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STATE HEALTH BOARD CONCLUSIONS ON FLU

Vaccine for Inoculation Is Furnished Free to Physicians Who Report Results.

A careful analysis of all data obtainable in regard to the present epidemic shows the following striking features, from which most valuable deductions can be drawn in considering control measures:

Three days after an unusual gathering of people there is an increase in the number of cases reported. Thus every Tuesday is high because of Saturday and Sunday minglings; the 28th of December was high following Christmas; the 3d and 4th of January were high following New Year's festivities. Therefore there should be no unnecessary or unusual gatherings. Of gatherings, dances constitute the greatest number of cases. Dances therefore should be prohibited during the epidemic.

The waves of the epidemic run in about three week intervals. A study of the causes of this and the matter of carriers indicate that many cases remain carriers for a period of two or three weeks. The greatest number of severe cases during a wave are able to be up and around in about three weeks and are unconsciously spreading the disease, causing the next wave. Therefore, in addition to the 10 days' quarantine each recovered case should wear a mask for a period of two or three weeks in the presence of unexposed persons; and all persons coming in close contact with the sick should wear masks. Masks, to be effective, should be sufficiently large to completely cover the nose and mouth. They should have at least eight layers of gauze and should be sterilized after three hours' use. Sterilizing is easily accomplished by dropping

the mask in boiling water for ten minutes.

It has been discovered that the disease is being spread to a greater extent than has been realized by utensils used in eating and drinking. Therefore all dishes, cups, glasses, knives and forks, etc., used in eating or drinking in public places, and in private homes or public institutions wherever there are cases of influenza, should be thoroughly sterilized by boiling 15 minutes.

The modified quarantine, in addition to the mask provision and the sterilization of utensils, consists of a strict isolation of the patient and attendants for a period of ten days following the resumption of normal temperature. Members of the household NOT in contact with the sick are not quarantined. The house must be placarded. Release from quarantine is only by direction of the health officer. The matter of closure is left for each community to decide for itself, except in the matter of dance halls and such places of amusement, or public gatherings that are not properly ventilated.

In regard to vaccines: While it is recognized as impossible to rely absolutely upon the value of any vaccine or other treatment not proven by controls, still the data herewith submitted is worthy of consideration.

The city of Portland and state laboratories have dispensed sufficient vaccine (Lloyd) for about 500,000 inoculations. Probably a considerable quantity of this was not used, or it may have been kept too long or too warm to be of much value when used. Report blanks on which to tabulate the results of the inoculations were mailed to about 800 physicians, but only 94 have so far returned their statistics thereon. The compiled data from these 94 reports is as follows: Number of persons inoculated 33,439; of this number 815 are reported as having had mild attacks of influenza, 75 severe, and there were 11 deaths. Of the 11 deaths 1 was sick when inoculated, 5 had their onset within 12 hours of inoculation, 1 in 24 hours, and 1 in 48 hours. No data accompanied the other 3. The 94 reports also cover 4780 cases of influenza in those not vaccinated; 3503 were mild, 1146 severe, and there were 136 deaths.

Of the 94 physicians 48 comment favorably on the use of the vaccine, especially in preventing the graver complications; some are quite enthusiastic, and 46 make no comment.

The report from the Brenerton navy yard, using the same vaccine, is as follows: Number inoculated 4212; of this number 144 contracted influenza, 112 of whom the onset began before the inoculation was completed. There were no deaths. There were 8486 who were not vaccinated. There occurred 1409 cases in this group, 96 of whom died.

This office has received numerous letters from physicians throughout the state expressing themselves as convinced of the value of the vaccine and asking that more be sent them, but they say they have no time to fill out the report. If physicians would report their results promptly and clearly, considerable data would then be available for determining the value of the vaccine.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The high school has formed a student body that is doing fine work. The officers are: George Stodart, president; Franklin Gilkey, vice president; Hazel Philippi, secretary-treasurer; Mary Roma, sergeant at arms. A committee to arrange a program over two weeks is: Emaline Carson, Gordon Wesely, Vandare Bilveu. The first program will be given Friday, January 31.

Some time ago it was stated that the high school service flag had two gold stars out of 47; this is not correct, there being but one, that is for Leo Calavan.

Floyd Carson, Battery E, 65th company, is to land from over seas some time this week at Philadelphia.

Cliff Phillips has returned to his home at Gooch.

Soon as the flu ban is lifted the senior class will put on a play.

Kenneth Sims, of the Portland shipyards, was a visitor at the high school Monday.

Henry L. Pittock Dead.

