

A QUESTION OF VERACITY.

Progress of the Investigation into Keifer's Charges Against Boynton. When the Keifer-Boynton investigating committee began its session Saturday morning...

fire having been extinguished by citizens. The cause was in a defective flue. The damage amounts to about \$100. It was covered by insurance.

AMERICAN SWINE PRODUCTS.

Letters from the President and Secretary of State on This Subject. The President transmitted to the house of representatives on Saturday the report of the commission appointed to examine into the condition of the swine products of this country.

In his message of transmittal he says: "The views and conclusions of the commission deserve the most careful consideration of congress to the end that, if any path be judiciously open for removing the prohibitions which cause important foreign markets to those products, it may be followed and appropriate legislation devised."

"I earnestly recommend that congress provide for reimbursing the expenses incurred by the commission in its present service, and I should be glad also if some remunerative recognition of their public spirited action in accepting the onerous and responsible duties imposed on them were to be made at this time. At all events, in view of the conflicting theories touching the origin and propagation of trichinosis and the means of extinguishing it among domestic swine, and considering the important bearing which precise knowledge on these points has upon the commercial aspects of the matter, I recommend provision for special research in this direction."

The secretary of state also transmits a communication on the subject, in which he says: "The report is thorough and impartial to a degree which cannot fail to command the public consideration here and abroad."

As to trichinosis the report is less conclusive, because loss is certainly known of the manner in which the living trichine or their germs are transmitted. He advises further investigation of this point. It is known, however, he says, that the processes of packing and the time between the slaughter of the animal and the consumption of the prepared flesh abroad so diminish the vitality and propagative power of the trichine as to prevent its development in the human body.

No single instance based on competent scientific testimony can be adduced of trichinosis in Europe arising from the use of American packed swine products. In every single case in Germany it has been found that the disease is traceable to the consumption of freshly killed native hogs, and that its virulence diminishes with the lapse of time between the killing and consumption of hogs.

In speaking of the objections to the importation of meat products, the secretary says there is no reason to believe that any objection in principle to such importation whenever it may be required. When a government imposes upon the importation of foreign products more restrictions than those imposed on native products, conformity with those conditions is requisite and reasonable. If home inspection with due certification will open foreign markets for our swine products, it will certainly pay the American exporter to submit to inspection.

In conclusion, the secretary urges that congress shall pay the expenses incurred by the commission, and also give compensation for the time devoted to them to the subject. He also recommends that an appropriation be made to continue the investigation.

Resisting an Officer.

Officer Lee, while endeavoring to disperse a crowd of colored men who were obstructing Blagden's alley, between Ninth and Tenth streets, was assaulted by Charles Dado and George Brooks and forced to retreat. Dado has been arrested, but Brooks is still at large.

A Spring Sunday Afternoon.

The pleasant weather yesterday induced several persons to drive into the country, and the roads about the city presented an anti-climatic appearance. Several well known "flyers" were out, and a number of scratch tests of speed took place.

An Invention, Not a Robbery.

The account published in an afternoon paper, detailing a robbery at the corner of Seventh street and South Carolina avenue southeast, was incorrect. The story is denied by the police, as well as the parties who are alleged to have been robbed.

A Sudden Death.

Col. Daniel Brawley fell at the corner of Fifth and K streets on Saturday afternoon. He was carried into a neighboring store, where he expired in a few moments. The cause of his death is supposed to have been heart disease.

At the North Presbyterian Church.

The Sunday school of the North Presbyterian church held an interesting temperance meeting yesterday afternoon in the church. The pastor, Rev. Charles B. Ramsdell, and others made addresses.

A Fire in the West End.

Yesterday morning a fire was discovered at No. 123 Nineteenth street, occupied by Thos. Cox. The flames were soon extinguished. The loss, amounting to about \$600, was covered by insurance.

Another Sudden Death.

At 10:30 a. m. Saturday Mrs. Teresa Gill died suddenly at her residence, 632 L street southeast. Coroner Patterson pronounced death to be from natural causes.

Special Notice.

THE REPUBLICAN will hereafter publish death notices free. For funeral notices 25 cents will be charged.

CONDENSED LOCALS.

At Mount Zion church, on Retreat, between Tenth and Eleventh streets northwest, yesterday, a number of persons were admitted on probation.

Rev. Frederick D. Moore, the pastor of the Lincoln Memorial church, corner of Eleventh and R streets, delivered a very interesting address on the Lenten season yesterday morning.

At the young people's meeting at the Christian church yesterday evening, a young lady, was baptized by the pastor, Rev. Frederick D. Moore. This is the second immersion that has taken place in the new edifice, the first having occurred two weeks ago.

PERSONAL.

Prof. Ernest F. Sheffert, anatomist and scientist of the army medical museum, has resigned.

Ex-Gov. Charles Foster, of Ohio; Mrs. S. R. Howard and W. K. Casender, of Boston, are at the Hotel.

Mr. Lord, managing editor of the New York Herald, Mr. Balpo, assistant editor, are at Chamberlain's.

Norman Williams, H. W. Jackson, of Chicago, and C. H. Lee and wife, New Iberia, La., are at Wormley's.

P. E. Williams, Los Angeles, Cal.; J. H. Carrington, New York, and W. O. H. Rowe, Boston, are at the Metropolitan.

G. L. White, F. J. Brown, of Waterbury, Conn.; Carl E. Dutz, New York, and P. D. Fry, C. H. Whyte, Baltimore, are at the Arlington.

Gov. Babcock, San Francisco; W. E. Ward, Iowa; A. A. Whitaker, Cincinnati, and John P. Harke, Lexington, Ky., are at the St. Charles.

Hon. James Keith, of Ohio; Hon. E. J. Honkle, Baltimore; Hon. B. F. ... New York, and John W. Fairfax, Virginia, are at the National.

W. D. Miller, wife and daughter; Fred S. Stebbins, New York; J. B. ... Boston; J. N. ... London, are at the Harris house.

H. F. Foster and wife, E. O. C. Ord, V. S. A.; Horace Baskin, Boston; C. H. Walker, Danvers; J. L. Bon, Omaha; Eli Marlon, Frankfort, Ind., and J. K. Seymour, Me., are at the Ebbitt.

William Tomlin, Miss Millard, Mr. Millard, Henry H. ... Boston, ... New York; Fred H. ... Philadelphia; H. H. ... and wife, ... are at the ...

Mr. A. H. Richardson, who was recently transferred from the office of the second assistant postmaster general to that of the superintendent of the ...

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