

CITY HEALTH OFFICER IS VERY BUSY WOMAN

Besides Attending to Her Private Practice, Dr. Pohl Makes Daily Visits to St. Vincent's Sanatorium and Pesthouse—Talks Entertainingly on Her Duty.



Dr. Esther C. Pohl, City Health Officer.

Dr. Esther C. Pohl, the new city health officer, is one of the busiest women in the community. Besides attending to her own private practice her time is well taken up with work for the city. Daily she visits the St. Vincent's sanatorium where contagious diseases are sent, and the pesthouse, where smallpox patients are confined.

Dr. Pohl says, by the way, that "pesthouse" is an ugly term that has been handed down for several generations but of which the place is not at all suggestive. On the contrary the temporary abode for pocked patients is a pleasant place, comfortably fitted up.

Lamentous diseases must be reported to the city health department, though Dr. Pohl says that one of the potent factors for evil is the tendency to conceal the presence of such disease. She laments the fact that minor infections are so carelessly handled.

"There is much more danger," she said, "from these minor sicknesses than from the dread diseases which we so carefully shut away from ourselves. One may constantly see mothers carrying their babies into the car or into a public building, whooping with the cough. Many mothers still exist who regard whooping cough, measles and such sicknesses as necessary evils when there is no reason why they should be whooping cough, measles and such sicknesses are seen at their places of work with mumps. The diseases in themselves are not so dangerous but the system when subjected to these sicknesses becomes run down and an easy prey to the greatest evil of this day—tuberculosis. This is especially true of children whose bodies are not yet strong to resist disease, and whooping cough, so easily carried from one to another, will rapidly weaken the system."

Hunts Up Origin.
Dr. Pohl is particularly interested in hunting up the origin of every case that is reported to her. She says that this is the only sensible way to prevent the spread of the disease. She had a few days ago a case of typhoid reported to her and the next day the diagnosis was changed to spinal meningitis. Dr. Pohl visited the sanatorium and confirmed the diagnosis, then visited the man's home, where she found a disgusting state of unsanitary surroundings conducive to disease of any kind. Conditions were ordered improved.

Dr. Pohl intends to interest herself too in the sanitary arrangements of the large factories and places where many people are employed. Several such places have been reported to her as being most unhealthful. The schools also come under the regime of the health board but there are so many schools and so few members of the board that the work is necessarily limited to examining in instances reported by teachers or pupils or mothers.

Dr. Pohl has in mind an idea which she thinks would prove feasible and practicable. She suggests that the seats in schoolrooms be so arranged that students who do not seem quite well might be separated from the rest of the room, put in another part of the room for a few days, so that if serious sickness develops the other children may

not have been so badly exposed. According to the present system a child cannot be removed till the sickness has developed and proved itself, and by that time it is too late for precaution and every one in the neighborhood of the child will have been exposed.

Dr. Pohl is an earnest worker against the tubercular evil and says with most physicians of today that it is the greatest disease evil we have to cope with, and that its danger lies in the prevalent idea that consumption is a general disease. She said that tubercular cases should be reported by physicians to the board of health in the same manner as smallpox, diphtheria and the like, and she hopes to have this amendment proposed at the next meeting of the city council. In this way the patients can be looked after and precautions taken against the spread of the disease.

Praise for Mrs. Evans.
In a recent paper on the subject Dr. Pohl speaks very highly of the work of the market inspector, Mrs. Evans, and commends particularly her effort in securing the enforcement of the ordinance against spitting on the street, one of the surest ways to pass infection. Her work is right in line with health regulations and she has accomplished much.

Dr. Pohl speaks of the regulation of not allowing men with tuberculosis to work in the markets. This, she says, is wise but it is unfair to cut off his means of livelihood without supplying some support. She advocates a plan adopted by a few of the most progressive eastern states of free sanatoria for tubercular patients.

