THREE STATES WILL FIGHT PLAGUE

Members of State Health Boards of Oregon, Washington and California Hold Conference Here Over Quarantine Laws.

Vigorous quarantine laws, uniform for the entire Pacific coast, eternal vigilance and alert watchfulness against the invasion of the bubonic plague from oriental ports, cooperation and harmony in health laws affecting the communication of the three states—these are the objects of a tri-state conference held this afternoon by representatives of the state boards of health of Oregon, Washington and California at the office of Dr. R. C. Yenney in the Medical building.

The conference was arranged at the instance of the California state board of health some time ago. It has been caused by the recent struggle in San Francisco with the bubonic plagde, quarantine against which has only just been raised. In addition it is the desire of the medical boards of the three states to come to some working plan by which the legislatures of Oregon, Washington and California can be persuaded to pass uniform and stringent quarantine laws, protecting the ports of the entire coast from the invasion of oriental diseases.

Want Uniform System.

The long fight against the spread of the bubonic plague in California has made it clear to the boards of health of the three states that there should be some uniform system of quarantine laws in effect throughout the coast line states for mutual protection. As it is Oregon, California and Washington each have different statutory provisions, making it hard for the health authorities of one state to cooperate with the other. It is to obviate this unfortunate condition that the present meeting has been brought about by the health officers of California.

The coming Yukon-Alaska exposition at Seattle is looked upon as a menace in that it will open the way once more to the entrance of the plague because of the shipments of oriental exhibits from across the ocean. San Francisco has just finished a long and hard fought battle against the eastern disease and does not want to have another siege. The members of the board have come to Portland, therefore, to meet with the boards of Oregon and Washington and give a warning and at the same time to lay plans for united effort in conserving the public health.

From expressions of different members of the three boards now in Portland, it is learned that it will be the object of the conference to secure uniform quarantine legislation. No program has been mapped out and the definite plans of the members of the boards are vague, but the general idea is to block out some uniform bill to be presented to the legislatures of the three states for enactment. In this way it will be possible for the health officers of the three states to join in cooperative measures of protection should the occasion arise.

The joint conference met this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Medical building. Those attending were: Dr. E. E. Heg of Seattle, secretary of the Washington state board of health; Dr. N. K. Foster of Sacramento, Dr. Tibbetts of Los Angeles, Dr. A. P. Duryee, city health officer of Everett, Wash.; Dr. F. S. Bourne, chief medical inspector of Seattle; Dr. C. J. Smith of Pendleton, Dr. Alfred Kinney of Astoria, Dr. A. E. Pierce of Portland, Dr. E. B. Pickel of Medford, and Dr. R. C. Yenney of Portland, members of the Oregon state board of health.

LIGHT BRINGS SUIT FOR LOSS OF A LEG

A suit of George W. Light of Leland against the Southern Pacific Railroad company for $20,000 personal injuries, was begun in the United States circuit court today before Judge Wolverton and a jury. Light was formerly in the employ of the railroad as a carpenter. Several years ago he was run over by a train and lost his left leg below the knee.

The jurors in the case were selected this morning as follows: D. S. Doyle, W. H. Anderson, C. F. Hesse, James A. Hewitt, Albert Phillippi, John Ewing, J. N. Laws, Volney Hemenway, George Whiles, S. C. Jones, W. H. Morrow and W. J. Rodgers.

Ben C. Dey and James C. Fenton are attorneys for the Southern Pacific. Light is represented by H. D. Norton of Roseburg and J. M. Long, Portland.

We have a fine assortment of choice articles in Christmas presents for men and boys.

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WEATHER BOUND VESSELS ARRIVE

Steamer Argo Reports a Rough Voyage From San Francisco.

OIL TANK STEAMERS REACH PORTSMOUTH

Asuncion and Atlas Weather Heavy Gale Off Entrance to Columbia River for Two Days—Harriman Liner Rose City in Harbor.

