The News of Carbondale.

THE CAUSE OF

PIDEMIC 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. Milk Supply Not the Cause Unless Polluted by Water-Consolidated Company's Water Found Impure. Reynshauhurst Supply Is Pure.

"The board finds that while there "The board finds that while there are circumstances in the distribution of the disease which lead to suspicion on the western side who use Crystal lake of pollution of the milk supply, the water almost entirely are free from the conditions under which the milk is fever affords ground for excluding that produced do not appear to substanti- water as a possible factor in causing the ate this sespicion. 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

This paragraph contains the ment of 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 Germanstown, assistant state bacteriologist, who recently visited this city and, after inspecting the water supply of Carbondiel, and visiting the dairy in Greenfield, the milk from which was suspected, took home with him samples. There are two ways in which the tradeout town, assistant state bacteriologist, who pected, took home with him samples of the water and the milk, submitting germ finds its way into milk, one in the them to a bacteriological' test.

of health, who embodied them in a re-port which was forwarded to Secretary carllest stage or during the latter part port which was forwarded to Secretary Russell Shepherd, of the local board of of convalescence. 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 probable, that one source of the water polluted by streams that "drain farm yards, pig pens and often privies." The people on the West Side who use the Crystal lake water not being affected in the least by typhoid, is taken as a ground for excluding that water as a possible factor in causing the epidem-

The Reynshanhurst company's supply is not involved, the report saying

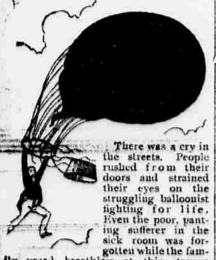
somewhat, of a surprise as circumated to the milk of one dealer being the cause of the epidemic. The public seemed to accept this opin-The water supply was hardly the spread of typhoid.

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 neeting will be called to adopt some lan. There was one suggestion by r. Niles that councils will be asked make appropriation for cleaning out ne contaminating streams referred to. The Bacteriologist's Findings.

The report of Dr. Lee, which em odies the findings of Dr. Pitfield, the acteriologist, is as follows

State Board of Health. Russel M. Shepherd, Secretary Board of Health, Carbondale, Pa.

Dear Sir: I have received from bert L. Pitfield, assistant bacterioloist, his report on an investigation of the mater supply and of the milk supply of our city in connection with an outbrea of typhoid fever. The report shows that the eastern part of the fown has been almost exclusively affected, it being sup-plied 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 flow run. The Reynshanhurst derived from artesian wells sunk in an uninhabited part of the country and the analysis shows it to be of unusual purity.



gotten while the fam-fly gazed breathless at this strange tragedy of the air. Then they went back to the sick room to tell of the terrible struggle for life they had just witnessed. It did not occur to them that under their very eyes a more terrible, more pathetic

struggle was going on daily.

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i per cubic centimeter (20 drop); not a single colon bacillus was found in the specimens of this water taken. This is altogether a very remarkable showing. On the other hand, the water from the intake reservoir of the Consolidated Wa-ter company contains 160 bacteria per cubic centimeter, sufficient to repder the water suspicious; while water taken in one house from a faucet, contained 200 bacteria per cubic centimeter. This is at least twice the permissible number. In this specimen also, the colon bacillus was found. The presence of this bacillus al-ways indicates pollution with excrement of some kind, usually that of human be

Causes of Pollution.

As possible sources of pollution of this water, the impector mentions the fact that privies of houses on Canaan street, are quite near the walls of the main distributing reservoir, and that there is possibility that seepage may take place from them into the reservoir. Further more, open reservoirs of the type of reservoir No. 1 on the hill, being fed by streams from farm lands, run the risk of becoming polluted, both from manure spread on the surface, and from stream

Milk Supply Not Suspicious.

