

DENIES THE CHARGES

W. W. Elder Stamps Telegram Illusions as False

DR. K. L. MILLER ALSO TALKS

Says He Never Complained Relative to Being Unable to Procure Eggs for Medicinal Purposes—Invites Investigation.

Portland Telegram: The suspicion of legislators that things will be found on a radically wrong basis at Soldiers' Home is based on vouchers for supplies on file in the office of the secretary of state, and on assertions accredited to Dr. Miller, the physician and surgeon in attendance at the institution.

In the period between April 9 and June 30, 1910, the vouchers show that 319 dozen of eggs were supplied the Soldiers' Home, the price ranging from 20 to 25 cents a dozen. Thirty dozen eggs were purchased at a time as a rule, though smaller quantities were bought and only a few days elapsed between the times the various purchases were made. Yet Dr. Miller is reported to have complained that frequently his orders for the administering of eggs and wine to veterans living at the Home were not carried out, for the assigned reason that no eggs were on hand.

It is alleged that W. W. Elder, the superintendent of the Home, has been paying 15 cents a kilowatt straight for electric current without regard to the quantity used for lighting or other purposes, whereas other institutions are supplied with electricity on a sliding scale, the price a kilowatt diminishing as the quantity used increases.

The charge is also made that almost all supplies for the institution are being purchased at retail prices, there being practically no competition. These are reported to be only a few of the instances of mismanagement and waste. It is alleged which will come to light in case of a careful and impartial investigation.

When interviewed by a News representative this morning relative to the above insinuations, appearing in Monday's issue of the Portland Telegram, Commandant W. W. Elder, of the Oregon Soldiers' Home, appeared somewhat surprised, and in no modest terms, branded the insinuations as false.

In regard to the eggs, purported to have been purchased at prices ranging in price from 20 to 25 cents per

dozen, Commandant Elder admitted the truth of the assertion, and went further in contending that they had been used at the Home as were meats and other eatables. "As far as the statement accredited to Dr. K. L. Miller, the Home physician, to the effect that he was unable to procure eggs for medicinal purposes, such an assertion is untrue, and I don't very much that the physician ever filed such a complaint with any state official. At least, I am positive in the statement that he has been furnished eggs as well as other articles necessary in caring for the sick at the Home."

As to the charge of 15 cents per kilowatt for electric current, necessary in lighting the Home, Mr. Elder said it was true that he was paying such a price, but that he did not consider it excessive for the reason that the local water and light company refused to furnish the current at a lesser rate. "I also wish to state," continued Mr. Elder, "that we are very careful to curtail the expense of lighting as much as possible, and accordingly we never allow lights to burn unless the occasion demands. That we use the current without regard of expense is absolutely false, and will go be stamped by the inmates of the Home who have been frequently cautioned relative to leaving the lights turned on when not necessary."

Asked relative to the charge that he was purchasing almost all supplies for the institution at retail prices, with practically no competition, Mr. Elder said that it was true that he patronized Roseburg merchants in accordance with the established custom of other state institutions, the supplies for which are purchased in towns where the respective branches are located. "It is not true, however, that I am paying retail prices for supplies," said Mr. Elder, "inasmuch as I am given a liberal discount on all goods purchased. This assertion I advance without the least fear of contradiction, as the merchants with whom I consummate my purchases will tell you. As to the other alleged extravagances, omitted from the Telegram article, I have nothing to say further than the business dealings connected with the operation of the Home, are consummated under my personal supervision, and I have been ever alert to save the taxpayers money when possible."

Miller Issues Denial.

Dr. K. L. Miller, the Home physician, who is purported to have made a statement to the effect that he was unable to procure eggs for medicinal purposes for the reason that no eggs were on hand, informed a News representative this morning that he never filed such a complaint, and that Mr. Elder had at all times furnished all articles, either vegetable or medicinal, in caring for the sick.

"When Jay Bowerman visited Roseburg some time ago," said Mr. Miller, "I asked him whether or not the inmates of the Home were supposed to purchase eggs for their own personal use—meaning those consumed by the veterans between meal hours. I never at any time complained, or have I ever had an occasion to find fault with Mr. Elder,

HEALTH ORDINANCE FATHERED BY HOOK

Is One of the Most Sweeping Ordinances Ever Passed by the Roseburg City Council—A Stringent Measure.

Inasmuch as there is considerable talk, and in some instances, complaint, relative to the "health" ordinance, compiled at the investigation of the health and police committee, and passed at Monday evening's meeting of the city council, The News produces the same in installments, the initial sections following:

Ordinance No. 339.

An ordinance to protect the public health within the city of Roseburg, Oregon, and to prevent nuisances therein; to provide for the removal and abatement of nuisances and to provide a punishment for the violations thereof and to repeal ordinance No. 264 of the city of Roseburg, passed by the common council on the 4th day of August, 1909, and approved by the mayor on the same date.

Be it ordained by the people of the city of Roseburg, Oregon:

Sec. 1. No person or persons shall within the corporate limits of the City of Roseburg, Oregon, erect or maintain or cause to be erected or maintained therein, any nuisance, or suffer or permit the same to remain or to be maintained on any premises over which such person or persons has control either as tenant, landlord or agent.

