PAYMASTER OF U. S. S. OREGON IS ARRESTED BY UNCLE SAM

MANILA, Feb. 24.—Paymaster Biscos of the battleship Oregon is alleged to be $2,600 short in his accounts. He has been ordered under arrest by the government.

STATE POINTERS

Highwaymen near Everett yesterday held up and robbed Rev. David Swackhammer, a colored evangelist. They took his watch and $6.

Mrs. Mary J. Milroy, widow of the late General Robert Milroy, died at her home in Olympia yesterday. Mrs. Milroy lacked but two months of being 80 years of age, having been born April 23, 1824, at Alexandria, Pa. She was married to General Milroy at Delphi, Ind., and resided there until after the Civil war.

In 15 minutes yesterday the students of Whitman college, Walla Walla, subscribed $1,500 toward the fund to erect a gymnasium at the college. Members of the faculty have pledged over $1,200, which leaves $12,000 to be raised by citizens of Walla Walla and other Eastern Washington towns.

Governor McBride has named the members of the irrigation board as follows: Harold Preston of Seattle, John A. Shackleford of Tacoma, Austin Mires of Ellensburg, Professor E. A. Bryan, president of the agricultural college, Pullman; Walter N. Granger of Yakima county, George E. Cotterill of Seattle and an attorney from Spokane. The place has been tendered to a Spokane man and the governor is awaiting a reply.

As the result of a quarrel of several years' standing, Thomas Langford, a rural mail route deliverer, is lying at the point of death at Walla Walla from three knife wounds inflicted by a man named John D. Scott. Late last night the two men met in the eastern portion of the city and had a few words over the price of a calf that Scott had purchased from Langford. They engaged in a fight, in which Scott drew a large pocket knife and stabbed Langford three times. Langford is not expected to recover.

Last night, about 8 o'clock, Charles Rayberger, a halfbreed, who had been a filer in the Nichols shingle mill, which recently burned, walked into a shoe shop on Ballard avenue, Ballard, owned by J. Jezerik, and fell to the floor. Help was summoned, but before it arrived the man had expired.

REMEMBERS ONLY NAMES AND DATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Blind Tom has been killed eighteen times (by the newspapers), having died once in an insane asylum in New York, having jumped into the Mississippi river at St. Louis, having been burned to death in a hotel fire in Cincinnati, having been drowned, poisoned and in other unnatural ways disposed of.

Yet Blind Tom is playing in vaudeville again. Those who have heard this musical imbecile play the piano may criticize his technique, yet all must admit he plays from the heart and reaches the hearts of his hearers.

The sight of him as he answers an encore by applauding his own music, his sightless eyes wandering, his black face aglow, his heavy, senile lips working, is not pleasant. Blind Tom, with all his music, is no more than a highly-trained dog or horse which can be made to perform for the public's amusement. His music is a wonderful gift; it is not a mental quality. Reason he has not, save in the matter of names and dates. In this respect his memory is marvelous. "Tom," the blind pianist, was asked in his dressing room the other day, "when did you first play the piano?" Tom's lips worked, he stuttered painfully, and then said:

"Gen. Bethune, my master, would not let me come into the parlor. But I used to hear the young ladies playing the piano. After they had left I would go in and play what I had heard them play."

Tom's master was General Jas. N. Bethune, a planter near Atlanta, Ga. His son, Colonel John G. Bethune, was for many years Tom's manager. Colonel Bethune was killed in a railroad wreck in 1884.

One day, while Tom was a boy, the family discovered him playing at the piano, and after that they made a great pet of him. His mother was a house servant. He never received a penny's worth of instruction. He simply played by instinct what he heard others play. He could also reproduce sounds. A sample of this is his famous "Storm" song, the inspiration for which he received by lying under a tin roof and listening to the raindrops beating over his head.

"When did you first play in London, Tom?"

"I first played in London in 1866, in Egyptian hall."

"In Paris, Tom?"

"1867."

"In Scotland?"

"1866. There, in Dundee, I met Professor Hurtz, who played for me on the organ."

