

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours...

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed that Dr. King's Swamp-Root...

GOV. MCKINNEY'S FUNERAL.

Large Attendance—State Officials Present.

The funeral of ex-Governor P. W. McKinney took place last Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock...

NEW TRIAL GRANTED.

Thomas W. Price Given Another Chance For His Life.

Ably Argument of Counsel—Judge Hundley's Decision—The Prisoner Overjoyed at the Result.

According to an announcement made by the judge on the opening day of Prince Edward Circuit Court last week...

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

Present Day Thoughts.

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shiny idyl—no care for the morrow, no bills to pay, no doctor's to fee. The patriotism of Lincoln must be ours, a patriotism that is not content with echoing the past, but that strives each day to make the lot of our fellows happier...

THE TERRORS OF SMALLPOX.

How They are Lessened by Vaccination—Some Valuable Information.

The foregoing recently issued by Surgeon-General Wyman, of the United States Marine Hospital Service, will prove interesting at the present time in view of the prevalence of small-pox in some Virginia cities, and the steps being now taken by our authorities to keep it from Farmville:

"Smallpox is a disease easily prevented by vaccination, and the preparation of glycerinated vaccine lymph has now been brought to such a perfection that there should be no fear of untoward results in its use. The prevention of smallpox is properly the care of State and local health authorities. Smallpox is an acute contagious, infectious disease, characterized by an eruption which passes through the stages of macule, papule, vesicle and pustule, ending in desiccation and desquamation.

"The contagious principle, probably a microbe, has not been discovered, but it is contained in the exhalations of the skin and lungs, and especially in the pustule and dried material following desiccation and desquamation, and may live for months on clothing or furniture. The contagion is tenacious, and may be conveyed by persons and by air, clothing, paper, letters, furniture, etc., or it may spread through the air by means of the wind blowing the dust containing the virus. The disease is probably contagious during the first four days previous to the appearance of the eruption, but this has not been proved.

"The invasion is sudden, beginning with a chill, which may be followed by others, severe aching in the 'small of the back,' and some times the limbs; intense headache, vomiting and fever, 103 to 104 degrees Fahrenheit. The pulse is rapid and strong. Convulsions may occur in children. When the initial rash occurs it usually appears on the second day in the form of a diffused redness—the scarlatinal form—or of an eruption resembling measles.

"When death occurs it is usually in the stage of maturation, about the tenth or eleventh day. When recovery takes place the process of desiccation and desquamation is complete in three or four weeks; sometimes it may extend to six or eight weeks."

Hemorrhagic smallpox and varioloid are described at length.

"The disease must not be mistaken for measles, scarlet fever, chicken-pox, impetigo contagiosa, syphilis, cerebro-spinal fever, typhus fever, or glanders. The severity of the attack, the group of symptoms, chill, backache, headache, vomiting and high fever, 102.2 to 105.8 degrees F. continuing three or four days and falling on the appearance of the eruption should excite suspicion of smallpox, especially when this disease is prevalent. The observation of the Marine Hospital Bureau has been that in the majority of mistaken diagnoses with regard to smallpox-disease has been called chicken-pox. Chicken-pox is a contagious disease, and many local health authorities require its isolation. Particularly when smallpox is prevalent, any case of supposed chicken-pox should be isolated and guarded as if it were smallpox, at least until the diagnosis is proven beyond doubt.

"The most efficient means for preventing the spread of smallpox is by vaccination. The protection, provided the virus is pure, is believed to be as complete against contagion as is that of smallpox against a second attack, though not of as long duration, but revaccination, whenever smallpox is prevalent in a community, will continue this protection indefinitely. Therefore, the first measure after isolation of a person suffering with the smallpox is the immediate vaccination of all persons who have been exposed to the disease and revaccination in five or six days if there is no indication of the previous virus having been effective. In order to secure pure vaccine the supply should be obtained from an accredited source, and as bovine virus is now used to secure pure vaccine it is now used the dangers which have been associated with arm-to-arm vaccination are eliminated. Glycerinated lymph only should be used."

"The operation of vaccinating a person is described. 'If the vaccination has been successful it will be found that a small papule of three or four days after becomes vesicular, and is surrounded by a circumscribed areola; this gradually increases until the seventh or eighth day; in the meantime a crust forms which in due course falls off, leaving the characteristic scar resembling the pits of smallpox, the whole process of curing about three weeks. The operation of vaccinating a person is described. 'If the vaccination has been successful it will be found that a small papule of three or four days after becomes vesicular, and is surrounded by a circumscribed areola; this gradually increases until the seventh or eighth day; in the meantime a crust forms which in due course falls off, leaving the characteristic scar resembling the pits of smallpox, the whole process of curing about three weeks.

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