

TO STOP THE SCARLET FEVER

Board of Health Order Schools and Sunday Schools Closed and Limit Other Places to Persons Over 16.

DOCTORS CONFER WITH IT

Will Have Additional Health Special Officers to Enforce Quarantine and Prosecute Violators of Regulations.

- Great rigidity of enforcement of all quarantine regulations with the aid of a lot of new board of health police to be appointed at once.
- Close all theaters, dance halls and skating rinks to persons under sixteen years of age.
- Close all schools, public, parochial and private.
- Close all Sunday Schools.
- If all this not effective, follow it by closing all churches.

The Keokuk board of health sent out notices this morning that all the above is law and its firm determination, as the result of discussion following a gabfest with a score of physicians.

The board sent out invitations to the Keokuk members of the Lee County Medical society to meet with it. When the doctors arrived, two questions were put to them:

What is best to do to stop the epidemic of scarlet fever in Keokuk? Should the public schools be closed?

Chairman Off had hard work holding the doctors to the texts, the medical men insisting upon arguing about the different diagnosis of erythema infectiosum, scarletina and other things which the aldermen made a brave bluff at understanding. Of the fifteen doctors present, only one—divided closing the schools, several giving all experience proves that to do so will increase contagious diseases, but some of them came so near a dispute about whose case a certain child was, that the board of health decided later to get busy to the limit and do things on its own hook.

The session of the board following the medical gabfest was entirely harmonious with all the members, the city attorney, the board physician, Dr. C. A. Dimond, and both Acting Mayor Off and Mayor Strimback present. It started with a request from Wilmering & Kink that an order be so modified as to permit persons over sixteen years old to attend the Roll-a-way; the age of all patrons to be decided by a health board officer at the door and all expense to be paid by the firm.

Stringent Measures Taken.

The board discussed this during the session of yesterday afternoon and again at another meeting held last night. It finally decided that the modification is safe and all that is required, and also decided to treat all similar places alike. It actually passed a resolution closing all places of public entertainment, but when somebody suggested that this included saloons and the baseball park, the board hastily reconsidered and changed the wording of its order. Having passed all the orders stated above, and expressed its determination to strictly enforce quarantine and keep up its action in a wholehearted way, the board adjourned and Chairman Off

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began to pick out a lot of good alert, straight men to appoint to catch citizens who break quarantine or fail to report scarlet fever in their households—the law puts this duty on the family where there is no attending physician.

At the joint session of doctors and the board, Dr. Dimond furnished the official figures of the epidemic as follows:

Cases now under quarantine by wards: First, 3; second, 7; third, 9; fourth, 2; fifth, 7; sixth, 10; total, 38. Number of cases reported this year by months: January, 6; February, 4; March, 18; April to date, 27; total, 55. Those present were Drs. Hughes, Holmes, Armentrout, Brown, Fuller, Pease, G. F. Jenkins, C. A. Jenkins, Hogle, Wollenweber, Courtright, Scroggs, Kinnaman, Dorsey and Coffey. A considerable audience was on the benches of the superior court room where the meeting was held.

When Doctors Disagreed.

Dr. J. A. Scroggs answered the first question by saying that the board should insist on its quarantine regulations being carried out strictly. Chairman Off said one object of the meeting was to emphasize the duty of attending physicians to report all cases of contagious diseases to the city board of health.

Dr. George F. Jenkins arose to say that while there is some scarlet fever in town, it is impossible to tell what ratio of alleged scarlet fever cases are really that disease. He has had five cases of German measles, and does not believe a large proportion of the quarantined cases are scarlet fever, and three certain cases were German measles and nothing else. He entered into a technical discussion of the differences between scarlet fever, measles, German measles, and a new one called "the fourth disease" and said he believes German measles with a rash that looks like scarlet fever is what Keokuk has now, as a rule.

This caused most of the others who spoke to talk about diagnosis, most of them disagreeing with Dr. Jenkins. Dr. Kinnaman said this is a very mild epidemic of scarlet fever, without any doubt, and a chief trouble is that so many cases have no attending physician. He said all quarantine might as well be stopped in such a mild epidemic.

