

WHY DO YOU NOT MAKE AN ANSWER

Those Favoring Compulsory Vaccination Urged to Give Reply.

MORE QUESTIONS ARE ASKED

It is shown that the Bulk of Evidence is On the Side of Anti-Vaccinationists—Plenty of Authority.

To the Editor:
Pending the acceptance of my challenge, or at least some official statement from anyone of those who have recently gone on record as favoring compulsory vaccination for Utah, I desire to throw out a little additional bait on this important topic, and to note in passing the interesting letter published in your issue of the 21st inst. from Mr. G. W. Harvey, M. D.

The facts contained in the letter referred to cannot be strengthened by any

endorsement of mine, neither could they be weakened by the attack of an opponent. Though brief, the letter is complete as far as it goes and is truly refreshing, coming from such a source. The candor of this gentleman is certainly in line with his statement that "the average doctor is an honest individual," etc., and on this point the writer is prepared to admit that even many of those who advocate vaccination are undoubtedly sincere; but this sincerity, while it secures respect, does not absolve them from censure or defend them from criticism when their notions are carried to the extent of injuring others who are equally sincere in rejecting what they consider is wrong in theory and vile in practice. Right at this juncture also, we are confronted with a dilemma; for when the anti-vaccinationists magnanimously concede that a physician may be sincere in his belief that vaccination will prevent smallpox, even this admission may be construed as a doubtful compliment, because Alexander Milton Ross, M. D., M. A., F. R. S. L., says: "No honest, intelligent, unprejudiced physician can faithfully study the vaccination question for forty-eight hours without being convinced that vaccination is a delusion."

This is certainly very embarrassing, as the public are left to draw any inference they choose in regard to the doctors' sincerity, honesty, etc. His belief in vaccination may be due to a lack of opportunity to study the matter, or to other flimsy causes, but in any event, the undeniable results of this filthy and cruel practice is such as to justify and demand the sternest resistance on the part of the public.

Of course, the doctors question the ability and deny the right of ordinary citizens to sit in judgment on a purely medical proposition.

They claim the evils of vaccination are not commensurate with the good (?)

accomplished; that, in fact, vaccination is a blessing in disguise, and those who do not regard it in this light are simply ignorant and prejudiced.

Right here is where a profitable discussion of this question could be commenced, but it is not possible nor intended in this letter.

The writer maintains, however, that in considering the merits and value, the rightfulness and wrongfulness of vaccination, common sense and actual experience on the part of the public can consistently and successfully assail the theories of medical practitioners.

Thousands of parents for instance are painfully aware that their once healthy children have become afflicted with various forms of chronic and loathsome diseases and hundreds having died as a direct result of the horrible poison that was deliberately injected into their blood with the delusive idea it would render them immune from smallpox.

Parents and others who have seen and know of the havoc and mischief engendered by this pernicious practice, which today does not even possess the doubtful merit of being an experiment to recommend it, do not need a medical diploma to express their opinion on the matter.

They know it is utterly worthless as a protection against smallpox; and they know by bitter experience that it frequently introduces into the human system a destructive poison which cannot be eradicated by any process known to science. They know that the doctors themselves will not guarantee that vaccination will prevent smallpox. They know that many doctors who have been vaccinated after the approved fashion have died with smallpox, as have thousands of others. They know that thousands of unvaccinated people never had smallpox.

When the doctors and board of health will use every possible and legitimate

means to avoid the spread of disease by improving the sanitary laws, etc., they will secure the respect and receive both moral and practical support of the best citizens; but vaccination is repugnant to the feeling and opposed to the common sense of the people as a rule, and in the light of withering facts and the memory of bitter experiences, it is safe to predict that vaccination will never become popular in Utah, while its compulsory adoption will never be tolerated.

Fortunately there are too many who believe with Dr. Stowell, M. R. C. S., of London, who was himself a vaccine practitioner for thirty years, that "vaccination is not only an illusion, but it is a curse to humanity."

Respectfully,
N. Y. S.

PATIENTS ARE RECOVERING.

