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THE UNWARRANTED STATEMENTS

Of Reckless People and Papers Lead to Quarantine Proceedings—Great Rush of Children and Others to be Vaccinated—One Flag Less now Than Yesterday Morning—The Precautions Complete and Effective.

There was not a new case of smallpox in Wheeling yesterday.

One flag was taken down, the danger being past at that house.

The case of Henry Kitson, in the rear of Sixteenth street, still fails to show any typical symptoms of smallpox. The health officer has in no way relaxed his precautions to prevent contagion from that source, if it should prove to be smallpox, but owing to the peculiar characteristics of the case he is not yet sure that it is smallpox.

Yesterday there were the usual number of excited rumors of new cases. Health Officer Jepson investigated a number of these, and found the reports unfounded. If the liars could bestampede us as easily as the disease can, the false reports, which do much harm, would be quickly stopped.

The most notable thing yesterday was the rush to get vaccinated. At the city health office there was a constant procession of people, mainly children, in and out. Every doctor in town was also busy vaccinating people. All the prisoners in the county jail were vaccinated by Dr. McCoy, Jr.

The weather continued favorable for putting an end to the spread of the disease. The day was one of the warmest for several weeks. There was no development to add to the public uneasiness, and the general feeling of nervous dread seemed to be considerably allayed in the city. In the surrounding towns, however, there was a really unreasonable degree of alarm, leading to quarantine proceedings in several places. The officials who took such steps were generally misled by sensational rumors. Some of these, almost criminal in their falsity, found their way into print. For instance, the Bellaire Tribune had this paragraph:

"The extent of it has been persistently underestimated, and even now when steps are being taken to quarantine the infected houses, the public is told that there are but twenty-eight cases, when there can be counted that number of flagged houses upon a single square."

This is an absolute falsehood. There can be no decent authority for such a statement. From the first appearance of the disease in Wheeling, the authorities have taken prompt steps to quarantine all cases. The newspapers, or at least the INTELLIGENCER, has printed the absolute truth about the disease, when there was any development demanding attention. No attempt was made to suppress the truth. The Tribune's statement that there are twenty-eight flagged houses on a single square is false and inexcusable.

The Steubenville Gazette, usually careful in such matters, intimates that the truth was suppressed during fair week. This is also unjust and untrue. There was no special reason for uneasiness until Friday, when a number of new cases broke out on the South Side. Fair visitors had no occasion to be in that part of the city. In other parts there was no more danger of contagion than there is to-day in Steubenville or Bellaire; not so much as in Martin's Ferry. The appearance of new cases was not chargeable to official neglect.

The fact is that at both Pittsburgh and Cincinnati there are cases of smallpox. One came from each place to Wheeling, and to them can be traced all the cases that Wheeling has suffered from this year. The present conditions do not warrant any more stringent precautions against Wheeling than against the other cities named. The cases here are carefully isolated, vaccination has been practically universal, and the general sanitary condition of the city is not such as to aggravate an epidemic.

The death rate from smallpox is pronounced by competent authority remarkably low.

Yesterday Judge Campbell went down to Moundsville to hold a special term of the circuit court. When he arrived he found there was a quarantine in force, and he came back. The court will be held after the quarantine is raised. Captain Dovenor and other lawyers were also on the train. They managed to get a special permit from the mayor and acting health officer, and so forth to go to the court house, except Attorney General T. S. Riley, who was not around when the band wagon passed and did not get a note. He had to remain at the station several hours. Several persons who drove down in carriages yesterday were met at the Moundsville corporation line and turned back.

The people of Pleasant Valley wanted to send Mr. Habersack, who has smallpox there, back to town, and his sons desired also to have him returned, but last night this movement was finally and emphatically set down on by the health authorities. The police guarded all the roads from there into town last night and night before to prevent his being brought in.

THE BELLAIRE FEELING

Will Probably Lead to Rigid Quarantine This Morning.

The feeling in Bellaire over the smallpox scare had not abated any yesterday. It was the talk of the town everywhere and the demand for rigid quarantine grew stronger instead of less. The fact that a few families had moved from Wheeling to Bellaire, one of them in the night, and the further fact that a family with a child sick with diphtheria had been taken there Monday afternoon all tended to increase the feeling. The diphtheria case had never even been placarded while in Wheeling, but the house-occupied by the family in Bellaire was quarantined yesterday morning.

Messrs. A. O. Mellott and J. H. Milligan and Dr. Long were selected as a committee to visit Wheeling and ascertain the real facts about the smallpox, but those gentlemen returned with less information than they had been getting from the INTELLIGENCER daily. Dr. Long, the health officer, wired Dr. Probst, the secretary of the state board of health, to come to Bellaire. Most people there regarded that request as wholly unnecessary and a useless expense. A shanty boat was tied up on the shore at Bellaire yesterday and the occupants reported they had been ordered from Wheeling under penalty of quarantine. The authorities there notified them to move on and the boat pulled out last night. The half quarantine established by the Bellaire board of health was not satisfactory to the people there and a demand was made for a rigid general order. Cooler heads

advised consideration, but the feeling was so intense that a rigid quarantine will probably be established this morning.

Martin's Ferry's Action.
A quarantine was declared by the board of health of Martin's Ferry, to go into effect at 6 o'clock last evening, notwithstanding the fact that that place has about as many sources of danger as Wheeling, proportionately to population. It had one new case yesterday, which Wheeling had not. Last evening's Martin's Ferry Times says: Both street car lines will be stopped, the Bellaire line being required to suspend, pending action of the Bridgeport board of health. Guards John Frazier and Brock Brown have been detailed to watch the terminal bridge, M. D. Myers to see that the street cars run no farther than the Standard trestle, and P. Coleman and Charles Huffman have been stationed at the ferry landing.

Moundsville Quarantines.
Moundsville was one of the first cities to declare quarantine against Wheeling. Mayor John Brooks yesterday issued a proclamation declaring quarantine against not only Wheeling, but Benwood and McMechen. Several persons who went to Moundsville yesterday were not allowed to stay.

Will Lose a Finger.
Yesterday Tom Grasin, of Martin's Ferry, met with a painful accident in Mahiko's bicycle repair shop, on South Huron street, Island. He got his left hand in a swiftly revolving wheel, and the little finger was ground and mashed so badly that the physician said it would have to be amputated. It was temporarily dressed at Burt's drug store.

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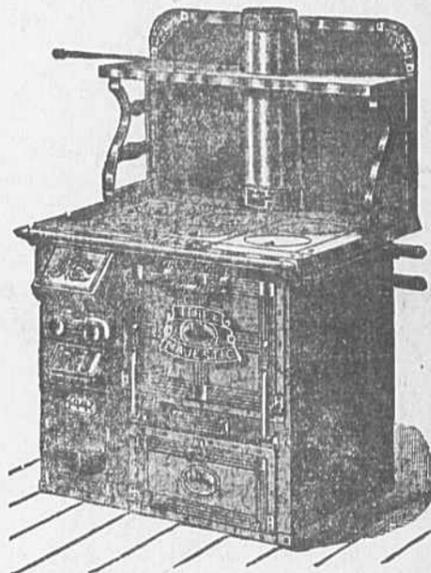
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