalent is due. Some of the large number of cases of measles have been traced directly to a failure of the physicians to obey the law, which is as follows:

"It will be the duty of every physician in this city to report to the Health Commissioner, in writing, every patient he shall have under Asiatic cholera or smallpox, variola, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, typhoid fever and other dangerous or contagious diseases immediately after he shall be satisfied of the nature of the disease, and report to the Health Commissioner every case of death from such disease immediately after it shall have occurred.

"Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, on conviction before the Municipal Judge, be fined not less than $10, nor more than $200, or imprisonment in the city jail not less than three nor more than 90 days for each offense."

This law, says Commissioner Biersdorff, is very seldom obeyed in its entirety, nor is the section governing the reports of deaths, which reads:

"In case of the death of any person within the city, it shall be the duty of the attending physician within 12 hours thereafter, or in his absence the City Physician, immediately on receiving notice of such death, to examine the body and give to the Health Commissioner a written certificate, stating the date and cause of death, and such other information about such deceased person as the Board of Health may deem requisite and necessary.

"No undertaker, or other person or persons shall remove or cause to be removed from the city, any corpse or the body of any deceased person, or bury or place the same in any vault without first having obtained a permit from the Health Commissioner, or in his absence, from the City Physician. It is further provided that upon the death of any person with diphtheria, scarlet fever, smallpox, Asiatic cholera, the undertaker or other person in charge, shall immediately cause the body to be wrapped in a sheet, saturated in a solution of bi-chloride of mercury of the strength of one to two hundred, and shall then immediately place the said body in a coffin and seal the same as follows: All the joints shall be closed with putty, and the same material shall be used around the top and bottom of said coffin, making the same air-tight; and the same shall not again be opened without an order in writing from the Board of Health or the City Physician."

Dr. Biersdorff said today that he will enforce the law to the letter, and if the physicians do not mend their ways a few of them may have to answer charges in the Municipal Court. Some of them have failed to report cases of contagious diseases for two or three days and one of them has neglected to make his report for nearly a month. He is a prominent physician and his neglect is the principal reason for the general warning that will be issued to all of the profession.

HIGH CLASS OF ENTERTAINMENT

Recital by Grace Wilton and Ruth Hoyt Excellent.

The piano recital given by Grace Wilton at Parsons' Hall last night was of a character which calls for high praise, and reflects credit on the musical ability of local artists. Miss Wilton was ably assisted in her scheme of entertainment by Ruth Leone Hoyt who rendered contralto vocalisms with an effect that called for enthusiastic expressions on the part of the exclusive audience present. The program was tastefully arranged and from the first number (Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata") to the final one (Schumann's "Carnaval"), beauties of melody, cultured execution and exquisite technique marked the evening. Miss Hoyt has never been heard in better voice, and she recalled to her admirers the fact that for correct interpretation and purity of style she ranks eminent in local musical circles. The following is the program:

Beethoven .....
....Sonata in C sharp minor, op 27
Bach-Tausig .....
.....Toccata and Fugue in D Minor
(a) "Still wie die Nacht" (Calm as the night) .....Bohm
(b) "The Sweetest Flower That Blows ..... Hawley
(c) "A May Morning".....Denza
Liszt .....Liebestraum Number three
Westerhout.....Bal d' Enfants
Chopin.....Etude in C sharp minor
Henselt.....Study, "If I Were a Bird"
Chopin .....Berceuse
Grieg.....Wedding March
(a) "A Resolve".....De Fontenailles
(b) "Slumber Boat".....Gaynor
Schumann .....Carnaval

PASSING OF FAMOUS PLAYHOUSE.

LONDON, April 23.—By a strange coincidence the day honored as the birthday of William Shakespeare sees the last of that great London home of the immortal dramatist's plays—the Lyceum Theatre. The famous playhouse, which for over a quarter of a century has done more honor to Shakespeare than any other in Great Britain, was put up for sale at public auction today. The reason for the sale, which will involve the destruction of the historic theatre, is that the Lyceum Theatre Company cannot see its way clear to carry out the structural alterations required by the London County Council if the building is to remain a theatre.

OREGON TO HAVE UP-TO-DATE MAP

Latest Government Surveys Will Be Included.

