

The Slow Poisons Used in Our Food. PURE FOOD COMMISSION HAS STARTLING EVIDENCE.

Chicago, May 9.—Freezine, preservative, freeze 'm, rosarin and laktone are things few people know of, but that they take these adulterants into their stomachs was stated by Prof. A. S. Mitchell, analytical chemist of the Wisconsin dairy and food commission to the senatorial committee on pure food investigation today.

Prof. A. S. Mitchell made the sworn statement that nearly every butcher in Illinois used preservative liquids on scraps of meat which they laid aside for the manufacture of Hamburger steak and other alleged delicacies.

The chemist first told of his test of a liquid known as "freezine." Prof. Mitchell said that the stuff had been used extensively by farmers to keep milk and butter, it being the custom to mix it with the former in small quantities and pour quart of it into vats for the preservation of butter.

"This 'freezine' I have found to be nothing less than almost pure formaldehyde," narrated the expert. "This is a chemical that acts disastrously on the tissues of the stomach, and I can only surmise the results when milk diluted with it is used constantly by a family. Where butter is placed in vats filled with the stuff the porous commodity takes up no small amount of the liquid with a result that can only be conjectured."

The professor proceeded to tell of his experiments with a fluid sold extensively to butchers for the purpose of making their hamburger steaks last and keep up a healthy appearance.

"This liquid contains in great percentage what is known as sulphide of soda with a complement of coloring matter," he continued. "It is styled an antiseptic and in certain respects it is. This must be borne in mind, however, that where fermentation and waste are arrested the digestive properties are consequently destroyed.

Dr. Wiley, the government expert, who examined the antiseptic without going on the stand, said he identified it as practically the same chemical which was used during his experience at a medical college to preserve cadavers and was now occasionally put to service in disinfecting houses where smallpox patients resided.

The testimony assumed the form of a debate as to whether or not the use of alum in the manufacture of baking powder is injurious to the public health.

George W. Row, a chemist, stated the injurious characteristics of alum are destroyed in the process of baking. Prof. C. N. S. Hallberg, former editor of the western druggist, and Prof. Mitchell combated this theory and expressed the opinion that alum should not be used as an ingredient unless the public was aware of the fact by labels on the cans.

The common bases for the majority of jellies manufactured nowadays, according to several witnesses, are the cores and paring of apples, utilized after they had been evaporated. This substance, it was claimed, is mixed with glucose in large quantities and then colored and flavored to suit the outside design on the package.

PURE FOOD COMMITTEE GETS MORE TESTIMONY.

Chicago, May 11.—Four prominent witnesses testified before the senate pure food committee today as to the effect on the human stomach of the use of anti-septics and "emollient fluids" and preservatives in foods and drink.

In general they were agreed that the substances used were deleterious and that in many cases they were poisonous. Either prohibit their use, they said, or compel the manufacturers and users to brand them plainly and explicitly, so that the consumer may know exactly what he is eating.

These witnesses were Henry G. Piffard, a New York physician; Abbot C. Prescott, dean of the school of Pharmacy of the University of Michigan and professor of hygienic chemistry; Victor C. Vaughn, dean of the medical faculty at Ann Arbor and professor of hygiene, and H. C. Adams, dairy and food commission of Wisconsin.

Dr. Piffard made specific references to foods and drugs which are being generally adulterated, some time with dangerous results to the consumers. Bromo seltzer, he said, is one of these. Properly, it should consist of bromide of potassium or some other substance of that kind and the ingredients of seltzer water.

"But it appears," he continued, "that saccharinide is being extensively used instead. In the now famous Adams case, the expert examination of

the bromo showed the presence in addition of the acute poison of acetanilide, so that I believe its use is widespread."

The committee made this statement at the close of the day: "The things which seem to stick out above the details of the investigation are the facts that antiseptics are used indiscriminately and to defraud and deceive; that they are in most cases deleterious and in some positively dangerous. Second, that in the absence of explicit labels dishonest manufacturers are enabled to put spurious goods on the market. These things will be looked after in the proposed legislation."

The committee's work in Chicago will be postponed after tomorrow for an indefinite time. Beer is soon to be put to a severe test by the committee. A scientific analysis of all brands offered in the open market will be made by the government experts at Washington, and their report will become a part of the committee's records. Senator Mason said that the regulations in regard to beer would receive serious attention.

