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DIPHTHERIA IN SCHOOL

ANSWERS TO CHARGE OF CARELESSNESS.

Indignant Parent, Evidently Not Familiar With Facts, Makes Attack, Which Is Squarely Met.

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(To the Editor.)—There are some things which should be handled without gloves, and in my opinion the criminal carelessness manifested by the authorities concerning the hygienic conditions of the Central School is one of them. Diphtheria has been epidemic in this school for months, and pupils have indiscreetly died from the "mild form" of that disease, which is now indignantly admitted to have been "too prevalent of late."

About six weeks ago, after a pupil, who had been in actual attendance at school until his case was fully developed, died from a malignant attack of diphtheria, I learned to my amazement that even the classroom subjected to the deadly germs had not been closed and disinfected. I immediately sought the City Physician and put the matter before him. He said he had heard there was diphtheria in the neighborhood of the school and would look the thing up. So far as my knowledge goes, the "looking up" has been postponed until the present wholesale examination of throats, which came off today, except that one eminent physician advised the children not to drink while at school, as the germs would thus be easily transmitted. All right, as far as it went, but there is a generally accepted belief that such germs (thus tacitly admitted to exist) are transmitted through the breath as well as by contact with a community drinking-vessel.

When City Physician Zan was interviewed on the subject he expressed the same view of the matter, saying: "I would like to deny the writer's statement that the authorities have been careless in handling the epidemic. We have exercised every precaution to check the spread of the disease. After each case was reported the rooms were carefully fumigated, and the whole school has been disinfected for the second time. When I examined the throats of the school children it was not my first official notice of the epidemic. I had made repeated visits to the school, and so had the Health Officer and the Plumbing Inspector. I had discussed the whole matter of closing the school with the Health Board and the school authorities, and it was deemed that the danger of contagion would be worse if the schools were closed and the children were running about, exposing everybody else. We have been handicapped in the whole affair by the parents failing to call in physicians when their children were sick and the anxiety of the children themselves not to be kept out of

school. The Central School is old and poorly ventilated, but most of the cases have been found in the new building. When I examined the children's throats it was not perfunctory done. As a result I sent home a number of children with inflamed throats, more subject to the dangers of infection, and one case of suspected diphtheria."

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BILL FOR BICYCLE PATHS

THIS ONE PUTS THE MATTER WITH THE COUNTY COURTS.

For Multnomah County It Provides Compulsory Path Construction, the Same as County Roads.

Walter W. Bretherton, living at 400 East Twenty-sixth street, is engaged in the preparation of a bill to be presented at the coming session of the Legislature providing for the construction of cycle paths in this and other counties in the state. He has given the subject much thought and investigation, and corresponded with some Eastern men and gained much valuable information. While the bill is not yet complete, Mr. Bretherton said yesterday its general features had been settled on. His object, he says, is to provide for the further construction of paths, so that the law which failed may be supplanted by another and the work go on.

One of the main features is to place the building and repairing of cycle paths in the hands of the County Court, the same as road building. It provides that for all counties in the state with a population of 50,000 and over, the County Courts shall build paths on all county roads the same as they do county roads. For counties with a population under 50,000, the paths may be built under a petition from the residents of a town or village if the petition be granted, but where the population is 50,000 and above, under this bill the building of paths is made a part of the duty of the County Court, the same as road building. Provision also is made for a license of 25 cents on all wheels using the paths.

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that his bill will soon be completed and open to suggestions and criticism. He is not favorable to building cycle paths on the streets of the city, but believes they should be built on every road in the county.

England and Belgium.

Fortnightly Review. One's own observation showed that the English had lost in many ways the popularity they once possessed in Belgium, and impartially demands the admission that it was very much their own fault. "Our dear countrymen" are not seen at their best on the Continent, and the self-satisfied English colony in Belgium presents sharp contrasts with that Belgian society which ignores its existence. The typical Englishman does not adapt himself well to his surroundings, especially when the vehicle of communication is the French language. He is arbitrary, exacting, and

a grumbler, and in the Belgium of former days he could live better than in England at a very cheap rate. The wealth of Belgium of late has much increased, and with it the cost of living. It is a rich, prosperous community, spending a larger relative proportion of income on good living than is the case with us, and those who go to Brussels for economy find not only that it is difficult to practice, but that on that very account the English are of less importance in the eyes of Belgian shopkeepers than formerly. In old days the great majority, too, of visitors in Belgian hotels were English and Americans, who drank beer or water, but nowadays there are more Belgians, Germans and French, and these are far more profitable customers, because they drink wine.

The value of the English visitor and tourist to Belgium has declined, while at the same time there has been no decline in their belief that they are indispensable to the prosperity of that country. Hence their comments at the expense of his people are vulgar and frolic, and as the majority of Belgians understand English, although they profess an inability to speak it, these comments, loudly expressed in public places, are often understood, and naturally resented. More serious cause of offense has been given by the accusation, believed by 96 Englishmen out of 100 to be true until quite recently, that "the Belgians ran away at Waterloo," and by the conversion in that connection into a phrase of contempt of the epithet "les braves Belges," which was first used by Prince Blucher as a title of praise and honor, and which raises a memory of Caesar.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Crying Teeth. Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.