

## DR. BEATTY ON VACCINATION.

Issues a Circular to the People of Utah Regarding It.

WHAT HIS VIEWS ARE.

Makes Comparisons and Talks of "Attitudes" and Their Cause-Opinions of the Medical Fraternity.

Dr. Beatty, secretary of the state board of health, issued a circular on smallpox conditions in Utah which he proposes to have widely distributed throughout the State at the expense of the commonwealth. The circular will also contain pictures of patients affected with smallpox showing the disease in various types and stages. This circular was made the subject of an exhaustive talk on the part of Dr. Beatty before the joint committees of the Senate and House today. A large number of citizens were present to express their views on the matter also. The committee held two sessions, one this forenoon and another late this afternoon. Dr. Beatty's circular is as follows:

### PRESENT SITUATION.

For the past three years smallpox has extensively prevailed throughout the United States, having been introduced, it is believed, by soldiers returning from Cuba. The disease first made its appearance in Utah about a year ago, and since that time the State has been visited with an epidemic more extensive than that which has been experienced by any other State in the Union, despite the fact that the population of the State is less densely populated. There have been reported to the state board of health by the local boards more than 3,000 cases, and through reliable sources of information, the conclusion is warranted that there have been at least 1,000 additional cases which have not been reported. There have been twenty-six deaths and several hundred cases of the severe, confluent type of the disease. The percentage of the latter is constantly increasing, and there is grave reason to fear that the epidemic will sooner or later assume a malignant type. The disease has occurred in 100 towns and villages, and in 100 families.

Aside from the suffering, disfigurement and death which have been occasioned, the State has sustained severe financial loss, and today is confronted with the most serious problem in its history. It becomes the duty of all good citizens, as well as boards of health, to earnestly consider the situation, and do all in their power to combat which has hitherto gained such a firm foothold that only the adoption of the most efficient and radical measures will prevent its continuance and increased spread for years to come, at the cost of lives, suffering and treasure beyond calculation.

### COMPARISON.

In this connection it is important to study the probable causes for the extensive prevalence of the disease in Utah, compared with that of the other more populous States. In the first place, it is found that many people, because of its generally mild character, have ignored the disease, and the diagnosis of the medical profession, and assuming that it was what they styled "Manila itch," "Cuban itch" and various other imaginary diseases, have been disposed to regard it lightly, thus causing its prevalence and deliberately exposing others. Chiefly responsible, however, for the difficulty and failure in suppressing the outbreak, has been the

### SURPRISING ATTITUDE

of the people generally toward vaccination—the only recognized preventive. In other States, the laws and public sentiment are such that, when smallpox appears, there is an immediate resort for the most part voluntary—to universal vaccination and revaccination, resulting in a very short period of time in the complete eradication of the malady, owing to the fact that no susceptible persons are permitted to remain in the community.

It is appropriate to quote from a recent editorial by Dr. George F. Shady of the Medical Record, who is one of the most eminent medical authorities in the world:

"The outbreak of smallpox on the west side of the city, although not especially alarming, will doubtless tend to impress upon the minds of its inhabitants the need of vaccination and revaccination. Indeed, if it has this effect, the activity of the disease is restricted though it be—will prove a blessing in disguise. It speaks volumes for the intelligence of the American people as a whole, and of this State in particular, that there has not been evidence of an organized opposition to vaccination. Among a minority of the inhabitants of the United States a certain prejudice against vaccination exists, but with the bulk of the population the sentiment with regard to the operation is one of apathy, or, rather, of indifference. It is so long since an epidemic of smallpox on a large scale and in a virulent form appeared in this part of the country, that many persons are skeptical as to the dangers to be feared from such an occurrence. Without wishing in any way to act the part of alarmists, we would, nevertheless, sound a note of warning, and advise parents not to be lulled into a state of false security. The fact that as a community we are well protected cannot be denied, but if the practice of vaccination be allowed to fall into disuse, it is impossible to say for how long this happy condition of affairs will last."

Following the appearance of the cases to which he refers, more than 1,000 people were vaccinated in New York in three weeks during December last, without the occurrence of a single serious complication. When the fact is borne in mind that this is about four times as many people as there are in Utah, it furnishes a commentary on the safety of the procedure.

