

The News of Carbondale.

THE CAUSE OF THE TYPHOID

EPIDEMIC MAY BE DUE TO CITY WATER SUPPLY.

This is the Opinion Expressed in the Report to the Local Board of Health from State Bacteriologist Pitfield, Who Made Examinations of Both the Milk and the Water Supply.

The board finds that while there are circumstances in the distribution of the disease which lead to suspicion of pollution of the milk supply, the conditions under which the milk is produced do not appear to substantiate this suspicion.

Milk Supply Not Suspicious. As to the milk supply, it appears from the report that the general number of cases has occurred in families supplied by one particular dealer.

The board finds, therefore, that while the conditions under which the milk is produced do not appear to substantiate these suspicions, on the other hand, there is strong reason for considering it probable that one source of the water supply is polluted and may be chargeable with the production of the epidemic.

The paragraph contains the meat of the opinion of the state board of health as to the cause of the epidemic of typhoid fever in Carbondale the past four or five months, which produced as high as forty cases at one time, and was marked by a half dozen deaths.

This opinion is based on the findings of Dr. Robert L. Pitfield, of Germantown, assistant state bacteriologist, who recently visited this city and, after inspecting the water supply of Carbondale, and visiting the dairy in Greenfield, the milk from which was suspected, took home with him samples of the water and the milk, submitting them to a bacteriological test.

Dr. Pitfield's findings were submitted to Dr. Lee, secretary of the state board of health, who embodied them in a report which was forwarded to Secretary Russell Shepherd, of the local board of health, who received it yesterday. Last night a special meeting of the board was called to receive the report.

The water supply in which the bacteriologist found pollution, in bacteria, "the colon bacillus," is that of the Consolidated Water Company. Possible sources of pollution that Dr. Pitfield specifies, are privies of houses on Canaan street, which are quite near the main distributing reservoir, the No. 4 reservoir, he says, runs the risk on account of being an open one, of being polluted by streams that drain farm yards, pig pens and other privies.

The people on the West Side who use the Crystal lake water not being affected in the least by typhoid fever is taken as a ground for excluding that water as a possible factor in causing the epidemic.

The Reynshanhurst company's supply is not involved, the report says, "the analysis shows it to be of unusual purity."

The findings of Dr. Pitfield caused somewhat of a surprise as circumstances pointed to the milk of one dealer being the cause of the epidemic.

The public seemed to accept this opinion. The water supply was hardly given a thought as being a factor in the spread of typhoid.

The board received the report and postponed action until later, the members in the meantime to consider ways and means to the end of purifying the water supply complained of. An early meeting will be called to adopt some plan. There was one suggestion by Dr. Niles that councils will be asked to make appropriation for clearing out the contaminating streams referred to.

The bacteriologist's findings. The report of Dr. Lee, which embodies the findings of Dr. Pitfield, the bacteriologist, is as follows:

State Board of Health, Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 29, 1902. Mr. Russell M. Shepherd, Secretary Board of Health, Carbondale, Pa.

Dear Sir: I have received from Dr. Robert L. Pitfield, assistant bacteriologist, his report on an investigation of the water supply and of the milk supply of your city in connection with an outbreak of typhoid fever. The report shows that the eastern part of the town has been almost exclusively affected, it being supplied by water from two sources, the Consolidated Water company and the Reynshanhurst company, while the western portion is supplied by the Consolidated Water company from the Crystal lake reservoir run. The Reynshanhurst water is derived from artesian wells sunk in an uninhabited part of the country and the analysis shows it to be of unusual purity.

I have the honor to be Yours very truly, (Signed) Benjamin Lee, Secretary.

DIED FROM A FALL.

Michael Marrett, of Simpson, Taken to Emergency Hospital in Dying Condition Succumbs a Few Hours Later.

Michael Marrett, a resident of Simpson, succumbed yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, at Emergency hospital, where he was taken the night before.

Marrett was a victim of a fall, which he met with ten days ago. He fractured his skull and manifested symptoms of severe concussion of the brain, Sunday he was hurriedly taken to the Emergency hospital. He was in a desperate condition, however, and what the surgeons did for him was of no avail. He passed away twelve hours after being admitted.

Marrett was 25 years of age and was unmarried. He worked about the mines at Simpson.

IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

The Book Club to Sleighride—Other Happenings of Interest.

The Book club, which was recently organized and is composed of young women conspicuous in social doings, will enjoy a sleighride tonight.

The sleighride will be held on Monday night at 8 o'clock, at the Cliff hotel, at Carbondale, will be the destination of the party. There they will partake of a chicken supper, which will be reestablished, after the ride over the hills. All the circumstances to an enjoyable night are happily present.

The sleighing is excellent, the club members are capable of providing lively enjoyment, and the arrangements for their comfort at the end of the trip are quite complete.

Misses Nellie Spangler and Alice Farrell, of Bristol, Pa., who came to Scranton to attend the reception at Mt.

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Have You Uric Acid, Rheumatism or Bladder Trouble.

