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FAITH AS A CURATIVE.

Do we understand our esteemed evening contemporary, the Descent News, to say that smallpox may be cured by the revise on of mands and that it would recommend this treatment?-S. L. Her-

It is for the writer of that paragraph to say what he understands. The remarks of the Deseret News on this subject are plain enough for most people to understand, but for the benefit of our contemporary we will explain further. The position of the Deseret News on the question of the healing power is, that all kinds of ailments and diseases may be cured by faith, and that the laying on of hands is the method of administering to the sick instituted by nmand. Of course this includes smallpox among the disorders that may be cured in that way. There are numerous instances of healing that disease by this divine means. There are many Elders in this city, the writer of this article among the number, who have laid hands upon persons afflicted with the malignant as well as the mild form | If children can be forced to show "signs of smallpox, and the patients have recovered while the Elders administering have escaped the contagion.

It does not matter whether this statement is believed or not. The question is whether smallpox "may be cured by. the laving on of hands." The answer is, yes, if there is sufficient faith in the to a stop? A regulation could be as afflicted person to be healed, or in the lawfully and rationally enforced, that persons who lay on hands to rebuke the disease. If not, the sick will not be mitted to enter a public assembly withhealed. The lack of faith is not viewed out exhibiting on his chin, or at the end as a sin or even a fault. No blame is of his nose, "signs of recent successful attached for its absence. The theory | vaccination," as that no child shall be

words of Shakespeare, and say to the pretended wise and scottingly incredulous, "There are more things in heayen and earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

LAW AND LIBERTY.

pears to be yet confused in some minds which would naturally be expected to see the subject clearly. It is conceded that the liberty of the citizen may be to some extent curtailed for the benefit of the community. It is denied that this infringement may be pursued without limit. If it may, then the in-

be drawn somewhere. It is conceded that in times of con-

of persons affected by contagion, wheth. fully limited. This is done by common consent. It is provided for by law,

people comply with them. But what

Would our contemporaries that appear to confound the powers vested by law in certain public offices to enforce sanitary regulations, with an assumed right to compel submission to a surgical operation, claim that these are iden.

tical or even comparative? One is in accordance with law, the other is simply inferred by officials determined to compel submission to a disputed and fast fading theory. We will not mingle with this important question the controversy as to the virtues or evils of cowpox vaccination. It is the main question of the right of health officers to force people to take one disease into their bodies, on the plea that it is likely to prevent or mitigate another disease. Is not that altogether differ-

If a citizen can be forced without law to have his children infected with cowpox under any pretext, he and they can be compelled to swallow any drug or polsonous substance that the same officials of recent successful vaccination," so can every adult person be similarly forced. Let down the bars so that the liberty of the individual as to his person and the bodies of his children cannot be kept from the surgeon's lancet. and where will this infringement come

HAVE A HOUSE CLEANING. It is almost impossible, in reflecting a the hysterical activity of some of

nose whose duty it is to look after the

ublic health, to escape the impression

hat there is a good deal of incompe-

ncy in responsible positions. Under

dinary circumstances, this would

matter much, but at present pub-

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The question of law and liberty ap-

dividual has no liberty. The line must

tagion, regulations may and ought to be enforced to secure the public health; such as proper canitation, the isolation

er discased themselves or by exposure to contagion, are likely to carry it to thers. Thus the liberty of the individual may be reasonably and law.

The majority rule in the manner agreed upon; their representatives in the legis. ative department of the government formulate the restrictions. Law-abiding

is now proposed is altogether different.

he measures devised by the hysteric health officers will be unavailing, for, ays the doctor, "I believe that smallbox will become epidemic here." This s expert testimony to the incompeency of the health officers that are naking themselves obnoxious to the ublic. It is testimony that their measpres are inadequate, whether forced on he people or not.

ent from a sanitary regulation? declare to be prophylactic.

ickness. no person, old or young, shall be peris done. They would do so were they more concerned about public health than about their own pet theories.