"This means a large expense but in time would pay for itself by the decrease in the disease which now, by far, heads the list of mortality causes. The sickness would thus be confined to the smallest possible space and all precautions taken to keep its spread to a minimum. The cure of patients by those who thoroughly understand the sickness. She recommends that all clubs and organizations make a study of the simpler side of the disease for its prevention."

BOODLE MONEY

Advantage of Paper Over Gold Shown in San Francisco.

Here is a new phase of the paper money question: The banks of San Francisco had for a year or more been mystified by an unprecedented demand for currency. The people of the Golden State have always eschewed Uncle Sam's notes; they have insisted on the half and ring of coin. So when calls came on the cashiers for thousands and thousands in bills the demand was without explanation.

The currency that reaches the Pacific coast is such as travelers take out with them from the eastern states. The banks make a practice of gathering it up for the accommodation of customers about its travel on who wish to forward remittances in the mails. When this great demand suddenly arose cashiers were puzzled to meet it.

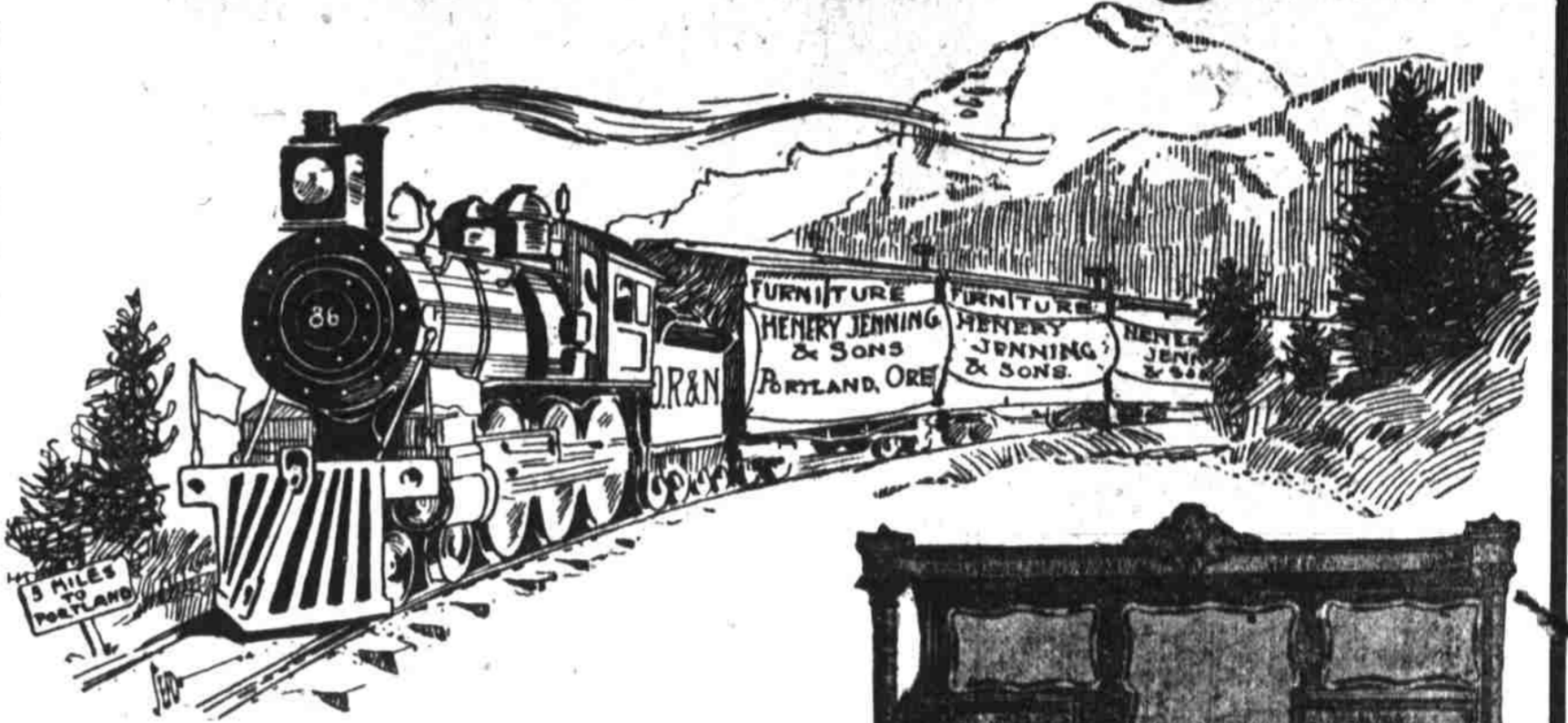
The revelation came before San Francisco's grand jury as a result of the work of Francis J. Heney and Secret Service Agent William Burns have furnished the solution of the mystery. "Bring me the money in currency," was the command of Boss Ruef to the bribe givers. The grafting to which Ruef has confessed amounted to about \$1,000,000 within a year, and in the light of his testimony the drain on the banks is easily explained. Ruef invariably insisted that the boodle money should be paper.

