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## Board Health a Law.

AN ACT—To establish a state board of health; to establish county boards of health in each and every county in the State of Oregon; to provide for the election of a secretary of vital statistics; to provide for uniform blanks and reports, and to assign certain duties to the state, city and county boards of health, and to provide a penalty.  
Be it enacted by the Legislature Assembly of the State of Oregon; and, be it enacted by the people of the State of Oregon:

SEC. 1. A board is hereby established, which shall be known under the name and style of the State Board of Health. It shall consist of seven members, as follows: Six members who shall be appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the senate, the various sections of the state being represented as far as practicable, and the secretary, as provided by section 4, all to be physicians and especially selected for their fitness and public spirit. The six members first appointed shall be so designated by the Governor that the term of office of three shall expire every two years, on the fifteenth of January. Thereafter the Governor, with the consent of the senate, shall biennially appoint three members, to hold their office for four years, ending on January 15th. Any vacancy in said board may be filled by the Governor.

SEC. 2. The State Board of Health shall have supervision of the interests of the health and life of the citizens of the state. It shall keep the vital statistics of the state, and make sanitary investigations and enquiries respecting the cause and prevention of diseases, especially of epidemics, including those of domestic animals. It shall study the causes of mortality, and the effects of localities, employments, conditions, food, beverages, habit and circumstances of the health of the people. It shall make, and is hereby empowered to enforce, such quarantine regulations as seem best for the supervision of the public health, and it shall be the duty of all police officers, sheriffs, constables and county officers and employees of the state, to enforce such regulations subject to the authority of the health officer.

SEC. 3. The board shall meet annually at Salem, and shall also hold special meetings when and where the board may provide, as frequently as the proper and efficient discharge of its duties may require. Three shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. It shall elect, from its own number, a president, and may adopt rules and by-laws, subject to the provisions of this act. It shall have authority to send its secretary or a committee of the board, to any part of the state, when deemed necessary, to investigate the cause of any unusual disease or mortality, or especially dangerous diseases.

SEC. 4. At its first meeting, or as soon thereafter as a competent and suitable person can be secured, the board shall elect a secretary, who shall, by virtue of such election, become a member of the board and its executive officer, and his official title shall be known as the State Health Officer, who shall be a regular graduated and reputable physician.

SEC. 5. The secretary shall hold his office so long as he shall faithfully discharge the duties thereof, and be removed for just cause at a regular or special meeting of the board, a majority of the members voting therefor. He shall perform the duties prescribed by this act, or required by the board. He shall keep a record of the transactions of the board, shall have custody of all books, papers, documents and other property belonging to the board, which may be deposited in his office. He shall, so far as practicable, communicate with the other state boards of health, and with the county boards of health within the state; shall keep and file reports received from such boards, and all correspondence of the office appertaining to the business of the board; and prepare blank forms for the various county boards of health, and give such instructions as may be necessary, and forward them to the vari-

ous health officers of the county board of health throughout the state. He shall collect information concerning vital statistics, knowledge respecting diseases, and all useful information on the subject of hygiene, and through an annual report, and otherwise as the board may direct, shall disseminate such information among the people.

SEC. 6. The secretary shall receive an annual salary, which shall be fixed by the State Board of Health, and the necessary traveling expenses, and the necessary clerical services that the board may deem necessary for his assistance. The board shall certify the amount due him, and, on presentation of said certificate, the Secretary of State shall draw a warrant on the State Treasurer for the amount. The members of the board shall receive no per diem compensation for their services, but their traveling and other necessary expenses, while employed on the business of the board shall be allowed and paid.

SEC. 7. The sum of \$5,000 per annum, or so much thereof as may be deemed necessary by the State Board of Health, is hereby appropriated annually to pay the salary of the secretary, and any clerical service that he may require, and to meet the contingent expense of the office of the secretary and the expenses of the board, which shall not exceed the sum appropriated; the said expenses shall be certified and paid in the same manner as the salary of the secretary, and it is hereby made the duty of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer or other proper state officers, each year, in computing and estimating the amount of revenue necessary for state purposes, to include in such estimate the sum appropriated; and it shall be levied and collected as other state taxes are collected and paid into the state treasury, and kept separate and apart from other funds, and shall be known as the "State Board of Health fund."

SEC. 8. In each and every county of the state the county judge and county physician shall constitute a county board of health for said county, and the county physician shall be health officer of that county. If, in any county, it is deemed inexpedient to have a county physician, the county judge shall act as health officer, and constitute the board of health. It shall be the duty of the county board of health to collect all vital statistics, and keep a record thereof, and to report to the secretary of the State Board of Health monthly, not later than the tenth day, all infectious diseases, deaths, the causes thereof, places of burial of every person having died in said county, and in case of birth of any child, giving the name of the parents, their residence, and their occupation, that may have been during the preceding month, excepting cities wherein vital statistics are collected; and, in such cases, the health officer or other person whose duty it is to collect said statistics, must send to the secretary of the State Board of Health, not later than the tenth day of the month, a transcript of his monthly records of death, places of burial, name, age etc.; in case of birth, names of parents, and their places of residence and nativity; and of all infectious diseases reported to him.

SEC. 9. Every county board of health shall have the power to quarantine against any other county or counties, or other states, wherein any infectious disease or diseases exist, if, in its judgement, it is deemed necessary; and shall also have power to quarantine any case, or cases, of infectious disease within the county, and shall have authority to call upon any police officers, sheriffs, constable and all county officers to enforce such quarantine, subject to the authority of the state health officer.