The committee has purchased in Chicago many samples of butter, pepper, coffee, jellies and canned goods for analytical examination in Washington. The samples will be freed of their labels, and the experts will make their investigations without knowledge of the brand or source of the articles.

The Cotton Acreage.

Washington, May 10.—The cotton crop report for May, issued today by the department of agriculture, is as follows:

"The cotton report for the month of May indicates merely the belief of correspondents, on May 1, as to the intentions of planters regarding the acreage to be planted, and the estimate being liable to modification during May, they should be regarded merely as a general indication of the strength of the tendency toward an enlargement or reduction of acreage.

"In every cotton-growing State the indications on the first instant pointed to a reduced acreage with a corresponding decrease in the sale of fertilizers and an increased acreage in the various food crops.

"The probable reduction, by States, is as follows: In Mississippi and Indian Territory 5 per cent.; in Alabama 8; Texas 9; Arkansas 10; South Carolina 11; Louisiana 12; Georgia 13; North Carolina and Tennessee 14; Oklahoma 18 per cent.

"No estimate of the total reduction will be published until next month, when the final reports on planting will be compared with the revised acreage figures for last year."

Insurgents Land Guns.

New York, May 11.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: The insurgents have succeeded in landing 10 machine guns at Capiz, on the island of Panay.

New York, May 11.—A dispatch to the Journal from Manila says: The insurgents have assassinated M. Dumarsais, a Frenchman, who had crossed their lines under a flag of truce.

New York, May 11.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: In an interview, printed in Spanish, Senor Mabini, who is at the head of the Aguinaldo cabinet, says the insurgents are very hopeful. They will continue the fighting, relying upon European intervention.

The insurgents of the province of Cavite are preparing to make a desperate resistance to the Americans.

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Mr. W. D. Howells announces the conclusion that war has never given the world a thought or a sentiment worthy to live, nor any contribution to art or literature. The New York Times takes him up very cleverly and traces the literary results of war all the way from Homer to Tennyson.

We suspect that Mr. Howells is cowered by the fact that there is now no market for the rapid stuff he furnishes. The public is in humor to read of fighting and blood and deeds of manhood and daring rather than the delicate, analytical processes of social developments. We can sympathize with Mr. Howells. Some of our own rough stuff has been held up pending the abolition of the war fever and the checks for it are delayed. But we confess we think the people are the best judge of what they want. Mr. Howells is a fairly good writer for a time of profound peace. He is a carpet knight of literature, made for sportive tricks and forced to espy dimly in a lady's chamber. He comes into the literary field powdered and shaved and perfumed, with ruffles on his wrists. Unless he has saved something from his weak and peaceful treble piping he is likely to suffer. He has no place in the bustling, bloody, hard hitting, dusty and athletic world of now—Greenville News.

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Trustees Ousted Whitsitt At a Meeting of Faculty in Louisville Last Night.

Louisville, May 11.—Dr. William H. Whitsitt, who succeeded Dr. John A. Broadus as president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1895, was dropped from the presidency of that institution and also a member of the faculty at a meeting of trustees tonight.

It was done by accepting Dr. Whitsitt's resignation from the presidency and from the chair of history as formally presented to the Hon. Joshua Levering, president of the trustees, last July. This was not done, however, until a strong fight had been made by the friends of Dr. Whitsitt as well as those of the opposing side and it required three sessions of the trustees to accomplish the result.

The friends of Dr. Whitsitt had nothing to say tonight after the result was announced and they will yield to the action of the trustees. In accepting Dr. Whitsitt's resignation the trustees, have in fact, left nothing for his friends to do since the trustees have that matter entirely within their control. It is said the friends of Dr. Whitsitt regretted that he sent in his resignation, feeling after it was done that the action had been ill advised.

The action of the trustees tonight also color, to a degree, the work of the convention. It is not likely that the Carroll resolution will come up now that Dr. Whitsitt's resignation has been accepted.

Now that his resignation has been accepted it is not believed the Carroll resolution will be introduced, though it is possible and probable that Dr. Eaton's resolution will come up. This resolution authorizes the State's association to nominate three men to fill the vacancy among the trustees, the trustees themselves to select the man from the three nominated. This nominating power is given to the convention though in only two or three cases was this power accepted prior to the Whitsitt controversy.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

The following circular letter from President Hartzog, of Clemson College, is placed before our readers with a great deal of pleasure:

Farmers' institutes will be held in a limited number of counties this summer for the instruction of the people in various branches of agricultural science. The course of lectures shall be arranged to present to those in attendance the results of the most recent investigations in theoretical and practical agriculture, and as far as possible to make the subjects discussed meet the special needs of the locality where the institute is held.