The condition of the smallpox patients at the pest-house are reported by Dr. Keogh as being in a very satisfactory way. The first patient, Dr. Ray, is nearly well again, and Samuelson, though very sick, is in a better condition now than a few days ago.

There is no report of any new cases as yet, although the health department feels quite anxious lest some of those who were exposed to the disease at the police station, be stricken with the malady before the period of incubation is passed, which is from fourteen to seventeen days.

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. 25 cents a bottle.

A TRUCE FOR CHRISTMAS.

British War Office Says the Hostile Armies Rest a Day.

Situation at Modder River—Fenians—Gen. Gatacre's Reconcentrated Order—Lord Kitchener at Malta.

London, Dec. 25.—The war office has received a cablegram from Gen. Forester-Walker, dated at Capetown yesterday, saying: "Have no further news of the general situation."

It may be almost safely predicted that nothing will occur today. A truce either formal or informal is being kept for the observance of Christmas by the opposing forces.

The duke of Connaught again pressed to be allowed to go to the front, but the government declined to give its assent. Then waiving considerations of rank, he offered his services to Lord Roberts in any capacity as a staff officer. Lord Roberts consented, but the government again declined.

The Morning Post's correspondent at Chieveley, telegraphing on Monday, December 18th, and confirming intelligence already cabled, says: "At dawn today the column struck camp and formed a new one three miles to the south, owing to the severity of water."

A dispatch from Modder river, dated December 18th, says: "The Boers continue extending their trenches. They now have nearly twenty miles of entrenched works due north of the British

camp, which is also in an admirable position for defense, as the surrounding country is perfectly level. The Boers, moreover, are compelled to keep a force estimated at 20,000 in order to detain the British column. A large number of Lord Methuen's wounded have recovered and are ready to resume their places in the ranks."

A dispatch to the Daily News from Modder river, dated December 18th, says: "We are now waiting until England shall have realized the actual facts. It has to be admitted that, man for man, we have found ourselves pretty well matched, but the Boers have always the choice of positions. Let England then become alive to the need for a further 100,000 men. Such a force will prove the truest economy in both blood and treasure."

Among minor news items it is announced that Col. Mackinnon has been appointed to command the City of London imperial volunteers. The Sixteenth lanciers have been expected to proceed from Bombay to the Cape to meet the pressing need of cavalry. The Canadian colonel, Roussard, has been appointed to Gen. French's staff.

It is rumored that the Free State is about to move the seat of government from Bloemfontein to Winburg, the former being indefensible.

Dr. Leyds, who has again been interviewed, asserts that they have ample arms and ammunition, declaring that they have Mausers enough to give each burgher two and an equal number of Martini-Henrys.

The morning papers are criticizing the fact that Gen. Sir Charles Warren's fifth division is being utilized to relieve various points, instead of being concentrated at once.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 24.—The Bee will say tomorrow: "There is something more than a likelihood that the pro-Boer agitation now so general through-

out the United States, will lead to the reactivation of the once celebrated organization among Irish-American known as the Fenians, which planned and executed an invasion of Canada in 1866, out of hatred of England for the wrongs that for 700 years had been inflicted upon Ireland."

Capetown, Monday, Dec. 18.—Gen. Gatacre, in order to check insurrection among the Dutch colonists and to prevent disaffected persons giving information or other assistance to the Boers has issued a modified reconcentration order. By its terms all males over 15 years of age of whatever nationality, residing outside of towns or villages, but within a radius of twelve miles of military camps now established or hereafter to be established north of Sterkspruit, are required immediately to vacate their places of residence and either to remove to some place outside the twelve-mile radius or to form a camp in close proximity to the nearest military camp—the spot to be selected by the officer commanding—where they must reside until further notice, providing for their own needs. All persons found within the radius without passes will be arrested.

Advices from Colesburg assert that not many Colonial Dutch have joined the Boers in that district.

