

HAVE WE AN EPIDEMIC?

WHAT A PROMINENT PHYSICIAN SAYS OF THE CITY'S CONDITION.

Cases of Alleged Poisoning Which May Most Likely Be Traced to Filthy Sanitary Conditions—A Call Upon the Board of Health to Investigate.

The following communication from one of Lancaster's prominent physicians will attract serious attention to a subject that is of vital interest to all citizens, viz: the last sanitary condition of some portions of the city and the strong probability that this unclean state of affairs has been secretly nourishing an epidemic in our midst:

Dear Sir: In Saturday's issue, I published in your paper an account of a family living on Middle street, having been prostrated with violent and sudden illness. The physician states that "the symptoms were not those of trichinosis," thereby conveying the impression that the disease was not due to eating pork.

Several such instances have been chronicled lately where the cause was attributed to poisoning. The fact that the cause of the disease is not a trichinosis is a matter of course.

We know of several deaths having occurred which were attributed to typhoid fever, but really caused by this same disease. The cause of the epidemic has been traced to poisoning, to different articles of food, &c.

In one instance an entire family were afflicted; they attributed it to an arrow root, but it will more likely be found in the water supply or impure air, caused by filthy alleys, back yards, cellars, &c.

It is high time that they should take some steps toward investigating the sanitary condition of the city and of inquiring into the nature of the epidemic.

Investigation by an INTELLIGENT reporter reveals that the North-western portion of the city, where the sewerage and drainage system is most lacking, suffered especially from the causes alluded to in the above communication.

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NEWS OF THE FIELD.

What the Base Ball Clubs are Doing as the Season Approaches.

The best game of the season was played on Saturday between the Athletic and Philadelphia clubs and the former won by 2 to 1.

Four hits were made of each pitcher. Harry Larkin, who has not been playing with the Athletics of late, made two two base hits and Farrar and O'Brien each made the ball out of the home.

There was only one error in the game and that O'Brien made. Eight thousand people saw the game.

The Mets will be near the top at the close of the season.

In two games in Louisville the Detroit did not have an error.

The Philadelphia Athletics is an inmate of the Philadelphia almshouse.

Frank Parker left town this morning for Baltimore where he joins Bancroft's Rochester team.

The New England league clubs are ruling themselves playing together before the season begins.

People who keep their eyes on the Philadelphia and St. Louis league teams may be surprised this season.

The Atlanta was the first club to play an errorless game this season, and it was the first time the club had played together.

Nick Bradley has been released by the Atlanta club, and the reasons given are that he drank too much booze and could not hit the ball.

Ren Deagle is in hard luck. He had an agreement to play with the Denver club in the city of Denver.

THE MORTUARY LIST.

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NEWS OF THE COUNTY.

What Our Correspondent Learned at Smithville and Vicinity.

Orinthus Groff the general, obliging host of the Spruce Eagle hotel, Smithville, Pa., has refurbished, remodeled and papered his parlor and it presents a very nice appearance.

Wm. Swartz, carpenter, has purchased a tract of land from the Messrs. McFall, wood dealers, and is about to erect a house.

Emmanuel Aston, teacher of the Martville school, has moved to Safe Harbor.

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QUIET AT EAST ST. LOUIS.

THE PRESENCE OF THE MILITARY HAVING A GOOD EFFECT.

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MORRISON GETS THE FLOOR AND INTRODUCES HIS BILL.

FOR TARIFF REFORM.

Features of the Majority and Minority Reports on This Important Measure—A Resolution Adopted in the House to Inquire into the Present Labor Troubles.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

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