As to the milk supply, it appears from the report that the greater number of cases has occurred in families supplies by one particular dealer. It should be borne in mind, however, that he is a very as to the cause of the epidemia of ty-phoid fever in Carbondale the past four or five months, which produced as high furnished the bacterlologist by board, ten of these families used the solidated water supply. A careful in-spection was made of the dairies from which this dealer is supplied. They were Dr. Pitfield's findings were submitted to Dr. Lee, secretary of the state board with a case of typhoid, or is himself suf-The conditions dis covered are not such as to warrant th suspicion that the germ was introduced in the dairles in either of these ways Possibly, the cans may have been washed in water derived from the Consolidated

The board finds, therefore, that while there are circumstances in the distribu-tion of the disease which lead to suspicion of pollution of the milk of this supply 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 supply is polluted and may be chargeable with the production of the epidemic

Suggestion to the Public.

First, hasmuch as the question is

ber of cases, lasting through a consider-The Reynshanhurst company's sup-ply is not involved, the report saying the analysis shows it to be of unusual regard to both the water supply and the The findings of Dr. Pitfield caused single brief inspection such as could be made by an expert from a distant point, tive properties of this great kidney r to do full justice to the question. It is, ody, therefore earnestly recommended that Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. the local board of health should institute systematic inspection, both of the tire water shed, and of all the dairies given a thought as being a factor in from which the milk is brought to the

> In order to carry out this work effect ively, it should be assigned to certain persons, and should be carried on for a series of months. Every branch, no mat-ter how small, of the creeks which supply the reservoirs should be minutely searched by competent men. This should include the intake reservoir in the gorge. A representative of the water company, as for instance their engineer and a representa-tive of the board of health, should be associated in this investigation, and it would be well for a physician to take part in !t. The investigation is one which you board is fully competent to make, and grave responsibility rests upon it to lose no time in making an inspection of the most thorough character. As temporary precautions, I need hardly suggest the abylous ones of the boiling of all water for drinking purposes and the sterilization of all milk

Should Use Crystal Lake Water.

As the water from Crystal lake donot appear to have been at fault, during the recent outbreak, itmight be well for the company to use that to the exclusion of these sources which appear to be mor I have the honor to be

Yours very truly.

DIED FROM A FALL.

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

Michael Marrett, a resident of Simpon, succumbed yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, at Emergency hospital, whither he was taken the night be-

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

Marrett was 25 years of age and was unmarried. He worked about the nines 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 vomen conspicuous in social doings. vill enjoy a slelghride tonight. The ride will be to Clifford. The members will assemble at the Palace creamery difford, will be the destination of the party. There they will partake of a chicken supper, which will be relishable, indeed, after the ride over the hills. All the circumstances to an enjoyable night are happily present. The leighing 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 Chaffee, pastor of the First Methodist



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427 Best St., Buffalo, N. Y. Lame back is only one symptom of kidney trouble-one of many. Other symptoms showing that you need

Pain or dull ache in the back is un-jurine, catarrh of the bladder, uric acid, nistakable evidence of kidney trouble, constant headache, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, irregular heartou that the track of health is not beating, rheumatism, bloating, irritability, wornout feeling, lack of ambition, loss of flesh, sallow complexion.

Bright's disease, which is the worst main undisturbed in a glass or bottle orm of kidney trouble, may steal upon for twenty-four hours, forms a sediment or settling, or has a cloudy appearance, it is evidence that your kidect of the world-famous kidney and neys and bladder need immediate at-

In taking Swamp-Root you afford tighest for its wonderful cures of the natural help to Nature, for Swampnost distressing cases. A trial will Root is the most perfect healer and onvince anyone-and you may have a gentle aid to the kidneys that is known

to medical science. Swamp-Root is the great discovery of Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and Swamp-Root investigated by the Scranton bladder specialist. Hospitals use it Daily Tribune the one we publish today with wonderful success in both slight for the benefit of our readers, speaks in and severe cases. Doctors recommend the highest tems of the wonderful cura- it to their patients and use it in their we properties of this great kidney rem- 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-Swamp-Root are, obliged to pass water dollar size bottles at drug stores everyoften during the day and to get up where. Don't make any mistake, but many times at night, inability to hold remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. your urine, smarting or irritation in Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, passing, brick-dust or sediment in the Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

derived much interest from a visit to made. one of the mines hereabouts.

