

### A Plea For Compulsory Vaccination.

EDITOR COAST MAIL:

The most useful item as a preventive disease is left out of the City Ordinance governing Contagious diseases. How would it do to incorporate in that ordinance a clause something like this: "All children attending the public school must present a certificate of successful vaccination from their family physician or city Health Officer." The time has past long ago when the utility of vaccination is debatable. Only those who have not given the matter serious thought will be found allied against it.

The Chicago Health Dep. goes upon record. "That true vaccination prevents smallpox. That now-a-days vaccination need never make a serious or disfiguring scar or mark. That thousands of lives are yearly sacrificed through the neglect of vaccination, a neglect begotten of want of knowledge. They also declare that of 346 cases in Chicago not one of them had been vaccinated. That not one of the hundreds of nurses protected by vaccination have ever contracted the disease. The statistic of eleven English cities, including London from 1881 to 1893 show that the per cent of death among vaccinated children was only 1.6, while among the unvaccinated it ranged up to 32.6.

Germany in 1870-2 was visited by a most calamitous epidemic of smallpox and with a population of 50 millions lost 143,000 lives by it. Then she enacted compulsory vaccination and found the mortality decrease so rapidly that today the disease counts only 116 victims a year. During the Franco-German war the Germans with compulsory vaccination of its soldiers lost 278 men, while France with optional vaccination lost 32,000 as the result of smallpox, and living in the same hospital, breathing the same air treated alike, the French wounded suffered heavily from the disease while the German had not a single case. We are to be congratulated upon the fact that no fatality has yet come to our people from this dread disease and that it is rapidly dying out. But what of the future? Would it not be the part of highest wisdom, in view of the unimpeachable testimony of the splendid results of vaccination, to take the matter in hand now, and for our city fathers to declare at once in favor of compulsory vaccination. R. C. L.

### HUMBOLDT COUNTY HAS SOME OF THE DISEASE

Called Cuban Itch by Eastern Physicians—Vigorous Measures Taken in Eureka

Eureka and Humboldt county are having a little experience with the great disease and the Standard of Feb. 8th devotes considerable space to the matter. It seems that the disease was introduced there by Miss Edna Pierce, late of the Coquille, who went down in December and was married to E. W. Duckett. The number of cases in the county is given by the Standard as 41. The city council of Eureka has taken steps to establish a pest house, has temporarily increased the pay of the city physician to \$10 per day and has employed three assistants for him. These three are employed to vaccinate the school children free of charge, and it is made compulsory on children and all contacted with the public school to be vaccinated or stay away from the school. Those who preferred could be vaccinated by their family physicians. This is in accordance with a California state law.

The disease is of the usual mild nature. The Standard says: "The meeting (of the health board) brought out the history of the appearance here and the character of this mild epidemic which is prevalent throughout the United States, and has been since the return of the United States troops from Cuba. It was brought from Cuba by the returning soldiers and to distinguish it from the malignant form of smallpox, the Eastern physicians have named it 'Cuban Itch.' Its mildness and comparative harmlessness are shown by the facts that many of those who have been afflicted with it elsewhere have continued about their occupations, not knowing the character of their ailment, while statistics, as furnished by Dr. J. J. Gaylor of the City Board of Health, show that whereas the death rate by ordinary smallpox is 53 per cent, that of the present epidemic has only a fraction over 1 per cent—to be exact 1.33 per cent. These figures refer to unvaccinated cases."

#### Myrtle Point's Liquid Streets

E. S. Coleman who has just returned from Myrtle Point says a number of the muscular citizens of that town are getting rich by carrying people across the streets at the following schedule of wages: Men 25 cents, boys half-price, and ladies, that is good looking ones, free. One dealer in sporting goods, in front of whose store a large pool of mud and water had collected, had anchored a decoy duck in the middle of the street and erected a "trespass" notice warning sportsmen not to hunt ducks in that pond. The people of Myrtle Point did not get frightened and place a quarantine against Marshfield because we had a football game here, so we will let them off easy in regard to their mud but we warn all of our citizens who contemplate taking a trip to that city to take a bathing suit along.

#### May Items

Johny Johnson of North slough had business on the bay this week, he is contemplating making a trip to Loon lake, where he will remain for a few weeks.

Charles and Perry Crouch had business in Marshfield this week.

Miss Albina Coteman of Tenmile, was visiting at May this week.

F. Sanford and J. Roberts arrived on the Arcata from California.

Alex Carlston of Tenmile, was visiting on North slough, Wednesday.

Oscar Ohman from North Bend was up improving his place on North slough the greater part of last week.

J. C. Krieks of the Stave mill, was on the Slough and at Tenmile on a business trip the former part of this week.

#### BORN.

BRODD—In Marshfield, Or., Feb. 9, to the wife of John Brodd, a daughter. This baby was born with a tooth, an unusual occurrence.

### DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Meets at Coquille City—Convention to Be Held in Marshfield—Date Not Fixed.

The Democratic County central committee, of which J. F. Hall is chairman and A. J. Sherwood secretary, met at Coquille City Wednesday and made some preliminary arrangements for the spring campaign.

The date for the county convention was not set, the state central committee not having yet set the date for the state convention. As soon as the larger body acts, Chairman Hall will announce the date for the county convention, Marshfield being selected as the place of meeting.

Eight delegates will be sent to the state convention.

The ratio of representation in the county convention was fixed at one delegate at large and one for each ten votes or fraction of five cast for Green for supreme judge at the last election, in each precinct.

#### Democrats Meet.

The County Democratic Central Committee met in Coquille City Wednesday, to arrange for the county convention and coming county campaign. J. J. Lamb was in Marshfield this week conferring with the bosses on this side. It is said that he desires to be the next county judge and he is being groomed for that position by his friends.

### Barnum's Monkeys

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