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## TYPHOID FEVER.

### AN INSIDIOUS AND DANGEROUS DISEASE.

#### Precaution, Care, Preventatives and Hints as to its Management.

As there seems to be some danger regarding this disease in this section it may be appropriate and perhaps prevent infection to give a few hints regarding it which if observed may be of great benefit to the community. Typhoid fever, (called also enteric fever, gastric fever, brain fever, low fever, pythogenic fever and, by the Germans, abdominal typhus) is a common and protracted disease, terminating fatally in about one case in eight or ten. If the same proportion of people in this State was affected as statistics show are in Michigan we would have three thousand deaths, and from thirty to forty thousand sick with it each year, for it is at least as prevalent here as there.

A disease which causes so much suffering and the loss of so many lives, should be understood in its nature by all intelligent persons, since sanitarians agree that it is a disease entirely preventable under good hygienic conditions.

#### HOW IT IS SPREAD OR COMMUNICATED.

Typhoid fever is believed to be caused by a special poison, which specific or not, may be conveyed to other persons by drinking water contaminated by discharges from the bowels of a person affected with the disease, or by leaching from the bodies of those who have died of it. It has also been traced to contaminated milk, which has had infected water added to it, or has been kept in vessels which have been washed with impure water, or in a room adjoining one in which there has been a case of typhoid fever. It prevails most in times of drouth, when water in wells and springs is low and the contaminations much concentrated. Filth and bad sanitary conditions of dwellings probably increase the danger of spreading this fever which has been classed as a "filth disease."

#### TIME REQUIRED TO DEVELOP.

This may be, after receiving the poison, from eleven to twenty-one days or even longer. The incipient symptoms are often confounded with those of malaria.

#### PERSONS LIABLE TO THE DISEASE.

The greatest number of deaths occurs in persons in the prime of life, but persons of all ages have it, and though of a mild form yet this may be the means of communicating the most malignant type of the disease to others. It may not be, strictly speaking, contagious, but it is certainly communicable through infected foods and drinks.

#### PREVENTATIVE PRECAUTION.

It being communicated through contaminated water, the principal precaution is to protect the water supply and the most scrupulous care should be exercised in this regard. The well known outbreak of typhoid at Plymouth, Pa., where over a thousand cases and many deaths occurred, illustrates how great a calamity may follow the fouling of a general water supply by the discharges of one sick person with typhoid fever.

Extreme care should be taken to prevent contamination of water by discharges from the bowels of a person sick with typhoid, as by drainage into wells, springs or other water supply. Privies often drain into wells unsuspected. Extraordinary care should be taken to prevent typhoid fever discharges from entering any general water supply from a well or stream. In numerous instances fluids from excreta have leached into wells more than two hundred feet away.

#### RULES FOR FARM AND VILLAGE.

The privy vault should be abolished and the earth closet take its place. The excreta can then all be returned to the earth without the least offense. When there is danger only boiled water should be used as a beverage, this destroys the germs. Anything which deteriorates general good health tends to render the system liable to disease, and in this way filth may be considered a promoter. Perfect cleanliness should exist in the house and its surroundings.

#### CARE OF THE SICK.

The sick chamber should be as large, airy and pleasant as possible, and should be away from noise, and with means for free ventilation without the production of draughts.

No special precautions need to be taken to isolate the patient from the rest of the family, but strangers

should not drink water on the premises.

If the hands become soiled with excretions they should be washed first in a solution of chloride of lime and then in pure water and soap.

All glasses, cups and other vessels used by the patient, should be changed in boiling water, and all foods or drinks touched and not consumed by the patient, should be burned or buried.

Discharges from the bowels and kidneys should be received into vessels charged with disinfectants, and buried in the soil at least 100 feet from any well and in no case should they be thrown on the ground, into a stream nor into a privy vault.

All articles of the patients clothing which are soiled, all the sheets, towels, napkins, etc., used in the room should be boiled thoroughly.

#### THE CONVALESCENT PATIENT.

The recovering person is not dangerous to his friends. He may have cheerful society. The fever has its seat in the bowels and often causes ulcerations of their walls and on this account the patient for sometime must be careful of what he eats, as solid substances sometimes cause perforations of the intestinal walls, and nearly instant death. He must be willing to get well slowly.

