

pure-food committee. The Senator was reported to have said that great pressure was being brought to bear on him to get him to stop his investigations, etc. Now, I want to say just here, that I have not been quite sure that I knew why those investigations were instituted, or where Senator Mason got the idea that there would not be any Pure-Food Bill passed by the next congress unless he drafted one and pushed it through. What is the use of wasting time and the people's money to prove the fact of adulteration? Why was it necessary to take Prof. Wiley, the United States chemist, half way across the continent to tell a committee what he knew about food adulteration? He had long before told all he needed to tell on the subject before an intelligent congress of some of the best citizens of the country, which congress met in the national capital, and whose proceedings had been published and were accessible to Senator Mason or anybody else. Why should the work of this body be ignored and a political junketing committee be created to prove the fact that food is adulterated? It is like spending money to prove the fact that the sun shines, or that water does not naturally run uphill. Everybody who has given the subject a moment's thought knows that food and drugs are openly and wickedly adulterated, and the evidence of it can be found in any village or city of the United States. The main thing now is, to find a way to stop it, and I think this way will be found, even though Senator Mason should stop his fight in order that his son might draw the fat salary that one of the Chicago papers said he had been offered.

We do not need any new evidence, we do not need any new Bill, we only need that every lover of truth and common honesty go to work and see to it that the Pure-Food Bill which has the endorsement of the National Pure Food and Drug Congress, and which is known as the "Brosius Bill," becomes a law during the session of the next congress. This Bill has the endorsement of some of the best men in the nation, was carefully considered by the Pure-Food Congress Committee, of which I had the honor to be a member, and was then endorsed by congress as a whole, and I do not think there is anything to be gained by side-tracking all of this work in the interest of any man's political aspirations, let him be Democrat, Republican, Populist, or whatnot.

I fully agree with Senator Cockrell,

who said, when I suggested to him the possibly the Bill contained some crudities and objectionable features, "I am in favor of the Bill. Let us pass it, and make the corrections afterwards." Our enemies would like to see us wrangle over amendments until the Bill is killed, but I very much mistake the temper of the men who compose the National Pure Food and Drug Congress, if there is any wrangling about the matter. These men are too much in earnest to split hairs about minor matters; once we get the law then we will make the corrections.

Now, I want to say a word to the members of the United States Bee-Keepers' Association and to the public generally about making this a special matter. You may think you have no interest in the matter, but you have. Adulteration reaches every home, it blites and withers the prospect of every honest calling, and is no respecter of persons. As I said before, it is sapping the foundation principles of moral order, and every man, woman and child who believes in common honesty is interested in its suppression. Even the families of the adulterators themselves cannot escape the ruinous effects of this the crowning crime of the century. Let us remember then, to use the language of Mill, a person may cause evil to others not only by his actions but by his inaction, and in either case he is justly accountable to them for the injury."

EMERSON TAYLOR ABBOTT.

President Whitcomb's address and Mr. Abbott's paper were then discussed.

Mr. Abbott—Honey is two cents higher in Ohio than in Missouri. This honey, or imitation of honey, that I referred to in my paper, is made in Kansas City, Mo.

Question—Then do you mean to say that this honey is put up by Root? (Laughter).

Mr. Abbott—Some people are laboring under a mistake, and that is, that the United States has nothing to do with regulating foods. Congress cannot enact a law to prevent adulteration in Missouri, but as soon as the adulterated article moves out of the state then it can be handled. By the way, I have here copies of the Brosius Pure-Food Bill. I wish you would come forward and get them later. I wish I could speak to all the bee-keepers of the United States about this Bill. You may think that you have nothing to do with it, but you have.