There was a lull in the storm last night and today, and shipping is beginning to get back on schedule. The oil carriers Atlas and Asuncion, which had been outside the river since Sunday, crossed in and are now on the way up the river bound for the tanks at Portsmouth to discharge their cargoes. These craft rode out the worst of the gale in sight of the Columbia river lightship.

The Harriman liner Rose City, Captain Kidston, which reached Ainsworth dock at 6 o'clock last night, had a fairly good trip, although the heavy swells encountered yesterday indicated that the blow had been severe. The San Pedro liner Roanoke is about a day late, and will not reach Martin's dock till tomorrow morning. She was delayed at the southern end of the route.

The steamer Breakwater reached Astoria this morning, two days late from Coos Bay. She will be at Ainsworth wharf this evening, and will be given as quick dispatch as possible in hopes of getting her out on schedule tomorrow night. The Breakwater was bar bound at Coos Bay until yesterday noon.

The 200 ton steamer Argo, Captain Jones, which reached Oak street dock yesterday afternoon on her first visit here, had a rough time of it coming up from San Francisco. She was in the worst of the blow off Cape Blanco and rolled and pitched so fearfully that the crew had a hard time to keep on their feet. Coming into the river the small craft shipped a big sea over the stern, but it did no damage to speak of.

The Argo is here to go on the Portland-Tillamook route, and leaves on her first voyage at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The intention is to have her make a round trip every five days. She has capacity for 200 tons of freight, and will go out full this afternoon. Passenger accomodations will be provided in the near future.

A wireless message from the steamer Queen at 8 o'clock this morning stated that weather conditions at a point south of Eureka were favorable, the barometer showing 30.3, the temperature being 48 and the wind blowing 14 miles from the northwest.

WILL PAY OFF CREW

Owners of Ship Leyland Bros. See No Immediate Business Offering.

With freights on decline, the owners of the British ship Leyland Brothers see little hope of chartering their vessel for wheat, at least, and so, after nearly a year in the harbor the crew will be discharged.

Instructions to this effect were received yesterday by Captain Morgan, master of the windjammer. The vessel has been lying idle for some time at the drydock, but will be towed to a more suitable anchorage in the near future.

When sailing the high seas the Leyland Brothers carries a crew of about 28, but during her stay in port the number was reduced to about 15, some of them having been paid off upon the vessel's arrival.

The ship came here in ballast from Valparaiso last spring and has been held here ever since for a charter at the freight rate established by the Shipowners' association. The Leyland interests are said to be among the leading spirits in the shipowners' association, and it is said they would rather keep the ship here forever than accept a lower rate than that agreed upon at the annual conferences of the association.

Another vessel that has been here a long time is the British ship Donna Francesca. The Donna Francesca arrived in the river from Valparaiso in ballast shortly after the Leyland Brothers and has been at anchor in the bay off Astoria ever since. She served as starting ship during the late Astoria regatta and will probably figure in that capacity once more unless there be a marked improvement in the freight market.

WINDJAMMER SEEKS BUSINESS

British Bark Edinburgh Sails From Honolulu for Portland.

From Honolulu came the report this morning that the British bark Edinburgh, of 1406 tons net register sailed yesterday from that port for Portland. She is coming in ballast, presumably in search of a charter. She is one of the old school of British windjammers, having been launched at Port Glasgow in 1885.

Freight rates are not showing up very well, according to a shipowner's way of thinking, because yesterday the French bark Rossuet was rechartered to Kerr, Gifford & Co. to carry wheat to Europe at a rate said to be less than 22s 6d. The bark was brought out here from Australia by Hind, Rolph & Co. of San Francisco with a cargo of coal and had been chartered for the round trip, meaning back to Europe from here.

Hind, Rolph & Co. are not in the grain shipping business and so, after having had their service out of the vessel, re-chartered her to the grain exporting firm at a low rate as compared with that asked by the Shipowners' association.

