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PORTLANDERS LIVE TO RIPE OLD AGE

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT SUBSTANTIATES CITY REPUTATION FOR LONGEVITY OF INHABITANTS—BUT FEW YOUNG PEOPLE PASS AWAY.

According to the October report of the board of health, Portland is sustaining the reputation of the longevity of its inhabitants. During the month there were 119 deaths. Of this number 3 had passed beyond the four-score mark, a few being over 90 years of age.

There were 24, or 25.4 per cent, who lived to be over 70; 37, or 31.1 per cent, were over 60; 59, or 49.5 per cent, were over 50; 67, or 56 per cent, were over 40; 83, or 74 per cent, were over 30. There were only 4 deaths among those from 1 to 25 years, or 3.4 per cent, showing there are but few young people dying. The percentage among the children, however, is greater. Those who died under 1 year number 26, or 21.8 per cent. Of these, 15 died before they reached the age of 4 months.

There were 12 deaths from communicable diseases, 12 of which were due to consumption, 4 to typhoid fever, and 1 to diphtheria. There were 11 whose deaths were attributed to some form of heart disease, and 9 died violent deaths.

Diphtheria is becoming quite prevalent throughout the city. During the month 21 cases were reported in the health office, most of which were during the latter part of the month. Nearly all of these cases are among young children, several of whom have been attending school. Every precaution is being taken by the city health officer against the spread of the disease, and there is but little likelihood of its spreading to any great extent.

Among other contagious diseases there were 3 cases of typhoid fever and 13 of scarlet fever. Most of these cases have been isolated and the proper precautions taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

There has not been a case of smallpox in the city for several months. Local physicians are hopeful that the disease will not make its appearance in the city this winter.

ITALIAN IS CHARMED WITH HIS SENTENCE

Benedetto Schull appeared in the circuit court before Presiding Judge George yesterday on the charge of assaulting Domenico Martino with a knife. He could not speak English, Deputy District Attorney Adams and Attorney B. S. Pague, his counsel explained, so an interpreter was secured.

Mr. Adams then explained that the man had not tried to get out of the way when assaulted, but had used a knife. There were extenuating circumstances, and therefore he would consent to a plea of simple assault. Benedetto pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months in the county jail.

He walked to the rear of the courtroom in charge of Deputy Sheriff Moreland to climb down a winding stairway to the county jail. He was in a state of mental exhilaration and fairly flew down the stairs, shouting so loudly he could be heard in the courtroom: "Three months! Only three months! Bully, bully!"

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ASKS FORTUNE FOR HIS SIGHT

MANUEL PEREIRA LOST HIS EYE TWO WEEKS AT WORK AT HARBOR DOCK AND IS NOW SUING STAR HARBOR COMPANY FOR \$30,000 DAMAGES.

Thirty thousand dollars is the valuation which Manuel Nunes Pereira places on his right eye. He lost that member last August 6 on account of what he declares to have been the negligence of the Star Harbort Company. Through Attorney Henry E. McClain he has filed suit in the circuit court for damages in the amount of \$30,000, with costs and disbursements.

The company is engaged in the sale of sand and gravel for building purposes and operates a number of small steamers and tugboats on the Willamette and Columbia rivers. Gravel and sand are brought down the Willamette and up the Columbia on flatboats and to a dock at the foot of Fifteenth street.

This dock is located about 18 feet from the bank of the river at low water, and the gravel and sand is transferred by means of a box and hoisting apparatus, operated by a derrick. On the night of August 6 the regular engineer in charge of the donkey engine controlling the movements of the derrick was sent to another point to work and William R. Minsinger substituted.

It is alleged by Pereira that Minsinger was not familiar with the work and at a critical time absent himself from his post of duty; also that the force of men employed was incompetent to handle the volume of work done. The hoisting box, to which were attached chains and hooks, he alleges, was allowed to swing to one side, and the engineer arriving at his post in time to see that something was wrong, was suddenly swung back into place. One of the hooks struck him in the right eye with force enough to blind him.