Henry L. Pittock, publisher of the Oregonian since the 60s, died at his home in Portland Tuesday night.

Harvey W. Scott and Henry L. Pittock are the men who built up the Oregonian from a paper the size of an ordinary country weekly to its present proportions, Mr. Scott having charge of the editorial end and Mr. Pittock the business department.

This leading newspaper of the Northwest represents the life work of these two men. It is a monument to their indefatigable industry and is something of which their relatives and friends may well feel proud.

Mr. Pittock was undoubtedly the oldest publisher of one newspaper continuously on the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Scott died some years ago.

FEED! FEED!

Will have a car of feed arrive at West Scio Friday, Jan. 31, consisting of ground barley, standard rolled barley, cracked corn, mill run, alfalfa meal. You save \$1.50 per ton by taking feed from the car.

I have on hand at warehouse, one door north of blacksmith shop, Scio, Sunnybrook feed, rolled, processed and ground barley, beet pulp, shell corn, whole corn.

Next shipping day for hogs, cattle and sheep will be Thursday, Feb. 6. Will receive Wednesday.

J. D. DENSMORE.

It is not held that the vaccine is a positive prophylaxis against influenza, though there is considerable evidence pointing to its conferring a degree of immunity, but what is of more importance is the apparent value in preventing its extreme severity.

The laboratory is supplying the vaccine free to those who desire to use it. We only ask the return of the bottles and a report of the results obtained. Re-vaccination is advisable at intervals of from 4 to 6 weeks.

A. C. SEELY,
Acting State Health Officer.

Dr. Prill Resigns.

To the Common Council of the City of Scio.

Gentlemen:—I hereby tender my resignation as health officer of the city of Scio to take effect and be in force on February 1, 1919.

My reasons for such action are that it seems impossible to secure the co-operation of the citizens of this city in maintaining proper quarantine regulations, even members of the city council persist in violating the closing orders of the board of health.

That certain factions persist and contend that lodges should be allowed to hold their meetings OR the public schools CLOSED; and that the Knights of Pythias held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, January 28, against the direct closing order of the board of health.

The health board contends that the public schools of this city are a public necessity and are costing the taxpayers a large sum of money, and that it is much better to have the children in school and under control than to have them loitering upon the street and in public places. That lodges, private parties, dances and other social entertainments are not a public necessity and can readily be dispensed with without material injury to any one. From existing conditions in this city I draw the conclusion that these various diversions and amusements are more important than the preservation of the health of the community or prevention of epidemic diseases.

I always have been, and stand ready to do my full part in the prevention of such epidemics as are now sweeping the country, causing grief and sorrow in many homes; but I feel that without the united support of the citizens all such efforts are useless, and life is too short for me to worry further over other people's troubles and business.

To those individuals who have given me their support and assistance I extend my appreciation.

Very truly yours,

A. G. PRILL,
Health Officer.

Tax Statement.

Owing to the fact that the levy for the year was late in being made, Sheriff Kendall states that he would be unable to prepare the tax statements for 1918 until late in February or early in March. He has received several requests for statements.

Teachers' Examination.

The February examination for teachers for one-year certificates only, will be held at Albany on February 26, 27 and 28. So states Mrs. Ida M. Cummings, county school superintendent.

J. D. Densmore received a car of extra fine alfalfa hay from Idaho Wednesday and on opening the car found that the hay had been loaded in a car with a leaky roof and the hay was damaged to such an extent that he refused to accept it. He has another car in transit and expects it to arrive Friday.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS NOW A FIXED FACT

The Dicta of Five Big Nations Is Accepted by the Many Small Nations.

The consensus of news from Paris indicates that a league of nations is now a certainty. The five large nations—United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan—have agreed upon a plan and the smaller nations have acquiesced.

It is not expected that the league will prescribe iron bound rules or regulations, but that the future developments will dictate such regulations of intercourse between nations as conditions may require. But such regulations to have no control in matters purely within any nation signatory to the compact. It is the purpose of the league of nations to allow every nation to regulate her own internal concerns; that is to say the league nor no nation is to prescribe the rules and regulations for any other nation, except when a nation seems inadequate to govern itself or trespasses on the rights of a neighbor nation.

The league provides for a court of arbitration for all international disputes; for a general police of seas, and when necessary, to provide for a land force to maintain peace.

The object is to make future wars between nations improbable if not impossible. When this object is accomplished, President Wilson will return home.

The lumber manufactured by the government, stored at Vancouver, Wash., has been sold. Aside from airplane stock there was 27,000,000 feet of commercial lumber and the sale price was \$18.10 per thousand feet. Willapa, Wash., was buyer.

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