

# DISEASE HAS ITS CHARMS

Smallpox Patients are Banqueted Like Monarchs.

Health Commissioner Extends Hospitality with Lavish Hand.

tions made at yesterday afternoon's session of the Board of Health.

One thing is known: The Mayor and several Council members have condemned the existing neglect.

Another thing is apparent: The itemized statements speak for themselves.

## Ordering Done by Phone.

The pest house is under the direct supervision of two nurses who have entire charge and can at will order such things as to them may seem necessary. Dr. Biersdorf, the Health Officer, goes through the form of vouching for the orders each day. The orders are telephoned in from the pest house and are then placed by the Health Officer or one of his subordinates. Some queer and wholly unexplainable requests have been phoned in from the pest house. It is not generally known that the city is to clothe the indigent patients as well as to feed them. This, however, seems to be the case, as a bill was presented yesterday to the Health Board which showed the cost of clothing for the month of March 21 nightgowns and wrappers had been purchased. There were also bills presented which showed that the patients had been allowed cheese, nuts, raisins and sirloin steaks. The physician in charge of the pest house, Dr. Biersdorf, as the bills showed that nothing but roast, legs of mutton and steaks had been purchased.

## Some Peculiar Items.

All through the bills sent by found items of expense which are not generally considered necessary to the maintenance of smallpox patients. On January 21, 1903, there is a bill for postage amounting to \$1. On February 11 there is a charge for a box of macaroni, presumed to have been purchased at the solicitation of several Italians who were at that time confined at the pest house. On February 4 there is a charge for pickles and cheese and a large sack of Graham flour was purchased on the 23rd day of the same month. The delicate stomachs of the patients were often tickled by easily-digested, boiled cabbage cooked with beef. According to several good medical authorities this diet is one not especially adapted to those afflicted with diseases in which stomach trouble plays a part.

## The Use of Sausage.

Stew or boiled beef does not find a place upon the table at the pest house. No such common food would seem in place in the city's house of contagion. The meat bill for February shows that several butcher shops were taken for and aft to furnish provender that would be suitable for the convalescent sick. Staked mutton and veal cutlets were the entrees on February 4, while on the 14th of the same month, 10 days later, fried ham and sausage were added to the menu. Just what kind of sausage it was is not set forth in the bill, but it can be presumed that it is the kind which comes in links and subdivisions as this kind is particularly suitable for sick people. Sirloin steaks which cost \$1.05 a piece are common. A sirloin without a condition is tasteless; therefore the French mustard which was purchased on the 11th day of March.

## A Fondness for Eggs.

It is a difficult matter to tell how many people at any one time were occupants of the pest house or how long they were detained there, but it is safe to say that the number, including the two nurses, was never over 10, and as a general rule there are not as many as eight people confined there at one time. During the latter part of January four eggs were consumed at the institution. The exact number of patients at that time cannot be ascertained, but there were not more than eight people all told. It is a great matter of conjecture with several members of the Health Board how these 448 eggs were disposed of, and some are wondering if amateur theatricals are often given at the pest house.

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# TWO CONVENTIONS AT SALEM TODAY

Republicans and Socialists Are in Session.

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SALEM, April 3.—The Republican county convention in session here this afternoon for the purpose of selecting delegates to the First Congressional District nominating convention. The meeting was called at 1:30 o'clock, Frank T. Wrightman being temporary chairman. After the appointment of the usual committees a recess of half an hour was taken to facilitate business arrangements.

## Socialists Meet.

SALEM, April 3.—The Socialist convention for the First Congressional District is in session here today, with R. Ryan, candidate for Governor, on the Socialist ticket at the last election, in the chair.

## Is No Certain Winner as Yet.

ALBANY, April 3.—The Democratic Congressional convention to be held in this city on April 11 is as yet exciting but little interest. Thus far no "sure winner" has developed in the race and, although J. K. Wentworth and W. R. Blythe of this county, and M. A. Miller of Lebanon have been mentioned as possible candidates, neither of these men is seeking the nomination. The Albany County delegation will go to the convention uninstructed, but that from Mr. Ryan County is for J. A. Jeffrey, who also stands well in this county. A feeling has also developed in favor of E. A. Remms of Southern Oregon, but the prevailing sentiment is in favor of the strongest and best man. Nearly all delegates will go into convention free to act as they see fit.

## nurse telephones to me what is needed and I do the ordering.

"How is it that only sirloin steaks and high class meats appear upon the bill?" "There are plenty of soup bones purchased, and lots of liver is thrown in gratis," was the response.

The doctor explained the purchase of the night gowns, wrappers and stockings by saying that a great number of the inmates of the pest house were indigent and had to be clothed. He explained also the food bills by saying that if the patients were not properly fed and clothed they would run away and spread contagion.

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# SAVED THE LIFE OF FALLING CHILD

Policeman Catches Babe Thrown From Window.

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NEW YORK, April 3.—Perhaps the strangest rescue of a human being ever recorded in the history of New York was that performed this morning by a policeman, who, after he had done his duty, dodged back into the crowd and went about his business.

It was during a transient house fire in the Ghetto. Cut off by the raging flames and crazed by a danger more fancied than real, a mother threw her baby from a second story window and it would have been dashed to death on the pavement below had not a man suddenly dashed forward and caught it as deftly as though the hurdling human projectile had been a ball. Depositing the child, unharmed, in the arms of a bystander, the policeman returned to his duty of keeping back the crowd.

Had the mother delayed two minutes ladders would have been placed in position and descent made easy, but she jumped and had her legs broken. One woman and a child were burned to death in the fire, which was within a stone's throw of the blaze of last night. Both are unidentified.

# PROVIDENCE IS NOW THREATENED

Break in Levee Causes Serious Damage.

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VICKSBURG, April 3.—Water is rising inland through a gap 500 feet wide in the levee two miles south of Lake Providence, La., and the city of Providence is doomed to inundation, together with all parishes near that point. West Carroll, Madison, Concordia, Teasos and Richland are also threatened, for they were under the levee. Work has already begun toward repairing the break, which occurred this morning, but there is little chance of staying the ravages of the water.

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# AT THE GRAVE OF HENRY W. CORBETT

Last Ceremonies at Riverside Cemetery.

## Relatives and Close Friends Follow Body to Its Resting Place.

It was nearly 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the funeral cortege of the late Henry W. Corbett arrived at Riverside Cemetery, where final services were to be held. At the First Presbyterian Church fully 5,000 people had been left after viewing the features of the dead. Only relatives and very close friends of the family accompanied the coffin to the grave. When near the gate of the beautiful city of the dead a slight sprinkling of rain was announced, and fear was expressed that the warm afternoon sun burst through the clouds and created a landscape of beauty, save for the group of mourners that stood about the silent grave.

"Dust to dust, earth to earth, ashes to ashes." Then fell into the grave the clods of earth which will forever hide from mortal view the body of Henry W. Corbett.

At the grave, besides the pallbearers, were: Mrs. H. W. Corbett, Harry Ladd, Corbett, Elliott C. Corbett and Hamilton F. Corbett, who are Mr. Corbett's three grandsons; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robertson, Thomas Robertson, Miss Nan Robertson, Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett, Mrs. P. S. Schuyler, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harrison Corbett, Mrs. W. S. Ladd, Mrs. Hannah Robertson, Frank Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mason, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ladd, Mrs. C. S. Ladd, Mrs. Etjah Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. James Failing, Mr. and Mrs. Etjah Corbett, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Edgar P. Hill, Mrs. William Van Ransaler, Mrs. Wendling, Dr. A. S. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Alvord, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Wheeler, J. W. Newkirk, Mrs. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Kahn.

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