neither schemere nor bigots. Kitchener took two years to complete petents and wicked men get into profeshis preparations for the conquest of sional life as well as elsewhere, and Soudan, though there he was opposed only by a half savage foe. That he will in a position to prevent it. show similar care in the arrangement of his plans now, may be taken for

granted. Their task is not an easy one. In the first place, they have to inspire the troops with confidence in the commanders. The soldiers have so often been sent to sure death, without any chance of fighting on somewhat equal terms, that they feel discouraged. Confidence has to be restored before any great feat

shed statements of one doctor, and can be attempted. Il more from what he is reported to Then, the Boers have learnt the lesave said privately; that doctors were son that their arms and tactics are efactly at sea with regard to some about equal to those of their foes. ases of disease, some diagnosing them President Kruger, before the outbreak s objekenpox and others as smallpox. of war said that the conquest would be and yet, some officers seem to have at the extermination of his people. He ancluded that their duty is to give anticipated to be conquered, but to ewspaper reporters, and the public sell every foot of ground as dearly as brough them, the impression that evpossible. The Boers have now found ry case of chickenpox, and every case that they can hold the ground pretty f rash is smallpox. At the same time well. This must have nerved them for octors are said to have advised a continuation of the struggle. It must gainst reporting some cases of albe an inspiration to them, accustomed egod smallpox, so as not to create a as they are to ascribe to Providence the sublic scare, proving that they are happenings of daily life, and they ware of the effect of such reports. And must, consequently, be doubly hard to n this confusion of ideas about the conquer. Still the two distinguished ature of the sickness, as well as of British generals have long experience ight and wrong, health officers are and a large force at their command. tirring up heaven and earth, demand-They should be able to accomplish their ng the closing of schools and cessation mission. f public meetings, as well as compul-

The shear trust has falled, the shorn In the meantime the disease, whatsheep being the stockholders who exver it is, is spreading. A physician pected the fleecing to be elsewhere. ells the public that in his opinion, all

The frequent announcement from South Africa of "shelling trenches" is no evidence that the kernel is always taken out.

A feud over an unbranded steer in Texas has cost over 200 lives already, and officers are beginning to feel that the quarrel is a thing to steer clear of.

Notwithstanding the reports of Boer retirement from before Ladysmith, In encouraging contrast to the feverthere is good reason to believe that they sh activity of some officers, is the will not go unless compelled to do so. letermination of the new sanitary in-

pector to have the city thoroughly How many of the doctors who are leaned. He ought to be supported in pressing the Board of Education on his efforts in this direction, both by the road to compulsory vaccination, are he boards of health and by private able to personally show "signs of reitizens. And the suburbs outside the cent successful vaccination?" city limits ought to be included in the

listrict to be cleaned. Vacant lots Oom Paul Kruger quotes from the ought to be given special attention. De-Bible freely, in addressing the Transvaal troops. It is also noticeable that vegetation on such lots. not to mention animal matter. he gives them special warning to "keep a sure to aid in the distribution of their powder dry."

Owners of such lots should Can the members of the Board of be compelled to clean them, and permit Education who make up the majority the bright sun to shine on the soil, and of one, each exhibit in his own person kill possible germs of disease. The conthose prerequisites which they demand dition of some vacant lots is an outrage of children before entering the public on public health. Then there are many schools? Have they all been recently places that need disinfection, and the successfully vaccinated? health board ought to see to it that it

> It is told from London that English military authorities give out many false rumors to mislead the Boers. Thus

the capable and good are not always THE LADYSMITH CRISIS. New York World. Gen. White's repulse of the Boer as-sault upon Ladysmith does not materially change the situation. It only serves to prove that the British fight behind fortifications as effectively as the Boers do behind intrenchments; that in bayonet work and close-range

fighting the British are at their best and (what has heretofore been denied that the Boers fight well offensively and in the open. Gen. White reports that the enemy pushed the attack with the greatest courage and energy," that some of the intrenchments were "three times taken by the enemy and retaken by us." The report of Gen. Buller's adcance across the Tugela river is not confirmed at this writing.

