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## DEADLY POISONS FOUND IN BEEF

Will Sue Beef Trust for Doctoring Meats

## DEADLY DRUGS ARE FOUND

Dr. Warren Will Prosecute Despite Political Influence--Sausages, Canned Goods and Sirlions are Dyed and Dosed

Criminal prosecutions against Pennsylvania representatives of the Beef Trust are about to be instituted by Dr. B. H. Warren, State Dairy and Food Commissioner.

The charges upon which the prosecutions are to be based are that meats sold in this state by the trust are doctoring in the following ways:

Colored by washing with poisonous coal tar dyes.

Dipped in formaldehyde solution.

Dusted with powder containing sulphites.

Washed with powerful boracic acid solutions.

VAIN APPEAL TO POLITICIANS.

Politicians of state and national prominence have sought to hold up these prosecutions and have gone to the length of making threats that political vengeance will be visited upon the Commissioner and his agents if the cases shall be pressed.

The samples upon which the cases are to be made were bought principally in the counties of Dauphin, Allegheny, Huntingdon, Philadelphia and Lycoming.

The chemists of the Dairy and Food Bureau have made complete analyses, and reports upon all the adulterations. They report that sufficient poisonous color is found in a pound of dosed meat to dye a white sheet to a brilliant crimson.

The formaldehyde found by them is exactly the same as the fluid used in embalming human corpses. It is a virulent poison.

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The various kinds of sulphites they have discovered are stomach irritants which produce dyspepsia and push invalids to their graves.

The other preservatives found by the commission's experts are dangerous to health, and all are used in violation of the Pure Food Law of Pennsylvania.

The samples that have been taken include meats that were shipped into the state by Armour & Co., the Schwarzschild Sulzberger Company, the Swift Company, Nelson Morris & Co., the Cudahy Packing Company and the Hammond Company.

While it is certain that prosecutions will be ordered from the office of the commission this week, no indication has been given as to the company which will be attacked first.

DR. WARREN SOUNDS WARNING.

Dr. Warren was seen for a few minutes on his way home from Portland, Ore., to his home in West Chester. He was plainly surprised that any inkling of his plan to fight the trust has leaked.

"It is true that prosecutions are about to be started," he said, "and they will be pushed to the limit. Complaints have been numerous concerning the quality of meat that has been shipped into Pennsylvania from the West, and my agents and chemists report that the complaints are well founded.

"The Pure Food Law will be enforced against wealthy and powerful violators with as much zeal as would be shown in the prosecution of any other criminal. Neither fear nor favor will sway the conduct of these cases."

While a number of the cases will be based upon adulterations found in sausage and canned meats, they will also include meats that are sold as fresh and of superior quality. Agents of the commission report that, in many instances, inferior meat was so dyed and dosed that it was sold at high prices for the choicest beef.

ADULTERATED LIQUORS.

Just recently Dr. Warren made an appeal to the public for legislation that would enable him to prosecute the manufacturers and retailers of all adulterated liquors, disposed in this state. According to his investigations very little liquor, not adulterated, can be secured.

Blackberry wine and brandy are almost unknown, whiskey and beer are full of adulterations that are detrimental to the health. It looks as though Dr. Warren were acting in good faith in this position, and if he faithfully continues this work the people will owe him much.

The adulteration of our food supplies is a little too much for our people to stand. It appeals to the health of every individual. When the next legislature meets every possible aid should be extended Dr. Warren's department for the successful detection, prosecution, imprisonment of those who adulterate our food supplies and endanger the health of consumers.

## EXTRA PAY.

Assured for Spanish War Volunteers, Includes Co. B.

The enlisted men of Company B who were in the Spanish War expect to secure a full month's extra pay under an act of Congress passed January 12th, 1899. The pay provided by that act has been refused by the Treasury Department, not because it is not due, but because the records in the War Department are deficient and do not faithfully show the exact status of the men while home previous to muster out, and the Auditor is bound by these records. Suit has been brought in the Court of Claims, the men securing the service of the law firm of George A. & Wm. B. King at Washington, D. C. Clark McKercher of that firm, and Thomas H. Clark, attorney from the Department of Justice, representing the Government, visited this place on Tuesday and Wednesday and took the testimony of several witnesses before a special commission, and it is said the claims are fully proved and that a favorable judgment and payment will follow to those having their claims properly registered.