Malta, Dec. 24.—Gen. Lord Kitchener, chief of staff to Gen. Lord Roberts, arrived here today from Alexandria on the British second-class cruiser Isia. He went immediately on board the British cruiser Dido, which sailed for Gibraltar, where he will join Lord Roberts.

Have you a cold? A dose of BAL-LARD'S HORSEROUND SYRUP at bed-time will remove it. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept.

Winter Shoes for Men and Women.

Women's Beaver Cloth Shoes, Flannel Lined, leather foxed, \$1.50 kind—
93 cents.

Beaver Cloth Slippers for women, hand turned soles, worth \$1.25
73 cents.

Women's Knit Slippers, high cut, fleece lined soles, worth \$1.50—
92 cents.

Women's all-wool fleece-lined Leggings, worth \$1.25—
78 cents.

Men's Beaver Top Shoes, extra high cut, box calf vamp, flannel lined, worth \$3.50—
\$1.92

WALKER'S STORE.

IMPORTANT SALE NEWS!

Before Stock-Taking. Next week, you know, is our time for listing, and we want to have just as short a one this year as possible—one with as few items on it as can be. Imagine what it means to take account of every article within the walls of this great store, even from the counting of pins. Then you can see without further argument why it is not only necessary but most imperative that drastic riddance measures be adopted. Read today's important printed news, but come for hundreds of needed things which cannot be told of. We think you'll agree

Prices Were Never More Wonderfully Small.

Millinery and Baby Bonnets.

Every untrimmed felt shape in stock, values running up to \$3.50 each—choice of any—

75 cts.

Collection of Baby Bonnets, some silk, some wool, some cloth, and priced all the way from 35 cents each up to \$1.50, choice of any while they last

25 cts.

DRESS GOODS and SILKS.

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY.

Lot 1
Some rare snags in this lot, thirty styles of fancy silks, remainder of the silk sale, that sold for \$1.25 up to \$1.75 a yard regularly, all grouped and a pick of any at—
69c

Lot 2
Interested in trimmings of the very aristocratic kind read this. Includes the entire stock of vestings Yokings and All Overs, selling up to \$25.00 the yard regularly, considerably less than we could buy them at—
One Third Off.

Carpets and Curtains.

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY.

Entire stock best Wilton and Axminster Carpets, \$2.00 a yard regular—
\$1.60

Choose from all Body Brussels, of \$1.35 a yard values at—
\$1.00

Twenty patterns of Velvet and Axminster Carpets of the \$1.10 a yard regular at—
82c

Ten Patterns Tapestry Carpets 50c and 60c grades
45c

Six pieces Brussels Ingrain Carpets, very heavy, one yard wide, 90c a yard regular—
68c

Twenty-five pieces Ingrains of best standard quality, all wool, regularly, priced 70c a yard, go at—
52c

Extra heavy Union Carpets, our 40c a yard kind—
33c

Good kitchen Carpet, the yard—
19c

RUGS.
Seventy-five Wilton Rugs, \$1.75 kind
\$1.10

Fifty Wilton Rugs, \$2.00 quality—
\$1.98

We Close our Store at 6 p. m. for the Benefit of Employees.

Walker Brothers Dry Goods Co.

Lot 5
Fifteen styles of Mixed Dress Fabrics, pretty and good every piece, and usually sell up to 45c the yard, for clearance at—
15c

Lot 6
Seventy-five styles of Gowns, Atrachans, Cloakings and Cheviot effect Tailor Suits, up to \$2.75 a yard regular, all—
1.50

Lot 7
Twenty-five imported Dress Patterns, handsome dress fabrics are not woven, the lowest priced one is regularly \$14.00, the highest \$60.00 each, choice from any at—
Half Price

DRESS TRIMMINGS.

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY.

BRAIDS.