TO ESTABLISH NEW LIGHTS

Lighthouse Inspector Receives Authority From Chief.

Captain James Pond, United States lighthouse inspector, has received authority from headquarters in Washington, D. C., to install electric range lights at the entrance of Coquille river.

Captain Pond also received authority to install a new rear range light on Sand island at the entrance to the Columbia river, the plan being to use the former rear light as front light, the old front light having been carried away in a heavy storm last month. The position of the former front range was considered rather exposed and hence permission was sought to use the old rear range for front range and establish a new rear range. The front range will be 45 feet above the ground and the rear range will be placed at a height of 65 feet. This change will be made as soon as possible.

BIRDS DIE IN STORM

Thousands of sea gulls lost their lives in the recent storm according to mariners arriving here. Caught in the grasp of the hurricane they were dashed against the rigging of vessels and the sides of the several lighthouses that mark dangers along the coast.

Hundreds of dead birds are said to be seen floating about on the waves where they will eventually prove prey to scavengers of the deep.

At times when the storm blows ocean ward, large swarms of land birds are carried to sea to perish after a struggle to the last unless they manage to seek rest and shelter on a passing vessel. It is again when the wind blows in shore that the sea birds often meet with similar fate.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Harbormaster Speier is making the rounds today informing dock managers that their respective wharves must be lighted all night when vessels are moored there. He has discovered that a number of docks have been left in darkness after midnight.

The schooner Virginia is reported as having left Mollendo, Peru, for this port to load lumber. She arrived at Mollendo some time ago with a cargo of lumber from this port.

The oriental liner Numantia is due to arrive here from Hongkong by way of Japanese ports, Honolulu and San Francisco, about Christmas time.

Storm warnings were ordered displayed at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca this morning. The storm is not expected to be felt at the mouth of the Columbia river, however.

VEXING PROBLEM OF VEHICLE TAX

City Auditor Barbur directed his office force this morning to check over the names on the vehicle tax list and to segregate those who have paid taxes under the new ordinance, or alleged ordinance, from those who have not, in order that a refund may be made to the men who have paid in $9000 which the supreme court decision held was collected illegally by the municipality.

Money for 81 licenses which had been collected under the old vehicle tax ordinance and was refunded to the licensees has not been accepted by them. In case the city attorney advises the auditor that the old ordinance is still in effect this money wil probably be retained by the city.

City Attorney Kavanaugh has agreed to give the auditor an opinion tomorrow by which he can determine which ordinance to enforce. Mr. Barbur requested this opinion some time ago but the city attorney hesitated to advise him until after the supreme court had decided on the Long case. It is necessary that the money due for vehicle licenses be collected under one ordinance or the other before the end of the year or another twist will be taken in the already tangled swirl of legal opinions and contradictions. This last will sound like: Can the city collect mopey next year for licenses which should have been paid this year and which the vehicle users were desirous of paying but could not owing to the indecision of the city as to what procedure to follow in collecting the tax?

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Dec. 15.—Arrived down during the night, steamer Cascade and schooner Samar. Arrived at 7:45 and left up at 10:30 a. m., steamer Breakwater, from Coos Bay. Left up at 8 a. m., French bark Armen.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Sailed at 8 a. m., British bark Carmanian, for Portland. Arrived at 10 a. m., steamer R. D. Inman, from Columbia river.

Astoria, Dec. 14.—Arrived at 2:30 and left up at 3:30 p. m., steamers Atlas and Asuncion, from San Francisco. Sailed at 2:15 p. m., steamer Jim Butler for San Francisco. Sailed at 4 p. m., steamer Nome City, for San Francisco.

Honolulu, Dec. 13.—Sailed, British bark Edinburgh, for Portland.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Arrived at 4 p. m., steamer Tallac, from Portland. Arrived at midnight, steamer Senator, from Portland.

