

FEW ARRESTED BY HEALTH OFFICIALS

Docket Shows J. W. Bailey and Mrs. Evans Alone Have Run Down Offenders.

BIG SQUAD SHIRKS DUTY

With Army of Disease Fighters Costing \$50,000 Yearly, Prosecutions by Two Employees Only Are Recorded.

In spite of numerous alleged violations of health laws of Portland and the state, and of oft-repeated mortality among children, none of the numerous Health Boards, whose long payrolls cost taxpayers big sums of money, have made any prosecutions of violators of the laws.

Of all the numerous swarm of salary-drawing officials, only two have shown any activity in bringing violators of the law to justice. One is State Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey, who has made 63 prosecutions in Multnomah County alone, mostly of dairymen, all of them successfully, compelling them to pay fines of between \$25 and \$50 in each case.

Many Feed on Treasury.

The number of the official brood that are fed from the treasury of taxpayers can be better understood when it is pointed out that the State Board of Health consists of five members, a City Health Officer, who draw from the state \$500 a year; that there are also a State Bacteriologist and a State Biologist, a State Sheep Inspector, a State Veterinarian, a State Domestic Animal Commission, a State Veterinarian Board, a State Board of Sheep Commissioners, a State Dairy and Food Commissioner and four deputies, all of whom are required by law to co-operate for the health of animals with the officials who are directly accountable for the protection of human health; a County Board of Health, and a County Physician in Multnomah, who cost the county \$100 a year; a City Board of Health, consisting of five members, a City Physician, a City Health Officer, a City Milk Inspector, a City Market Inspector, four Public School Medical Inspectors, a Plumbing Inspector, a Building Inspector and a nurse at the pest-house.

This imposing array costs the city \$55,000 a year and the state an additional \$55,000 a year, and to show that it all are prosecutions by only two officials, both the State Board of Health and the City Board of Health deny responsibility for the dirty dairies that are said to exist around Portland, although the laws give them complete power to ferret out offenders and bring them before the bar of justice. All of these duty-shirking officials aver that the responsibility for making prosecutions rests elsewhere than upon their own shoulders. The State Board of Health blames J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, and that official retorts by pointing to his own record of prosecutions in contrast with the absence of such a record of the State Board of Health.

Yenney Talks for Board.

"The State Board of Health is an advisory board and not a prosecuting agency under normal conditions," said Dr. R. C. Yenney, secretary of the State Board of Health, yesterday. "Every county in the state constitutes a unit and each has its own County Board of Health. In addition to these organizations, practically every city and town has its own Health Board. It never has been the policy of the State Health Board to interfere on the functions of these boards or to undertake to usurp the powers of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner, unless the health laws of the state were being flagrantly violated."

"When such a condition is discovered, the officers of the State Board of Health act. It has not heretofore been necessary for us to undertake the enforcement of the health laws of the state, and any action we may take now or in the future is designed only in the interest of the public health. That action is only taken when we consider that the health laws are not being enforced, properly by the officials expected to perform that duty."

"Something manifestly is wrong with conditions in Portland. I would not be surprised if the death rate among children under 2 years of age for the last two years in this city equals that of Chicago. Ordinarily the death of infants is the result of one of three causes, namely, hot weather, bad water or bad milk. We do not have extreme hot or cold weather and our source of water supply is the best. Consequently, the extraordinary death rate among infants in Portland must be attributed to an impure milk supply. As an organization, the State Board of Health will seek to improve the quality of that supply."

Record of Mrs. Evans.

Records of the Portland Municipal Court show that for the year ending September 30, last, Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, City Market Inspector, caused the arrest of 21 persons for alleged violations of the pure food laws, covered by the city ordinances. Of the 21 cases prosecuted, Mrs. Evans secured the conviction of 18 defendants, the other 13 being discharged. From the 18 convictions, fines to the amount of \$225 were collected and turned into the city treasury. As Market Inspector, Mrs. Evans draws a monthly salary of \$85, amounting to \$1020 for the 12 months.

With only a few exceptions, these convictions were secured on complaints alleging a violation of the City Market Inspection ordinance. As a rule, the complaints charged the maintenance of unsanitary places of business or the sale of decayed fruit. Included among the 21 prosecutions caused by Mrs. Evans, only one alleged a violation of any ordinance regulating the milk supply of the city. It was the case of E. J. Hand, who paid a fine of \$10 on April 28 for keeping cream in an unsanitary condition. On another occasion, June 3, Mrs. Evans caused the arrest of George M. Brown on a charge of selling impure milk. On a trial being held, the defendant was discharged. J. H. Joyce, who was arrested on complaint of Mrs. Evans, May 28, for selling unwholesome milk, was also discharged. A complete record of the cases brought

