

## **Pest House Burned**

### **THURSDAY EVENING WITH ITS ENTIRE CONTENTS**

**The Fire Undoubtedly the Work of Incendiaries—Every Effort Will be made by the  
Authorities to Apprehend and Punish the Culprits**  
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The pest-house, near Mt. Hope Cemetery, burned with all its contents, about dark, Thursday afternoon. Its keepers removed from it after dinner, being released from quarantine by order of the authorities, leaving a small expiring fire in the kitchen stove in the northeast corner of the building. The fire was first observed in the southwest corner where there had been no fire. This raises the suspicion that the structure was set on fire, as people in the vicinity, besides many others, are prejudiced against the existence of a pest-house. The building was a tinder box, and burned with great rapidity. The building and contents had been fumigated twice, with a view to locking it up, as it would not probably be needed again this winter. The loss is not of course much, but, if it should happen to be needed, it would cause much inconvenience. The parties released from quarantine were daily purged and purified before leaving, with great care. In case the authorities concluded that the building was set on fire by an incendiary, it will be their duty to make proper exertions to discover and punish the criminal.

The board of health will meet tomorrow to consider the advisability of rebuilding, but the physicians are of the opinion there will be no immediate necessity, as they consider the disease fully under control. The building and contents is a loss of about \$500 to the city, but a new one could not be built and furnished for that amount. There now seems to be no doubt in the mind of authorities that the fire was the work on incendiaries, and every means will be employed to apprehend the criminals.