Dozens of other tests were made and Tom's memory did not fail him once. Yet, when asked his age, he said:

"Twenty-three. I will be 24 in June."

"No, Tom, you know better than that."

The poor fool nearly cried, and stuttered painfully, declaring over and over again that he was 23.

"How tall are you, Tom?"

"Forty feet," promptly and proudly.

"How much do you weigh?"

"Forty-eight pounds. I used to weigh 50."

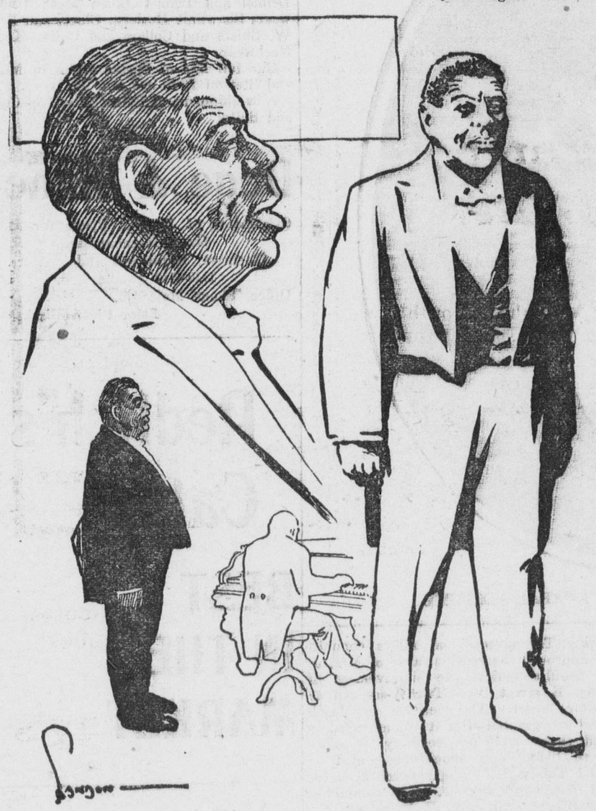
"How far is the hotel from here?"

"Four thousand miles."

"How long will it take you to walk it?"

"Three minutes."

When Tom was not being questioned he stood almost motionless. He almost never sits. He twitched his hands, worked his lips, muttered. His teeth are yellow and protruding. His face is heavy and without a line of intelligence. His big shoulders droop and his arms hang like an ape's. In this caricature of a man there is the love and genius of music and a marvelous memory for names and dates—nothing more.



MARINE GLIMPSES

A crew from the government engineer's office sounded the channel opposite the Commercial dock this morning and found that the channel has not shoaled there. The middle ground will soon be a thing of the past. About three days more and the strip, which is 300 feet long and 25 feet wide, will have traveled through the dredger's pipe over to the filled-in ground.

The steamer Jeanie is due at the Commercial dock this afternoon. She has a quantity of freight there for San Francisco.

Captain Bradford left today for Yakatag bay, Alaska, where he, with a party of 35 men, will commence work on the beach claims they have there. Captain Bradford is one of the best known steamboat men that ever ran out of Tacoma. For several years his steamer was on the North Bay run.

The tugs Chinook and Carlisle, of Bellingham, were fined $500 each yesterday, as the results of the reports brought in by the revenue tug Arcata. Being short on life-saving appliances is the cause of the fine being imposed.

The collier Edith, Captain Hall, is due at the electric bunkers tonight.

The steamship Umatilla arrived in last night from San Francisco. Among her freight were the inner works of several Pelton water wheels, which weighed about ten tons each. They were so heavy that the winches were not strong enough to lift them and the steam capstan had to be used.

The crew of the steamship Lyra was paid off by Deputy Shipping Commissioner Swift today.

The collier Mackinaw left for San Francisco today.

The fishing steamer Edith arrived in from the Dixon Entrance banks this morning with about three carloads of fish. The fishermen say this trip was about the worst experienced this year, the weather being intensely cold. The water in the butts was still frozen when the vessel docked here this morning.