Sec. 2. That no persons shall permit or suffer to accumulate in or upon any yard, lot, place or premises or upon any street or sidewalk adjacent to or abutting upon any lot, block, place or premises owned or occupied by him or them or their agents, within the corporate limits of the city of Roseburg, Oregon, any stagnant or impure water, refuse, vegetables, decayed or decaying substances, garbage or filth of any kind, nor suffer such yard, lot, place or premises to be or to remain in such a condition as to cause or create a nuisance or offensive smell or atmosphere, or thereby to be untidy in appearance, or to be or become, cause or create a public nuisance.

Sec. 3. That no person or persons shall suffer or permit any privy which belongs or appertains to any store, house, building or premises of which said person or persons may be the owner or occupant or agent, to become in such condition as to cause a nuisance or offensive smell, so as to become a nuisance.

Sec. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to construct or cause to be constructed or used any privy or cesspool under the sidewalk in front of or adjoining any property owned or occupied by him or them or their agents.

Sec. 5. Every owner, lessee, tenant or occupant of any stable or place within the corporate limits of the city of Roseburg, Oregon, wherein any horses, cattle or swine or any other animal or fowls are kept or caused to be kept, or any place wherein manure or any liquid discharge of such animal shall collect or accumulate, such owner, lessee, tenant or occupant shall keep or cause to be kept such manure or liquid discharge in a fly tight box or boxes, and the contents of such box or boxes shall be emptied, and be re-

whose ability as commandant of the Home is too well established to require comment."

Dr. Miller says that he is unable to understand upon what grounds the Telegram bases its conclusions, inasmuch as no complaint has ever been filed.

Mr. Elder and Dr. Miller stated this morning that they hoped the state would send a committee to investigate the affairs of the Home, knowing as they do, that nothing irregular can be found.

BORN.

COATS—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coats, of Ten Mile, on Tuesday, Jan. 24, a girl.



Good Eyes Are Essential

Good eyes mean good eyesight and it is very essential that your eyes should receive the best of care. If you take my advice you will have your eyes examined by me frequently.

It may be that you need glasses—if so I am competent to fit you scientifically and accurately.

A. S. HUEY,
Optometrist
Cass St. Roseburg

moved to some proper place, at least once a week, and such place shall be kept, and the drainage and yard and appurtenances thereof, in a cleanly and wholesome condition; and if such stable or place be located within one hundred feet of any main sewer or place of the city of Roseburg, such stable or place shall be connected therewith, by the owner, lessee, tenant or occupant thereof, under the direction of the committee on Health and Police.

Sec. 6. The rendering, heating or steaming of any animal or vegetable product or substance generating noxious or unwholesome odors or gaseous vapors shall be conducted in steam tight kettles, tanks or boilers, and such method shall be adopted as shall entirely condense, decompose, deodorize or destroy the odors, vapors or gaseous products; and no person shall be permitted to burn upon his premises, or in any street, alley, or other place, any animal or vegetable substance which shall create noxious or unwholesome odor.

Sec. 7. No person shall be permitted to pursue any business or occupation in the city of Roseburg, Oregon, that is dangerous or detrimental to health, and every such business shall be promptly discontinued by the common council of said city.

Sec. 8. No person shall cast or leave or keep in or adjoining any street, lane, square, or public place, or in any yard, lot, block or premises within the limits of the city of Roseburg, or in Deer Creek, or in the South Umpqua river, between the north boundary of said city and the south boundary thereof, any bones, putrid, unsound, unwholesome or refuse beef or meat of any animals, whether salted or otherwise, or any hides or skins of any kind, or the whole or any part of any dead animals or fish, or any unsound, putrid or unwholesome substance, or the offal or garbage or the offensive part of any animal or animals.

Sec. 9. The owner of any animal which may die within the corporate limits of the city of Roseburg, or be found dead therein, shall within twenty-four hours after the death of such animal, remove and cause the same to be buried or incinerated outside of the city limits.

Sec. 10. In case any person or persons shall fail to comply with the provisions of the section No. 3 of this ordinance and to remove any dead animal belonging to him, the chief of police shall proceed to bury or incinerate the same outside of the city limits and the costs thereof shall be a legal charge against the owner of said animal and may be recovered of such owner by an action brought in behalf of said city of Roseburg by said chief of police before the recorder with costs of said action. And it shall be and hereby is made the duty of the chief of police of said city to remove all dead animals at the cost of the city when the owner of such dead animal is unknown.

(Continued tomorrow.)

HOOK IS CAPTURED.

Says He Was Drunk When the Crime Was Committed.

Emerson Hook, who is accused of shooting and seriously injuring George Kelly, a fellow woodsman, in a fight which occurred on the S. S. Thomas ranch, a short distance south of Anlauf late Sunday night, was captured at Ruckles shortly after 10 o'clock this morning by Deputy Sheriff Starmer, and was brought here on the afternoon train. He now languishes in the county jail awaiting disposition at the hands of the proper authorities.