#### DISINFECTANT AFTER RECOVERY OR DEATH.

This should be thoroughly done and by one who has experience. The physician in charge will give solutions and directions for use of disinfectants for discharges and for disinfecting rooms, clothing, towels and such fabrics as can be washed, and for disinfecting water closets, urinals, sinks and cess pools, and for disinfecting the room after typhoid fever.

A careful observance of the above rules may prevent contracting the disease and also its spread and they cannot be too faithfully adhered to. Typhoid is exceedingly insidious, and consequently very dangerous, and no precaution should be omitted by those having charge or care of such cases to prevent contamination and spread.

#### Safe Deposit Vault.

The National Bank of Port Jervis has placed a large steel chest of safe deposit boxes in its vaults for the accommodation of the public. These boxes are fitted with two keys, one for use by the customer and one called the master key is retained by the bank. It takes the combined keys of the customer and bank to enter the box, neither key opening separately. This bank affords protection for valuable papers, you have insurance policies, deeds, notes, bonds, and many other valuables that should be in a safe place.

To those living in the country the security from fire, tramps and careless employees is worth many times the cost.

You are invited to call and inspect this department for yourself.

#### Holiday Time Table.

On Friday February 22nd, 1901, "Washingtons Birthday" the Holiday time table will be in effect on the New York division of the Erie Railroad and East bound trains will leave Port Jervis, as follows on the above day: 3, 24-5, 20-6, 29-10, 20 a. m., 12, 15-3, 22-4, 28-5, 20-6, 50 and 10:00 p. m. On above day Delaware Division train No. 27 due to leave at 5:50 p. m. will wait at Port Jervis, until the arrival of the "Orange Co. Express" from the East at 7:31 p. m.

On above day trains will leave Chambers street New York, for Port Jervis, as follows: 4, 00-7, 30-3, 00-8, 15 a. m., 1, 00-4, 00-6, 30-7, 30 and 9:15 p. m.

#### Cuban Government.

Senator Lodge probably came very near to voicing the opinion of President McKinley, when he said: "Before the U. S. can give its approval to any Constitution, or its recognition to any independent Cuban government, it must be assured that there is no possibility of any resumption of the Cuban debts incurred by Spain. We also have the right to ask for proper guarantees in regard to relations of Cuba with other powers and as to places for Naval stations necessary to the U. S." President McKinley said to a party of Senators: "Just as soon as the Cubans are ready to attend to their own affairs, we must turn their government over to them."

DeWitt's little early risers are dainty little pills, but they never fail to cleanse the liver, remove obstructions and invigorate the system.

## KANSAS SALOON SMASHING.

The widespread saloon smashing in Kansas by Mrs. Nation and others in her lead is exciting wonder in the minds of many as to why and how such things are allowed to go on. Many newspapers are spreading the impression that Mrs. Nation is a "wild and woolley" outlaw not only dreaded by the saloon fraternity, but despised and denounced by all respectable people of Kansas. The facts do not seem to agree with this idea.

Alonso E. Wilson, of Chicago, manager of the United Prohibition press, writes the following from Topeka under date of February 1st:

"It was my pleasure to have an interview with Mrs. Carrie Nation today. She was at dinner at the home of a friend on the outskirts of the city. I can truthfully say that Mrs. Nation is not insane or crazy. She is a good Christian woman, intelligent and refined and yet terribly in earnest. She is not coarse or mannish or wild eyed and in appearance very unlike the pictures printed in the various metropolitan papers. Mrs. Nation is a motherly soul with a great big heart almost breaking over the deadly work of the liquor traffic. The greater portion of the temperance women of Kansas are in sympathy with this woman. She is fighting outlaws. Property is being used for wrong purposes and has no standing in the eyes of the law. Her case is compared with that of Christ in driving out the money changers from the temple and also where the swine were driven in the sea. The owners had no recourse and could do nothing. Nothing can be done to the women of Kansas who are fighting for their homes."