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BURKE HELD TO SUPERIOR COURT

John Burke, the suspected assailant of Siever Larsen, has been bound over to the superior court and his bail fixed at $2,000. He was examined before Justice Griffin on the charge of robbing the Italian, Magri, but pleaded not guilty and was bound over to the higher court.

WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast for Tacoma and vicinity: Tonight and Thursday, showers, with fresh south to west winds.

EXTERMINATE CONSUMPTION IN THREE GENERATIONS

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Feb. 24.—"Can consumption be cured?" Thousands ask the question. And on the answer experts differ. Some say it can. Others declare it can be arrested 95 times out of 100, and cured in 50 per cent of the cases. All agree on one point:

IT CAN BE PREVENTED.

As far as the cure goes, the task is simple enough with the open-air treatment in incipient cases. Dr. Trudeau and all other experts divide patients into three classes. Incipients, advanced cases and far advanced cases.

A patient is pronounced apparently cured when the rational signs of phthisis and the bacilli in the expectoration have been absent for at least three months. The disease is said to be arrested when the cough, expectoration and bacilli are present but all constitutional disturbance has disappeared for several months. In all cases, the experts say: "Cure sometimes, relieve often, comfort always." The average stay of a patient here is eight months.

So firm are the doctors in their faith in the open air treatment that they believe tuberculosis can be made an extinct or at least a rare disease in three generations.

Is tuberculosis really so prevalent and fatal? Yes, the statistics of the United States government show that 100,000 people die annually in this country from it.

Is tuberculosis communicable—contagious? Yes—and for that very reason, also PREVENTABLE. The modes of communication are well known, controllable and not mysterious. Pasteur, the famous French doctor, said: "It is in the power of man to cause all parasitic maladies to disappear from the world." Dr. Trudeau believes that in a hundred years a case of consumption will or should be the result of criminal carelessness. The mortality in New York alone was reduced 18 per cent in 1903.

To begin with, the old theory of heredity has been exploded. One CANNOT INHERIT consumption. One can inherit a predisposition to it—a weak constitution.

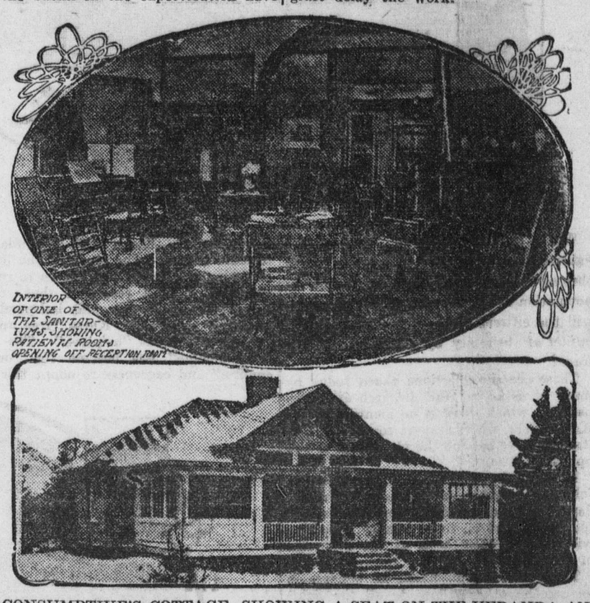
The cures are effected under the segregated care and simple scientific treatment and discipline of appropriately situated, equipped and managed sanitaria. Dr. Trudeau believes that every state should have these sanitaria for the care of the working men and women. Consumption is a condition with which only public regulation can deal adequately. This is not the task of philanthropy, it is the duty of the commonwealth, of the municipality.

"The most important step," announced the congress of experts in session at Baltimore recently, "is to prevent the spread of the disease. To begin with, every case should be reported by the attending physician. Next, the state or city should distribute printed information, locate special hospitals for the incurables to prevent the spread of the germs, and enact laws for the protection of the public."

