

# \$15,000 MORE IS NEEDED TO GUARD LIVES OF PEOPLE

### State Board of Health Addresses Letter to Each Legislator Setting Forth Urgent Demand for Extra Funds.

"What is a human life worth?" Oregon spends .7 of 1 cent annually to protect the life of each man, woman and child in the state.

The above is the heading of a communication addressed today to each member of the state legislature in behalf of the state board of health's plea for an increased appropriation to be spent in protecting the health and lives of the Oregon public. The message continues:

"All members of the state board of health except the secretary serve without pay.

"Oregon spends \$5000 a year to protect human life.

"Washington spends \$10,000 a year to protect human life.

"Oregon spends \$8 to protect animal and plant life for every \$1 spent to protect human life.

"The state board of health with \$5000 has stamped out typhoid epidemics in Roseburg, Eugene, Medford, Willamette, St. Helens, Grants Pass, Leno, and is fighting typhoid in Salem, Hood River and Silverton.

"Has stamped out small pox in Lebanon, Albany, Amity, Dayton and Silverton.

**10,000 Examinations.**

"Has made nearly 10,000 laboratory examinations, 644 tests of water for drinking and domestic use—regular fee for test is \$25 or a total of \$16,100; 825 examinations of sputum for consumption, blood for obscure disease, cultures for diphtheria, milk for disease and impurity, etc.—regular fee \$2.50 each, or a total of \$21,312. Total value of laboratory tests, \$37,412, nearly four times total appropriation.

"Has sent state health officer throughout Oregon to remedy unsanitary conditions, address public meetings and eradicate death dealing diseases.

"Has made permanent record of 17,306 births, 11,108 deaths as compared with 6358 births and 3696 deaths in first biennial period, 1903-4. These records are of inestimable value in establishing property rights, heirships, and life insurance claims, and certified copies of all death records are sent to the census bureau, Washington, D. C.

"Has paid salaries of health officer, bacteriologist and clerk, has equipped and maintained laboratory, has issued educational bulletins on school hygiene, common drinking cups, consumption, vaccination and small pox, telephone transmitters, duties of health officers, milk and cleanliness, flies, hydrophobia, blindness and its causes, bovine tuberculosis in its relation to human, slaughter houses, water supplies, infantile paralysis, pollution of streams, has paid expenses for traveling, postage, telegrams, expressage, printing, stationery, binding; has published vital statistics of counties; has paid traveling expenses of board members to quarterly meetings.

**Additional Money Needed.**

"The state board of health must have \$15,000 for the following purposes:

"More adequate protection of public health.

"Entire time of health officer, that he may satisfactorily perform increasing duties required of him; that a man of high scientific knowledge and training may be employed as health officer.

"New laboratory equipment and trained assistant for laboratory and filing of records.

"Reasonable compensation for bacteriologist (present incumbent concededly best on Pacific coast, gets \$75 a month for work valued beyond the measure of money) laboratory equipment for special work must now be borrowed from Oregon agricultural college.

"Increased traveling expenses of state health officer, that he may respond to calls for his presence and services in all parts of Oregon.

"Clerk who must be an adept stenographer with technical knowledge of the work required.

"Cost of printing, keeping of records and county record books commensurate with increased population.

"Better prevention and control of contagious and communicable diseases and epidemics of the same.

"Better water supplies for cities and towns.

"Less pollution of streams.

"Additional routine expense of office, laboratory, correspondence, expressage, etc.

"Increases in all former expenses.

"Physical health and well being of its people a state's greatest asset."

"Is it worth \$15,000 a year to Oregon's 672,705 people and 94,500 square miles of territory?"

**Need Is Imperative.**

The members of the state board of health insist that a larger appropriation must be made or they will not be able to continue their work. They assert that during the last two years, with increased population, and graver problems they have been able to perform only a small portion of the work that could and should have been done. Proper precautions, they say, will save human life.

The members of the board are Dr. Andrew C. Smith, president, of Portland; Dr. W. B. Morse of Salem; Dr. C. J. Smith of Pendleton; Dr. E. Barton Pickle of Medford; Dr. Kinney of Medford; Dr. Calvin S. White of Portland; secretary and state health officer. The bacteriologist is Professor Emile F. Pernot, and the clerk, Miss Workycombe. Closely associated with the work of the board is Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian.

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# MILK ORDINANCE GIVES FREE HAND

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# AGE DOES NOT HURT PLAY'S POPULARITY

### "Man of the Hour" Packs the Bungalow on Latest Annual Appearance.

"Yes, it's a delightful play, but—" "Don't say it, Geraldine, I know it's been coming to Portland for a good many years, but everybody seems to enjoy it, so what's the use of knocking."

This was a scrap of conversation heard last night at the Bungalow theatre, where "The Man of the Hour" is making its annual local appearance. The showhouse was packed, as showhouses usually are when that charming political comedy drama holds the boards.

Included in the cast this year is Eleanor Haber, formerly with the Baker stock company. Miss Haber's delineation of the part of Dallas Walwright was extremely pleasing and the hearty applause she received for her efforts was not all given because she happens to be a Portland girl.

John Moore, in the part of Herrigan, boss of one political faction, and John Morris as James Phelan, boss of another faction, in the city where the scene is laid, are Irish character comedians of parts. They divided attention evenly and were the chief laugh producers. The other characters are well cast. The scenery and costuming are tasteful.

"But I wish something new would come to the Bungalow once in a while," continued Geraldine, where she had left off when interrupted.

# ATTEMPT TO MULCT ESTATE PREVENTED

Two brothers of Marie Murphy, the Portland girl who died in Denver last winter and whose property, valued at several thousand dollars, the keeper of a Denver rooming house tried to obtain under an alleged codicil to her will, it was charged, are to secure Miss Murphy's money. Word has been received in Portland that the jury hearing the will contest case in Denver has returned a verdict for the brothers and against Mrs. Helen Wright, who claimed the property through a "death bed" codicil.

