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THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER.

It is really amusing (and not so amusing either, considering the probable damage to our town) to hear the reports from the outside, through the newspapers and otherwise, as to the smallpox situation in Morganton. Exaggeration is no name for it. One would think, on hearing these reports and not knowing the true situation, that this town is "in a devil of a fix" (due credit to the leader of Abernethy's Immortals.) The truth is, there are only six cases (well out in the suburbs of the town) that have been pronounced smallpox, and these and all suspects are being well guarded. The physicians say it is a very mild form of smallpox and that the patients are getting along nicely. There is no fear of any further spread of the disease and our people are going about their business as usual. Outsiders can come to Morganton in perfect safety,—in fact it is ridiculous to think otherwise.

COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

The commissioners of Morganton have unanimously passed a law requiring every person living in the town to be vaccinated, excepting only those who have been successfully vaccinated within the past two years and those whom the physicians may release on account of ill health. The law went into effect yesterday at noon. Physicians will make a careful canvass of the town and report all who have not been successfully vaccinated. Those disobeying the law will be fined \$10 per day for each day they refuse to be vaccinated. There will be no charge for physician's service and points will be furnished free to those who cannot or will not pay for them. Otherwise they will be 10 cents each. Several hundred of Morganton's population have already been vaccinated, a large majority taking advantage of the town's offer to pay the cost.

A BAD BLUNDER.

Our attention has been called to a bad blunder in the act to regulate the times of holding courts in the 10th judicial district, passed by the legislature of 1899. According to the act, Ashe court begins on the 13th Monday after the first Monday in January and continues for two weeks; McDowell county on the 14th Monday after the first Monday in January and continues two

weeks; Mitchell county on the 15th Monday after the first Monday in January and continues two weeks. The second week of Ashe, therefore, conflicts with the first week of McDowell and the second week of McDowell with the first week of Mitchell. The bill could scarcely have been worse drawn.

A RAILROAD FROM LINCOLNTON VIA MORGANTON TO ELIZABETHTON.

The Morganton Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting Wednesday night to consider the matter of a railroad from Lincolnton to Morganton. Messrs. H. L. Milner, of Baltimore, and A. S. Healy, of New York, promoters of the enterprise, were present and made interesting and encouraging talks. These gentlemen stated that a road will certainly be built at an early date from Lincolnton to Elizabethton, Tenn., by one of several routes proposed. They favor the route by Morganton, which they believe is the most practicable, and to convince those who are to put money into the enterprise that they are right in their opinion as to the Morganton route they only ask from the people of Morganton \$200 to help defray the expense of a survey, which has already been begun. The Chamber of Commerce appointed Messrs. Ike Lazarus, J. L. Anderson and B. S. Gaither to solicit subscriptions and we have no doubt but that they will raise the sum in a short while.

It is no longer a scheme but a certainty that a road will be built, and built shortly, between the points named, and if we want it via Morganton it looks now like we can get it by a little effort on our part, as the route by this place is easily the most practicable.

The main motive in the building of this line is to connect the Seaboard Air Line with coal fields in East Tennessee. A New York company of which Mr. Healy is a member have recently purchased 200,000 acres of coal lands in that section.

Policeman Solon Ford, of Shelby came to Morganton last week and took back with him George Corpening alias Wilson, col., who was wanted in Cleveland county for breaking into the store of R. A. Hoyle & Co., of Belwood, several weeks ago. The negro had been arrested and placed in jail here, but was afterwards released, the authorities thinking he was the wrong man. However, when Policeman Ford arrived he was re-arrested. There is another negro who is charged with having been a partner in the crime with George and who escaped from the Sheriff of Cleveland a few days after the crime was committed, but he has not yet been re-taken.

☞ Vaccination Points, Vaccination Shields, 10c each, at Leslie's.

☞ Persons owning plats at the cemetery can have them cared for by the present keeper, James Cloer.

☞ Get a Vaccination Shield for that arm, at Leslie's.

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Everything is now under strict quarantine, pest houses built and all patients and suspects are at a safe distance. No danger in coming to town.

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We have established a strict quarantine against High Prices.

Our store has been a pest house to the old-time merchants for the past seven months. They dread us worse than you dread to come to town now while this scare is on.

Don't hold your Chickens, Eggs and Butter. There is no danger in bringing them in, and you know we have to eat. Garden truck, of course, is good, but we want something to go with it. You must not believe all you hear, for news like this runs wild, and the further it goes the bigger it gets.

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Smallpox Bulletin.

TUESDAY MORNING.--No new cases since quarantine established.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.--No new cases reported and quarantine in perfect order.

THURSDAY MORNING.--No new cases. Patients getting along nicely. Country people coming in now without feeling any uneasiness.

FRIDAY MORNING.--Nothing new to report. Everything in perfect order. Business resuming its usual course.

SATURDAY MORNING.--We will expect you all to come to town and get Bargains as usual at

J. L. ANDERSON & CO.