Foreign countries are recognizing the danger. Germany has 74 big state sanitaria caring for 30,000 patients and 80 per cent. of cures are reported. The German life insurance companies find it a good investment to contribute to the maintenance of these hospitals.

France, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Roumania and England are building sanitaria. England especially is active in the work, and Canada has two new ones at Montreal and Ottawa. In Canada Sunday afternoon lectures are given after services in the churches on the prevention and cure of the disease.

In the United States the government has military and naval hospitals at Ft. Bayard and Ft. Stanton, Tex. Massachusetts is the only state with a sanitarium. It is located at Rutland and the cost per patient is $9.08 per week. Several states have commissions appointed, but politics and graft delay the work.



A CONSUMPTIVE'S COTTAGE, SHOWING A SEAT ON THE VERANDA AND GLASS WIND SCREENS.

Meantime the experts urge a campaign of education in every city, town and village in the land.

Tuberculosis is known under the names of consumption, decline, scrofula, marasmus, lupus and white swelling. It is contagious, therefore EVERY NEW CASE IS PRODUCED BY EXPOSURE TO SOME OTHER CASE. CONTAGION LIES ALONE AND ENTIRELY IN THE PUS GIVEN OFF in the sputum of consumptives, the pus in abscesses or lupus and in the discharge from the bowels in marasmus and tuberculosis of the bowels. It finds an entrance into a healthy person in three ways: First, through the stomach; second, through the lungs; third, through an open wound.

Through the stomach: By eating meat or drinking milk from a tubercular cow. By eating food from dishes used or handled by a victim of the disease. By kissing the lips of patients. By swallowing dust infected with germs.

Through lungs: By inhaling dried up tubercular pus in the form of dust.

Through an open wound: By getting the pus in a cut or sore.

All patients here are supplied with spit cups of paper or china. In these cups is put a solution of 80 drops of carbolic acid to one-half cup of water. All expectoration is into these cups. The solution kills the germ. No patient ever deposits sputum anywhere else. Another solution used is citric or tartaric acid sublimated tablets, one-half tablet to one-half pint of water. The cups are emptied and scalded in boiling water twice a day.

When out of doors the patients use handkerchiefs of cheap cloth or paper and expectorate into them. These are burned as soon as the patient goes indoors. The sanitarium has a crematory for the destruction of infected waste.

AN OPEN PAVILION FOR THE USE OF PATIENTS.

Relatives are not permitted to kiss patients on the lips and shaking hands is not encouraged. Patients use separate eating utensils, which are washed after being boiled in antiseptic solutions. The bed clothes are boiled before washing and everyone who handles anything used by a patient washes his or her hands in strong solutions immediately. No one is permitted to spit in anything that is not prepared for that purpose.

Strangely enough, the breath of a victim of tuberculosis is devoid of danger.

All these precautions, Dr. Trudeau declares, should be enforced rigidly everywhere. He would have the board of health know of every case and have it supervise the treatment. He would have the family and friends of the patient instructed in the danger and see that the precautionary measures are taken. Then, he says, when you kill every germ given off by the patients, before it finds lodgment in another human, you will soon do away with the disease. He thinks cities should forbid spitting on streets or sidewalks and enforce the law against it. Thus, he says, will tuberculosis be exterminated.

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Amusements

"THE CHIEF JUSTICE."

Daniel Sully, the popular actor, comes to the Tacoma theater tonight in a new play entitled "The Chief Justice," written by Fitzgerald Murphy. This star has now been before the theatergoing public for years, and his annual visit to this city is always welcome, especially when he comes with a new vehicle for the display of his inimitable art. It has been Mr. Sully's avowed policy for the past two years to appear in a new play every season. For this reason he discarded "The Parish Priest" and appeared last season in "The Old Mill Stream." His new play this season, "The Chief Justice," is by far the most ambitious effort he has ever undertaken, and it is said that, in the character of the brilliant jurist, Hon. Michael O'Connell, he has achieved the greatest success of his histrionic career.

"THE SERENADE."