### CAUSE OF ATTITUDE.

The testimony of Dr. Shady to the

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Intelligence of the American people as a whole, and the statement that the "chief sentiment is one simply of apathy or indifference," arising from long immunity from smallpox epidemics, applied a year ago to the people of this State as much as to those in other parts of the country, and there would have been no unusual difficulty in securing the voluntary protection, by vaccination, of the bulk of the people, and consequent prompt arrest of the outbreak, had it not been for the unexpected, virulent opposition which was inaugurated and vigorously pursued by a certain newspaper. There is indisputable evidence that through the influence of the general apathy concerning vaccination was changed into active antagonism, intensification and spread by other fanatical agitators known as "anti-vaccinationists."

### INOCULATION FOR OTHER DISEASES.

"It is now found possible after inoculating some of these diseases in certain animals to obtain from those animals material, which introduced into the body of another animal produces in it a milder form of the original disease, which, when the animal is recovered, is secured as surely as though the disease with its usual virulence had been experienced. It is possible to weaken the virus by the inoculation of the material from several animals without destroying its protective nature. Practically this is accomplished by the cultivation of vaccine lymph in byline tissue."

### AS TO ALLEGED DANGER.

Any person not blinded by prejudice will quickly be convinced of the harmlessness of vaccination when he investigates the matter. Even in former times, when the arm-to-arm method was in use, and no aseptic precautions observed, it seldom happened that any serious complication ensued. Today the use of pure bovine lymph from healthy calves, provided in an accidently sealed tube, together with aseptic methods of operating, has rendered the procedure perfectly safe. The stories of injuries and diseases resulting are absolute fabrications, and will be covered up by the medical profession. Millions of people in the United States have been vaccinated within the past three years, and there is no record of any death or serious complication. The United States military authorities in Porto Rico were confronted with an epidemic of smallpox covering the island, and in eight months had vaccinated 800,000 persons, under the most unfavorable conditions. No serious complications resulted in a single case, and the result was that the epidemic was arrested. This is from the official report.

### HOW WILL UTAH MEET CRISIS?

Can Utah, at this grave crisis, afford the testimony of the history and experience of the past 100 years, and the opinion and judgment of all the learned professions and scientific bodies throughout the world, as well as the judgment of the few fanatical prejudiced persons refuse to accept the most beneficent gift ever conferred upon humanity, and reject the only measure which has ever been devised by which the threatened calamity may with certainty be averted?

### THE ANSWER.

The answer must be in the negative. The history of the past century will surely prevail. They will stand with those of other States and civilized countries. They will not deny their defenseless children the protection from a threatening enemy. They, as individuals, will not refuse to protect themselves, but will discharge a duty which they owe to themselves and to society. They will do so because they will study the question rationally and calmly and will arrive at the truth. If this reasonable hope is soon verified, then the days of smallpox in our midst are numbered.

### THE PROTECTIVE INFLUENCE.

The protective influence of vaccination has been strikingly demonstrated in this State during the past year in nearly every affected community. It has invariably resulted that in families where the disease has appeared, and the remaining well members have been vaccinated, no further cases have occurred. In a hundred families have been vaccinated, and no further cases have occurred. On the other hand, it has almost invariably happened that in unvaccinated families the disease was introduced has attacked all members, sparing none.

The observation of this fact has been the means of converting many persons prejudiced against vaccination. Names of many of these cases can be furnished if desired.

It is also a fact that not one person has been killed or those in the State who have had the disease, have been vaccinated within the protective period, and in a hundred families have been vaccinated, and no further cases have occurred. When the records of the world's experiences for the past century are searched, the evidence revealed is overwhelmingly conclusive.

### THE VERDICT OF THE ROYAL VACCINATION COMMISSION.

The Royal Vaccination commission, composed of fifteen eminent scientists, appointed by the English parliament, made a remarkable and exhaustive investigation of the subject, their labors extending over a period of seven years, and their report covering many volumes. They patiently and impartially sifted all the theories of the disease, including rumors of shocking injuries and diseases resulting from it. These are the stock in trade of the so-called anti-vaccinationists, and were weighed in the scales and found wanting; yet are still used on all occasions by those whose purpose they may subserve, as

witnessed in the columns of the newspaper before referred to.