"Mrs. Nation addressed the State Temperance Union and talked to about 3,000 people. One of the delegates jumped up and said that he had \$10. to go toward buying a gold medal for the bravest woman in Kansas. Within ten minutes \$117. had been given for that purpose. There was the greatest enthusiasm over the proposition but Mrs. Nation declined the honor and asked that the money be turned into their treasury. The crusader has addressed several large meetings in churches."

In closing an address Sunday night on Mrs. Nation's crusade in Kansas, Rev. T. W. McKinney, pastor of Rehebooth Methodist Episcopal church, Frankford, Philadelphia, as reported by a Philadelphia paper, said: "I would to God the women of this city were banded together to rid us of its gambling dens and open policy shops. I say shame on the city administration; shame on its Director of Public Safety; shame on the lieutenant of police, who cannot find these policy shops."

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#### A New Judicial District.

Pike and Monroe counties may be formed into a judicial district, and Wayne and Carbon each made separate districts. The Monroe-Pike district if erected will have less than 30,000 population and Wayne has only 30,171 and is gradually growing smaller, and the business in the three counties is not materially increasing. It seems wholly unnecessary to supply an extra judge for the four counties, when one could probably do all the work and still have more leisure than he could easily dispose of. Certainly the pay now received by the judges in these districts is in very ample proportion to that of any professional man for the amount of work done and the time required.

Otto Shenman, a hermit, who resided near Seelyville, Wayne county, died recently and an inventory has been taken of his belongings. He bought indiscriminately and his home, which he allowed no one to enter, was filled with papers, wines, beer, canned goods and all sorts of groceries, dry goods and clothing in indescribable confusion. He was from Germany, where his father was a wealthy man, and at times had considerable income from his estate. He lived in filth and died suddenly. So far no evidences of much worth have been discovered, though he had several strong boxes.

## THE RAMBLERS PICKINGS.

Sleighting is short lived. The sleds are still with us. Archy Steele does not recover very rapidly.

Frank Seitz is busily engaged erecting a barn.

Miss Cora Laidlo is, I am sorry to say, not improving.

A thing to jar you! Travel our sidewalks after dark.

Some one said Montague paid a bounty on owls. Next!

Some of the candidates for town office are on the still hunt.

The happiest man in Montague is Frank McCarty. It is a boy.

Moses Detrick carries his left arm in a sling. Don't ask him why?

Some people don't have sense enough to behave even in churches.

Miss May Struble has been confined to the house for the past two weeks.

Dr. Skinner, of Port Jervis, was in town Tuesday on professional business.

Young blizzards are common, some of these days we will have a fall grown one.

A load of young people from across the river enjoyed a sleigh ride over here Monday evening.

The turkeys having heard of the supper to be given by the Hatchet Society have all left the country.

Post hay is poor fodder for a horse especially if the animal is compelled to stand without a blanket facing the wind.

A number of youngsters enjoy themselves coasting down the Milford hill. So far no noses have been scratched.

The L. A. S. of the Mianistik R. P. church in Montague will give an oyster supper on Friday evening Feb. 25. It's sure to storm.

Those who attended the M. E. church Sunday evening had the pleasure of listening to an excellent sermon by the Rev. C. E. Souder.

I see the New York state court of Appeals has decided the law giving towns the power to have dogs shot if the tax is not paid unconstitutional. That's sense. If a dog is taxed he is property, might as well order a horse or cow shot if the tax is not paid. How is it here Mr. Editor?

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Emil Gumble is visiting friends in Hawley.

Grant H. Gilpin, of Greentown, was in town Monday.

Col. E. E. Norton, of Stroudsburg, died Monday in New York.

LOST—A fine black silk scarf. Please leave at Post Office. Reward.

Dr. Peter Hughes, of Brooklyn, visited Charles Schanno a day last week.

Judge Lawrence, of Hoboken, was in town this week and registered at Hotel Schanno.

Thomas Armstrong & Co. have just put a large new sale in the store on Broad street.

Try our Compound Syrup of White Pine for your cough and cold 25c. C. O. Armstrong, Druggist.

Rev. Thomas Nichols attended the funeral of an old friend and former business partner of his father at Owego last week.

Lulu Jardon gave a party in honor of her friend Jennie dePlessis last evening, which was attended by a large number of young people.

