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**LOCAL INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC DECREASES**

A letter from Dr. A. C. Seeley, state health officer, a partial copy of which is given below, came to me this morning in answer to my letter of inquiry relative to the quarantine of the state board of health had put on the influenza. The letter is dated Portland, Dec. 17, 1918.

Dr. J. O. Nibley, City Health Officer, Grants Pass, Oregon.

Dear Doctor:—

Yours of the 16th received. Permit me to compliment you on your card. I think it is really the best one that I have seen. I should absolutely enforce it—go as far as you like. The state board of health at its annual meeting last Saturday, placed influenza on the quarantine list. This means that the patient is strictly isolated and those in close contact are also quarantined from coming and going outside of the house, and no visitors are permitted.

I do not believe we will have any trouble in court in enforcing this measure. . . . the attorney general advises me to go ahead as health takes precedence over everything else in law. The doctors must take precautions on coming and going to their patients, furthermore the patient that is just recovering is the one that is spreading the disease.

Again complimenting you and assuring you that we will back you up to the greatest possible extent, I am Yours very truly,

A. C. SEELEY,  
State Health Officer.

The number of new cases reported this week shows the epidemic is on the decrease, there having been reported only 21 new cases during the first four days of the week; with 2

new cases today at three o'clock. And we can further decrease the number of new cases each day if we can have the whole-hearted cooperation of the public and the doctors.

Mayor Demary has no desire to institute the very drastic measures the mayors of some of the towns and cities have found it necessary to put into effect in order to control the influenza. Neither will it be necessary to place an absolute quarantine on the homes where influenza is known to exist if the doctors will put up the influenza cards which have been furnished them, and caution the family against allowing visitors to come in and directly expose themselves to the disease. And the family must follow the doctor's instructions and show some real consideration for others.

Most of the outbreaks of influenza and the very sudden onset of a great number of new cases all within a day or so of each other can be traced directly to public dances or private dancing parties and we should deny ourselves the pleasure of dances while there is any influenza in the community. And avoid crowds of all sorts and it won't be necessary to close things up and put an absolute quarantine on your homes.

DR. J. O. NIBLEY,  
City Health Officer.

**Corporal Howell Home**—  
Corporal Ivan Howell returned last week but has been confined at his home by illness. Corporal Howell was a member of Co. B, 75th Engineers, and was stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. His unit had been issued their sea equipment and were expecting to leave for the coast when the armistice was signed.

**Five Dollars Reward**—  
Five dollars reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any one stealing the Daily Couriers from residences or mail boxes.

**NEW TODAY**

**FOR SALE**—Good general-purpose mare, light wagon and buggy, farming tools and implements very cheap. Farquharson, Fruitdale, Grants Pass. 45

**E. L. GALBRAITH**, insurance, rentals, acreage, building and loans; snaps in city property. 609 G St., Launer's old location. 68

**\$2,000 TO LOAN** on A-1 improved ranch property. E. L. Galbraith, 609 G St. 43

**TWO OFFICE DESKS** and chairs for sale. 609 G St. 43

**WANTED**—Baby carriage in good condition. Address No. 2145 care Courier. 44

**FOR SALE**—A-1 Monarch maleable range, perfect condition, kitchen cabinet, ice chest, chairs, and garden tools at half cost. A. S. Farquharson, Fruitdale. Phone 603-P-25. 44

**PERSONAL AND LOCAL**

**"Pears" Soap**—Sabin has it. 43  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGee went to Portland last night for a few days. Try our Cakes and Cookies. Moore Baking Company. 43

**Attorney Gus Newbury** of Medford was in the city today.

**Bissell carpet sweeper** for Christmas gifts at Helmer's. 45

**Miss Helen Bobzien** returned last night from Corvallis, where she is a student at the O. A. C.

**English breakfast table**, with chairs to match for the children, at Helmer's. 45

**Mr. and Mrs. Cyril P. Wise** of the Illinois valley were in the city last night.

**Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Clarke**, Mrs. G. H. Thornley and R. E. Clarke of Takilma are in the city today.

**An excellent line** of small rugs, suitable for Christmas gifts at Helmer's. 45

**Mrs. J. Pardee** returned home last night from a visit with her son at Corvallis, and with her brother at Albany.

**J. A. Pittenger** arrived home this morning from Seattle, where he spent the last four months.

**Mrs. J. A. Eldridge** of the Western Hotel, left this afternoon for Clarksdale, Ariz., to join her husband who has been there for some months.

**Jacob R. Witters**, member of the S. A. T. C. at Corvallis, arrived home yesterday, having been discharged from the service.

**Buy an Electric Washer** from us and present it to your wife as a Xmas present and we will give her \$10.00 in cash. Grants Pass Hardware Co. 44

**Mrs. J. M. Bowles**, who spent the past two months with her sister, Mrs. Lester Layton, at Williams, left last night for her home at Los Angeles.