The summary of the commission's report was to the effect that vaccination is a preventive of smallpox, that it is the only preventive, and when properly performed is an entirely safe operation. THE OPINION OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

The medical profession throughout the world, who should be conceded to occupy a position fitting them to intelligently study the question, consider that there is no fact in science which is better established than that vaccination is a preventive of smallpox, and that when properly performed is entirely safe. They universally vaccinate and revaccinate themselves and their families, and because the protection afforded, fearlessly visit the most malignant cases of smallpox. It is not claimed that a single vaccination will afford protection for life in all persons, but that it renders the disease, if contracted, less virulent, and that the protective influence is gradually weakened, and revaccination is recommended. In some countries, inoculation by the arm-to-arm method is used, and after puberty will usually afford immunity for life, but to be entirely safe, a person should be vaccinated every ten years or whenever smallpox appears.

### VACCINIA.

It is a positively established fact that a properly vaccinated person has an equal immunity from smallpox to that afforded by a previous attack of the disease. It produces vaccine, which is "smallpox robbed of its virulence or attenuated" by its passage through successive generations of animals. Modern science has discovered the explanation for the fact first observed by Jenner a hundred years ago. The same principle which governs the transmission and prevention of diphtheria, hydrophobia and other diseases.

### PERSONAL.

J. L. Wood, president of the National Live Stock Association, has left with his family for a trip to southern California, to look after some oil property in which he has interests.

Judge Bishop has left for Boise.

F. W. Francis and M. H. Desky have gone to New York on business.

Mrs. Major Downing has left Salt Lake for New York and Europe, where she will join her husband, Major Downing.

F. Isles and E. V. Munro, two gentlemen from Australia, are at the Knutsford.

John Walters, connected with the woolen sheep and wool firm of Denver is staying at the White House.

Col. Theodore Brubaker, who has been in New York for the past two weeks, returned yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Henry La Motte, on the retired list of the United States navy, is at the Kenyon with his wife. Dr. La Motte is a specialist in diseases of the eye and throat, and has been in Salt Lake his home and practice here.

Col. Geo. Fred Hinton, who was in this city yesterday to arrange for the appearance of Sousa's band at the Tabor, is an old newspaper man and at different times served on the Boise Statesman, the Tribune and the New York World.

Charles F. Martin, secretary of the National Live Stock Association, is improving rapidly from his attack of la grippe, at the Knutsford.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Knutsford—H. L. Lake, Denver; J. D. Bradley and wife, Chicago; F. P. Knutsford, E. H. Plummer, New York; George W. Menden, St. San Francisco; J. C. Wild, Hartford, Conn.; Thos. Q. Seabrook and Bailey Avery in "The Rounders Co.," E. E. and E. Y. Knutsford; C. H. Querman, Denver; Mrs. Dr. A. S. Nisbet, New York; J. R. Semish, Denver.

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One of the best protected countries in Germany is a law was passed in 1874, making vaccination obligatory in the first year of life, and also revaccination obligatory at the tenth year. This law in Germany resulted from the epidemic in 1871 with its 140,000 deaths from smallpox among a population in which vaccination had been allowed to die out. Prior to 1874 the yearly loss was 15,000 to 20,000. The present rate is less than 116 per year, and there is constant mingling with the poorly vaccinated of other countries. During the Franco-German war the unavoidable mingling of the two peoples produced smallpox which was epidemic. The German made vaccination optional for its civil population, but compulsory for its army, the French having made it optional alike for both army and population. The French lost from smallpox 23,000 men, the Germans, 273. Occupying the same hospital tents, with the same surroundings, the French wounded lost many from smallpox, the Germans not any. The French prisoners of war died by the hundreds, while the German guards, who had been vaccinated and revaccinated, suffered not at all. In Denmark, Sweden and Norway, where, as well as in Germany, vaccination is compulsory, the annual death rate is from one to three per million annually, that before compulsory vaccination having been 2,000 per million.

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