

MEAT SEMBALMED

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CITY INSPECTION IS NEEDED

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The members of the Health Board of the City of Portland yesterday took up the matter of meat and milk inspection, and it is highly probable that it will recommend to the Council two ordinances for passage, which will improve the present conditions according to the best authorities on the subject, the meat and milk supplies of the city are in a most unsatisfactory shape, and the public health is in great danger from diseases arising from the consumption of diseased and putrid meat.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson has taken the initiative in this matter, and he yesterday appeared before the Health Board at its monthly meeting and spoke on the results of his investigations. If all be told of it, the members of the board are of the opinion that it is high time to bring to a stop the nefarious practices which endanger the city's welfare.

Among other things Dr. Hutchinson told of meat that was treated with preservatives, or "doped" to keep it longer, and of putrid meat that was used in many places for the making of sausage. He also told of diseased meat shipped in from the country, which was sold to the unsuspecting public for the real Government inspected article.

The culmination of the meeting was the submission of two ordinances to the board for consideration. These ordinances are known as the Mulkey meat and milk ordinance, and they have a history.

They were prepared and introduced in the Council several years ago by Mayor Mulkey, F. W. Mulkey. After several stormy sessions the milk ordinance died on its second reading, and the meat ordinance was passed and sent up to Mayor Rowe.

That official vetoed it on the ground that there were sections in it which referred to the milk ordinance, which was never passed. The matter died there, until Dr. Hutchinson took it up again yesterday.

"I consider the conditions of selling and of slaughtering the meat that is used in this city highly unsatisfactory," were the words he used before the Health Board yesterday morning at the City Hall. "I have made careful investigations on the subject, and have discovered things which should be attended to at once. I have visited nearly all, if not all, the larger shops that dispose of meat in the city, and in nearly every one I have discovered a quantity of a stuff they call 'preservative,' or 'frescoline,' and by other names. They sprinkle meat with this powder, so they tell me, to keep off flies, but it is very evident that the principal use that it is put to is to conceal the indications of incipient putrefaction of the meat. Much of the meat that is so treated is made up into sausage, and there is no wonder that the Portland sausage is looked upon with discredit.

"I consider that the sausage is unfit to eat for any human beings. It is actually dangerous. I myself have been poisoned by ptomaines resulting from it, and I have no doubt that the members of the board have also known of similar cases.

"To illustrate the effect of this preservative, and to show that it is used for the purpose referred to above, I will tell you that Dr. E. N. Hutchinson, of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, took a piece of the sausage that had been thoroughly saturated with the stuff by the butchers and laid it out on his table at the Custom-House. It was so case hardened that, after lying there for three full weeks, it was not affected in any particular.

"The meat supply of the city is not in any fit sanitary condition, and the principal reason is that country meat is shipped in here without ever being inspected. The reason so much of the meat that we use is killed out of the city is that it could never be killed in an inspected slaughter-house and be put on the market if it were properly examined.

"Every Fall we have an epidemic of cholera throughout the Willamette Valley among the hogs. Contemporarily with this we have cases of severe intestinal trouble among our people in the city, and in nearly every case they can be traced to the consumption of country killed pork.

"I earnestly hope that the two ordinances which I submit will be considered and approved by the board. I have talked over the subject with the members of the Council, and I think I have a majority of the members of that body in favor of the passage of the ordinances when they come up. It was openly stated that the reason the meat ordinance was vetoed before was the pressure brought by the meat people, but I do not believe they can ever influence our present Chief Executive."

Dr. William Jones, of the Health Board, recommended that the bill go down. "Maybe we can compromise with the meat people, and there will be no danger of the ordinance being defeated."

"If we are going to wait until we satisfy the butchers we will wait till the millennium," exclaimed Dr. Hutchinson. "All the country meat that comes to the city should come on foot, and then it can be killed in properly inspected slaughter-houses. They tell me it is more profitable for farmers, if their meat is healthy, to bring it in alive, but it is generally diseased, and they have to kill it outside to dispose of it. Besides, a farmer's idea of cleanliness is rather limited anyway."

"The two ordinances suit me the way they stand," said Dr. Saylor, another member of the board.

"They seem very good," said Dr. Caldwell, "and I would be in favor of going over them at a special meeting of the board."

It was then decided that the two ordinances should rest with the board, and when two members call for a meeting one will be held at which they will be finally framed for the council.

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A WORD TO THE LADIES.

An Apology From the B. B. Rich Clothing Store.

Our souvenire as advertised on our opening bill given away free only lasted until noon, and we were forced to substitute. We humbly ask your pardon for same but promise you at our next souvenire sale to be able to give all our visitors the souvenire as advertised. Our opening far exceeded our expectations. We would be pleased to have all the ladies of Portland visit our curio store. Our line is the most complete in the Northwest, and every article sold here is guaranteed. Recognition of B. B. Rich. Our store is located on the southeast corner of Sixth and Washington, entrance on Sixth street, No. 1234.

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