

PRINCIPALS IN CROSEY TRAGEDY—JAMES WILCOX, WHO WAS HER SWEETHEART



The picture shows the jail in which Wilcox was placed, the chief of police and members of the committee who swore to avenge her death.

CHOLERA OF HOGS

TECHNICAL ARTICLE
ON THE SWINE PLAGUE.

Dr. Christie Defines the Disease From Scientific Standpoint.

The East Oregonian asked Dr. Christie to give his views on hog cholera. He replies with the following article in technical definition:

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 30.—To the Editor:—Anent swine plague, unfortunately so prevalent in this county, I wish to state through the columns of your paper, that it occupies a prominent place from a sanitary point of view. As an eruptive fever, it produces a marked effect upon the constitution, and in the advanced stages, these changes are so pronounced as to attract the attention even of ordinary persons.

During life, the disease is frequently marked by the formation of patches of congestion in the skin, particularly of the ears, lower parts of the limbs, and underneath surface of the abdomen, giving to the parts a dark blue, or livid color. In the other case, red or dark patches are formed, as the result of extravasation of the blood; and the animal survives for a sufficient length of time, or recovers, the skin covering the hemorrhagic areas may die and be cast off as a slough.

Independent of these lesions, papula pustule, and even vesicles may form on the skin over the surface of the body, but I have seen numerous cases in which no lesions of any kind existed. The internal lesions are numerous and diversified in character. In the early stages, neither the systemic, nor the local lesions are, as a rule, of importance. The blood, the flesh and the tissues of the organs present no departure from normal. The carcass sets firmly, and is of the

natural color. Neither does it evolve any natural odor, but in the advanced stages the flesh usually becomes placed in consistence, of a pale hue, and sometimes dropsical, while in some cases it possesses a distinctive and sickly odor, which is, however, always most pronounced in the bowels and their contents.

Lesions Often Not Exposed.

Hemorrhagic lesions are found in the skin, and the subcutaneous tissue, in the intermuscular connective tissue, and even in the tissue of the muscles themselves. The cutaneous hemorrhages are always most observable after the skin has been scalded and scraped, and they can be distinguished from those resulting from bruises and blows, by the shape of the patches, and by the length of the lesion. In many cases in which no hemorrhagic lesions are detected in the skin, or in the parts of the carcass, exposed to view, they will be found to exist in the tissues underneath the shoulder blade, and this should always be detached from the trunk if suspicion is entertained that the disease has existed. Blood extravasations are found on the inner lining of the heart, and under the capsule of the kidneys, or into the structure of these organs, and, more importantly in the lymphatic glands.

In the early stages, the lymph glands may appear to be simply congested, but as the malady advances, they become more or less infiltrated with blood. In most cases the distribution of the hemorrhage is partial, and when a section is made of the gland, it presents a mottled appearance, not unlike that seen on a section of a Queen strawberry.

It must be borne in mind that in young pigs a large number of haemolymph glands are found distributed amongst the sub-lumbar tissues and fat. The blood is not, in ordinary cases, materially altered in its character, but whenever the disease has been in existence for some time, or the lungs are extensively involved, it contracts a dark hue, and is even sometimes tarry. While in the more asthenic cases, and in those in which convalescence is imperfect, or the bowel lesions are extensive, it is of a pale hue, and watery in consistence; effusion into the abdominal and thoracic cavity, and even into the pericardial sac, and is most largely seen in animals in poor condition, or when the disease has been prolonged, and the same remark applies to the exudation of lymph. Diffuse inflammation of the mucous membrane of the bowels, more particularly the small, is most largely seen in young pigs, and not infrequently it assumes a diphtheritic character.

Unfit for Food.

In the lungs specific lesions, in the majority of cases, exist, but not in all. These lesions in the earliest stages are of an offensive type, but in the latter distinctly inflammatory, and in some cases the lesions resemble to a large extent those characteristic of pleuro-pneumonia.

From this brief description of the pathognomic lesion of swine plague it must be obvious to all that, in the advanced stages, the flesh of animals thus affected is unfit for human food. But inasmuch as the disease is not transmissible to man, and as the nutrition of the blood and of the flesh is not interfered with in the early stages, it may be a question as to whether it should be condemned, or not. If, however, any material change in the blood or in the flesh is discernible, no scientific man should be found ready to defend the practice of using the flesh for human food.

Hog cholera is a specific fever which runs a tolerable definite course. In some seasons the mortality may run as high as 90 per cent, other seasons be down as low as 40 per cent. There is a difference in the seasons without any apparent reason. This disease is no respecter of sex, age or conditions. Hogs that wallow in mud, filth and their own dirt are no more liable to it than those under different circumstances. The germ will grow

in any soil. The germ has its habitat in the ground and in the faecal matter. A particularly good soil for them is where bedding is mixed with excrement. I think the most virulent is among hogs around hay or straw stacks. In mild cases none of the symptoms are aggravated and they often recover. In some cases, after recovery, it leaves them with a chronic cough for a long time, leaving them worthless to fatten.

At whose door this dereliction of duty is to be placed I will not stop to consider. It is evident that it is due largely to indifference and to apathy on the part of those who are supposed to be the guardians of the public health.

J. CHRISTIE, V. S.

FRANK SPIKE THINKS

THERE IS HOG CHOLERA.

Believes It Is Not a Matter of Food— Says He Can Cure Affected Animals.

Echo, Jan. 31.—To the Editor:—I have been noticing the different opinions about hog cholera in the last few issues of your paper. I have successfully doctoring hog cholera, not only in this state, but in Iowa, and New York in the past two years. I was in Iowa in 1900 from the 25th of October until about the 15th of December, and saw a great many hands afflicted with cholera. I found some hands having it in a more malignant form than others, but all had the same disease.

Some claim filth as causing hog cholera; others say swill from hotels and dining cars. In the East I found hogs that were kept in big fields and fed corn, were affected as badly as hogs in pens. When the Rogers hogs had the disease they were in a field of 150 acres of alfalfa.

I had no trouble in saving hogs with the cholera that would eat the feed. In an advanced stage of the disease they refused to eat and hogs in that stage I don't claim to cure. To treat cholera, I would just as soon they would feed the remedy in swill from town as any other feed. I don't consider the feed has anything to do with the disease. I find more trouble in checking the cholera in shoats than in older hogs. The whole band should be doctoring when the disease is first discovered to prevent its spreading, no matter what remedy used.

From the death rate of hogs reported, it leaves no doubt in my mind that the hogs of this county are affected with cholera.

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