In order to preserve his left eye, which became sore and inflamed through sympathy, Pereira declares the injured organ had to be removed.

DRAYMEN AGREE ON FAIR RATES

Secretary Henry E. Reed of the Lewis and Clark central received this morning a report on the rates to be charged by draymen for transporting exhibition material during the fair. At the meeting of the draymen John Kiernan, president, occupied the chair and L. H. Adams, secretary, presented the schedule. There was long discussion over the schedule and it finally resulted in the adoption of this report to the exposition officials:

From freight houses and docks—1,000 to 5,000 pounds, weight or measurement, drayman's option, \$2 a ton, minimum charge. From York street spur (providing proper facilities for unloading are constructed)—Carload lots, weight or measurement, drayman's option, \$1.50 a ton. From York street spur to government building, \$2 a ton.

From freight house to government building, \$2.50 a ton. The above prices are for sidewalk delivery. All delays and detentions over 15 minutes to be charged for as follows: Four-horse team, \$1.50 an hour; two-horse team, \$1.00 an hour; one-horse team, 75 cents an hour; extra man, each 25 cents an hour.

Heavy machinery in excess of 5,000 pounds, articles of great bulk or of bulky and fragile nature, to be transferred at special rates, same to be agreed on by contracting parties. The following firms were represented at this meeting and signed the report: Oregon Transfer company, Baggage & Omnibus Transfer company, Oregon Auto Dispatch, Pacific Transfer company, Holman Transfer company, Wakama and Morse Transfer company, East Side Transfer company, Package Delivery company, Post Special Delivery company, Transfer company, Oregon Portland Delivery company, Northwest Transfer company and City Messenger & Delivery company.

DEMANDS MORE SPACE AT FAIR

The most enthusiastic committee that has entered exposition headquarters in many a day came in from Clackamas county yesterday to demand 3,000 square feet of space for that county's exhibit instead of the allotted 500 square feet.

In the delegation were: Mrs. Mary S. Howard, Mulino; J. T. Anderson, Oregon City; H. G. Starkweather, Milwaukie; Mrs. Jennie B. Harding, Oregon City; Dr. J. W. Thomas, Molokai; George Lassalle, Oregon City; W. B. Stafford, Ely; J. W. Rotts, Borine; Henry Gans, Oswego.

Winter Rates to Yaquina Bay.

The Southern Pacific Co. will sell, on Wednesday and Saturdays of each week, until March 31, 1910, low rate round trip tickets to Yaquina, limited to 60 days from date of sale. The sale of winter excursion tickets during the winter months is a new departure and has been brought about through the desire of our local sportsmen to enjoy the exceptional fine hunting and fishing privileges of that section.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS HEAVY

Nearly 2,000 MORE PUPILS THAN LAST YEAR—WOULD SHOW THAT PORTLAND'S POPULATION IS ALMOST 15,000—BAPT SIDE SCHOOLS SHOWING IMPROVEMENT.

At the end of the second month of the school year in the public schools of this city the records show an increase of 1,712 more pupils than the number in attendance at the end of the second month of the school year last year. On Friday last there were 13,259 pupils in attendance at the schools, against 11,547 on the same date last fall.

These figures give an increase of about 15 per cent. Taking the increase in the number of pupils in the public schools as a criterion of the increase in population of the city of Portland, and figuring on a basis of 125,000 population last season, the population this fall is 143,687.

Although there has been a great increase in the attendance in all the schools, the number of pupils in the schools on the east side is growing the most rapidly. In several districts the attendance has become so large that new rooms have been added. Following are the attendances at the schools on Friday:

Ainsworth, 117; Albina Central, 321; Alkimos, 508; Brooklyn, 357; Central, 467; Clinton Kelly, 487; Couch, 741; Failing, 625; Fernwood, 18; Fulton, 66; Fulton Park, 97; Holladay, 774; Ladd, 154; Marquam, 14; Midway, 16; North Central, 578; Peninsula, 116; Portsmouth, 273; Bellwood, 354; South Portland, 239; Stephens, 534; Sunnyside, 503; Thompson, 722; Williams-Avenue, 391; Woodlawn, 241; East Twenty-Ninth, 104; Chapman, 645; Harrison, 848; Highland, 665; Oakley Green, 174; High school, 442. Total, 13,259.

