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VITAL STATISTICS.

A wise bill for requiring a record of vital statistics has been framed by Dr. Tamesie of Hillsboro. It's full text, copied from the Portland Medical Sentinel follows. Such information as it could furnish would have scientific and commercial value and the registration be a check against crime. It should early become a law.

"An act to provide for the organization of County boards of health in the several Counties of the State of Oregon, and to regulate the powers and duties of such board, and to provide and prescribe the compensation for the members thereof, and for the payment of the expenses thereof."

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon: Section 1. That within thirty days after the passage of this act, the Governor shall appoint two competent and qualified physicians in each County of this State, who are residents of the County for which they are appointed, who shall, in conjunction with the County Judge of their several Counties, constitute a board of health in the Counties for which they are appointed, and who shall hold office during the term of office of such County Judge.

The County Judge shall be chairman of such board of health, and a secretary shall be elected who is a member of said board, who shall hold the office of secretary for one year.

The board shall have monthly meetings at such time as it shall designate, and meetings whenever necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act, and shall adopt such regulations as it may deem necessary and not in conflict with this act, to carry out the provisions thereof.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the said board of health of each County of the State of Oregon so appointed to guard against the introduction of contagious and infectious diseases, by the exercise of proper and vigilant medical inspection and control of all persons and things arriving from infected districts, towns or Counties, or which from any cause are liable to communicate contagion.

It shall require the isolation of all persons and things infected with or exposed to such contagious or infectious diseases, and shall provide suitable places for the treatment and care of persons sick with such infectious and contagious diseases who cannot otherwise be provided for.

It shall prohibit and prevent all intercourse and communication with or use of such infected premises, places and things, and require and provide the means for the thorough purification and cleansing of all such premises, places and things before general intercourse with the same or use thereof, in any manner, shall be allowed.

It shall, upon the discovery that any contagious or infectious disease exists in said County, im-

mediate to the boards of health of the several Counties contiguous thereto, with the facts relating to such contagious or infectious disease.

Sec. 3. Such County board of health shall receive and examine into all complaints made by any inhabitants of the County concerning nuisances or causes of danger or injury to life and health within its County, and may enter upon or within any places or premises where nuisances or conditions dangerous to life and health are known or believed to exist, and by its members or other persons by it designated for that purpose, inspect and examine all such places and premises. The owners, agents and occupants of any such premises shall permit such sanitary examinations to be made and the board shall furnish such owners, agents or occupants with a written statement of the results and conclusions within ten days thereafter.

Such County board shall have power to order the suppression and removal of all nuisances and conditions detrimental to life and health so found to exist and ordered to be removed.

Sec. 4. If the owner or occupant of any premises shall fail to comply with any order or regulation of any such County board of health for the suppression and removal of any nuisance or other matter, in the judgment of the board detrimental to the public health or security, after the expiration of ten days from the date of notice personally served upon such owner or occupant, such board or its servants or employes, or such person as it may designate, may enter upon the premises to which such order or regulation relates, and suppress or remove such nuisance or other condition dangerous to life and health.

The expenses of such suppression or removal, if done by said County board of health, its agents or employes, shall be paid by the owner or occupant of such premises, or by the person who caused or maintained such nuisance or other matter, and such County board of health may maintain an action in the name of the County to recover such expenses, and the same, when recovered, shall be paid to the treasurer of the County.

Sec. 5. The County board of health shall prescribe sanitary regulations for the burial and removal of corpses, and the County Judge, as a member of such board, shall grant permits for such burial, and permits for the transportation of any corpse which is to be carried for burial beyond the County where the death occurred, upon due proof of such death, by the certificate of the physician in attendance, or by an affidavit of two persons who were present at the time of death of such person and who know the cause of death.

Undertakers, sextons or other persons having charge of any corpse shall not inter the same until they shall first procure a copy of a certificate of death from the proper person herein designated, duly copied by the physician in attendance upon the deceased during his last illness, or by the Coroner when an inquest is required by law, and if no physician was in attendance and no inquest has been held or required by law, an affidavit stating circumstances, time and cause of death, and sworn to by some credible person known to such County Judge, and there shall be no burial or removal of the corpse until such certificate or affidavit has been presented to the said County Judge, and thereupon a permit for the burial or removal has been obtained, and which shall have been filed with said board.

If an application is made for a permit to transport a corpse over any railroad or any steamboat within the State, the County Judge shall require such corpse to be enclosed in a hermetically sealed casket of metal or other indestructible material, if the cause of death shall have been from a contagious or infectious disease.

Sec. 6. Every parent or custodian of a child born, and the physician or midwife who attended at the birth of such child, shall cause

a certificate of such birth, containing the names, ages, nationality and residence of the parents, date of birth and sex of the child, duly witnessed and signed by the physician or midwife in attendance, to be transmitted within thirty days thereafter to the County Clerk of the County in which such birth occurred, and a copy of every certificate and affidavit of death hereinbefore provided for shall be made by the physician in attendance or some credible person, and within thirty days of the date of the death of such person shall transmit the same to the County Clerk of the County in which said death occurred.

Sec. 7. Such County board of health shall cause to be provided for the County Clerk of its County, a register of births and a register of deaths to be kept in the office of such County Clerk, and a register of such births and deaths as a record of such board.

And it shall be the duty of such County Clerk, upon the receipt of a certificate of birth or death, to immediately record the same in the register so provided and to index the same, and copies thereof duly attested by the Clerk of the County in which the same are filed and recorded, shall be presumptive evidence in all Courts of the State of Oregon, of the facts therein stated.