Eureka, Dec. 14.—Sailed, steamer Roanoke, for Portland.

St. Vincent, Dec. 13.—Arrived, Norwegian steamer Guernsey and Dutch steamer Nederland, from Portland, for United Kingdom.

Astoria, Dec. 15.—Condition at the mouth of the river at 8 a. m., moderate, wind southeast 36 miles; weather, raining.

Tides at Astoria Wednesday—High water, 6:59 a. m., 7.4 feet; 7:07 p. m., 5.8 feet. Low water, 0:07 a. m., 1.8 feet, 1:39 p. m., 3.1 feet.

POSTMASTERS ARE NOMINATED

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Dec. 15.—The president has nominated the following to be postmasters: Nathan E. Chambless, Arleta; Charles C. Merril, Bend; Jesse N. Haskeet, Freewater; Edgar Hostetter, The Dalles; George M. Richey, La Grande.

No Verdict in Douglas Case.

Twenty-eight hours of deliberation have yet failed to bring a verdict in the case of W. F. Douglass tried in the circuit court on the charge of embezzling $4998 from the Thell detective agency while employed as bookkeeper and cashier. Judge Morrow gave the case to the jury at 10:45 o'clock yesterday morning, and no news has yet come from the jury room, indicating that a stiff fight is in progress.

SALES OF HOLLY STAMPS LARGER

With the arrival yesterday of 100,000 more stamps for the campaign of the Visiting Nurse association against tuberculosis, a new impetus is given their sale. All of the leading stores and offices where stamps are sold were replenished yesterday and stamps were sent in answer to requests throughout the country districts.

Today the postoffice booth was opened, which will be attended by volunteers from the graduate nurses of the city. One leading insurance firm yesterday took $50 worth of stamps, to be placed upon every letter they send out.

As but eight shopping days remain before Christmas, it is hoped that people who are sending letters and packages will remember to place a stamp upon each. It is the interest of the whole people and their contributions, although small individually, will make the Christmas sale a success.

HUDSON TO TAKE WIFE: SH-H-H, IT'S A SECRET

Robert Hudson, the popular Front street broker, is to be married. So passersby were informed last night when they saw the following information painted on the window of the Hudson-Gram company, of which he is a member:

"Robert Hudson,
"Sunny Bob,
Of the Hudson-Gram company, office inside, will be married tomorrow.
"It is a secret.
"Alas, poor Bob, we knew him well."

BAR ASSOCIATION TO LISTEN TO REPORTS

An adjourned meeting of the Multnomah Bar association will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in department 1 courtroom, at the courthouse, to receive the report of the legislative committee concerning proposed legislation to be submitted to the legislature at the coming session.

Two of the most important measures to be considered are that changing the method of selecting juries, and the one providing that the judge shall, upon request by the attorneys, make known to them before the case is argued his construction of the various points of law involved.

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ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1908 READY

Multnomah County's Taxable Property Is Valued at $236,187,737.

Multnomah county's assessment roll for 1908 stands at $236,187,737. Recapitulation of the figures was completed by Deputy County Clerk Rose this morning. The total exceeds last year's by over $3,000,000, the amount of assessable property in 1907 being $233,141,058.

The city of Portland's assessment roll shows only a small increase over last year, the total for 1908 being $215,836,410, and for 1907 $215,579,835. School district No. 1 makes over $1,000,000 gain, the roll this year giving $220,167,160 worth of property assessable for its benefit, against $219,015,205 last year.

The Port of Portland has over $3,700,000 more property on the rolls within its boundaries than last year. This time the figures show $230,764,752, as against $227,032,183 in 1907. The roll outside the city, which includes the populous Mount Scott district, voted into the city in November, shows a gain of nearly $3,000,000.

DECREE AGAINST TOBACCO TRUST

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 15.—The American Tobacco company is found to be an illegal combination, in the final decree in the government suit in the United States circuit court here.