This is not pay for service performed, the men having received all of that, but it is a gratuity given upon muster out to men who did not have full thirty days prior to muster out entirely free from all military duty. The officers have nearly all been paid by means of a similar process in the Court of Claims, and the present effort is intended to get the same benefit for the enlisted men. S. D. Gettig of Gettig, Bower & Zerby, of Bellefonte, is local counsel for the boys of Company B in this matter, and he states that there is no doubt whatever of winning the case on the evidence put in this week.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING.

The Linn Historical Society of this county held its meeting in the arbitration room on last Friday forenoon. A fair number of members were present. At the hour of meeting the Chairman, Fred Kurtz called the meeting to order, and Secretary Thomas Mitchell read the minutes of the last meeting. The chairman made a brief statement of the affairs of the Society, after which, on motion of General Beaver the constitution and by-laws were read by the secretary, and on motion of Clement Dale, were adopted as a whole. Executive and other committees were, on motion, ordered to be appointed, the membership of which will be announced later. Discussions of various points relative to the Society's purposes and to perfect its work, were entered into by General Beaver whose knowledge of such societies is large being a member of several in some of the eastern counties, also remarks by Messrs. Clement Dale, Frank Green, J. L. Spangler, Abr. Miller, Prof. Meyers of the academy, Hard Harris, and a very interesting talk by Mrs. H. C. Valentine upon the matter of securing accurate lists of names of Revolutionary and War of 1812 soldiers from this county; the chairman accordingly appointed her a committee of one to prepare such lists. Mrs. Valentine has made this subject a study for many years and is the best authority upon it in this section of the state, and, in addition, is possessed of a rich store of valuable papers of historic import, from which she will oft prepare papers of interest to be read at future meetings of the Society. Papers had been prepared by some of those present, but the necessity of perfecting the organization took up the time of the session, and those papers will be read at future meetings. The next regular meeting has been set for Monday, September 4th. The Society from this on will be in complete working order.

## Directed to Reconvene Supreme Council

A meeting of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania state council of the order of Royal Arcanum was held at Harrisburg yesterday at which Frank B. Wickersham, state regent, was directed to request the supreme representatives from this state to petition for a reconvening of the supreme council held recently at Atlantic City, for the purpose of readjusting the insurance rates. Should the supreme representative refuse to comply with this request of the executive committee the state council will be reconvened in that city on August 23 to take action to compel them to petition for a reconvening of the supreme council.

## Peanuts and Ice Water

Thomas Stout was found dead in the livery barn of Mahlon Shuman, at Jersey Shore, on noon of last Wednesday. Stout had worked all Tuesday morning in the hot sun digging. In the afternoon he was engaged in unloading hay and drank considerable ice water at intervals. He also ate a quantity of peanuts. He was last seen alive about 10.45 o'clock and a few minutes previous to that time he complained to Mr. Shuman of a pain in his head. Stout's death resulted from acute indigestion.

## RUSSIA SEEKS PEACE WITH JAPAN

Japanese Envoy has Arrived for Conference.

## CZAR AND EMPEROR CONFER

The Secret Meeting Has Aroused Europe--May Have Bearing on Future Diplomacy of Europe--Japs Will Ask for Indemnity.

The most important event between Japan and Russia will soon take place, at Portsmouth, N. H., where the representatives of the two belligerent nations will soon meet in the hope of bringing to a conclusion the long and bloody war waged in the far East for a year or more. In that time it is estimated that over 600,000 human lives have been sacrificed, billions of dollars have been wasted in maintaining the struggle, all of which might have been avoided had Russia not been so arrogant and greedy.

Now she comes, humiliated, defeated, to a peace conference to know how much the Japs will take to play quits. The Japs say they will be guided by moderation, and in the interests of humanity they hope for peace; but Russia will have to pay dearly, and the terms when announced will be staggering. The Japanese envoy crossed our continent this week and now is in New York. M. Witte representing the Czar, sailed yesterday from Paris.

The Czar a few days ago, by request, held a conference with the Emperor of Germany, no doubt to consult him regarding the war with Japan and his troubles at home. This meeting has aroused other nations, the surmise being that Germany and Russia have formed an alliance.

During the past week there has been little news from the seat of war in Manchuria. Possibly a general engagement will be avoided in the hope that peace terms will soon be negotiated at Portsmouth.

## WINE IN THE CITY WATER

Over 100 Barrels Dumped into the Schuylkill River.