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New York Evening Sun. So fierce was the fighting on Wagon Hill, Gen. White could not spare men to assault the position held by the enemy. It can only be conjectured where it was-it may have been Helpmaker Hill or Cemetery Hill, to the east of the town-and as the Boer seem to have made no attempt to leave the hill, one may conclude that the townward lope was commanded by the terrible lyddite-throwing guns of the naval con-tingent. In the battle both sides must have burned a vast amount of aminuni-tion. The British could ill afford to spare it, although they had been econo-mizing their store for many days. A few more days of such fighting and there will not be enough cartridges in Ladysmith to repuise such determined assaults as the Boers made on Wagon Hill vhera Col Lan Hamilton, who was

assaults as the Boers made on Wagon Hill, v hera Col. Ian Hamilton, who was a lieutenant at Majuba Hill, is in command.

Boston Herald. If anything were needed to reaffirm

what we have repeatedly said, that in the war now going on in South Africa those who hold a defensive position possess an enormous advantage over those acting on the offensive, the defeat of the attempt of the Boers to take Ladyshith by assault would afford abundant confirmation. Considering the strait-ened condition of Gen. White's little army, with the probability that if the

Boers maintained their siege for a few weeks more he would be compelled to surrender, through the exhaustion of his supplies, it is not easy to understand why this desperate assault was at tempted.

Chicago News. The outclassing of English artillery by that of the Boers accounts in part for the greater number of fatalities among the English. England's awaken. ing from her dream of fancied super lority in respect to this branch of her service has been a shock from which she has not yet recovered. Had the war been with France or Germany, with their vastly better guns, English prea-tige would have suffered a blow comparable only with that received by the French at Gravelotte and Sedan, Happily for England, the awakening has come in Africa instead of on the conti-

nent of Lurope. As a result the Eng-lish war office is now straining every nerve to bring this form of the service up to the present high standard in France and Germany. Should a Euro-pean war follow the one in the Transyaal England will not be taken by sur





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is, as quoted previously by the "News," "All things are possible to them that believe," That is the doctrine of Christ. His disciples were sent out to heal the sick as well as to preach the Gospel. and the laying on of hands was the method employed for the relief of the suffering. When failures occurred Christ explained that it was because of the lack of faith

The Church which Jesus Christ has restored and organized in these latter days teaches the same doctrine. There are thousands upon thousands of witnesses to its truth. Many of them are living in these valleys today, and are ready to testify that they were healed. not by drugs or medical expedients, but by the nower of God through faith and the laying on of hands.

It may be asked by people who do not think very deeply, "if the laying on of hands is effectual in one case, why not in all?" We might retort by asking why drugs prescribed by doctors, as the regular remedy for certain diseases, do not cure in a large number of instances. Why some are cured and some are killed by the same nostrum. But this would only be evading the issue, as some of our contemporaries evade the question of compulsion. The fact is, it is not claimed that the Elders who lay their hands on the sick, as commanded, possess the infallible power of healing the sick. The curative force is faith. When there is sufficient faith the sick will be healed. When there is not sufficient the cure is not accom-Faith is the moving cause, restoration the visible effect.

Does the Descret News "recomment this treatment?" That depends. We recommend it to "them that believe." It was intended for them. It would be comparatively if not entirely useless to those who do not believe in its virtue. Infants who are incapable of exercising either faith or disbelief, may be administered to and healed through the faith of those who lay hands upon them and others who exercise faith in their behalf. Adults who have not themselves, but have enough to ask for the aid of the Elders, may be healed in the same way. We would recommend it to them,

When it is necessary to call in a physician and his prescriptions are followed, would we recommend the faith treatment and the laying on of hands? Yes, most decidedly. There are doctors in this city who are ready to acknowledge that it has been a potent help to their skill and attention, and that in some cases death would have resulted without it.