The company is enjoined from engaging in interstate trade in leaf tobacco or any of its products or in articles used in connection with the tobacco trade.

An appeal will undoubtedly be taken.

The case has been pending for many months. The decree says several companies are combined in illegal restraint of trade.

The companies named in the decree are the American Tobacco company, the American Cigar company, the American Snuff company, the American Stogie company and the Andrews & Forbes company.

These, with the R. J. Reynolds company, the Pierre Lorillard company, the Blackwell Durham company and the Conley Foil company, are restrained from voting stock held by the companies named or stock in any subsidiary company controlled by them.

PETRASSO CASE UP FOR TRIAL

Antonio Petrasso, the first of the three men charged with murder in the first degree who are to be brought to trial this week, faced the jury in Judge Morrow's department of the circuit court this morning, and the taking of testimony was begun. It is hoped to complete the case by tomorrow night, but this is not certain, because of the delay caused in interpreting testimony from the Italian language.

In the presentation of the case this morning the state did not reach the story of the shooting. The attorneys for Petrasso claim that the defendant was attacked by the man who was killed, and that their client had to kill to protect himself from the knife of Desantis. Dr. Ziegler said there was a wound in the defendant's chin that extended to the bone, but the policeman who testified did not see it.

John Ditchburn, special prosecutor, and Deputy District Attorney Vreeland are conducting the case for the state, while Seneca Fouts and E. L. Minar appear for the defendant.

JOURNAL REPLIES TO DR. DAVIS' CHARGES

Answering the suit for $40,000 damages brought against The Journal by Dr. L. M. Davis, representative-elect from Multnomah county, Teal & Minor and A. B. Winfree, representing The Journal, this morning filed a reply to the Davis allegations in the circuit court. Davis alleged that he was injured in his reputation and future political prospects by editorial criticism of The Journal regarding his course on Statement No. 1 in the primary election law.

The answer sets forth a short history of the campaign that ended in the election of George E. Chamberlain to the United States senate, and then quotes the famous open letter of Davis to Chamberlain on "Roosevelt Democrats." The answer also quotes a long interview in which Davis discussed his attitude toward Statement No. 1, and then asserts that from Davis' public statements The Journal was justified in making the comment it did, this comment not being from malice, but in the course of legitimate discussion of the public utterances of a man in public life.

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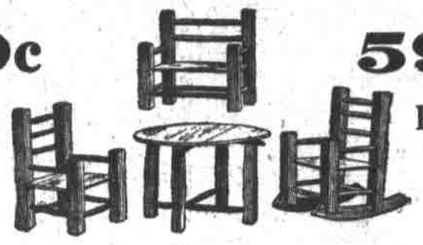

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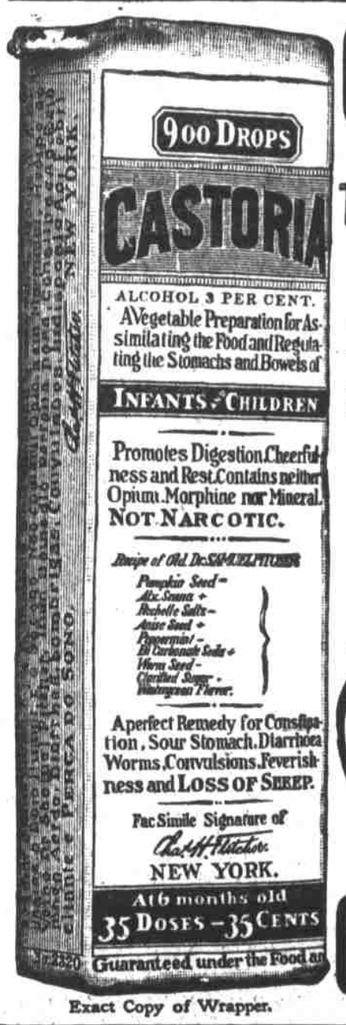

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