Unless they are willing to drink water mixed with fine wine, all Philadelphians living in districts not supplied with Durham-McNichol filtered water must go thirsty for the next few days. Over 100 barrels of wine were emptied into the Schuylkill at Norristown, on Saturday and already fish stories of the wildest description are being told by anglers from down the river. According to "Billy" Collins and "Gummy" Wilson, who have been thrashing the river for bass below where the wine was emptied, even the husky German carp have gone wrong and are standing on their heads in the mud.

The cause of the costly flooding of the river was the sale of the real estate of the Florida Wine company to Ellwood Roberts, a consistent member of the Norristown Meeting of the Society of Friends. The wine company had failed and when he bought its property he found in its warehouse its treasures of rare vintage. True to his creed, he declared that this liquor must at once be poured out, and his order was obeyed. A connection was made with a sewer near the warehouse and the wine from over 100 barrels was dumped in. Through the sewer it ran into Story creek, which 100 yards below the sewer outlet flows into the Schuylkill.

## 1300 Conversions in 13 Years.

Rev. J. A. Wood, of Bellefonte, was a visitor at the prayer services in Trinity M. E. church last evening and at the close of the meeting was tendered an informal reception. Rev. Wood was pastor of this church 13 years ago and last evening was the first opportunity he has had of meeting the congregation in a prayer meeting. In his remarks during the services Rev. Wood stated that he had served several congregations since he left Lock Haven and that God had blessed him and his work. During these 13 years there have been 1,300 conversions among the people of the charges he has served—Lock Haven Express, 21 inst.

## Close Earlier

Clinton county hotels are now compelled to close their bars a trifle earlier than they formerly did, as the result of an order of Court, which was issued last week.

Judge Mayer directed that all places in borough and townships shall be closed at 11 o'clock and in the city of Lock Haven at 12 o'clock.

This is not a new rule, such a regulation having been in existence several years, but lately there has not been a strict compliance with its terms.

Samuel Herman, of Rosecrans, died at his home in that place Saturday morning, aged 42 years. He is survived by his wife and nine children.

## EDUCATED SNAKE.

Snake Story That has no Pull to it--Can a Snake Read Print?

The Democrat will not be at outs with any one who reads this snake story, and doubts it. If the serpent talked to Adam and Eve in the Garden, and unto beguiling these our first parents, why may not a snake also be able to read print? We have never yet heard it sworn to in a case in court that a snake can not read, nor have we read in any work on snakeology that the serpent can't read. Who could prove it under oath? But, that is not what we are at—we will print below what any one is at liberty to call a "snake story" and will not have any controversy with him about it. Here it is:

Being out in the wilds fishing a strange noise arrested a fisherman, not of an alarming nature, but to stop and listen was natural of course. Ahead a rod or so was a brush heap, and the sounds seemingly coming from there, a halt was made and an eye-sight search to discover what might cause the noise. The first object that presented itself to the eye was a copy of the Centre Democrat of July 13. (Refer to it reader for some of the facts here given at length). That copy, in first column of first page, had hair-raising accounts of snake stories, served as a wrapper for an angler's dainties. The storm had carried the paper against the brush pile, front page opened out, and all the print legible. It was calm and the copy of the paper lay up against the brush pile. It was clear that the noise came from that very spot. The eye scanned the spot, and low and behold, in front of that page of the paper lay a coiled snake, head erect about six inches, and tail up waggin' like unto the welcoming by the caudal appendage of a dog. The erect head would bend forward every few seconds close to the first column on that page of the Democrat. Then there was a shaking of the head as by men when reading something astonishing, and a nodding of the reptile's head as one does in assenting to something he reads. Making an effort to get closer to the snake the crackling of a twig caused the snake to turn its head back in the direction of the observer and it hurriedly disappeared under the brush heap. Going to the spot it turned out that the snake could have been doing nothing else but reading the chapter of snake stories printed as aforesaid, and when struck with an idea that some of the things said were libelous, would shake its head in disapproval and those facts that met its approval it would pleasantly nod assent to, just as folks do, even if they are not "as wise as serpents," and read things. This snake had evidently taken great interest in the snake stories in that issue of the Centre Democrat.

## B. G. Achenbach Prospers.

B. G. Achenbach, formerly of Bellefonte, now the popular confectioner and caterer at Lock Haven, has purchased of the C. P. Lambert estate the three story building on Main street, the store rooms of which are now occupied by Armstrong's confectionery and ice cream parlors, and Evans tailoring establishment. It is Mr. Achenbach's intention to remodel the structure, a portion of which he will use as a residence and the balance for business purposes. He expects to take possession of his remodeled quarters on April 1st, 1906.