NEARING CENTURY MARK IS BLAIR

OREGON FIGHTER IN EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS OF AGE, BUT AS ACTIVE AS A MAN OF FIFTY—ONCE MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

C. P. Blair of Pendleton is 89 years of age, yet hale and hearty. Not only is he strong physically, but mentally. He recalls occurrences of his boyhood days clearly as a man of 50.

George H. Himes paid Mr. Blair a visit on his recent trip to eastern Oregon, where he was engaged in gathering material for the Oregon Historical society. Mr. Himes gained much valuable information from him.

The old man lives with his son, Thomas Blair, 74 years old. The father climbs the stairs five or six times daily and walks with ease around the home. The older Blair came to Oregon in 1853. He was a member of the state legislature in 1864 and has always taken an active interest in public life. He is an ardent Democrat and has voted the ticket every presidential election since 1828. In that year, although not of age, he cast his first ballot. No one knew that he was voting illegally and he reckons that no one will have him arrested now.

DEADLY SNAKE MAKES LONG JOURNEY HERE

In carrying a bunch of bananas from a truck into the store of Bell & Co., the snake was discovered by Walter Hoemer, a porter in the employ of the firm, discovered a glittering snake coiled snugly around the handle of the basket. The snake to the sidewalk and upon as its repose was disturbed.

The reptile was evidently looking for trouble but found no one willing to accommodate it. It soon crawled the street of pedestrians and began to look for a place to hide, when it was captured. When measured the snake was found to be 3 feet 5 inches in length and its color corresponded with many beautiful colors.

An expert pronounced it a full-grown mariner snake, one of the most deadly species that has ever been discovered. The snake was shipped from Central America, where the reptiles are found in great numbers. Its poison is said to cause instant death.

The snake is now confined in a glass case and is on exhibition at the store. It is believed that the change of climate caused a stupor which prevented it from striking as soon as it was disturbed.

Election Returns at the Chicago.

Complete Western Union election returns will be posted at the Chicago, 69-71-73 Third street, tonight and the firm announces that it has prepared an elaborate color light signal display. The returns will be written on a large 99-foot board as soon as received. By watching in the direction of the store people of the suburbs may tell how the election is going. The color signal station will be established on the roof of the store. The signals:

Red fire with a rocket. New York state going Democratic; red fire with roman candles, New York state going Republican; red fire with green and white rockets, New York state going Republican; green fire with rockets, New York state gone Democratic; rockets alone, general favorable Republican returns; roman candles alone, general favorable Democratic returns; green and red fire with red rockets, Roosevelt conceded elected; green and red fire with green rockets, arker conceded elected.

Five thousand free trumpets will be distributed to the crowds at our bulletin board just to keep things humming. Special attention will be given to the ladies and every endeavor will be made to supply the ladies with trumpets.

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If first bottle fails to benefit, money back. Union during the fair. I believe it is the only family that publishes a newspaper to promote its interests and to keep the world informed as to what the Lewisias are doing. It is called "Lewisiana" and is published at Guilford, Conn.

The Midway Flanagan, or the Pike, at Portland will be the Bridge of Pleasure, a low viaduct of brick arches 1,000 feet long and 30 feet wide, which will extend from the mainland across the lake to the island. One side of it will be open to the lake as a promenade. On the other side will be the concessions, shows and shops of all kinds, modern and oriental.

Already several of the best concessions at St. Louis have arranged to remove to Portland, and various new ones will also be found there. There will be many other novelties, including a searchlight of 100,000 candle-power, placed at an elevation of 300 feet, to light up the scenery. Another original idea is a balloon clock, with a dial 50 feet in diameter, suspended 500 feet from the ground, so that everybody can note the flight of time at any distance.