To Prove What SWAMP-ROOT, the Great Kidney and Bladder Remedy, Will Do for YOU, all Our Readers May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Free By Mail.

Pain or dull ache in the back is unmistakable evidence of kidney trouble. It is Nature's timely warning to show you that the track of health is not clear.

If these danger signals are unheeded, more serious results are sure to follow; Bright's disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble, may steal upon you.

The mild and extraordinary effect of the world-famous kidney and bladder remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. A trial will convince anyone—and you may have a sample bottle free, by mail.

Backache, Uric Acid and Urinary Trouble. Among the many famous cures of Swamp-Root investigated by the Scranton Daily Tribune the one we publish today for the benefit of our readers, speaks in the highest terms of the wonderful curative properties of this great kidney remedy.

Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., Gentlemen—When I wrote you last March for a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, my wife was a great sufferer from backache, rheumatism and urinary trouble, also excess of uric acid. After trying the sample bottle, she bought a large bottle here at the drug store. That did her so much good, she bought more. The effect of Swamp-Root was wonderful and almost immediate. She has felt no return of the old trouble since.

Oct. 1902. 427 Best St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Lame back is only one symptom of kidney trouble—one of many. Other symptoms, showing that you need Swamp-Root are, obliged to pass water often during the day and to get up many times at night, inability to hold your urine, smarting or irritation in passing, brick-dust or sediment in the

urine, catarrh of the bladder, uric acid, constant headache, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, irregular heart-beating, rheumatism, bloating, irritability, weakness, feeling, lack of ambition, loss of flesh, slow complexion.

If your water when allowed to remain undisturbed in a glass or bottle for twenty-four hours, forms a sediment or settling, or has a cloudy appearance, it is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need immediate attention.

In taking Swamp-Root you afford natural help to Nature, for Swamp-Root is the most perfect healer and gentle aid to the kidneys that is known to medical science.

Swamp-Root is the great discovery of Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist. Hospitals use it with wonderful success in both slight and severe cases. Doctors recommend it to their patients and use it in their own families, because they recognize in Swamp-Root the greatest and most successful remedy.

If you have the slightest symptoms of kidney or bladder trouble, or if there is a trace of it in your family history, send at once to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., who will gladly send you free by mail, immediately, without cost to you, a sample bottle of Swamp-Root and a book of wonderful Swamp-Root testimonials. Be sure to say you read this generous offer in the Scranton Daily Tribune.

If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at drug stores everywhere. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

St. Mary's seminary, were guests over Sunday of the Misses Monahan at the Harrison house. They returned home yesterday. During their stay here they derived much interest from a visit to one of the mines hereabouts.

Progress of Patients Who Have Been Quite Ill. Miss Genevieve Bires, of Washington street, who was taken with a dangerous attack of pleurisy about a week ago and whose condition has since been alarming, is manifesting a slight improvement. Her condition, however, is still critical, and it will be several days before it can be said she has passed all danger.

Scott Whipple, of the local staff of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, who has been confined to his home for two months with an attack of rheumatism, is considerably improved.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Case of Thomas Fox. After hearing the testimony of one witness, McAndrew, the coroner's jury in the case of the death of Thomas Fox of Powderly street, rendered a verdict last night that the deceased came to his end by natural causes, superinduced by exposure. County Detective Phillips was present at the hearing and interrogated the witness. The jury met in the office of Alderman James Fox. It will be recalled was found dead near St. Rose cemetery under circumstances that called for an investigation.

It Was the Hendricks Company. In yesterday's Tribune, in naming the company which purchased the culm dump at the Barton breaker, the name of the purchaser was confused, making it read the Carbondale Machine company. It should have read the Hendricks Manufacturing company. This concern was the purchaser, the growing needs of the company making the purchase of fuel an urgent necessity.

Funeral of Mrs. Coffin. The funeral of the late Mrs. William Coffin took place Sunday. Carbondale lodge, No. 260, Knights of Pythias, and Court Lily, No. 350, Foresters of America, attended the obsequies in a body.

At three o'clock, services were conducted at Mrs. Coffin's late home, on Lincoln avenue, by the Rev. A. P. Chaffee, pastor of the First Methodist church. He spoke most tenderly of the

Connolly & Wallace, Scranton's Shopping Center.

Wednesday closes the most satisfactory year in our history—to our customers as well as to ourselves.

A bargain means one thing at one store, something else at another. It depends on the store's standards.

Paying too little for a thing is worse than paying too much, for you not only lose what you pay, but get nothing in return.

It isn't the new things nor the things under price which crowd our aisles and passages every day, but the years of fair dealing, which have inspired you and us with confidence in each other.

The "best of its kind" means the best your money can buy. We are spending your money and we are accountable for spending it to the best advantage.

Connolly & Wallace's is the fashion center of this section, not only because it gets the styles first, but because it gets them right.

Next Friday we start to make every day better—the new kind of a store never stands still.