For the last three years Messrs. Huber and Maxwell and several worthy assistants have been engaged in securing the necessary data from the United States Government for the completion of a new map of the state of Oregon. The new map is promised to be one of the finest specimens of its kind ever made. It is to be of a very large size and show all unsurveyed and surveyed sections of the state, as well as all other sections which have been approved by the Government up to within the last 60 days. All streams, harbors, county lines, railroads and all prominent land marks are accurately traced, as well as locations of all county seats and cities. At the lower portion of the map will be placed the names of all postoffices, railroad stations, shown by sections, township and ranges, also the population of principal towns, taken in 1900, will be given, and the money order offices will be designated by full face type. Messrs. Huber and Maxwell have kindly consented to give, as their contribution to the bureau, their services gratis, to color the many new county maps which have also been ordered. When the coloring is done the different locations of mineral, timber, grazing, arid, semi-arid, agricultural, grain and fruit land can be very easily found.

SHINGLE MILL OWNERS ANGRY

Railroad Trouble Has Closed Their Trade.

J. A. Clock, general agent for the Wisconsin Central, who has returned to this city after a business trip throughout the Pacific Northwest, reports that shingle mill owners feel injured at the congested condition of transportation which is forcing mills to close down and preventing the shipment of Western product to the East.

The trouble was brought about, it is claimed, by transcontinental lines dumping lumber and shingles, not specially routed, upon intermediate lines and thus swamping the latter. This caused intermediate roads to issue an ultimatum that nothing not specially routed would be handled, and this in turn has tied up the shingle industry because of it being practically impossible to obtain cars.

A car shipped from Northwest points under the regular agreement that it will be taken by a particular intermediate line, will be received and carried through. Otherwise great delay is experienced. Railroad men declare the situation to be rapidly nearing the stage when radical developments may be expected.

B. D. CROCKER IN PORTLAND

Internal Revenue Collector for Washington Is Here.

B. D. Crocker, internal revenue collector for the district of Washington and Alaska, is in Portland today on his way to his headquarters in Tacoma, after completing a tour of the territory under his charge. Before accepting a Federal appointment Mr. Crocker was a leader in Washington politics and acted as manager for Levi Ankeny in the campaign made by the latter for a seat in the United States Senate.

"Don't talk politics to me," Mr. Crocker said when approached by a reporter for The Journal. "I had to give all that up when I accepted the office I now hold. I have just completed my regular quarterly tour of the state. Everything is in splendid condition in the Revenue Department and the crop outlook in Washington was never better, although rain is needed in many localities."

APPROVE CREED.

A meeting was held last night in the Mizpah Presbyterian Church for the purpose of discussing the new creed, otherwise known as "The Brief Statement." All present were of the opinion that the new statement of the church was far superior to the old one inasmuch as it was more easily understood. J. R. Wilson, of the Portland Academy, and Henry Marcette, of Astoria, were selected as representatives to the General Assembly. Other elections were as follows: Jacob Wismer and H. H. Markell, elders; W. S. Gilbert, of Portland, and Rev. A. Robertson, of Hillsboro, alternates; J. D. Coleman and T. C. Sheive, elders. Rev. H. H. Pratt, Rev. D. C. McClellan and Rev. E. M. Sharp were selected to fill the pulpit of Rev. Marcotte, of Astoria, who will be absent for several weeks. The General Assembly meets in Los Angeles during May, 1904.

FOR KIDNAPING PRETTY LIN TAI

Young Ah Seung appeared before the State Circuit Court this morning and pleaded not guilty to the charge of stealing Lin Tai, the 12-year-old Chinese girl, for the purpose of taking her to San Francisco, where, it is alleged, he had agreed to sell her for $1,800. The alleged kidnaper was arrested at Ashland, Or., by officers of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society and brought back to Portland where he was thrown into jail. This morning Ah Seung and the pretty little Oriental victim of his kidnaping scheme, were in court. Judge Cleland held the girl as a witness against Ah Seung whose trial will be early in May. In default of $500 bail the young girl was turned over to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

BUILDING A NEW CAMPANILE.

VENICE, April 23.—Great ceremony marked today the laying of the corner stone of the new campanile which is to replace the historic edifice that collapsed something more than a year ago. The ceremonies were held in the court yard of the Doges Palace and included addresses by representatives of historical societies, art leagues and other organizations throughout Italy. The new tower will cost in the neighborhood of a half million dollars.