The people of Portland think very well of themselves and their town. They have a good deal to be proud of. I do not know of any other city in all the world of similar age that is so cultured, so rich and so complete. The population in 1850 was less than 2,000, while now it is 125,000, and the people have spent \$10,000,000 for new buildings during the last four years. The bank clearings were \$176,000,000 in 1907, the manufacturers were worth \$49,500,000, the jobbing trade \$173,000,000, the ocean commerce \$12,000,000, and bank deposits are nearly \$10,000,000. These material signs of prosperity, the high class of the population, the perfect climate, the beautiful surroundings, are naturally a source of satisfaction to every citizen, and some of them prefer Portland to Paradise.

Portland is called the Rose City, and you would know why if you could take only a short walk through its beautiful streets. The exposition grounds are to demonstrate the claim to that title for 5,000 rose bushes have already been planted, and many more will be. There are 400 different varieties of trees and 600 varieties of shrubs on the grounds, and arranged to them will be gardens where all the staples of the state will be growing side by side. The landscape scheme has been so arranged that it can be overlooked from a terraced hillside.

CHILDREN WORRY ALL STREET CARMOTORMEN

Street car lines passing schools have what seems an irrepressible conflict with the younger generation. Between the demand of the public to make good time and the considerations of the same critic when a youth is injured by a car, the dilemma to the other without relief. With clanging bells indicating the oncoming car, motormen find it necessary to run at very slow speed when a bunch of school children are within range, for they insist upon getting too near and at times have placed sticks or other impediments in the way of the car.

A conductor on the Jefferson street line has reported another incident of the same developing, which might have proven serious. It illustrates the willful purpose of children to get in the path of danger. A boy jumped on to one of the guards at the rear of the car while it was running at slow speed to avoid the flock of youngsters in front. His feet were jolted from their slender resting place and slipped between the bars of the guard, dragging him over the rough cobble pavement. The screams of the lad soon brought the car to a standstill, when it was found that neither limb had been broken, although it appeared that they were crushed. He brushed himself, laughed and hurried through the throng to escape a scolding.

Lewis Family Bonanza

The Lewis family, which is one of the largest in the country, will hold a reunion at the Lewis family home in Portland, Oct. 31.—The Lewis and Clark exposition will open at Portland, Or., on June 1 next. More than one half the buildings are already under roof and will be completed before January 1. The rest of them will be ready for business early in the spring. The climate of Portland is favorable to winter building. There is scarcely a day between November and April that mechanics cannot work out of doors. When I was in Portland a few weeks ago the landscape gardening was practically completed, the construction work was just advanced, the railway branches leading to the exposition grounds were already laid, the money was in the bank to pay the cost of everything, and the work of preparation was generally much farther advanced than is usual with such enterprises. A considerable part of the exhibits are coming from St. Louis, and the buildings will be ready for their installation as soon as they arrive, shortly after December 1.

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REPRESENTATION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION IS BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR TO APPOINT WESTERN MAN.

Upon the arrival of H. D. Loveland of San Francisco, who is expected in Portland within the next ten days, the question of a Pacific coast candidate for appointment to membership on the interstate commerce commission will be taken up by Portland business men. Mr. Loveland is the Pacific coast member of the Interstate commerce convention, which was held at St. Louis, and he has just returned home from that city. Recent agitation for the appointment by President Roosevelt of a Pacific coast man to fill the vacancy now existing on the commission has been widely taken up by the business men of the Pacific coast states, and their representatives in congress have been urged to press the matter upon the president.

Letters from Congressman J. N. Williamson and other Oregon members of congress have been received by the chamber of commerce saying that the claims of the Pacific coast to representation on the commission are being presented at Washington.

C. H. McIsaac, secretary of the Portland Manufacturers' association, who is in attendance at the St. Louis exposition, writes that much interest is manifested by members of the commission in the proposed Pacific coast representative, and he urges the chamber of commerce to actively push the question.

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