
And still we can't get the viewpoint of the man who regards a venereal disease as a "private disease" whose sufferers must be screened religiously and afforded every opportunity to communicate their curse to others. It is the viewpoint of the enemy of society—nothing less.

...the members of the

Municipal News

AFTER VENEREAL DISEASE

City Council Expected to Pass Ordinance Tonight.

The city council will this evening again take up the ordinance for the prevention of venereal diseases, and now that the committee on health has reported favorably on Councilman King's ordinance it is expected to be passed.

The ordinance is not just as the government plan provides, but is just as drastic and better adapted to local conditions. It provides that all venereal diseases shall be regarded as communicable, infectious, contagious and dangerous and to govern its spread provides that:

First—The board of health shall have power to isolate and quarantine all cases deemed dangerous to public health.

Second—All physicians must report within forty-eight hours any case of venereal disease coming under their knowledge.

Third—All druggists must report sales of medicines and prescriptions for treatment of venereal disease and are forbidden to sell any of these without securing name and address of person for whom the articles are being purchased.

Fourth—The records of these reports are to be kept by the board of health and will not be open to public inspection.

Fifth—A penalty of a fine not over \$300 and jail sentence not over ninety days, or both, is provided for persons who fail to make reports and for those who give false information to druggists or doctors.



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IN REPLYING
ADDRESS THE SURGEON GENERAL
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Division of Venereal Diseases

228 First Street N.W.

Sept 5th 1918

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Sorry I didn't get to bid you good-bye. You were on your vacation at the time I was called.

My territory has been enlarged to the United States and my task is to make other communities adopt and enforce the government's program of vice suppression and venereal disease control.

Portland and Oregon have won a high place in this regard and no one appreciates the backing you gave me when it was needed more than I do. If every City would follow Portland's lead our difficulties would be minimized. I am confident with you in charge things will not "loosen up."

My kindest regards and good wishes to you.

Sincerely

David Robinson

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C. J. L. BERGER
MAYOR