THEY COULD NOT STAND TOGETHER

Elkins Law Too Tough for Agents.

Passenger Association Lays It on the Table After Wrestling Two Days.

The Elkins rate law has proved too hard a nut for the Transcontinental Passenger Association to crack, and at this morning's session further consideration of it was laid on the table. This is said by prominent railroad men to mean that each line will continue to act independently until such time as the Interstate Commerce Commission shall take the matter up and finally and definitely interpret the ruling.

After two days of discussion heads of the passenger departments of various railroads, now attending the Transcontinental Passenger Association convention in this city were today forced to acknowledge the Elkins rate law too hard a problem for them to solve and further effort was abandoned.

This leaves the troublesome question, that has been a matter of contention ever since the Elkins law went into effect some months ago, in exactly the same condition as before the present meeting began.

The result, according to prominent railroad men, will be that each road will follow the ruling of its particular attorney and will place its own interpretation on the law. Conflicting interests and cross-purposes, they say, will follow.

Before the Portland session of the Transcontinental Passenger Association discussion of the Elkins law circulated about the question of granting special rates to army, navy and revenue officers when traveling on private business. Some lines held that this could be done without violating the provisions of the law, while others declared such action to be discrimination and without sanction under the rulings. No sooner had the question been opened than a wide diversity of opinion became apparent. No two roads thought the same, and after argument on both sides it became apparent that no decision could be reached.

Laid on the Table.

At this morning's session the question of army and navy rates was tabled and discussion of the Elkins rate law was tabled with it. Unless this action is reconsidered nothing further in this regard will be done.

A herculean effort was made today to get through the business on the docket and make ready for adjournment tonight, but at the noon recess Secretary Bevington declared it would be next to impossible to complete the work today, and that a Saturday session would, in his opinion, be a necessity, it being the intention of members of the association to devote tomorrow to a pleasure trip up the Columbia.

Tourist business toward the West formed the principal topic of discussion at the morning meeting. The details of a new tariff circular, which it is proposed to issue shortly, were discussed at length. This tariff is by far the largest in the United States, and as it was recognized as an impossibility to effect settlement at this time, adjustment was left in the hands of a committee composed of representatives of the following roads, who will meet in Chicago in June: Union Pacific, O. R. & N., Rock Island, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Illinois Central and other roads leading into the Northwest and handling tourist travel. This tariff, when issued, will affect every railroad on the continent. It will be printed and copies placed in every ticket office, hotel and public building in the United States and Canada.

The question of stopovers and rights of passengers to ride on freight trains were also given brief attention this morning, but no change was made in the present arrangements, roads being unwilling to come together in this particular.

Theatrical Request Refused.

Decisive action was taken in one matter this morning, and although it resulted in leaving conditions exactly as they have been in the past, considerable significance is attached to it, and theatrical companies and agencies are strongly affected. The latter made application to have the rate for special baggage car privileges on Western roads reduced to the same standard governing in the East. The request was denied.

Questions of internal relations will come before the passenger agents this afternoon, the exact significance of which would not be made public. Report of the committee on the division of round trip fares between the lines included in the itinerary of each tourist is also expected at this afternoon's meeting.

At 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning a special train will leave the Union Depot for Cascade Locks, and on it members of the Transcontinental Passenger Association will be guests of the O. R. & N. Co. After a forenoon run through the Columbia River Valley the sightseers will be transferred to the deck of a Regulator Line steamer and will return to Portland by the water route.

Last evening the passenger men were pleasantly entertained in the parlors of the Hotel Portland by stereopticon views and a lecture on the Yellowstone National Park, by F. J. Haynes.

INDEPENDENCE NOTES.

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., April 23.—At a meeting of the City Council Tuesday evening a proposition was submitted by the Independence and Monmouth Water & Electric Light Company whereby they agree to furnish the city with 11 hydrants at the rate of $6 per month and 20 street lights at $2 per month; they will furnish water free for a public drinking place, the city to furnish the apparatus for the same, and will furnish all lights in the City Hall and jail free. The company agrees to replace the large six-inch main on Main street with a new one. A change in the water and light service has been under consideration for some time, and this proposition will probably be accepted and ratified at the next meeting, and if accepted will go into effect May 1 for five years.

