

The Smallpox Oregonian.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The Portland Oregonian would like to keep public attention fixed on the exaggerated reports scattered throughout the country as to the number of cases of smallpox in Portland. It hopes in this way to cover up its infamous course in purposely suppressing the fact of the existence of smallpox in the city. It failed in its duty as a public journal, claiming to be the only newspaper in the Northwest, a duty which is justly owed to its patrons, in not immediately publishing the fact to the world; instead of starting them, if not purposely withholding them from the public. Its venal object is apparent, but it overshoots the mark, and caused vastly more harm to Portland than an immediate statement of the truth would have done. The criminality of the Oregonian in this matter is without a parallel in the history of journalism, and merits the condemnation of all truth-loving men. To show that there was some foundation for the widely-circulated reports as to the existence of the disease in Portland, which the Oregonian studiously concealed, we copy the following from a letter written to the Corvallis Gazette by a resident of Portland, over his own name, in which the writer says: "We have heard it reported that there were 600 cases of smallpox in the old Portland limits alone, whereas there have not been, all told, more than forty-five or fifty cases in Portland and all of its suburban villages, including an area of thirty miles square and a population of over 60,000, and there have not probably been over ten deaths from smallpox." The Statesman thought there might be ten or a dozen cases there, and the Oregonian at last admitted that there were seventeen cases in Portland and East Portland alone. Now who has falsified in the matter? The well-known mendacity of the Oregonian where its assumed interests are concerned is a sufficient answer to the question.

Ex-Senator Grover.

From the New York World. Ex-Senator Lafayette Grover of Oregon moved about almost unnoticed in the corridors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday. Yet in some respects this sanguine, thoughtful-looking Western lawyer and politician is one of the most interesting political characters of the decade. Mr. Grover, who is, it is said, a distant relative of Grover Cleveland, and of Leonard Grover, the playwright, moved out into the Broadway current and was soon lost to view. An eager, busy-looking man, who passed abstractedly through the throng, absorbed in some intricacy of pleading, caught Mr. Grover's eye, and they nodded and smiled. The eager, absorbent-looking man was George Hoadley, who, with the able assistance of Senator Grover, in 1876-7 fathered the famous "Cronin's nose," and made the nasal beacon of the putative Alden elector from Oregon notorious from California to Maine. The plan to secure a Alden vote from Oregon failed, and Patrick Cronin's nose, Senator Grover and Governor Hoadley have all passed into the decent retirement of private life. Mr. Grover is a tall, spare man, with iron-grey hair and beard and a prominent nose. Leonard Grover, by the way, is in some respects strikingly like Grover Cleveland.

Postoffice Report.

The gross revenue of the postoffice department for the year was \$52,090,176, and the total expenditures, inclusive of liabilities for the year, unpaid and embracing the amount for transportation of mails on Pacific roads was \$50,886,403; the estimated deficiency therefore is \$1,198,277. For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1884, and ending July 30, 1885, the total revenue was \$42,560,844, and the cash deficiency was \$6,974,944. The deficiency for 1886 was \$7,166,594. In 1887 the cash deficiency was \$4,297,238. The total number of postoffices is 37,376, an increase over 1885 of 6124. The number of postmasters appointed during the year ending June 30, 1888, was 12,288, of which 6521 were on resignation and commissions expired, 1244 upon removals, 659 to fill vacancies by death and 4864 on the establishment of new postoffices were discontinued during the year, and the names and sites of 1493 were changed, retaining incumbent. The report recommends the ownership by the government of postoffice buildings; also experiments in government postal telegraphy.

Wallula Will Have a Church.

While Mr. Moody was coming up from Wallula, Wednesday evening, a citizen of that place began talking with Mr. Hunt in the presence of the Evangelist, about the new church being built in that railroad center, saying among other things "we lack \$100 of having money enough." "Well," said Mr. Hunt, "I told you when you got down to the last \$75 I would give that sum." Thereupon Mr. Moody said "we ought to raise that \$25 here. I will give \$5. How much will you give?" he asked a passenger. "I'll give \$5 more," he responded, and in a few moments \$20 was raised. Thereupon Mr. Hunt called his assist Mrs. Messers, Wamsley and Crighton, from the front of the car, stated the situation, and they promptly put up the remaining five. When Mr. Moody found that the \$25 had been contributed, he sang out: "This the first time I ever took up a collection on a railroad for a church, but I made it win."

An Easy Way Out.

Patrick Mulheoly—I hear, councilman, that they're havin' much trouble with the surplus at Washington. Councilman Gilgary—Yes, Patrick it is a very bothersome affair to us politicians. Patrick Mulheoly—And the Mills bill is causing a heap o' bother, too, I hear. Councilman Gilgary—It is, indeed. Patrick Mulheoly—Thin why the devil don't they take the surplus and pay the Mills bill? Ye Old Folk's Concert is announced to take place in Centerville on the 15th of December.

The fish commissioner has written to Senator Dolph that he proposes to take up and ship, in January next, a carload of lobsters and white fish to the coast of Oregon. The car will be dispatched from Wood's Hill, with a number of mature lobsters, sufficient to establish several colonies at suitable points on the coast of Oregon and Washington Territory. At Northville station, some seven or eight millions of white fish eggs will be taken on and hatched en route.

The news has reached Waitsburg, W. T., by cable that Miss Sophie Preston, formerly of that place, had been married near Canton, China, during an uprising of the natives. She graduated at Whitman College two years ago, and immediately left for China as a missionary. She was a most amiable lady, and spoke the Chinese language fluently, having been born in that country while her father was a missionary.

Astorian: Emma Abbott has 150 performers on the stage in San Francisco and the admission price is 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1. In Astoria she had four dago fishermen, a bull pup and a Mother Hubbard dress, and charged \$2. Sucker town is the right name for Astoria.

Baker City Reveille: Some has predicted a very easy winter for Eastern Oregon this year, basing their reason on the fact that turtle doves and other migratory birds are still to be seen feeding in the fields.

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