A story that makes a genuine plot, a consistent telling of the story that makes the plot interesting, a dash of Spanish atmosphere that makes the settings picturesque and adds romance; splendid lyrics and a witty book that makes the wheels of the vehicle; delicious Victor Herbert music that makes the "hubs"; and an artistic company—The Bostonians—that make the motive power—all these are the elements offered by the management of The Bostonians, who come to the Tacoma theater on Saturday and Sunday. These, in short, are the ingredients that make "The Serenade," which is the comic opera offered for The Bostonians' engagement Saturday. Barnabee and McDonald head the cast, which, this season, is one of the strongest in the annals of that famous organization. The Bostonians' orchestra remains a feature.

"ROSEMARY."

The coronation of Queen Victoria is graphically portrayed in "Rosemary," Louis Parker's romantic play of the nineteenth century, in which John Drew and Maude Adams appeared for one season at the Empire theater, New York, and in which Howard Kyle will appear at the Tacoma theater Tuesday, March 1. "Rosemary" enjoys the reputation of being the most thoroughly enjoyable comedy imported to this country from England. As Sir Jasper Carew, the central figure of the play, Howard Kyle is said to have achieved the greatest success of his career.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits were issued yesterday as follows: E. A. Mergel, one-story dwelling at South Fifty-tighth street and Thompson avenue, to cost $100; Mr. Wilkeson, repairs at 3315 North Seventh, to cost $100; C. H. Derbyshire, one-story dwelling on South Eighth and Trafton streets, to cost $1,200; Andrew Christianson, a story and a half house, to cost $700; J. C. Parker, one-story barn on North Twelfth and Steele streets, to cost $150; Edward Loonan, shed at 910 K street, to cost $50.

'JUVENILE COURTS' WAS HIS SUBJECT

Judge Griffin of the police court is in Seattle today, attending a meeting of the Washington State Association of Corrections and Charities. This afternoon Judge Griffin delivered an address on "Juvenile Courts."

In consequence of his absence, the police court was adjourned this morning until tomorrow.

THE CHAPMAN CASE

"Captain" Charles Chapman, the swell looking party whom the Tacoma police are holding on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, will have a hearing tomorrow. The case was called once before, but was continued.

MORTALITY RECORD

H. J. Locke died yesterday afternoon at one of the city hospitals from the effects of a surgical operation. He was 32 years of age and the son of Robert Locke of Hillhurst. The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the family residence in Hillhurst.

George L. Kennedy died of consumption yesterday at the home of his mother, Mrs. S. L. Kennedy. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of the deceased. Interment was in Spanaway cemetery.

MODIFIED CUSS WORDS INSTEAD OF PROFANITY

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 24.—One of the probable results of the work of the Society for the Suppression of Profane and Obscene language is the compilation of a dictionary of "substitutes."

There are occasions when the mildest, best tempered person finds it necessary to use abnormal language. Mrs. Malaprop, it will be remembered, found the "blessed word 'Mesopotamia'" of benefit at times.

It is easy to imagine that a cabman who wished to express contempt for a fare would be delighted to be able to say, "You rumbumptious, slantdicular pin-head!"

A classical instance of the triumph which may be achieved is that of Daniel O'Connell, who ended a flow of terrible language from an applewoman by telling her that she was a "rectangular parralleyogram."

The poor woman gasped for breath, and then crawled home and died of a broken heart.

Even the lowest ruffian would pause if called a parallelepiped or an obtuse-angled rhomboid. The term isosceles triangle has at times been used with paralyzing effect.

There are occasions, too, when women want to use strong expressions that might merely be considered vulgar. An excellent simile for "an ugly cat" is "a plain superficies."

For general use the more recondite exclamations of the middle ages might be revived.

People would instinctively select from the dictionary the appropriate word. They would have their choice of:

Well, I'm jiggered.
Ods bodkins.
Go to.
Gee-whiz.
Shiver my timbers.
By me halidome.
Ods fish.
Great Scot.
Jumping Jehosophat
Scissors.
Tare an' 'ouns.
Tarnation.
Wirroo.
By James.

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