

REEKING WITH FILTH

CONDITIONS AS FOUND BY THE FOOD COMMISSION.

Words Not Minced, Repulsive Facts Not Covered In Telling of Unsanitary Condition.

The report of Charles B. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, and James Bronson Reynolds to the President on the sanitary condition of the meat-packing houses of Chicago, which was transmitted to Congress together with the President's message on the same subject, is appalling, to say the least. The commissioners made the following report:

"No statement as a fact which was not verified by personal examination."

Floors, carts, tubs are of wood, water-soaked, only half cleansed, meat scraps and grease adhering to them and collecting dirt.

Meat racks and conveyors inadequately cleansed, grease and meat scraps adhering to them, even after they are washed.

Closets for both men and women cut off from workrooms by thin wooden partitions. Lunchrooms often adjoin them.

Washing sinks not furnished at all, or small and dirty, with neither towels, soap or toilet paper. Men and women directly from the closets plunge unwashed hands into the meat.

Men sometimes relieve themselves on the killing floors and swell the sum of nauseating odors from dirty blood-soaked, rotting floors.

One New York slaughter-house is model in contrast to Chicago, constructed largely of iron and cement, flushed and thoroughly cleaned every day.

Workmen climb over heaps of meat, select the piece they want and throw it on the dirty floor. In cutting, they handle the meat against aprons of leather or rough sacking, indescribably filthy. They stand with dirty shoes on tables on which meat is handled. At lunch hour they sit on these tables. All this is under eye of superintendent.

Meat shoveled from dirty floors which are damp and soggy, piled on tables rarely washed, pushed in wooden box-carts, gathering dirty splinters, floor filth and excretion of tuberculosis and other disease workers.

Best grade of sausage prepared for export to be eaten uncooked is carted in barrows with handles filthy with grease, thrown on tables, on which employees climb, handle meat with unwashed hands, kneel with dirty apron and trousers in contact with meat.

Inspection does not extend to prepared meat food, though products are labeled stating that they have passed Government inspection.

Not yet prepared to report to the use of dyes, preservatives and chemicals.

Fresh meat shoveled into barrels and regular proportion of stale scraps added from dirty floor.

Meat scraps, dry, leathery and unfit to be eaten, among which were found pieces of pigskin, bits of rope and other rubbish, to be used in making potted ham.

All these canned products bear labels saying they passed Government inspection and quality is guaranteed.

Labels washed from old canned goods, which are then heated to "live up" contents and given fresh labels.

Superintendents seem to ignore all considerations except those of the account-book.

Tuberculosis is disproportionately prevalent in the stockyards, and victims excrete on the floors of the workrooms, from which falling scraps of meat are shoveled up to be converted into food.

Callous disregard is shown for comfort of employees. Girls stand ten hours a day at work which could be done as well sitting.

Conditions are a degradation to morals and menace to health of employees.

Meat should be inspected after slaughter on killing beds. Hogs should be inspected for trichinosis for American as well as foreign consumer. No meat should be marketed inspected unless inspected at every stage of preparation. Secretary of Agriculture should be in power to make rules regarding sanitation and construction of buildings. Transportation of uninspected meat from state to state should be prohibited. Number of inspectors should be largely increased. Special Government inspection should be carried on continuously. Standards of inspection in other countries should be studied and published.

WESTON WENT WET.

Anti-Prohibitionists Backed By Mayor and Town Council.

Weston went "wet" on the prohibition issue by a majority of 65 votes. The mayor and city council authorized the following statement published in the Leader, and that the voters of the town headed it, is evidenced by vote in favor of saloons:

"We deem it wise at this time to sound a note of warning to the voters of Weston on the prohibition issue. The city has never had sufficient revenue from direct tax for its needs, and now that at least \$5000 damage has been occasioned to bridges, streets and water pipes by the flood, our financial

condition is not improved. We do not condemn temperance by any means. We deem it best for our people and for the people at large. But we do not think that temperance can be enforced at Weston by means of prohibition. Some of us remember the "gallon house" regime about twelve years ago, when liquor in plenty was obtained from gallon demijohns by men and boys and drunkenness was general, while city script sold for 50 cents or less on the dollar. We believe that high-licensed and well-regulated saloons is the choice of evils in handling the liquor question, and promise herewith, individually and collectively, to enforce to the best of our ability our present east-iron ordinance in dealing with saloons. Prohibition at this time is at the best a dangerous experiment, in our opinion. It would entail an annual municipal tax levy of at least 25 mills on the dollar, instead of five mills, and a change in the city charter to permit such levy. This change cannot be secured until next session of the legislature."

Helix and Vansycle also voted on prohibition as a district. Vansycle went "dry" by a majority of eight votes, but Helix gave a majority of sixteen in favor of saloons.

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Dated this the 4th day of May, A. D. 1906.

Minnie M. Willaby, Executrix.
Peterson & Peterson, Attorneys.

Last publication to be made, June 1st; First publication, May 4th.

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