Sec. 8. All duly qualified and licensed physicians shall have the authority, in conjunction with the said boards of health, to declare quarantine of any person, place, premises or district in which a contagious or infectious disease is prevalent, and to declare the limits thereof, and shall prevent and prohibit any and all persons who have been afflicted with such contagious or infectious disease from leaving quarantine until they have first obtained a certificate from the physician declaring such quarantine that such person can be safely moved without in anywise endangering the public health.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of all parents, guardians or other persons having charge of a person afflicted with contagious and infectious diseases, to observe the recognized means of disinfection, and under the direction of such County board of health and the physician in charge, to provide the necessary disinfectants and to properly use the same to avoid contagion.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the County Court of the respective Counties to audit and pay all bills and expenses of such boards of health, incurred in the performance of its duties as herein provided, as other charges against said Counties are audited and paid.

And it shall be the duty of such County Court or the Judge thereof to provide medical and surgical assistance to any person or persons who are in destitute circumstances and not inmates of the County Hospital, and who are in need of same, upon the petition, duly verified, by three citizens and taxpayers of the County, and to pay, or cause to be paid, the physician in attendance upon such destitute and afflicted person or persons, a reasonable sum for such services performed, to be audited and paid by the County as other bills and charges are audited and paid.

Sec. 11. The members of such board of health shall receive for their services the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) for every day actually employed in the performance of the duties hereinbefore provided, and five cents per mile for every mile actually traveled in the performance of such duties, to be paid by the County in which such services are performed.

Such board of health shall report to the Governor of the State of Oregon, on the first day of April and the first day of October of each year, the condition of health and security of the County, and the doings and proceedings of such County board of health, for the current six months.

Sec. 12. This act shall not be construed to affect, alter or repeal laws now in force relating to boards of health in cities of the State of Oregon having a population of five thousand or more.

A congressman—one Boatner of Louisiana—has concluded that his services are underpaid and has considerably included his fellows in a scheme to raise member's salaries to \$7,500 a year. The measure is being supported on the ground that if the congressmen are underpaid they will get value for their services in boodle. Chicago got rid of her boodling aldermen, and didn't raise their salaries, either. The same measures would undoubtedly prove effective with the nation's legislators.

Washington county's delegation in the legislature goes pledged to the reduction of salaries and economy in appropriations. The HATCHET will give especial attention to Salem affairs for the next few weeks.

County School Notes.

Report of school in district No. 1, for term beginning Sept. 7 and ending Dec. 18. No. pupils enrolled 28. Average daily attendance 17. No. of visitors 24. No. of pupils belonging at close of term 20.—Carrie Hanson, teacher.

The fall term of Centerville school closed Dec. 24, with Christmas tree and Christmas exercises. About forty-five visitors were present. Average number of pupils belonging during the term, 22; average daily attendance, 19. Pupils neither absent nor tardy: Frankie Wilson, Lizzie Moore, Gertie Marsh, Georgia Townsen.—Emily M. Odell, Teacher.

Report of school district No. 53 for the month ending Dec. 24. No. days taught 19. No. days attendance 626. Average daily attendance 33. No. pupils enrolled 42. Those neither absent nor tardy were: Byron Mooberry, Clarence Gray, Bertha, Michael and James Boyd, Emma, Joseph and Johnny Hullsman.—Louisa Mooberry, teacher.

DILLEY.

Mrs. Fordany is gradually improving. F. S. Vanmeter is on the sick list this week.

B. F. Purdy made a business trip to Gaston this week.

F. H. Coffin made a business trip to Portland this week.

Mrs. Chas. Hubbert made a business trip to Portland this week.

Elder Anderson held services in the school house Sunday evening.

H. E. Burchell left last week for Hepner, Oregon, on a trade for property up there.

Mr. Nissen who has been down on the Columbia fishing returned home Wednesday.

W. K. Newell returned home from Portland last week where he has been visiting for the past few days.

Miss George left Thursday for her home at Niagara where she will spend the holidays and then return to her school.

Elsie Maury and Guy Hoover have the credit of having been neither absent nor tardy during the entire term of school.

DeWitt's Sarsaparilla is prepared for cleansing the blood. It builds up and strengthens constitutions impaired by disease. J. C. Clark, druggist.

GALESPUR.

Johnny Beal still reports a good business in Cornelia.

Our school has closed for the present, much to the pupils regret.

We notice Sherry Johnson who has been very sick is again able to be around.

Your reporter has decided to remain at home for the present and will again take up the work for the newspaper of the county.

Christmas was very dull this year. Santa's reindeer got the mud fever before they got to our little Spur, bad roads being good to nobody.

Ora Kay wants to trade a good driving horse for a buggy, we suppose he will pull the rig himself when he trades his horse. We notice he looks toward Gaston lately. Stay away my boy you are not needed.

Times are dull here at present but in time we are going to have a dance hall and we would say to our Dilley friends when a dance is advertised we will dance, as our hall will be for everybody to use without regard to who hires it whether he be rich or poor.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court of the state of Oregon for Washington county, administrator of the estate of J. F. Vaughn, deceased, late of Washington county, Oregon, and that he has duly qualified and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

All persons therefore having claims against said estate are hereby requested and required to present all claims to the undersigned at his office in Forest Grove, Washington county, Oregon, with the proper vouchers within six months from the date hereof.

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