There would be no jingling, no metallic sound to betray; he handled very large sums much like gold. The boss was cautious. Mayor Eugene F. Schmitz, the convicted pal of Ruef, does not seem to have appreciated the virtues of paper money for the silent work of the boodler. Under his bed in his Fillmore street home he had a box constructed in the floor in which to conceal his wealth. He lined it with plush so that gold might be deposited noiselessly. The precaution was needless, however, for Ruef, who always attended to collections, was careful to insist on currency. The mayor vacated the Fillmore street house for the mansion that he built in Vallejo street. In the rush of his activities he neglected to remove the box from the floor. Detective Burns found it there, having been directed by Ruef in a confession.

Ruef's caution did assist to some degree in his downfall, however. The boodle in the trolley deal, a total of \$400,000, was passed in two payments of \$200,000 each. All the available supply of currency in San Francisco was exhausted each time. It was necessary to use thousands of bills of small denominations. The supervisors in their confessions all declared that the money came from

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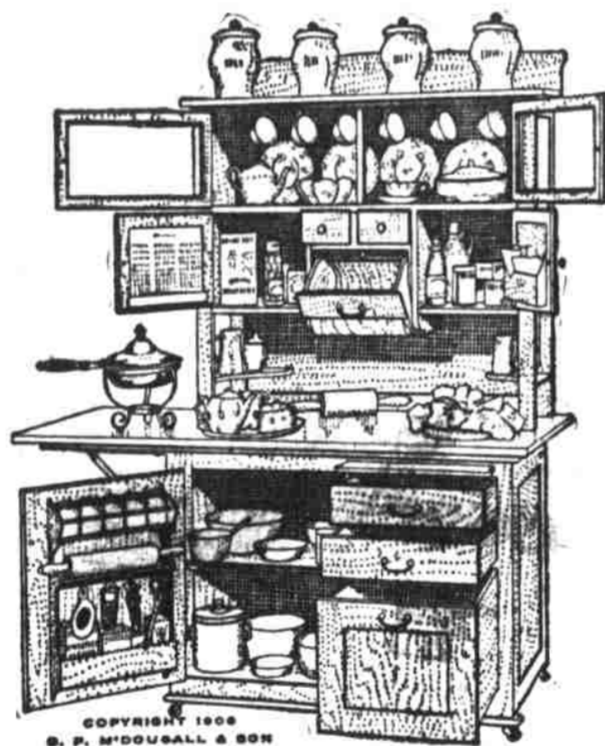
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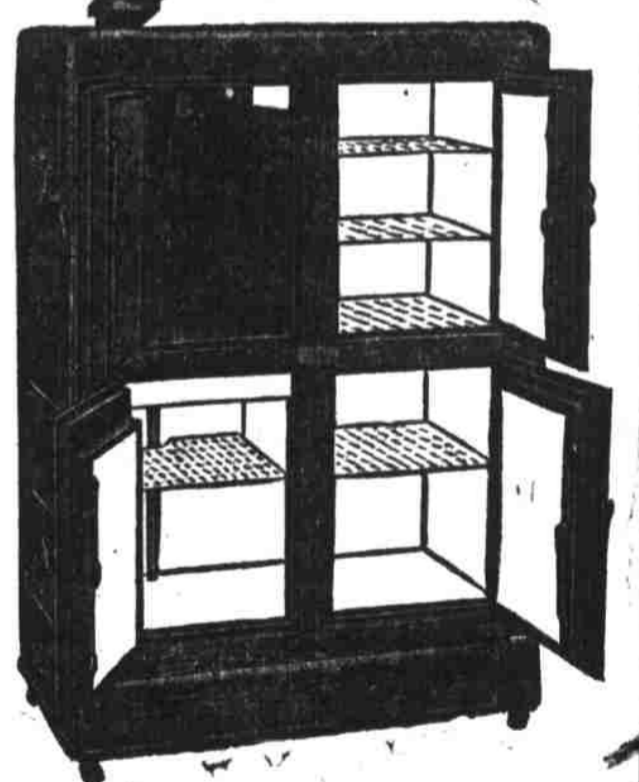
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them in heaps of small paper money. The circumstance that the railway company had clamored for currency and had received large quantities of small bills was an important link for the prosecution.