Miss Murphy was a stenographer in Portland for a number of years and was well known here. Her two brothers, Charles and Walter, are in a Catholic institution near Albany. The contest was made on their behalf by relatives.

# NATIONAL CORN SHOW AT OHIO'S CAPITAL

Columbus, Ohio., Jan. 30.—A salute of 21 guns, supplemented by the playing of the national airs on the Trinity church chimes, announced the formal opening this morning of the fourth National Corn Exposition, for which preparations have been going forward for nearly a year. The exposition, which will continue until February 10, is the largest affair of its kind ever held in the United States. Four of the largest buildings on the Ohio State Fair grounds are used to house the exhibits. The display includes a wide variety of cereals and grains from nearly every state of the Union, together with instructive exhibits from the department of agriculture at Washington and numerous state agricultural colleges and experiment stations. A number of conferences of wide interest and importance will be held during the exposition period. President Taft will visit the exposition and deliver an address on the closing day.

# GRANGE INDORSES HOME RULE PLAN

### Yamhill County Pomona Body Backs Brownhill's House Bill No. 77.

Yamhill County Pomona grange, which met at Yamhill January 25, unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, The Honorable Timothy Brownhill, a representative in the legislative assembly from Yamhill county, Or., has introduced in the house of representatives a bill known as house bill No. 77, which, if it passes and becomes a law will guarantee to each and every county in this state the absolute right, through the initiative, to regulate and fix the salaries of the county officers and other employees of the county, and also the right to create new offices and fix the salaries thereof and to abolish existing offices if they see fit; and

**Means Home Rule.**

"Whereas, This bill seems to be in harmony with the cherished principles of a 'government of the people, by the people and for the people,' and if it becomes a law each county can manage its own affairs in these respects, freed from the intervention of party ring rule, corporation bosses, lickspittle politicians and Tomphool editors and newspapers serving as the mouthpieces of exploiting corporations; and

"Whereas, This bill, if enacted into law, will place in the hands of the people of each county a measure of home rule, and allow them to exercise a privilege in controlling their own affairs which has heretofore been held as the exclusive and sacred right of the ring and boss to exercise; so now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That Yamhill County Pomona grange, in regular session assembled approves house bill No. 77 as being a measure in the interest of good and wise government, and we commend the sterling integrity of our representative, the Honorable Timothy Brownhill, for the interest he is taking in progressive measures for betterment of government for the people; and be it further

**Aid Requested.**

**Resolved,** That we request all senators and representatives of the present legislative assembly of the state of Oregon who are in harmony with the greatest of all of the American principles which uphold a government of the people, by the people and for the people, to give their voice and vote in favor of house bill No. 77, and enact it into a law of our state; and be it further

**Resolved,** That we hold to the principle that the nearer the control of county, state or national government is placed in the hands of the people, the better and wiser that government will be controlled.

The above resolutions were unanimously passed by Yamhill County Pomona grange on January 25, 1911.

"MILT RICHARDSON, Master.  
"JUDY GRAY, Secretary."

# WEBSTER DESIRES NO ROADS OFFICE

### Would Even Refuse Place on Highway Board; Wants 5 Bills Unchanged.

"Better defeat all the good roads measures that chance and cut them as they will not provide Oregon with a system for permanent construction of highways," said Judge Lionel R. Webster, chairman of the Oregon Good Roads association's executive committee.

The fate of the five highway bills submitted by the good roads association to the legislature will be decided, it is said, this week. All will come for hearing before the house. It is possible that the state aid and county bonding acts will be referred from the house to the senate. The bill creating a state highway board and authorizing the appointment of a state highway commissioner will be first to come for final passage before the house.

"With the best road law information from every state at hand, the five highway measures were framed," said Judge Webster. "There was available, too, information concerning the mistakes of other states. The bills were not drawn hastily. Frequent conferences were held. It was deemed that the passage of all five measures would be necessary to provide Oregon with the sadly needed road-making plan."

"The bills are worthy of passage. They are based upon no ulterior motive. I can pledge the best honor of all who had part in their framing to the truth of this."

"I have heard it said that I personally am working for the job of highway commissioner, or for appointment as a member of the highway board. I consider that either appointment would be the highest honor, but I want distinctly and finally to say that I want neither. I would not accept either if offered. We must have a scientist in road-building to lift this state from her mucky ways. We must have a man to whom permanent highway construction is second nature. I am not that man."

To line up the good roads advocates in the legislature, and to learn where each member stands, Dr. Andrew C. Smith, president of the good roads association, Judge Webster, Frank C. Riggs, and others went to Salem this morning. An effort, it was said, would also be made to obtain a hearing before the house in regard to the highway measures that were expected to be brought up today.

**SISKIYOU TOWN UP FOR SALE; COUNTY DRY**

(United Press Licensed Wire.)  
Oak Bar, Cal., Jan. 30.—Following the announcement that outside of its seven cities, Siskiyou county is to be made "dry," the entire town of Oak Bar is offered for sale to the highest bidder. The man who owns the city has prospered here for 35 years, when he could conduct a saloon along with other enterprises, but the "dry" ordinance has disgusted him, and he is going to leave. Oak Bar consists of a general merchandise store, two hotels, a livery stable, a blacksmith shop, three dwellings, the postoffice and a soft drink parlor.

district, received the hearty congratulations of his colleagues in the house today on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary. General Keifer, who has long been prominent on the Republican side, will end his career in congress with the expiration of the present session. He will be succeeded by a Democrat.

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