Now we would like our contemporary to understand, that the Descret News does not oppose and has never objected to the services of competent physicians and surgeons. On the contrary, it has autioned the people against relying upon persons who are unskilled and without experience. We have pointed out the fact that remedies are providof in nature, which we believe were ordained of God, for the ills that afflict h, and that these should be used when necessary with the wisdom essential to an understanding of their properties and effects. Especially should this course be pursued by persons who have not faith to be healed in the sim-

Faith is not fanaticism. Prayer is not in the way of science. There are

allowed to attend school without such evidence It must not be lost sight of that this absurd requirement of the board of health is not to prevent contagion. A vaccinated child or adult can carry infection just the same as one unvaccinated. No one as yet has pretended that exposure to contagion is affected in any way by vaccination as to its effects

upon others. There is some sense in precautions against the spread of contagion: there is none in shutting out healthy children from the schools. Even if a person is thoroughly im mune from smallpox, he can carry the infection in his clothing, his hair, or

his beard wherever he goes, if he has been exposed to it either by visiting a person diseased or the premises or surroundings of the patient. Every doctor who visits a smallpox, diph-

theritic, scarlet fever, or similar patient, and who does not change all his clothes and thoroughly disinfect himself, is a thousand-fold more of a menace to the public health than an unvaccinated person who has not been thus exposed.

Let there be no misunderstanding on this matter. The Descret News and the hosts of protestants against the law-defying and tyrannical edicts of local officials, do not raise their voices against any lawful sanitary regulation, nor wish to prevent the vaccination of willing subjects. But they do demand, and will maintain, their own perfect right to immunity from the doctor's lancet or scalpel when they personally object to it, and to preserve their children from the injection into their

bodies of the virus from a diseased calf, and any other poison that doctors may claim to have protective virtues. Is it possible that any same person or paper cannot distinguish the difference between lawful sanitary regulations, and lawless attempts to invade the personal liberty of the citizen.?

A VACCINATION WAR,

The following brief history of the smallpox scare in New Albany, Ind., is recorded in "Vaccination," a little periodical issued at Terre Haute, and devoted to the subject expressed in its

The health board found a case of smallpox in the city and ordered general vaccination within a given time. Only a few citizens obeyed the order. Then an opportunity was given for "free vaccination," and those in charge ray up a bill amounting to \$1,200. Still the citizens displayed no disposition to obey the order generally. A resolution was then passed declaring all unvaccinated persons a nuisance. At the expiration of the time limit, only 4,000 out

of 20,960 people had been vaccinated. The bill for \$1,200, on account of "free" vaccination was presented to the city council, but that body refused to pay, even though legal proceedings were threatened. The doctors appointed physicians to visit the public schools and vaccinate the school children, but the school trustees ordered the doors locked, and the children were thus protected.

The sad sequel of the story is that notwithstanding this resistance to compulsory vaccination at New Albany, the smallpox scare subsided. The few

cases that occurred were successfully treated, and by isolation and quarantine the disease was prevented from

With the determination to thorough far, it appears to be only the British ly clean the city should be coupled anthat have been misled thereby, since by ther, not to keep the public through the time the rumors get to Boer camps the press in perpetual excitement. Is they are nearly ancient history. it not a fact, explainable on psycholog-

ical grounds, that people who are con-A British Columbian paper calls the lieutenant governor of the province a inually brooding over disease, fearing "thing in gold lace," and is to be proseo become its victims, are more liable to cuted for exhibiting contempt toward a ratch it than those whose mind is filled representative of the crown. The editor vith other ideas? If so, what is the good should retract now by changing its reff blowing the trumpet every time a erence to a "nothing in gold lace." doctor is called to attend a chickenpox patient, any more than when his serv-

A woman preacher in New York says ces are required on account of the prevthat place is a heathen city-the largest lence of scarlet fever, or diphtheria? heathen city in the world, Many people Why not do everything possible to allay feel it is as voil to be called a heathen ublic excitement, instead of keeping as to follow some preachers whose practice is heathenish if their profes-Were the health officers competent sions are not.

bey would set about their business in a alm; oulet way. They would isolate The dispatches from Berlin say that very case, as soon as it came to their Emperor William is furious at the recent action of Great Britain. Not-They would look after the saniary conditions of the city. The docwithstanding the alleged exhibition of tors would ald them, by quietly giving anger, there is good reason to believe the kalser will keep his collar on, so o their patrons such advice, as in their udgment was required, including vacfar as any existing provocation is conination, if they believe in its efficacy, cerned.

and the public would willingly do their The Birmingham Mall, Joseph Chamshare. As it is, public officers have berlain's article, contains a threatening recipitated a conflict, which cannot note that if the British ministry is but be detrimental in more than one defeated in parliament, it will appeal to the country, and will not allow any So important a matter as the preserv one minister to be made a scapegoat. ation of the public health, should be Coming from such a source, this state. under the direction of experienced phyment shows that Mr. Chamberlain is sicians in whom the public have fuil on the alert for trouble.