THE SICK LIST.

Progress of Patients Who Have Been Quite Ill.

Miss Genevieve Birs, of Washington street, who was taken with a danger ous attack of pleurisy about a week igo and whose condition has since been clarming, 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

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

DIED NATURAL DEATH.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Cace of Thomas Fox.

After hearing the testimony of one vitness, McAndrew, the coroner's jury in the case of the death of Thomas Fox Powderly street, rendered a verdict JERMYN - MAYFIELD. ast 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 Jones. 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 ompany which purchased the culm lump at the Barton breaker, the name purchaser was confused, making it read the Carbondale Machine company. It should have read the Hen-6.30 this evening. Clifford hotel, at drick 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 offin took place Sunday. Carbondale lodge, No. 260, Knights of Pythias, and Court Lily, No. 350, Foresters of Ameria, attended the obsequies in a body. At three o'clock, services were con-ducted at Mrs. Coffin's late home, on Lincoln avenue, by the Rev. A. F. Scranton to attend the reception at Mt. church, He spoke most tenderly of the

St. Mary's seminary, were guests over deceased. Members of the church choir Sunday of the Misses Monahan at the rendered appropriate music. From the Harrison house. They returned home house, the deceased was conveyed to vesterday. During their stay here they Maplewood cemetery, where burial was The following acted as pall-bearers: William Stephens, Carl Schroeder, Morgan Reese, H. E. May, David Edwards and John Mohrs. There were a number of very pretty floral offerings. They were carried by W. H. Masters and David J. Orr, metnbers of the Knights of Pythias.

Michael Coggins Disappears.

Michael Coggins, of Powderly road, disappeared from his home last Tuesday and his whereabouts are unknown. His family are greatly alarmed over his absence and fears are entertained by his friends that he may have been a victim of foul play. Searching parties fail to find his body on the hilsides or the banks of the river searched.

'Our New Minister."

A full house greeted the production of "Our New Minister," at the Grand last night. The scenery was much better than last year and the performance was given with more smoothness. It was a much better show than it was last year and it is bound to grow in

The fueneral of the late Mrs. J. Vostee, who died at her home on Saturday morning, took place yesterday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Fuller, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at the home on Fourth street and interment was made in the Jermyn cemetery. The pallbearers were: George Woodworth, Henry Samuel Langdon, John Tompkins, Joseph Soby and B. C. Mar-

The fair of the Ancient Order of Hibernians which has been in progress since the 17th will be brought to a close to-morrow evening, until after the holidays. The fair has been largely attended and has been both socially and financially successful. J. J. Roche returned to Buffalo, N.

Sunday, night The funeral of Harry, the ten-months old child of Mr. and Nirs. Mozart Lewis of Mayfield took place Sunday after-

John Pearl and Miks Nellie Blakeslee

attended the production of "San Toy" at the Scranton Lyceum, Saturday even-Mrs. William Powell of Third street, is seriously ill. Richard Harvey, of West Mayfield,

Rev. Thomas W. Evans, a former delivered a powerful sermon English language.

Scranton's Shopping Center.

Wednesday closes the most satisfactory year in our historyto 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.

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.

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

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.

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

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Watch this store---it is better than any fashion book ever published.

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 resgnation as pastor of the Susquehanna Street Baptist church at the close of evening service on Sunday. esignation 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 depart-

The attendance at the fair under the tuspices of St. Patrick's congregation in the Father Mathew hall was very large last evening. The musicale 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 par-

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

The following officers were elected at 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 Henmanagers, 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,

risiting his home on Dunmore street. Xavier Bradley, of Williamsport, is guest at the Mahon house.