All expenses of the meeting will be met by the college. The community in which the institute is held is expected to furnish a suitable place for the speaking, to advertise the meeting and to arrange the minor details. It is desirable that local speakers and writers assist in the exercises of the institutes by discussing subjects in which they are most interested, or in which they have had successful experience.

It may not be practicable always to hold the institutes on the day desired by the community, as different places sometimes ask for the same date. The final selection of the date must, therefore, be left to the college authorities, but the wishes of the community will be observed as far as practicable.

It is the policy of the college to lengthen, when desirable, the sessions of the institutes. We realize that the best results cannot be obtained from a one day meeting. The scope and character of the work should be broadened year after year. Where sufficient interest is manifested the institute will be conducted for a longer period than one day.

This work will begin about the first of August, and applications should be sent in at once. Specify the time and place, and the names of the gentlemen who are willing to serve on the local committee.

The subjects discussed at the institutes should be adapted to local conditions. We therefore ask those interested to designate the subjects that are believed to be of the most interest to the locality.

Among the subjects that the members of the institute staff are prepared to discuss may be mentioned: Improvement of soil, grasses and legumes, horticulture, plant diseases, botany, entomology, insects and insecticides, methods of spraying, dairying, animal husbandry, farm manures, veterinary science, fertilizers, chemistry of soils, truck farming, drinking waters, road improvement, industrial education.

After the county institutes, an institute lasting one week will be held at Clemson College. Board and lodging will be furnished at cost.

Distinguished lecturers from abroad will be invited to assist in the College institute, and every effort will be exerted to make this meeting pleasant and profitable.

The Auxiliary Experiment station clubs are earnestly invited to cooperate by sending delegates.

The date and program will be duly advertised.

For further information write to Henry S. Hartzog, president Clemson College, S. C.

Reading, Pa., May 12.—A collision of passenger trains occurred on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad at Exeter, about six miles south of this city, and a great number of persons were killed and injured. There is no telegraph office at Exeter, and details, therefore, are difficult to obtain at this writing. The number of killed is variously stated to be from 15 to 25. Fully 50 others are injured.

Utica, N. Y., May 13.—The fast mail on the New York Central was in collision here this morning and seven passenger cars, filled with passengers, burning.

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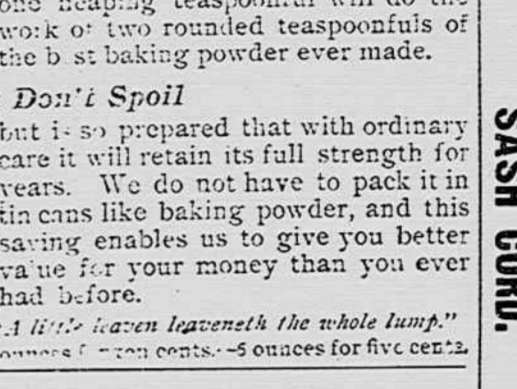
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Burgess Gaither Pierson, plaintiff, against Isaac Ballard individually, and as trustee, Solomon Ballard, Isaac Ballard, Jr., Burgess Ballard, Nancy Ballard, Julia Ballard, Eveline Ballard, Joshua Ballard, Katie White and Marcus G. Ryttenberg, Harry Ryttenberg and Abe Ryttenberg as copartners as J. Ryttenberg & Sons defendants.

To the Defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office in the city of Sumter, Sumter county, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in this complaint, and the defendant Joshua Ballard who is a non-resident of this State will take notice that the complaint in this action has this twenty-fifth day of April A. D. 1899, been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, State of South Carolina.

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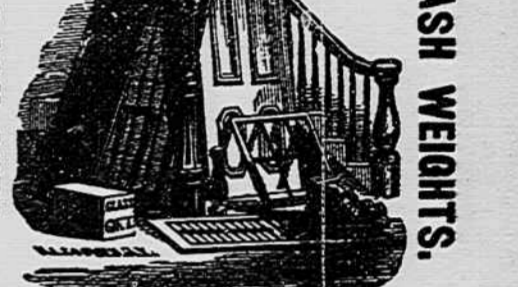
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