There is strong likelihood of the Ni-GOVERNMENT OF PUEPTO RICO caraguan canal bill getting through

Congress this session, and if it should The bill introduced in the Senate by carry the full American control proenator Foraker for the government of vision there are sure to be interesting Porto Rico, or Puerto Rico, as the if not important developments in relasland is called officially, provides for tion to the question of the neutrality of governor, to be appointed by the the new waterway. President: a supreme court, five dis-

rict courts, seven heads of depart-Search the laws of Utah for 1899, and ots, a commission of five to revise also the Revised Statutes, and see if you can find one line or sentence which he laws, a delegate in the House of Representatives of the United States. gives authority for the enforcement of a legislative assembly, the upper compulsory vaccination, or the excluouse to consist of 12 men who, with sion of healthy children from the public schools, and the "News" will pubhe governor, form the legislative counlish it and give it full prominence and a lower house, or house of gates, to consist of 35 members, Bring on your quotations. even to be elected from each of the

Another woman has come near being ive districts into which the island is buried alive. This one is in Indiana, and ubdivided for legislative, judicial and she had been laid out for burial. If this general administrative purposes. The thing keeps on, there will be less of a resent laws and municipal ordinances, rush than there has been to turn bodies ubject to the modifications imposed by over to undertakers immediately on life commander of the American milibecoming extinct. Yet, even if the two ary forces, are continued until the cases recently reported be fully verified, delative assembly or the Congress of it can be said that they are extraor-United States shall provide otherdinary exceptions, and not such as to cause alarm concerning people being The Constitution and the laws of the

nited States are extended to the Island buried allve. s far as they may be applicable. On The address of Mr. Springer at the he tariff question the bill provides for live stock association convention a ree trade between this country and the Fort Worth today is notice to the railand, and that the customs duties col-

roads that the cowboys and sheepmen ted in the island, on trade with forare on the warpath against exorbitant an countries, shall be applied to the freight tariffs. Recent events have enses of its government. shown that the men in the live stock If the bill becomes law, it will give business are pretty successful rough Filipinos a good idea of what they riders in any cause they take up ton expect under the Stars and Stripes. provisions are broad and liberal. gether. So far as wealth is concerned they now represent about \$400,000,000 in en Aguinaldo should be content with property in the western United States. "autonomy" that practically

counts to Territorial government un-A dozen doctors hanged a man in or the protection of our flag. effigy in New York, using a dead body in their performance. But the fact that

ROBERTS AND KITCHENER. there were a dozen indecent physicians With the arrival of Lord Roberts and in the disreputable business dees not

Boston Transcript. Sir George White's message of Sunday afternoon, announcing that he had re-pulsed the Boers, inflicting on them very heavy losses, comes very quickly after the urgent appeal from him with

prise again.

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which the heliograph ceased its opera-tions Saturday afternoon. Then he admitted that he was "hard pressed," and such an admission from such a man means much, for whatever other shortcomings General White may have, he is a stubborn fighter and is a man of brilliant personal courage. He wears the Victoria cross for a deed of courage

and devotion, and in the flerce fighting of the Afghan wars he was distin-guished as a fearless leader.

Springfield Republican.

That Gen. Buller was greatly con cerned over Gen. White's precarious position is evident from the fact that as late as 2 p. no. he started the brigades of Clery, Hildyard and Barton toward the old battle-ground at Colenso to make a demonstration against the Boer lines, his purpose being, apparently, to compel Gen. Joubert to loosen his grip upon the beleagured garrison. At 5 p. m. these brigades had not quite reached Colenzo. Unless the Ladysmith garri son has been greatly weakened by the two-months' siege, it would seem as if the Boers would be unable to take the

place by direct assault. The situation is extraordinary in that the relieving British army seems so ineffective to raise the stege.

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