When questioned by Deputy Sheriff Starmer and Stewart upon his arrival at the county jail, Hook related as best he could the circumstances surrounding the shooting, and laid all blame at the hands of his companions.

In preliminary, Hook said that George Kelly, the injured man, a fellow by the name of Hurley, and himself, were occupying a cabin on the Thomas ranch where they were employed and in order to enjoy a gala afternoon purchased a 19 gallon keg of beer shortly after noon Sunday. During the afternoon, he asserts, they all partook freely of beer, with the result that all became intoxicated prior to nightfall. Early in the evening, Hook contends, an altercation ensued over some trifling incident, and that he was pounced on by both Kelly and Hurley. "I was so drunk that I can scarcely remember what occurred," said Hook, "save the fact I was terribly beaten by my assailants. I have no recollection of shooting either of the men, and in the event I did so I must have been crazed through over indulgence in liquor."

Hook is apparently of German parentage and is about 25 years of age. He is poorly dressed, and his face and eyes display convincing evidence that he was the participant in a vicious affray. Both eyes are blackened, while his cheeks and nose are

a mass of bleeding sores and bruises.

That Hook thought he had shot Both Kelly and Hurley is the belief of Deputy Sheriff Starmer, for the reason that he inquired how the men were getting along when first arrested. When told that he had injured Kelly alone, and that his recovery was probable, Hook appeared much brightened and talked freely.

As near as can be ascertained, Hook left the camp immediately after the commission of the crime, Sunday night and occupied a barn a short distance south of Anlauf, Bright and early Monday morning he started down the railroad track in the direction of this city, spending the night near Yoncalla. Yesterday morning he again resumed his journey southward, unaware that Deputy Sheriff Sam Starmer, who had been summoned to the scene the previous night, was close in pursuit. Being an unusually fast walker, Hook succeeded in arriving in Roseburg sometime before his pursuer, and without unnecessary delay, departed for the south.

Having reason to believe that Hook had passed through the city undetected, Starmer awaited the arrival of the Marshfield stage which arrived here late last night, and learned from the driver that a man answering the description of the fugitive had been seen loitering in the vicinity of Shady Point.

At promptly 5 o'clock this morning Starmer again started in pursuit, and upon his arrival in the vicinity of Ruckles spied his man walking southward along the track at a fair speed. Quickening his steps, Starmer soon overtook the individual and demanded him to halt. Hook complied with the mandate of the officer, and a moment later he was handcuffed and in readiness for his return to this city. In order to board the afternoon train, Starmer and his prisoner walked to Myrtle Creek from Ruckles, arriving here on the afternoon local.

As the stories told by Kelly, the injured man, and Hook, the prisoner, are somewhat conflicting, it is impossible to ascertain the true state of affairs this afternoon. Kelly de-

(Continued on Page Four.)

ALMOST A SOCIALIST

Roosevelt Endorses Platform Progressive League.

DIRECT LEGISLATION, RECALL

Initiative and Referendum—Senator Bourne President of League—Troops Patrol the Mexican Border.

(Special to Evening News.) NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—In a signed article in the Outlook, Theodore Roosevelt today approves the platform of the National Progressive League. The article discusses the recall, drastic laws to prevent corruption by money politics, direct election of state and United States senators, and the initiative and referendum, endorsing these measures as productive of good government. Senator Bourne, of Oregon, is president of the league.

Troops Patrol Border.

HOUSTON, Jan. 25.—In line with the effort of the war department to establish a thorough patrol along the Texas border, four troops of the Third Cavalry left for San Houston today. At the same time the Twenty-third Infantry left Fort Lillis for the border. These detachments will work in conjunction with other troops scattered along the border, and no part will be left unpatrolled. The activity of Mexican rebels and lawless bands of men have produced a state bordering on anarchy in the border region, and the government sent the troops in response to urgent pleas of ranchers and merchants whose property was endangered by possible raids from the Mexicans.

Just a Human Worm.

WHEELING, Jan. 25.—Character-

(Continued on Page Three)

ROSEBURG BOOK STORE

Blank Books Filing Cases
Typewriters Supplies
Writing Paper and Envelopes

EVERYTHING TO BE FOUND IN A FIRST CLASS BOOK STORE

Roseburg Book Store

Ask for our Cut Price Magazine Catalogue

Golden Gate Coffee

Will be Served From 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Every Saturday

COME IN AND WARM UP

The Benson Grocery

Pure Food Store

225 N. Jackson St.

Telephone No. 184

THE PALACE THEATRE

⇒ Night Shows 7:30 and 9:15

SENATOR MONTROSE & CO.

In a singing, dancing and talking act entitled
Women's Suffrage and Men's Suffering

Three Reels of High Class Motion Pictures

Eva LaRue, Blackface Comedienne

in a high class sidesplitting act

Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Subie Smith, Comedian

Remig Twin Sisters, Singing and Dancing

White House Coffee

The company who put out this coffee is the largest importers of coffee in the United States. The

very choicest of all importations are

selected for the

White House Brand

It costs no more than the cheaper grades

Try a Can

ROSEBURG ROCHDALE COMPANY

Exclusive Agents