## Fire in Howard Township.

Saturday afternoon July 15th the large barn owned by P. P. Swartz and located about a mile north of Howard took fire and burned to the ground, two good horses, a calf, reaper and binder, threshing machine and most all of his crops were consumed by the flames. At the time of the fire, Mr. Swartz was at Bellefonte and no one was at home but two small children. We do not know whether there was any insurance or not, but estimate the loss about \$2000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

## U. S. Senator Convicted.

United States Senator Mitchell, convicted recently of using his office to further the law practice of the firm of Mitchell & Tanner, of Portland, was sentenced on Tuesday to pay a fine of \$1000 and to six months' penal servitude.

Pending a review of the case by the supreme court of the United States, execution of the sentence will be deferred. Meantime, Mitchell will be placed under bail to the amount of \$2000.

## Young Men Enlist.

At the recruiting station in Williamsport the following young men a few days ago enlisted in the United States infantry, and Friday afternoon left for Columbus barracks, O.: Messrs Clarence McCadden, George Reed, John Reed, all of Williamsport; Ray Fenstermaker, Pine Station; Charles Roseman and Myrel Mongden, Bellefonte.

Nothing new about the Wabash line, only that it is on the program and coming in this direction.

## PAYS THE PENALTY IN OLD AGE

John Rockefeller, the Great Oil King, Despondent.

## CONDEMNED BY THE PUBLIC

Nowhere can he Find Sympathy or Friendship -- Stalks in Solitude Through his Beautiful Estate--The Loneliness of Riches.

John D. Rockefeller thirsts for sympathy, hungers for a kind word.

With his uncounted millions and the mastery of men, his lifelong ambition gratified and no more worlds left for his mercenary conquering, the richest man in the world sits by the hour at Forest Hill home, near Cleveland, Ohio, his chin sunk on his breast, or walks for hours under the trees of his magnificent estate, always alone, except for his guards, who keep at a distance from him, always in gloom.

He has lost interest in golf; he has become morose; never free in his conversation with his employees, he now speaks only when absolutely necessary, and then gives his directions tersely and absently. His greatest interest now is in his press clipping bureau, which is known to be a system perfected as highly as those maintained for the benefit of kings.

The flood of printed denunciation recently let loose upon him exercises over him a fascination which he cannot escape, though the inevitable consequence be humiliation and heartburning.

AVID INTEREST IN PRESS CLIPPINGS.

In other days Rockefeller treated public opinion as expressed in type with contempt, ignoring the writing as he would have ignored the writers. Nothing printed about him interested him. All that is changed. With the keenest interest he now awaits each new attack, reading every condemning word at the earliest opportunity his clipping service affords him. The latest Tarbell article was no exception. Every word, from the author's imputation that his wealth had bemirched charity and education, wherever it had touched them, to the newspaper autopsy on his physiognomy and the verdict that it showed "the oldest man in the world a living mummy," was read by her subject with avid interest.

After reading the last sentence, he exclaimed:

"Thank the Lord, it's her last."

All of this comes from a source as authentic as anything could be, barring a declaration from the tortured Croesus himself. Though he has little to say to them, the attaches at Forest Hill who have been there longest have learned to read Rockefeller like a Sunday school lesson.

HUNGRY FOR KIND WORDS.

So when David E. Howatt, the long trusted superintendent of the oil king's grounds, says "sympathy—that's what Mr. Rockefeller wants; it's what he yearns for day after day," he knows what he is talking about.

Rockefeller in his might, it is said, has grasped at such few kind words as have been spoken for him as eagerly and thankfully as a child in its poverty might clutch a penny to buy sweets. Though he questions with unvarying care the many appeals for aid that come to him, dissecting motives and purposes with minute scrutiny, suspicious always, the few words said in his defense have been accepted by him at their face value and more, gratefully and triumphantly, with never a suspicion of their disinterestedness.

The weekly prayer meeting and the Sabbath morning services at the First Baptist church still have him as an attendant, but the walls of the sanctuary do not shut out the derisive scoffings.

In his Bible class Rockefeller sits with his back to the wall. He knows that he would be openly derided were he to turn his back upon the members and voice those thoughts which so jar with his works.

In church and prayer meeting he shifts unceasingly in his pew, and cranes his neck to look behind him, conscious of the gaze of the worshippers.