W. A. Erdman Esq. has retired from the editorial management of the Stroudsburg Jeffersonian and is succeeded by C. B. Keller Jr.

S. S. Van Effen, of Port Jervis, fell down the cellar stairs in his house Tuesday evening and suffered fracture of his right leg.

P. N. Bourneque and wife entertained a small party of friends Thursday evening in remembrance of the seventh anniversary of their wedding.

Mrs. J. H. Van Effen has gone on a visit to her daughter at Bridgeport, Ct., and expects also to visit her sister and aged mother at Lynchburg, Va., before returning.

The eight girls society, of Port Jervis, gave a supper this week to Miss Ada Scott, one of the members as a fare well, previous to her departure for Richmond, Ind.

County Superintendent George Sawyer was at Milford Monday, visiting the schools. He is making arrangements to take a trip to California in the near future and will probably be absent a couple of months.

Mrs. Barton Armstrong, living over in Dingman township, is suffering with typhoid fever, and Lanty, a son of P. F. Steel, of Milford township, is likewise afflicted, but both patients are said to be improving.

Otis Avery, of West Hoboken, N. Y., was found lying dead on the Erie tracks near Rosak switch early Wednesday morning. It is thought he was either struck by, or fell from, a passing train. Coroner Kenworthy went up but found an inquest unnecessary.

Miss Ann Baker gave a progressive euchre party last Friday night in honor of her friend, Miss Addie Scott, of Port Jervis, who has now gone to her future home in Indiana. The first prize was won by Miss Susan Nichols, the second by Miss Hattie Decker and the third by Mrs. Jamina Bull.

The Delaware river is perhaps lower now than at any time during the past season. At Easton last week a man waded across in a pair of rubber boots without difficulty, a feat never before accomplished. The ice is very thick and under present conditions might occasion much damage breaking up, there being a great liability by reason of its thickness and the low state of the water to form gorges.

Professor Maxwell Sommerville's book "Sands of Sahara" is being very highly praised by the reviewers. The Easton Courier says "when commendation in the superlative degree seems inadequate, the reviewer can do no more than with it acknowledge regret that the language does not offer superior possibilities for the expression of his admiration for the book. This is the case with Sands of Sahara."

Lenten Services.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Thursday evening during Lent.

Rev. D. J. Evans, Rector Grace church, Middletown, N. Y.

Rev. D. M. Cox, Archdeacon, of Scranton.

Rev. Geo. C. Betts, Rector St. James church, Goshen, N. Y.

Rev. Uriah Symonds, Rector Grace church, Port Jervis, N. Y.

Rev. J. M. Gilbert, Vicar Chapel of the Heavenly Rest, New York City.

## OBITUARY.

MRS. NANCY JANE HALL.

After a somewhat protracted illness Mrs. Hall passed away Friday morning at the home of her daughter in this borough. She was born in Orange county, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1805, and was a daughter of Levi and Clara, Oakley, Lutes. Her father was a native of Holland and her mother of Connecticut. They were married in Orange county, N. Y., and in 1838 came to reside in Pike county and located on the Stichter place in Dingman township. There the deceased in 1846 married Adna T. Aldrich, who died in 1858. Four children were born of this union, three of whom, John M., of Milford township; Levi, of Orange county, and Josephine, wife of Charles H. Wood, of Milford borough, survive. Her second husband was Henry Hall, an Englishman, who died in 1879. A brother, Oakley, who was last heard of in Luzerne county may yet be living. She was an exceedingly kind-hearted and amiable woman and led a consistent christian life. For many years she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in her daily walk and conversation exemplified the teaching of the Master.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. C. E. Souder assisted by Rev. C. B. Carpenter, was held Monday, and interment in the Milford cemetery.

#### SAMUEL HOPKIN.

Mr. Hopps for some years has been in declining health and his depleted physical condition rendered him an easy victim to pneumonia which caused his death Friday, Feb. 8th. He was born in Greentown about 50 years ago and has always resided there. He was a soldier in the civil war, and at the time of his death postmaster of Greentown. He is survived by his wife and five children, Morton, Edna, Thekla, Emma and Levi, all at home. One brother, Anthony, of Greentown, also survives. The funeral was held Sunday.