

News Items of General Interest

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Lawrence, Kansas.

From The Indian Leader:

Haskell has just gone through a very serious and perplexing epidemic of grippe, not the ordinary grippe or influenza but a strepto-grippe, such as the different Army camps have been having. In all cases the epidemic grippe has followed soon after epidemics of rebella (German measles).

On March 17, without any thought of sickness being near, pupils began to come to the hospital. The second day 39 came. During the week so many were sick that school and industrial departments practically had to stop their work; there was a total in the hospital wards of 207 who were sick enough to require day and night attention. Among this number were 16 very serious lung complicated cases of which 4 died of pneumonia, and 1 of hemorrhage from the lungs. The remainder are doing nicely. In all serious cases the parents have been notified by telegraph.

Besides those in the hospital there were 250 or more who were not very sick and were allowed to stay in the different dormitories until able to attend school.

The form of the disease was so unusual that outside physicians—two from Lawrence, five from the Kansas State Board of Health Service, and Dr. Van Cleave, special physician in the Indian Service—were called in for consultation. The University of Kansas kindly sent us a member of their staff to make a study of the bacteria causing the epidemic.

In addition to the regular hospital nurse and assistants, four graduate nurses from outside were called in for assistance. The best of nursing has been obtained. Supt. Peairs has not spared expense and has repeatedly asked that nothing be left undone which might help those sick.

At the present time the epidemic appears to be spent. We still have several quite sick cases in the hospital but there are no new ones coming in and school conditions are about normal.

We want all parents to know that we will give their children, who are pupils at Haskell, the best of medical care and nursing when they are sick, and when their condition is at all serious we will, without delay, write or telegraph parents or guardians concerning the conditions.

"The Newest Fighting Corps—The Potatriots; Join the Ranks and Spud the Kaiser."

"Every Spud a Bullet."