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DISEASE GERMS.
(By FRANK SCHMIDT.)

Disease germs are harmful and should be destroyed. Disease germs make people sick and often cause them to die. These germs are about us on every hand. They may be in the air, in our food, or in the water we drink.

We can avoid disease germs by keeping things sanitary; by fumigation, by destroying garbage piles, by keeping our bodies clean and healthy, and by destroying the germs that come from the bodies of the sick.

Many diseases we get from germs are: Colds, tetanus, catarrh, influenza, tonsillitis, bronchitis, diphtheria, whooping cough, chicken pox, scarlet fever, and measles.

About the year 1800 vaccination began to be practiced and smallpox at once began to decline. Where it is thoroughly carried out, smallpox has almost ceased to exist but where people are not vaccinated very much it is still impossible to prevent the spread of disease germs. Vaccination is almost a perfect protection against smallpox germs. Edward Jenner in 1797 discovered vaccination.

Disease germs produce a toxin in the body, the body works up an antitoxin to destroy the toxin and save itself from being poisoned. Scientists have learned how to get diphtheria antitoxin from the blood of a horse. When a person is attacked by diphtheria some of the antitoxin from a horse is injected into the body. This does not kill the diphtheria germs, but destroys their toxin and saves the cells from being poisoned until the body can kill off the germs, and stop the disease. It is very important that the antitoxin be given in the early stages of diphtheria, for after the toxin has poisoned the cells of the nervous system, kidneys, and heart great damage has been done, and it is not possible to undo it. Antitoxin is useful in all stages of the disease, however, and should always be used. It is also very useful in preventing diphtheria and when a person has been exposed to the germs a dose of antitoxin is often given to prevent the development of the disease.

An antitoxin for Tetanus is prepared from the blood of the horse but it has not proved very valuable in curing the disease except when used in the early stages and in large doses. It is very valuable, however, in preventing the disease and when a person has received a wound that is likely to bring on tetanus a dose of the antitoxin should be given. When this is done the disease is almost certain to be prevented.

There wouldn't be half so many diseases if the people would destroy the disease germs and they should be destroyed.

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LIVE CECIL NEWS ITEMS

Martin Bauerfend was down in his car last Saturday.

Ellis Minor was doing business in Heppner last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allyn transacted business in Cecil Saturday.

J. Bryson of Ione was in Cecil Saturday while enroute to Willows.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Heppner Junction visited Sunday with Mrs. Lowe.

Dean Rogers, who is working for Stanfield brothers, was in town Saturday after hay.

George Wilson made a special trip to Jim Carty's last Sunday, a distance of 25 miles.

Ed Melton, who has completed his Spring work, is now engaged in summerfalling for Henry Streeter.

Grandma Nash and Mrs. Frank Nash and two children visited the past week with Leon Logans.

Grandma Melton, who has been on the sick list the past week was visited by Mesdames Bennett and Lowe.

Mrs. Frank Marvel, after a visit of three weeks at the home of Mrs. Melvin Logan, returned to Arlington last Saturday.

Thomas J. Anshutz, rancher nearby, left Thursday for Portland. From there, he will visit the Lone Star State.

The local warehouse has made a clearing of wheat. A large number of cars were shipped to Europe, for the support of the allies.

B. A. Palmer, superintendent of the O. W. R. & N. Co. and other railroad officials were patrons at the Cecil last week.

Mr. Jeuricks and Miss Mabel Oliver, who are working for Henry Streeter, made a visit to Arlington Saturday, returning Sunday.

Miller doesn't chase the caterpillar any more. He now delivers fresh meat to the ranchers. That will facilitate affairs when your first cutting comes around.

The public school of District No. 8 closed on the 18th. Mrs. Hayes, the teacher, has been retained by the school board, H. S. Ewing and John Nash, for a period of two years.

A net has been placed in the creek at this place to intercept the body of P. J. Habelt. M. V. Logan and his brother Kenneth joined with the I. O. O. F. order last Saturday in the search.

It seems that Cecil is against the world when it comes to top prices for wool. Last week Herbie Hynd sold his clip of wool for 60 cents per pound. The fleece weighed just 15 1/2 pounds.

Grandma Nash, after a number of weeks stay in Pendleton, returned home last week accompanied by Mrs. Frank Nash and her two children who will remain in Cecil for the summer.

Jack Hynd, with Alfred Shaw and his niece Louise went to Sand Hollow last week and from there Mr. Hynd went to La Grande on business, returning last Sunday. Miss Shaw remained at Sand Hollow.

The Cecil school, sessions of which have been held in the Cecil Hall, will close May 25th, but the school program will be rendered on Saturday evening at 8:30 in the Hall. Everybody is requested to be present.

The public meeting for the conservation of food was largely attended and all felt that our country was involved in a world famine of food. However, this section has done its part when acreage of grain is considered and the climatic conditions still remain favorable.

The local hop that was so successfully pulled off last Saturday in the Cecil Hall proved the greatest in attendance and afforded more pleasure to those who participated than any former event. Outside of train and usual team service, some 30 cars did their share in bringing hither the happy people who so well contributed to the evening's success. George D. Anderson and W. G. Palmateer were the floor managers and John H. Miller, Walter Pope and W. H. Grant the feed dispensers. The full orchestra of the Bowker people did not appear on this occasion as two of them were stranded while enroute from Madras overland to Cecil. It is now well known that Cecil is the favorite place for a social hop. Wherefore the inference? The answer is found in hall equipment for light and ventilation, with a good floor, the best of music and a supply of eatables that meets the exigency of the hour. The proprietor, Mr. Lowe, has spared no expense in supplying the needed improvements in his hall.

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