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ABOUT STAMPED OUT.

THE SMALLPOX WELL MANAGED BY THE AUTHORITIES A BRAVE PHYSICIAN

When smallpox first broke out in Morganton the authorities of the town lost no time in establishing a strict quarantine to prevent the spread of the disease. They at once placed a strong guard around the afflicted and also around the houses of those who had been exposed to the disease and went to work to provide pest houses at a safe distance from town. In the meantime provision was made for medical attention and the comfort of all under quarantine. In fact, they went at it as though they expected a general spread of the disease, which was right and proper, for, according to the old adage, "a stitch in time saves nine." For this precaution on the part of the authorities the people are under lasting obligations, for we believe we have thus been saved from a general smallpox epidemic. Of course some don't see it this way, but if these were condemned to death and their life spared at the last moment, they could not appreciate it.

In the beginning of the smallpox trouble, the authorities began to look around for a physician who would go into the midst of the sick and give them medical attention. It was expected that it would be hard to find someone to fill this place, but, fortunately, Dr. W. H. Bumgardner, who was on a visit to his aunt, Mrs. P. L. Murphy, volunteered his services and remained with the smallpox patients, secluding himself from all outsiders, until last Saturday, when it was believed that the few that were left in the pest house had sufficiently recovered to get along without his services. It was a brave act and a great sacrifice on the part of Dr. Bumgardner, and he has placed himself under lasting obligations to the people of Morganton and Burke county.

As a result of the extra precautions taken, the disease was soon gotten under control and will ere long be completely stamped out. No new cases are now expected and those in the pest house can safely be released in a few days.

The county authorities have also performed their part well. While the men most active in the work were carrying out instructions from the respective boards of commis-

sioners and the law as to the duty of officers in the matter, much credit is due them for their untiring efforts and sacrifices made for the protection of the people. Among these we might mention Messrs. B. F. Davis and R. T. Claywell, smallpox committee of the town commissioners; Mr. H. W. Connelly, chairman of the county commissioners, and Sheriff Manly McDowell.

The smallpox has, of course, cost the town and county a great deal, but we believe the money has been spent judiciously. We don't believe there is a fair-minded man in the county that accuses the authorities of extravagance, but rather commends them for their good management and their success in stamping out the filthy disease.

WOMAN KILLED.

TINY HOUSTON SHOT BY SANDY HOUSTON—CONFLICTING EVIDENCE.

On last Saturday morning Tiny Houston was shot and mortally wounded by Sandy Houston, her brother-in-law, at the Houston home in West Morganton. Sandy, who was immediately arrested and placed in jail, claims that the shooting was purely accidental; that he was cleaning his pistol, which was empty, and laid it in a chair by the side of a pistol belonging to Tiny, which was loaded; that on reaching to get his pistol again he got the loaded one instead, in the meantime talking with his sister-in-law and not paying much attention to the pistol; that in cocking the pistol which he thought to be his, the hammer slipped from his grasp and fired, with the result stated above. The ball entered the woman's abdomen and lodged in the back. She suffered intensely until early Monday morning, when she died.

The ante-mortem declarations of the woman confirm what Sandy claims—that it was an accident; but at the hearing before Mayor Tull on Tuesday the evidence was so conflicting that Sandy was remanded to jail to await an investigation at the next term of the criminal court. It seems there is an undercurrent of suspicion that Sandy shot the woman purposely.

Tiny Houston was the widow of Marion Houston, who died a short time ago from smallpox.

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