Dr. W. Frank Brown told of a case he saw in which the family said they were sorry they called a doctor, since it put them in quarantine, and discharged him as soon as they heard the words scarlet fever. He also took issue with Dr. Jenkins and quoted some of the latter's medical college lectures against him.

About the Schools.

Dr. A. B. Hughes said his own large experience as a schoolman before he became a doctor, and the experience of the world for many years proves that it is more dangerous to close than to continue the schools during an epidemic. A large increase of cases here occurred in exactly the time showing the children caught it during the recent school vacation. The schools of Keokuk offer the best and most systematic method of investigation of suspected cases.

He called on Superintendent Aldrich who explained the routine methods in use in the schools. The children are watched closely by the teachers who send home a child as soon as it shows any signs of illness,

asking the parent to call a physician to discover what ails the child. Also teachers report to the health physicians, through the superintendent or directly, all cases they suspect to be scarlet fever, and Dr. Dimond has done an immense amount of work looking up these cases, most of which were not scarlet fever.

W. E. Strimback told the history of the earliest stages of the epidemic, the only death and several cases being traceable to one original case which complied laxly with the quarantine regulations. He said he was reliably informed that a later case was not reported by the attending physician and went to school to be sent home by the teacher. He praised the work of Dr. Dimond as health physician and concluded that the whole thing is in the hands of the parents and the doctors of Keokuk.

Dr. Frank M. Fuller made a strong speech, sticking to the texts given the doctors. He strongly opposed closing the schools; favored quarantine for all doubtful cases; said mild cases of scarlet fever are as dangerous as hard ones; recommended that violators of quarantine and delinquent doctors be heavily fined, and said:

Scattering Poison for Children. "Nobody has any more right to endanger my little boy by scattering the poison of contagion than to scatter strychnine or morphine pills around the yard where he is likely to pick them up and eat them."

Dr. F. B. Dorsey favored closing the schools, in an eloquent speech.

Dr. Scroggs said the most important thing is to require doctors to report cases to the board of health. He does not favor closing the schools now, at least. He said it does not make any difference whether a child has scarlet fever or "the fourth disease" erythema infectiosum, and all such refinements of diagnosis should be discarded.

Dr. Pease said strict quarantine is the secret of stopping the epidemic, and the neighbors should be asked to report all suspicious cases.

Dr. C. R. Armentrout said not to close the schools, but to enforce a more rigid quarantine.

Then the doctors went out and the board got into action with orders and resolutions.

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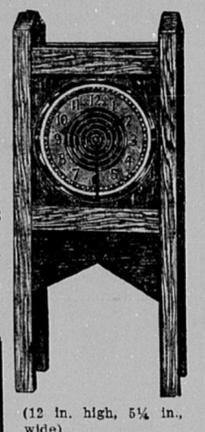
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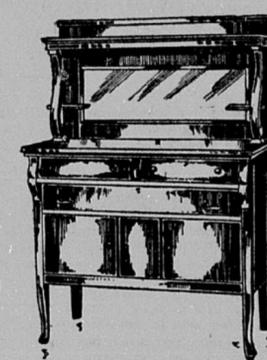
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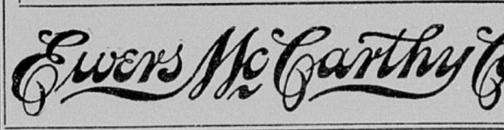


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THE DEATH OF MRS. YOUNKER

Former Keokuk Citizen Who is to be Buried in this City Tomorrow.

Of the death of Mrs. Younker in Chicago, brief mention of which was made in this paper last evening and whose funeral is to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Jewish temple, the Register and Leader of Des Moines, says this morning:

Mrs. Tina Younker, widow of Samuel Younker, and mother of the members of the firm of Younker Brothers, died suddenly in Chicago on Thursday evening, after a short illness. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Younker, who has been spending the winter in Chicago, first complained of illness about two weeks ago, but did not regard her condition as serious until Tuesday, when she took to her bed. Greatly enfeebled, she gradually sank away until the end came. Her children, Falk, Aaron, Isaac, and Miss Gertrude of Des Moines, and Mrs. C. P. Monash of Chicago, were at her bedside. The remains will be taken to Keokuk, Mrs.

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