Every woman is asking now: "What's going to be worn?" Watch this store—it is better than any fashion book ever published.

While we're waiting for more Spring goods, will you take the last of the Winter things at about half price? Look in the Coat Room.

A store that has your confidence doesn't ask you to compare things. It would be like asking you to prove that it tells the truth.

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OLYPHANT.

Rev. George Hague tendered his resignation as pastor of the Susquehanna Street Baptist church at the close of the evening service on Sunday.

The resignation will take effect in March when Mr. Hague intends to return to Swansea, Wales. During their four years' residence in this place, Mr. Hague and his wife have made many friends who will regret their departure.

The attendance at the fair under the auspices of St. Patrick's congregation in the Father Mathew hall was very large last evening. The musical given by the pupils of St. Patrick's academy was immensely enjoyed. Tonight will be Holy Name and Catholic Mutual Benevolent association night. Admission, 10 cents.

The Sunday school scholars of St. George's mission attended the Christmas tree exercises of St. Luke's church in Scranton, last night.

Final preparations have been made for the firemen's ball, New Year's night. The different committees have worked hard, and it will probably be the most successful events of the season.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Total Abstinence and Benevolent society: President, John Allen; vice president, P. W. McLaughlin; financial secretary, Frank Kelly; recording secretary, M. J. McHale; treasurer, James H. Lally; directors, P. F. Dougher and Harry Kelly; marshal, William Henry; managers, Carbine and Gibbons.

Prof. C. M. Hathaway returned to Brooklyn yesterday, after a visit with his parents in Blakely.

Thomas O'Malley, of New York, is visiting his home on Duane street. Xavier Bradley, of Williamsport, is a guest at the Mahon house.

PECKVILLE.

The Sterrick Creek colliery of the Temple Iron company, was obliged to shut down at an early hour yesterday morning on account of the breaking of the clutch by the hoisting drum. The accident will necessitate several days' idleness to make the necessary repairs before coal can be hoisted.

It is expected that the store of Thompson & Keller will be finished for occupancy by January 15.

The new hotel building of Stone & Hill is rapidly going up under the supervision of the contractors, the Peck Lumber Mfg. Co.

The temporary building used by Druggist W. S. Biles, has been purchased by Mrs. Wm. Budd. The Peck Lumber Co. are now moving the structure to the Stage property, where it will be occupied by Mrs. Budd as a millinery store.

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TAYLOR.

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Happy New Year

We desire to extend a New Years Greeting to our thousand of friends and customers all over America.

We sincerely trust that the New Year will bring to each of you increased prosperity, and an abundance of good health.

New Years is cleaning up time with us, and we are cutting prices very deep in order to reduce stock.

We are quoting special prices on Ladies' and Misses' Suits, Jackets, Furs, Silk Waists and Monte Carlo Coats.

Bargains include Men's and Boys' Winter Suits and Overcoats.

PEOPLES CREDIT CLOTHING CO.

317 Lackawanna Avenue, SECOND FLOOR. OPEN EVENINGS.

Temple of Love lodge, No. 7, American True Iovites, elected the following officers for the ensuing term, on Saturday evening: President, Reese Lewis; vice president, W. T. Evans; recording secretary, Thomas M. Davis; financial secretary, Jacob J. Jones; treasurer, David Ross; steward, D. A. Thomas; conductor, John H. Davis; inside sentinel, John Fugh; outside sentinel, Henry P. Jones; trustee, David T. Harris.

The funeral of the late John Barker, Sr., will take place this afternoon from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Tanner, of Washington street. Services will be conducted at the German Evangelical church. Rev. Mr. Reif, of Archbold, will officiate. Interment in the Forest Home cemetery.

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Rev. Thomas W. Evans, a former townsman, but now of Patton, Pa., occupied the pulpit at the Welsh Baptist church on Sunday evening, and delivered a powerful sermon in the English language.

Mrs. Harriet Jones, of North Taylor, will leave on Thursday to visit her children at the orphan's school of Our Fellows at Sunbury.

DALTON.

The young people of the Baptist church will hold a New Year's social on Wednesday evening in the parsonage. An entertaining programme is being arranged and stewed and raw oysters will be sold.

The monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held on Saturday evening and all members are requested to be present, as this is the first meeting of the new year.

A business meeting of the Young Men's club was held on Monday evening in the rooms.

Rev. Purkies, who was severely burned on Tuesday night of last week in the Six-Principle Baptist church, is gradually improving.

Miss Mabel Purdy has accepted a position as teacher in the mathematical department of the International Correspondence Schools, of Scranton.

Miss Cora Knight is visiting in Wilkes-Barre, and Miss Grace Vot Storch is spending a few days with relatives in West Pittston.

The public schools of this place will open on Monday next, after the holidays' vacation.

The merchants of our town are presenting to their patrons some very pretty calendars.

CHINCHILLA.

The M. E. church will hold an oyster supper at the home of J. C. Bailey, of Chinchilla on New Year's eve. All are cordially invited to attend.