His money is impotent to buy the things the man now wants. It can no more efface the record of his life than it can buy him a disinterested friendship or one kindly, unselfish work.

## Put Poison in Husband's Pie

Mrs. Louisa Santy and Tom Lossick, her alleged paramour, of Altoona, were charged with attempting to poison Macy Santy, the woman's husband, by placing poison in a pie, were given a hearing yesterday. Mrs. Santy was held in \$500 bail for court, while Lossick was discharged.

Peter Meitler, proprietor of the Riverside hotel, Lock Haven, is seriously ill with cholera morbus.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

## DISILLUSIONIZED.

In operas he'd watched the girls  
On many an opening night;  
He liked the maids with pretty curls  
And arms of dazzling white.  
The peasant costumes pleased him much  
He said abroad he'd roam  
Among the Spanish, French and Dutch  
And see those girls at home.

Through foreign lands he gaily went  
But all the girls he'd seen  
With toil were prematurely bent  
Nor were they full of glee.  
Upon the green they'd never dance  
Nor 'e'en at windows spin;  
He never saw them come and prance  
Before the village inn.

He roamed from Spain to far Cathay  
But painful was his lot;  
The further he pursued his way  
The uglier they got.  
He paused at every peasant hut  
In hopes a pearl to find  
And saw all sorts of damsel but  
The operative kind.

If a woman is afraid of losing her hair she should put it in a safe deposit vault.

No man is so level headed that he can't get a hat to fit him.

Even when a blind man enjoys good health he doesn't look well.

A western newspaper offered a prize for the best answer to the conundrum: "Why is a newspaper like a woman?" The prize was won by a lady in Oklahoma who sent in the following answer: "Because every man should have one of his own and not run after his neighbor's."

## Rattles Grow on Dog's Tail

The newspapers are so full of snake stories that the following told by John Rider, who lives on the mountain south of Coburn, and whose character for truth and veracity we will vouch for, will interest everyone who will take trouble to read it.

John says that three years ago while he was working near his home his dog was bitten by a rattlesnake. He put linseed oil on the wound and the dog recovered from the bite. Now comes the most peculiar part of the case. Exactly one year after the dog was bitten, a rattle grew on the end of the dog's tail just like the rattle on a rattlesnake; two years after a second rattle appeared; a short time ago a third rattle was added to the two on the dog's tail.

John killed the snake after it had bitten the dog and it had twelve rattles. He thinks that if the dog lives long enough it will get twelve rattles on its tail. Any one can see the dog who will take the trouble to go to John's house.—Journal

## Illusion Saves Her Life

The life of Clara Hoffman, a patient at Cincinnati, was saved through either the veriest of charlatanisms or the most scientific application of suggestive therapeutics. Miss Hoffman came to the hospital choking to death, apparently, with an imaginary bone in her throat. Her condition, especially that of her nerves, was pitiable and most dangerous. No persuasion could convince her that she had not swallowed a small chicken bone, which had lodged in her throat.

Dr. Langdon immediately secured a bone of the sort the girl described and by a feat of sleight-of-hand he pretended to withdraw it from her throat. In the next moment she was entirely cured and left the hospital happy and laughing. Dr. Langdon is certain that she would have died.

## Sugar Valley Notes From Journal.

Huckleberries are a large crop on the mountains around here and dozens of men, women and young folks go a picking daily. Some of them earn a dollar a day. Bruce Fritz and wife on Saturday gathered 83 quarts and sold them to Elmer Crissman at 8 cents per quart.

Elmer Dooty is booming things in the lumber woods hereabout. He finished cutting and peeling hemlock on the Beck and Shroyer tracts last week, and commenced on the Harbach tract this week. Mr. Dooty employs many woodsmen and he knows how to run a job successfully.

Charles Stark handled keg staves with lightning-like rapidity at Harry Smith's saw mill Wednesday, bunching exactly 22,000 in nine hours.

## To Cut 200,000,000 Feet.

The large new saw mill of John E. DuBois, at Hicks Run, started up last week. The erection of the mill has been going on since spring and it has been made a very complete plant. There is approximately 200,000,000 feet of lumber to cut on it and the present plans are to cut 20,000,000 a year. There is probably no more complete plant, or one having the assurance of a longer, in the state, than the Hicks Run mill.

## Dates of Fairs.

Centre Hall, September 16-22.  
Hughesville, September 19-22.  
Lewisburg, September 26-29.  
Milton, October 3-6.  
Bloomsburg, October 10-13.  
Bellefonte, October 3-6.