SEC. 10. In cities, districts, and places having no local board of health, or case the sanitary laws or regulations in places where boards of health or health officers exist should be inoperative, the State Board of Health shall have power and authority to order nuisances,

or the cause of any special disease or mortality, to be abated and removed. Any person who shall fail to obey or shall violate such order, shall, on conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$100, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 11. The secretary of State shall provide suitable books, and blanks, as directed by the state board, for keeping record of vital statistics, and for reporting the same to the county boards of health, and to the secretary of the State Board of Health.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of every physician, mid-wife, or head of a family, under whose charge any birth may occur, to report the same to the county or city health officer (as the case may be) before the last day of the month in which said birth occurs. Every physician, mid-wife, nurse, or head of a family, under whose charge any death occurs, must report the same to the county or city health officer, within forty-eight hours, or as soon thereafter as practicable. Every physician, or other person, under whose charge any infectious or epidemic disease occurs, must report the same to the county or city health officer, immediately. Any undertaker, head of a family, or other person shall not bury, cremate, or cause to be cremated or buried, the body of any person until the death certificate is properly filled out and sent to the health officer of the county or city in which said burial or cremation is to occur. It shall be unlawful for the transportation of the remains of any person having died, the cause of death being directly or indirectly due to an infectious disease, except as the State Board of Health may direct. Any person violating any section of this act, or any part thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less than ten dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

SEC. 13. Inasmuch as the appointments under this act shall be in full force and effect after its approval by the governor.  
Passed the senate January 28, 1903.  
Passed the house February 10, 1903.  
Approved February 17, 1903.  
Filed in the office of the Secretary of State Feb. 18, 1903.

Cuban reciprocity, tariff revision and financial legislation give promise of being the leading subjects discussed at the next session of Congress.  
Senator Foraker deserves much credit for having prevented the Hawaiian Ditch bill from becoming a law. It was a scheme for diverting a public privilege into a private snap, to the serious detriment of other property owners in the neighborhood.  
There is a movement on foot to abolish secret sessions in the Senate. Everything transacted or said therein is obtained and published in the newspapers, although sometimes in garbled form, and the "executive sessions" have become largely a farce.  
Some newspapers are belittling the extra expense of the special session of the Senate on the ground that the Senators draw no pay for overtime. When they see the expense bills of the Senate they will realize, however, what this session cost the country.  
One of the internal revenue taxes assessed to raise funds for the Spanish American war was two cents a pack on playing cards. This tax yielded the fact there were 15,000,000 packs of cards manufactured in the United States a year, that is 10 cards for each man, woman and child.

If the prediction that, with the completion of the inter-continental railroad connecting the United States with the South American countries, citizens of the latter will send their children to the United States to be educated proves true, the railway will do much to promote that entente upon which progress and peace depend.  
The big beef packers of Chicago have taken a long step toward creating a monopoly by buying up seven other packing companies. They have been transferred to the National Packing Company, of which all stock is owned by Armour, Swift, Morris, and their associates. It will be a close corporation, no stock being placed on the market. This step is considered as a preliminary to the consolidation of all the beef packing interests.

## OREGON'S GREAT NEED.

Is Population—a Home Market not only for its Products but for Youthful Energy. Many Immigrants are coming to the Coast. They should be Welcomed and directed to the unoccupied Fields, Forests and Mines of Oregon.

A few of the leading citizens of Portland recently subscribed to a fund amounting to over \$16,000 for the purpose of establishing a Bureau of Information for the state. At a meeting of the subscribers to the fund, five trustees, viz. Chas. E. Ladd, of Ladd and Tilton, bankers; W. M. Killingsworth, capitalist and real estate; T. D. Honeyman, of Honeyman Hardware Company; W. H. Beaharrell, of Hywood Bros. Co., wholesale furniture, and R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the O. R. & N. Co., were elected trustees of the fund. These trustees subsequently organized and elected Chas. E. Ladd, chairman, W. M. Killingsworth, secretary, and Ladd & Tilton, bankers, treasurer. At a subsequent meeting of the trustees Col. Frank V. Drake was chosen superintendent.

The purpose of this organization is to ascertain and tabulate the resources of the state, gather an exhibit of its products and be prepared to tell all about Oregon and the resources of the several counties to all persons desiring information on the subject—to direct settlers and capital to opportunities awaiting them in the state.  
A large, well lighted room, or hall, has been set aside by the North Pacific Terminal Co. in the magnificent new union depot at Portland for the use of the Bureau, and tables and cases are now being made and furniture secured for its use in displaying products and distributing literature.  
Concessions have been granted by the leading railroad and steamboat lines for transmission to the Bureau for display. Negotiations are in active progress to obtain like concessions from all the transportation companies, with every probability of obtaining their cooperation. The encouragement being received on this line is very gratifying.

In the great exhibition room equa space will be allotted to each county desiring it for the display of its products and resources and the distribution of such descriptive printed matter as it may forward for the purpose, each county to have equally "fair show"  
The Board of Trustees ask the citizens of each county, at the earliest day possible, to have prepared a map of each county, showing township lines and drawn to scale of miles, on which shall be designated all streams, county roads, railroads, if any, navigable waters, if any, harbors, if any, mountain ranges, with principal elevations, and by appropriate coloring and notes defining the location of lands, suitable for grains, flax, hops, fruits and the like; also grazing lands, mineral lands, timber lands, arid sections, and such as are available to irrigation; also the locations of water powers, if any, cities and villages with number of inhabitants, schools in each, and such further information as may be of public interest. These maps are to be sent to the bureau at Portland, where a set of uniform maps will be prepared for use by the Bureau and the originals returned. With each map should be sent a concise statement, in suitable pamphlet form, containing full data of crops of all kinds, climate, mineral products number and varieties of stock manufactures, mines, mills and the like.  
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