Narrow Jet Trimming, regular 5c to 7c a yard—
3c

Jet Bands one inch width, 10c a yard regular—
6c

Fancy Pearl Trimming, very pretty designs, sells regularly for \$1.00 up to \$2.00 a yard—
75c

An assortment of spangled effects and Irresolent Trimming, were \$1.75 up to \$2.00 a yard—one price all—
\$1.25

Some fancy colored beaded trimmings that sold from 75c to \$1.00 a yard—
50c

Colored Juby Ruchings, dainty colors, 25c a yard usually—
17c

Persian Bands, very effective for tea Jacket or wrapper trimming, sold at 60c a yard—
35c

Applique Trimmings.

Birds and Butterflies in silk applique, black or white, each:
35c size..... 25c
25c size..... 15c
50c size..... 30c
65c size..... 45c

Silver spangled Butterflies, effective for evening dresses:
\$1.75 size..... \$1.20
\$1.20 size..... .80c
Spangled Butterflies in light shades:
\$1.80 size..... \$1.20
\$1.20 size..... .80c
Silver spangled Bow Knots:
\$1.00 size..... \$1.10
\$1.00 size..... .65c

In the Ready-to-Wear Store—Tuesday to Saturday.

As the days drop off and near the time when every garment must give account of itself, its price lessens. Come first days for best selection of course, but there will be good choosing too, on last days. Includes:

- All Tailor Dresses.
- All Separate Skirts.
- All Infants' Wear.
- All Muslin Underwear.
- All Fur.
- All Waists, silk or wool.
- All Wraps.
- All Children's Dresses.
- All Petticoats.
- All Facinators, Hoods and Shawls.
- All Boys' Clothing.

EACH DAY'S PRICES LESSEN LIKE THIS:

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at \$.50—	.05 off.....	.10 off.....	.15 off.....	.20 off.....	.25 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 1.00—	.10 off.....	.20 off.....	.30 off.....	.40 off.....	.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 2.00—	.20 off.....	.40 off.....	.60 off.....	.80 off.....	1.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 3.00—	.30 off.....	.60 off.....	.90 off.....	1.20 off.....	1.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 4.00—	.40 off.....	.80 off.....	1.20 off.....	1.60 off.....	2.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 5.00—	.50 off.....	1.00 off.....	1.50 off.....	2.00 off.....	2.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 6.00—	.60 off.....	1.20 off.....	1.80 off.....	2.40 off.....	3.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 7.00—	.70 off.....	1.40 off.....	2.10 off.....	2.80 off.....	3.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 8.00—	.80 off.....	1.60 off.....	2.40 off.....	3.20 off.....	4.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 9.00—	.90 off.....	1.80 off.....	2.70 off.....	3.60 off.....	4.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 10.00—	1.00 off.....	2.00 off.....	3.00 off.....	4.00 off.....	5.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 15.00—	1.50 off.....	3.00 off.....	4.50 off.....	6.00 off.....	7.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 20.00—	2.00 off.....	4.00 off.....	6.00 off.....	8.00 off.....	10.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 25.00—	2.50 off.....	5.00 off.....	7.50 off.....	10.00 off.....	12.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 30.00—	3.00 off.....	6.00 off.....	9.00 off.....	12.00 off.....	15.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 35.00—	3.50 off.....	7.00 off.....	10.50 off.....	14.00 off.....	17.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 40.00—	4.00 off.....	8.00 off.....	12.00 off.....	16.00 off.....	20.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 45.00—	4.50 off.....	9.00 off.....	13.50 off.....	18.00 off.....	22.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 50.00—	5.00 off.....	10.00 off.....	15.00 off.....	20.00 off.....	25.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 55.00—	5.50 off.....	11.00 off.....	16.50 off.....	22.00 off.....	27.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 60.00—	6.00 off.....	12.00 off.....	18.00 off.....	24.00 off.....	30.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 65.00—	6.50 off.....	13.00 off.....	19.50 off.....	26.00 off.....	32.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 70.00—	7.00 off.....	14.00 off.....	21.00 off.....	28.00 off.....	35.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 75.00—	7.50 off.....	15.00 off.....	22.50 off.....	30.00 off.....	37.50 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 80.00—	8.00 off.....	16.00 off.....	24.00 off.....	32.00 off.....	40.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 90.00—	9.00 off.....	18.00 off.....	27.00 off.....	36.00 off.....	45.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 100.00—	10.00 off.....	20.00 off.....	30.00 off.....	40.00 off.....	50.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 110.00—	11.00 off.....	22.00 off.....	33.00 off.....	44.00 off.....	55.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 120.00—	12.00 off.....	24.00 off.....	36.00 off.....	48.00 off.....	60.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 140.00—	14.00 off.....	28.00 off.....	42.00 off.....	56.00 off.....	70.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 160.00—	16.00 off.....	32.00 off.....	48.00 off.....	64.00 off.....	80.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 180.00—	18.00 off.....	36.00 off.....	54.00 off.....	72.00 off.....	90.00 off.....
Everything in Ready to Wear Selling at 200.00—	20.00 off.....	40.00 off.....	60.00 off.....	80.00 off.....	100.00 off.....