PECKVILLE. •

The Sterrick Creek colliery of th Temple Iron company, was abliged to shut down at an early hour yesterday norning on account of the breaking of he clutch on the hoisting drum. The eccident will necessitate several days' dleness to make the necessary repairs efore coal can be hoisted. It is expected that the store of

Thompson & Keller will be finished for cupancy by January 15. The new hotel building of Stone & Hill is rapidly going up under the supervision of the contractors, the Peck David T. Harris. Lumber Mfg. Co. The temporary building used

Druggist W. S. Bloes, has been pur- the home of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Tanhased by Mrs. Win. Budd. The Peck ner, of Washington street. Services quested to be present, as this is the Lumber Co., are now moving the structure to the Stage property, where it will gelical church. be occupied by Mrs. Budd as a milliner store. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Robertson left vesterday to spend a few days at Si

Louis. T. V. Powderly, jr., of Carbondale was a visitor in town yesterday. Mr. E. W. Squire, the East Side hardware merchant, is still confined to his bed by illness.

TAYLOR.

Today at high noon will occur the marriage of Miss Bertha Reese and Prof. William Evans, superintendent of schools at Bloomsburg. The event will take place at the bride's home on Grove street. They will leave immsdiately after the ceremony on an extended wedding tour.

ownsman, but now of Patton, Pa., occupied the pulpit at the Welsh Baptist church on Sunday evening, and

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Monte Carlo Coats. Bargains include Men's and Boys' Winter Suits and Over-

Small Weekly Payments.

EOPLES CREDIT

317 Lackawanna Avenue, OPEN EVENINGS.

an True Ivorites, elected the followng officers for the ensuing term, on Fellows at Sunbury. Saturday evening: President, Reese Lewis; vice president, W. T. Evans. recording secretary, Thomas M. Davis; financial secretary, Jacob J. Jones; treasurer, David Rossar; stewart, D. A. Thomas: conductor, John R. Davis; inside sentinel, John Pugh; sentinel. Henry P. Jones:

The funeral of the late John Burkey, sr., will take place this afternoon from will be conducted at the German Evan- first meeting of the new year, Rev. Mr. Reif, of Archbald, will officiate. Interment in

he Forest Home cemetery. Taylor Hose company, No. 1, is mak ing great preparations for the annual ditorium on New Year's night. Taylor Union orchestra has been en-

raged to furnish music for the occa-Great interest is being taken in the sweepstake shooting match to be held at Vino's hotel on New Year's day, Wilkes-Barre, and Miss Grace Von commencing at 2 p. m Miss Sarah Peters, of Nanticoke, is guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

T. Jenkins, of Railroad street. Miss Cora Davenport, of Newton, N I., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davenport, of South Main street. George Harper will move his family from Taylor street to his new doubl

iwelling on Atherton street. Miss Carrie Ellis, of Hazleton, is the guest of Miss Sarah Samuels, of Mair Mrs. Harriet Jones, of North Taylor,

Temple of Love lodge, No. 7, Ameri- will leave on Thursday to visit he children at the orphans' school of Odd

DALTON.

young people of the Baptist church will held a New Year's social on Wednesday evening in the parsonoutside age. An entertaining programme is betrustee, ing arranged and stewed and raw oys ters will be sold.

> Baptist church will be held on Saturday evening and all members are re-

The monthly covenant meeting of the

A business meeting of the Young Men's club was held on Monday evening in the rooms. Rev. Purkiss, who was severely

burned on Tuesday night of last week bull to be held at Weissenfluh's au-lin the Six-Principle Baptist church, is The gradually improving. Miss Mabel Purdy has accepted a position as teacher in the mathematical department of the International forrespondence Schools, of Scranton.

> Storch is spending a few days with relatives in West Pittston. The public schools of this place will open on Monday next, after the holi-

Miss Cora Knight is visiting in

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

CHINCHILLA.

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