

MEAT IS EMBALMED

Chemicals Used to Conceal Its Putrefaction.

CITY INSPECTION IS NEEDED

Dr. Hutchinson Tells Health Board of Frequent Source of Disease and Recommends Ordinance to Remove the Cause.

"I consider the present conditions regarding the killing and the disposal of meat in the City of Portland to be highly unsatisfactory. The meat supply is in a most unsatisfactory condition for public consumption." Dr. Woods Hutchinson, of the State Board of Health.

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 greatly better 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 yesterday appeared before the health board at its monthly meeting and spoke on the results of his investigations. If all be told of the opinion of the board, 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 "dressed" 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 claimed as 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. At that time the ordinance was introduced by W. W. Mulkey. After several stormy sessions the ordinance died on its second reading, and the matter dropped.

That official report 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 'frescaline,' 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 rotting and 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 all the sausage is unfit to eat for any human beings. It is actually dangerous. I myself have been poisoned by ptomaine 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 state 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. Contemporary 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 ordinances 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, for 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. Cardwell, "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.

FIRE IN PAINT FACTORY.

prompt Action of Firemen Prevents Serious Blaze.

The fire department was kept busy for half an hour last night preventing the large plant of Fisher, Thorsen & Co., at First and Morrison streets, from destruction by fire.

The blaze was started by spontaneous combustion in a large oil vat on the mixing floor. On the floor above, a large quantity of paints and oils was stored and it looked for a time as if the flames would reach them.

Chemical Engine No. 2 was the first to play a stream upon the fire and soon had it under control. The machinery and

PRETTY PILOT FAILS

Deserted Wife's Plan to Regain Husband.

SPOILED BY OFFICIOUS POLICE

Woman Provides Child to Gratify Husband's Longing, but Policy Meddles, and Now She Threatens Murder and Suicide.

The effort of a deserted wife to win back her husband's love by presenting to him her sister's baby as her own, and thus removing from herself the reproach of barrenness, was frustrated yesterday by the avarice of the landlady of a lodging-house and the officious action of the police in searching for evidence of a murder which had never been committed. The woman, after being arrested, pursued the matter until she was ordered to exercise her skill. She vowed that she would murder the landlady and then take her own life.

The beginning of the story was in Spokane, Wash. A Mr. and Mrs. Arnold lived happily together until the husband learned that his wife could never become a mother. He wanted the best of his Elsie to bear a child of his own upon his name, and he deserted his wife, making her condition an excuse for the act.

Mrs. Arnold, distressed over the affair, came to Portland. While here she planned to agreeably surprise her husband and restore their happiness. A sister who had lived in Denver and often wondered how she could support the large family. The youngest child was but two weeks old, and Mrs. Arnold knew that her sister would readily give the baby into her charge. A letter was written, and Friday morning a telegram was received saying that the woman would arrive Saturday.

Mrs. Arnold had rooms at a lodging-house at 263 Market street, for which she was paying \$3.00 per week. As soon as she received the telegram she went to bed, complaining of a tumor, and sent for Dr. Eisen. She had not been there long when she was visited by a woman, whom she did not know, and who was hurried to the house.

Could Not Fool Doctor. "You're too late, doctor," was her cheerful greeting. "It's all over." The doctor looked about the room. She had carried out the deception as far as she was able, and everything indicated to the doctor that a child had been born.

"Where is the little one?" he asked. "I have sent to my sister to get the baby, and so glad it is over. But as long as you are here I would like to have you make a certificate of the birth. I'll pay you well for your trouble." Dr. Eisen asked her further, and soon became convinced that something was wrong. By further investigation of the circumstances he convinced himself that no child had been born, and told her so.

"But you won't give it away, doctor," she pleaded. Then it was that she told her trouble to the doctor, and explained to him that, if she met the man whose husband as his own all would be well again. "I did not see fit to frustrate her plan of restoring happiness in the family," said the doctor in speaking of the matter to a reporter yesterday. "so I told her that I would do all that I could to help her in the matter. I would not sign a certificate of birth, but would keep the secret and let her carry out her plan. It was really a good plan. The husband could not have come down for at least a month, and by that time she could have had the baby. She was four weeks old or six weeks old, and could have easily believed her story."

Landlady and Police Meddle. "But for the landlady," and the doctor's face wore a look of disgust as he spoke of the unappreciated episode. "She would have all worked out well. She was afraid she would not make all the money there was to be made and frustrated the whole thing. She came rushing in and demanded that the Columbia pay her \$4 a day for the use of the room. The woman protested and the landlady rushed to the phone and called up the police station. She asked for the doctor and for the pastor, saying that a murder had been committed in her house."

The doctor is far from pleased with the action of the police in the matter, and insists that every one who comes where they have no business than where their business calls them. "I told them that no murder had been committed, and that everything was all right," he said, "but they were not willing to let it go at that. The next day Dr. Biersdorf, the health officer, and a policeman came to my office and demanded that I produce the child. I told them that the doctor should be sent around to investigate alleged murders, but thought the Chief of Police should have some officers whose duty it was to attend to such cases, so I did not talk to them very pleasantly. In fact, I told them that they could keep the alleyways clean but that it was none of their business if I had sent the baby to Japan. Before they left I told them that no baby had been born, and that they were making themselves ridiculous, and they were glad to apologize and go their way."

Woman Attempts Suicide. Yesterday came the climax of the story, when the woman, discouraged because her plan had failed, attempted the diligence of the police in sitting family affairs, tried to take her own life.

Two scars on her breast, showing where bullets had entered, a previous attempt to take her own life, convinced the police that she should be cared for. They had no charge against her, but took her to the station, as they expressed it, "just to talk to her." But some flaw in the system which Chief Hunt has established at the city jail allowed her to escape before they had even a word with her. It was probably the same flaw that has allowed two notorious characters to escape from the jail recently. A fireman was the last to see her, and she was rushing madly down Second street.

"I do not think she will try to kill herself," said Dr. Eisen yesterday, "until she has tried to take the life of the landlady who spoiled her plans. She is very bitter against her, and has frequently told me that she would kill her and then end her own life."

Baby Arrives From Denver. While Mrs. Arnold was having her trouble with the landlady and the officers of the police, the baby who was the future happy arrival from Denver, a two-week-old baby was brought to the lodging-house with a bill of \$9 for its transportation. When the railroad representatives found that they could not collect the money they left the baby without collecting. Yesterday when Mrs. Arnold was taken to the station the officers were unable to find what she had done with the infant. They were making no effort to find out yesterday, and stated that they were willing to let the matter drop, as there was really no charge against the woman. Whether the child

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CLOSING OF SCHOOLS.

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A neighborly row between one Schots and a next-door resident at Mississippi avenue and Mason street was aired before the board. It seems the neighbor appropriated a sewer connection that was alleged to belong to Schots, and hence the row. It seemed to be beyond the jurisdiction of the board, and the case was passed on without any action.

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