HOSIERY.

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY.

Women's ribbed fleece cotton Hose, were 40c, now—
25c

Women's fleeced cotton Stockings, out-sizes, were 40c, for—
25c

Boys' "Iron Clad" Hose, black wool, 25c a pair regular, this sale, two pairs—
25c

Children's fleeced cotton Hose, very fine weave, regular 30c the pair, now—
20c

Indian Blanket Robes— A Third Off.

Quite a number of very handsome are here yet in the various color combinations usual to these blankets for robe making. While they last you may buy them at a two-thirds' price, thus—
\$7.00 Blanket Robes..... \$4.65
\$8.00 Blanket Robes..... \$4.00
\$9.00 Blanket Robes..... \$3.35

KNIT UNDERWEAR.

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY.

The "Portage Knit to Fit" sale of small sizes will continue this week. Vests, Drawers, Union Suits, all must be cleared. The world's best in knit garments. If your size is here, there's a rare bargain. Others added for this week are:

Women's Oneita Union Suits, gray, all wool, \$2.50 regular—
\$1.75

Women's Union Suits, black, all wool, open front, \$3.00 quality—
\$2.25

Women's black wool Tights, ankle length, \$1.50 regular—
\$1.00

Misses' Vests and Drawers, gray wool ribbed, 50c a garment regularly—
35c

Some broken lots in Jaeger knit garments going at—
One Fourth Off Regular Price

Domestic Remnants.

An accumulation of Outing Flannels, Wool Flannels, Percales, Prints, Canton Flannels, Gingham and Elderdowns, different lengths—any—
Half Price.

Men's Suits and Overcoats.

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY.

MEN'S SUITS.

Men's Suits—Worsteds, Cheviots, Serges, Cassimeres, Meltons and unfinished worsteds, all cut in newest styles and selling at \$12.50, \$15.00, \$16.00, \$18.00, the suit, grouped in one lot for a before stock-taking sale, and marked each—
\$10.75

Men's Suits—Imported Cheviots, Plain and Fancy Worsteds, Vienna Cloths and Serges, with finest Italian Serge or silk linings, exquisitely tailored, the regular \$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.50, for before inventory sale, all grouped at one price—
\$18.75

Men's Overcoats—Kersey, Melton, Beaver or Covert Cloth, splendidly lined, good fitting, the \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00 and \$13.50 kinds have all been one priced at—
\$8.75

MEN'S OVERCOATS.

Melton's Chinchillas and Covert Cloths that are very reasonably priced, \$12.00, \$14.00, \$16.00, \$18.00, \$20.00, choose from any now at—
\$12.75

Men's Overcoats—Imported Kerseys, Coverts and Viennas, beautifully lined, the highest class of tailoring and finishing, priced \$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$30.00, choose from any at—
\$18.75

Young Men's Suits.

The long trouser suits for young men of 14 to 19 years, good fitting, well tailored, all the \$10.00 kinds for this sale—
\$6.25

Young Men's long trouser suits made of fancy worsteds, cheviots and in plain black or blue cheviots, worsteds and serges, all in the finest of tailoring, and finishing, regular prices, \$12.50 and \$15.00, one price—
\$9.75