A. J. Tupper was appointed City Marshal, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Marshal C. A. Hubbard.

TELEPHONE FRANCHISE UP

New Company Makes Several Concessions.

If the expression of the special committee of the Council may be accepted as a prognostication of the final action of the body it represents, Warren E. Thomas' application for a franchise to construct and operate a telephone line in the city will have no chance whatever of passage by the Council. The majority of the committee did not favor any law that would put a competing telephone line in the field, and their remarks were seconded by a number of visitors who considered opposition a nuisance. Among the men who spoke against the ordinance were L. Gerlinger, R. D. Inman, A. Dresser, F. G. Buffum, F. Sealey, Henry McCracken, A. P. Armstrong and Mr. Thompson, of the firm of Hartman, Thompson & Powers, on the part of the visitors, and Councilmen Rumelin and Sigler. Councilmen Sharkey, Sherrett and Foeller said very little, Sharkey apparently favored the franchise, but some remarks that they dropped led the others to believe that they also were against the ordinance.

For the applicants, Mr. Stowe, who will act as superintendent of the new company, and Mr. Thomas said very little excepting to answer questions proposed by the Councilmen. However, there was a lively tilt when the question of compensation to the city came up. Thomas had told about his proposition to pay a license of 10 cents for each 'phone rented in the city, and Sigler had said the fees resulting from such a system of licenses would not reach the sum paid by the Pacific States Company, which is $1,000 a year.

"It has passed that mark in Los Angeles," declared Stowe.

"It may have, but concede $1,000 and I'll accept the provision," replied Sigler. Stowe made the concession, but he immediately became involved in more trouble with the Councilman. Mr. Thomas' application for the franchise had stated that business 'phones would be furnished at the rate of $5 and residence 'phones at $2.50 a month. Sigler wanted a reduction of $1 made in the rental of business 'phones and 50 cents in residence 'phones.

"I will agree to give that rate if you will vote for the ordinance," said Stowe.

"I'll support it," said Sigler.

"I'll keep my word," said Stowe, and that part of the trouble was settled.

A section of the ordinance requiring all telephone companies to remove poles in the fire limits when ordered so to do by the Council was cut out of the ordinance. This section provided for the removal of all poles at the same time that the order to make a change to the conduit system should be given to the applicant.

The number of 'phones required of the company for city departments and offices was agreed upon, as provided for in the ordinance, with the exception that two instruments and three extra ones were ordered for the City Auditor's office, two 'phones for the City Engineer's office and one for the Municipal Court. Fifty was the number agreed upon by the Police Department.

The provision for the Police Department ended the discussion, and then Councilman Rumelin moved that the whole ordinance be referred back to the Council with the amendments stated and without further recommendation. There was no objection to the motion and it was carried unanimously.

TO BE JUDGE OF CROOK COUNTY

M. R. Biggs Named to Succeed W. A. Booth.

SALEM, April 23.—Governor G. E. Chamberlain has appointed M. R. Biggs of Prineville County Judge of Crook County, to succeed W. A. Booth, who resigned on Tuesday last.

The change will go into effect May 1. The new County Judge is a prominent resident of Prineville, and a Democrat of high standing.

LANDS WITHDRAWN.

THE DALLES, April 23.—The following message has been received at the United States Land Office here:

"Suspend from disposal until receipt of letter of this date under Reclamation Act, except homesteads, Township 3, North Ranges 19, 20, 21 and 22 East, and Township 4, Range 22.

"J. H. FIMPLE, Actg. Com."

These lands are in Morrow county, and are being examined by the engineers as a possible route for an irrigating ditch.

REV. BRUCE WILL LEAVE

Rev. C. Cummings Bruce, pastor of the Seamen's Institute here, is making arrangements to spend a part of the Summer in British Columbia and California cities. He will attend the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Episcopal Clergy at Vancouver, B. C., which begins May 5. The clergy met here two years ago.

After the session is over Rev. Bruce will go to Victoria and spend several weeks hunting and fishing with friends. He will then go to San Francisco to help in a series of special meetings to be held in the Seamen's Institute there.

GUS ROUTH IS HEAVILY FINED

Opened Saloon Without a License, and Must Pay $100.