But on the whole noiseless paper money helped the San Francisco boodlers in the secrecy of their crimes. It is not to be inferred that they would have shunned gold, silver, copper or anything in fact, according to the testimony that has been given, but the fact that currency is a convenience to the boodler.

Strength of Crocodile's Jaws.
From the Chicago Daily News.
Sir Samuel Baker in his book on wild beasts says that the power of the jaws of the crocodile is terrific. Once he had the metal of a large hook the thickness of ordinary telegraph wire

completely bent together, the barbed point being pressed tightly against the shank and rendered useless. This compression was caused by the snap of the crocodile's jaw when seizing a live duck which he had used as bait, the hook being fastened beneath the wing. On another occasion he found a fish weighing 70 pounds bitten clean through as if divided by a knife. This again was the work of the snapping jaws of the crocodile.

A Frenchman, Paul Bert, once made experiments on the strength of a crocodile's jaw by means of a dynamometer. He found that a crocodile weighting 120 pounds exerted a force of 308 pounds in closing its jaws. The lion has an enormous jaw power. An African traveler once crushed the butt end of his gun into a lion's mouth and the pressure of the jaws cracked it as though it had been struck by a steam hammer.

The Last Resort.
From the New York Evening Post.
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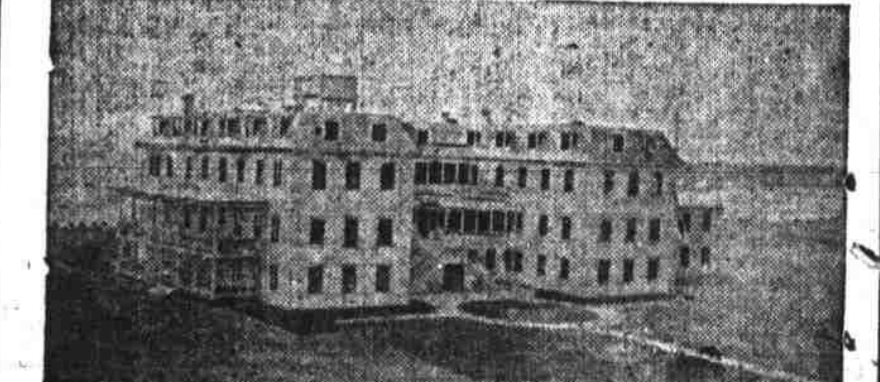
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