**All orders for hemstitching and piecing** promptly filled. Handicraft Shop, Medford. 54

**Mrs. W. O. McAdams** arrived last night from San Francisco, called here on account of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. P. Herabberger.

**Hemstitching and piecing** at 10 cents a yard—All work guaranteed. The Vanity Shop, Medford, Ore. 2717

**H. H. Lampman**, newspaperman of many years' experience, is in the city today, the guest of F. E. Woods, an old friend. Mr. Lampman was former owner of the Gold Hill News, and is father of Ben and Rex Lampman, both well known writers.

**Electric work**—Paul's Electric store, phone 90 Medford. 62

**Order Fruit Cakes Now**—  
Moore Baking Company. 43

**Josephine Grocery**—  
Headquarters for Christmas candies and nuts. 44

**Board Meeting Postponed**—  
The Sunday school board that was to meet at the Newman M. K. church tonight, has been postponed.

**Hamilton Improving**—  
G. A. Hamilton today received advices from Portland which indicate that the condition of his son, Gail Hamilton, is improving slightly.

**Liberty Bond Instalment Due**—  
The third installment on subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan is due Dec. 15. It is 20 per cent of the subscription.

**Tables For France**—  
The manual training department of the high school has just completed 40 bedside tables for the Red Cross. These tables will see service in the hospitals in France.

**Dies at Roseburg**—  
George McLaughlin, well known in this city, was a victim of influenza. He died Sunday at Roseburg. He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Marian Mitchell, of this city.

**Taking Examinations**—  
There are about 15 teachers taking the examinations at the court house. The examinations are held in the county court room on the first floor.

**Taylor Funeral Thursday**—  
The funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Taylor will be held at Hall's chapel at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, under the auspices of the W. R. C., with interment at the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

**Eagle Point Boy Wounded**—  
The list of Jackson county soldiers wounded in France was swelled today by the name of John Singleton appearing in the latest casualty list. He is from Eagle Point and a nephew of Jennie Singleton, and his age is 23 years. Private Singleton was one of the last June drafted men from this county, and he was serving in the infantry. He is at base hospital in France and his relatives have received a letter from him recently, stating that he is doing nicely.

**Reduce Your Table Expense**

All you have to do is to buy your Groceries and Cured Meats at this store. Quality, Price and Cash will do the rest for you, as it is doing for hundreds of others.

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THE STORE OF GUARANTEED GOODS  
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**How about your Christmas Candy?**

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**Boxes**

Plain and Fancy Boxes—10c to \$5.00  
Genuine Redwood Boxes from the California Chocolate Shop.  
Children's Novelty Boxes for the Xmas tree—Filled and Empty.

**Bulk Candy**

Chocolates—Plain and Milk Dip in Creams, Chews and Nut Logs.  
Buntes Satin Finish in Stuffed and Hard Center.  
A good assortment of Plain Mix, Sugar Mix, Gum Jellies, etc.

**For the Smoker**

Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobacco in tins, jars and boxes of all sizes.

**Our Prices Fit Your Pocket**  
We Xmas Wrap all our Packages Free

**Cheaper Than Dirt**

One Dodge Brothers Auto left with us for sale. Name your own price and terms. First come first to get this great bargain. Grants Pass Hardware Co. 44

Furniture for the Kiddies at Helmer's. 42

**COMING EVENTS**

Dec. 18-21, Wednesday-Saturday—Teachers' examinations.  
Dec. 19, Thursday—Second payment of 20 per cent due on Liberty bonds.  
Jan. 11, Saturday—Civil service examination for postmaster, vacancy at Leland. 42

**Little Gifts for Little Folks**

- Rattles—Rubber and Celluloid
- Celluloid Novelties
- Toys, Dolls, Kewpies, Teddy-bears
- Brush and Comb Sets
- Juvenile Stationery
- Saalfeld Muslin Books
- Oz Books
- Billy Whiskers Series
- Painting Books
- Volland Children Books

Christmas Tree Ornaments  
Bells, Garlands, Candles

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**Clemens Sells Drugs & Books**  
The Rexall Store

**JOY THEATER**

Friday & Saturday

Adm. 15c 35c

**Alla Nazimova**

The Celebrated Russian Actress in

**"Toys of Fate"**

A seven-act master photodrama of love and destiny

"Toys of Fate" is Nazimova's second great Screen Classics production, a magnificent successor to "Revelation." In this vital human document the celebrated Russian actress plays the part of Azah, a gypsy princess, of whom fate demands that she avenge the wrong done her mother. The cup of love is placed at Azah's lips only to be snatched roughly away, and life seems to play at cross-purposes with this true-hearted daughter of the Romany race. Idyllic surroundings of great beauty form the background for dynamic events of dramatic power. There is an unforgettable quality in "Toys of Fate" and in the superb work of the great Nazimova as Azah.

**Mutt and Jeff "On Ice"**

Theater has been thoroughly cleaned and fumigated