Gus Routh, formerly a well-known saloon man of this city, was fined $100 in the Municipal Court this morning for operating a place where liquors were sold without a license. Attorney Davis, for the defense, asked for and was granted one day in which to decide whether to file an appeal or pay the fine.

On April 1, Routh opened a saloon on Third street, near Couch. Patrolman Griff Roberts, according to his testimony, went into the place to ascertain if it was regularly licensed, and seeing a license posted on the wall, he left without making a close inspection. Later, however, it developed that the license was old and void and had been placed there for the purpose of misleading the officers. The saloon did business for 10 days, until Councilman Flegel went in and investigated. He made complaint against J. W. Marshall, the purported owner and proprietor of the saloon, and the latter was arrested and fined $100. Marshall, through his attorney, appealed the case, and was let out on bonds. Since that he has skipped the town and no one appears to know where he is. Before going, however, City Attorney Fitzgerald secured from him an affidavit stating that Routh had employed him at $50 per month to palm himself off as proprietor of the saloon. "This," said Marshall in the affidavit, "was done because Routh told him that it was impossible for Routh to secure a license from the City Council."

RICH MINES OF SOUTHERN OREGON

The Annual Clean-Up Will Show $2,000,000.

(Journal Special Service.)

GRANTS PASS, Ore., April 23.—The annual clean-up in the placer mines of Southern Oregon has commenced. From what has thus far been brought in and from all indications the harvest of gold will be unusually large this season.

The output from Southern Oregon, from the big and little quartz and placer mines, of which there is a multitude, will easily reach the $2,000,000 mark for the past year. The winter has been a very good one, especially for the surface miner. The rains have been long and heavy, and the depth of snow maintained on the mountains sufficient to keep up a full pipe-head at all times, so that no delays have been occasioned. Many of the smaller placers that have not operated for years past, except on a very small scale, have done a good business this year. Others that usually run from 30 to 60 days, worked their giants this season for four or five months. The larger mines that usually operate from six to nine months in the year have yet several months of work ahead of them and will not make their final clean-up till late in the summer.

ALLEGED ROBBERY IN CHINATOWN

Ah How Makes Gun Play in Store --- Now in Jail.

Ah How, a Chinese, was arraigned in the Municipal Court this morning on a charge of assault and robbery. He is alleged to have robbed Kwong Wo, another Chinese, of $37.50 at the point of a long gun in the latter's store, 130 Second street, last night. His hearing was set for Saturday morning.

From statements made by reputable Chinese merchants today, it appears that the alleged robbery is the outcome of a debt said to be due Ah Kow from Kwong Wo. Kwong Wo is said to have purchased $30 worth of opium from Ah How, for which he never paid. Ah How, it is said, learned that Kwong Wo had won some money in a fan tan game early in the evening, and determined to compel him to pay the long-standing bill.

Just how correct these statements are, is, of course, not known, but the police believe they are true. It is considered out of reason that a Chinese should go into a crowded store on Second street and hold up but one man. The police know, however, that Ah How used a gun in the store, for when Patrolmen Smith, Stitt and Isaacs arrived they frightened the Chinaman so that he dropped his revolver to the floor, and it is now held as evidence against him.

FOR PASSING FORGED CHECK

A. Hoover, who on March 24, is alleged to have passed a forged check on L. Winther for the amount of $3, was arraigned before Judge Cleland this morning and pleaded not guilty to the charge. His trial will be set for a jury during May.

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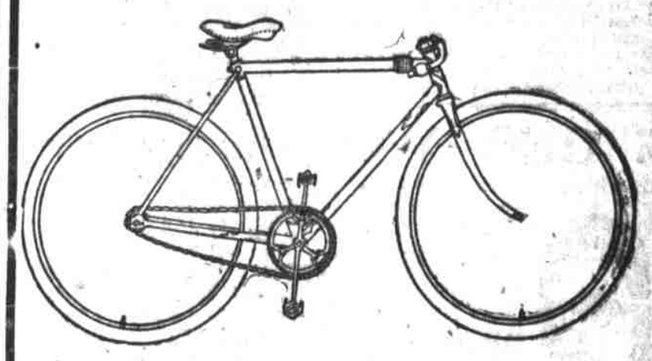

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