- by Mrs. Evans during the 12 months ending September 30, as shown by the records of the Municipal Court and the disposition of each, follows: Complete List of Cases. 1908. October 4—William Pfaff, maintaining unsanitary place, fined \$10. October 10—Fallar, resisting Health Officer, fined \$25. October 18—W. Clement, maintaining an unsanitary place, fined \$10. November 19—H. H. Pitman, maintaining an unsanitary place, acquitted. December 18—W. C. Reed, violating health ordinance, fined \$10. 1909. February 11—John Joe Page, selling decayed fruit, fined \$10. February 18—Israel Weinstein, maintaining an unsanitary place, fined \$10. April 28—E. J. Hand, keeping cream in unsanitary condition, fined \$10. June 12—George M. Brown, selling impure milk, dismissed. June 12—Joseph Holder, violating health ordinance, dismissed \$10. July 21—H. Cohn, maintaining an unsanitary place, dismissed. July 21—Thomas Murphy, violating health ordinance, fined \$10. August 17—Louis Hexter, keeping chickens contrary to city ordinance, fined \$10. September 1—Garnett Hyde, maintaining unsanitary place, fined \$10. September 12—W. Lambert, violating plumbers' inspection ordinance, fined \$10. September 24—J. Pollock, maintaining an unsanitary place, fined \$10. September 24—J. Pollock, violating the ordinance, fined \$10.

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GRAND JURY IS READY

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATORS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Oregon Trust & Savings Bank Will Likely Come In for Probe—Collins Case Friday.

Before swearing in the Multnomah County grand jury for October yesterday morning, Circuit Judge Bronaugh took particular pains in his instructions to emphasize the liquor law, and to charge the jury that it should keep a sharp lookout for infractions. He remarked that occurrences still fresh in the public mind show the need of this. He did not, however, mention specifically the joy ride in which Mrs. Dolly Ferrara was killed. The new grand jury will probably investigate the charges that officers of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank wrecked that institution. The work of the experts is now in shape to be presented to the jury. The grand jurymen are: W. E. Conser, 649 Williams avenue, foreman; Peter A. Nelson, 544 Seventh street, engineer for Willamette Iron Works; L. Selkworth, Arietta, grocer; R. C. McCarthy, 123 Idaho street, car repairer for the North Pacific Terminal Company; G. Johnson, 389 Monroe street, barber; Peter J. Newberg, 649 Thurman street, merchant; James McKinney, Grosham, laborer. Only one jury case, that of the state against Morris Heinstein, was set for trial yesterday, and that was continued until Friday. S. Breslauer will be tried at the same time. They are charged with forgery in the alleged altering of

the signatures on the Excise Board petition, after it had been filed with City Auditor Barber. Mrs. Kate M. Collins, charged with murder in the first degree for shooting her husband, Dr. Roy A. Miles Collins, will be tried Friday also. After Judge Bronaugh had excused those jurors who were unable to serve, 40 were left yesterday out of 120 subpoenaed. Attorney J. M. Pittenger objected to serving, because he disliked to listen to the attorney's arguments. He was excused. But C. W. Lambert, who feared he would lose his position if he served on the jury, was retained. He is in the employ of the Morgan-Atchley Furniture Company.

MARRIED WOMEN

Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided, however, by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this great liniment always prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. Mother's Friend overcomes all the danger of childbirth, and carries the expectant mother safely through this critical period without pain. It is woman's greatest blessing. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this wonderful remedy. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Our little book, telling all about this liniment will be sent free. THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO. Atlanta, Ga.

I recently saw a news report in The Oregonian describing Commander Peary's influence over the Eskimo and that they held him in such high regard that they called him "Peuk," which in their language means "next to God." In the estimation of the average American citizen Peary is rather far removed from godliness, and a change in the lettering of the Eskimo word by placing the second letter at the end of the other three, would come very near to a more appropriate name. K. E. R.

Wife Alleges Desertion.

Florence Thompson brought a divorce suit against J. K. Thompson in Circuit Court yesterday afternoon. She accuses him of wilful desertion, and says that although he has lived near her since Au-

gust, 1908, he has remained away, compelling her to live in solitude. She says his business is prosperous, and that he is well able to pay her \$40 a month alimony. She desires to retain the care of their child. They were married October 2, 1903.

County Clerk Reports.

County Clerk Fields made a profit last month of \$309.19. The profit

for the same time in 1908 was \$343.23, and in 1907, about the time of the panic, \$282.42. The receipts in Mr. Fields' office last month were as follows: County Court, \$501.20; Circuit Court, \$181.85; recording department, \$206.27; total, \$889.32. The expenditures were: Salaries, \$287.25, and supplies, \$386.18, a total of \$673.43. In September, 1908, the receipts of the County Clerk's office were \$277.00, and the expenditures \$233.36.

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