

**SMALLPOX AT BOSSARD.**

Health Officer Reardon Makes Announcement And Warns People to Be Vaccinated.

From The Daily Item, January 29.

Health Officer Reardon states that owing to the fact that in every instance where smallpox makes its appearance in a city or county, or any other serious contagious disease develops, that the reports as to the number of cases are greatly exaggerated and injury done to the community by such false reports, if the reports be not officially denied, he considers it to be the best interest of Sumter city and county, as well as a duty to the general public to say that he has been notified that a white man by the name of Madison Yates, at Bossards, Sumter county is suffering from a severe type of smallpox. The city health officer has notified State Health Officer Dr. C. F. Williams, of Columbia, and has also notified the county authorities that under the State laws governing control of smallpox outbreaks that it is the duty of the county authorities to immediately take steps to prevent the spread of smallpox, by compulsory vaccination, quarantine, etc., at the expense of the county.

The city school children have been pretty generally vaccinated but there are some few still to be vaccinated, and this will be done Monday at the schools. The Board of Health has been warning the citizens of Sumter for the past ninety days to be on the safe side by every citizen who has not been successfully vaccinated within the past six years submitting to this ordeal because of the prevalence of the disease in other counties, and the virulence of the disease.

There are a great many small children whose mothers are preventing the children being vaccinated. This is unwise as it might as well be bluntly stated that the type of smallpox that this State has had during the past two years is unusually virulent and fatal, over fifty per cent of the cases resulting in death. Smallpox is a filthy and loathsome disease and vaccination is immeasurably preferable to any other.

There is a State law providing penalties for parents and guardians of children who neglect or refuse to have the children under their care successfully vaccinated.

With the knowledge that, unopposed by successful vaccination, you are likely to contract smallpox in its most virulent and filthy form and the chances between death and recovery, and with a scarred face and body, if you recover, if you decide to let your children run the chances mentioned above in preference to the more sensible plan of prevention advised by the Sumter physician—vaccination, why those who take these chances will have themselves to blame in the event of their contracting smallpox and possible indictment by the State health officer for violation of vaccination rules. The city health officer will have a supply of fresh glycerinated virus on hand tomorrow.

While it is preferred that every citizen, or his family needing vaccination will have same performed by a physician, nevertheless, following out a custom in vogue for years in Sumter and other places, the city health officer will vaccinate, without charge, all who apply to him. This applies to citizens of Sumter.

Under the State laws the attending physician in all cases of smallpox, or other contagious diseases in the rural districts is vested with all of the powers and authority of a health officer, with full authority to enforce quarantine rules, vaccination, disinfection, etc., and his orders are final in every instance as long as he is in charge of the case, as acting health officer.

County Supervisor Peter Pitts has authorized city Health Officer Reardon to act as county health officer in the rural districts and he went out to Bossards today to take steps to check the disease.

**HOW TO CURE RHEUMATISM.**

It is an Internal Disease and Requires an Internal Remedy.

The cause of Rheumatism and kindred diseases is an excess of uric acid in the blood. To cure this terrible disease this acid must be expelled and the system so regulated that no more acid will be formed in excessive quantities. Rheumatism is an internal disease and requires an internal remedy. Rubbing with Oils and Liniments will not cure, affords only temporary relief at best, causes you to delay the proper treatment, and allows the malady to get a firmer hold on you. Liniments may ease the pain, but they will no more cure Rheumatism than paint will change the fibre of rotten wood.

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**SEYMOUR BOUND OVER.**

Another Chapter in the Bicycle Stealing Case.

The preliminary hearing in the case against Seymour and Cannon for buying a stolen bicycle from Richard Young, was held in Florence Friday. R. D. Epps, Esq., appeared for the prosecution. A strong case was made out against Seymour and he was bound over for trial at the next term of the Court of General Sessions. There was not sufficient

evidence to hold Cannon and he was dismissed on the motion of Mr. Epps. Mr. Epps was accompanied by Messrs. H. L. Tisdale, Bruce Lyman and S. W. Rumph, who were witnesses for the State.

Mr. Epps also succeeded in recovering several of the wheels for which he took out claim and delivery proceedings last week. Mr. Tisdale improved the opportunity to locate two more stolen wheels, which were recovered. It was a rainy day and not many wheels were out on the street, so Mr. Tisdale did not have a

favorable opportunity to see the wheels in use in Florence. It would be a good idea for those who lost wheels and have not yet recovered them to employ Mr. Tisdale to scout around Florence a few more days.

Moral good is a practical stimulus.—Plutarch.

Saints are more than pickled sermons.

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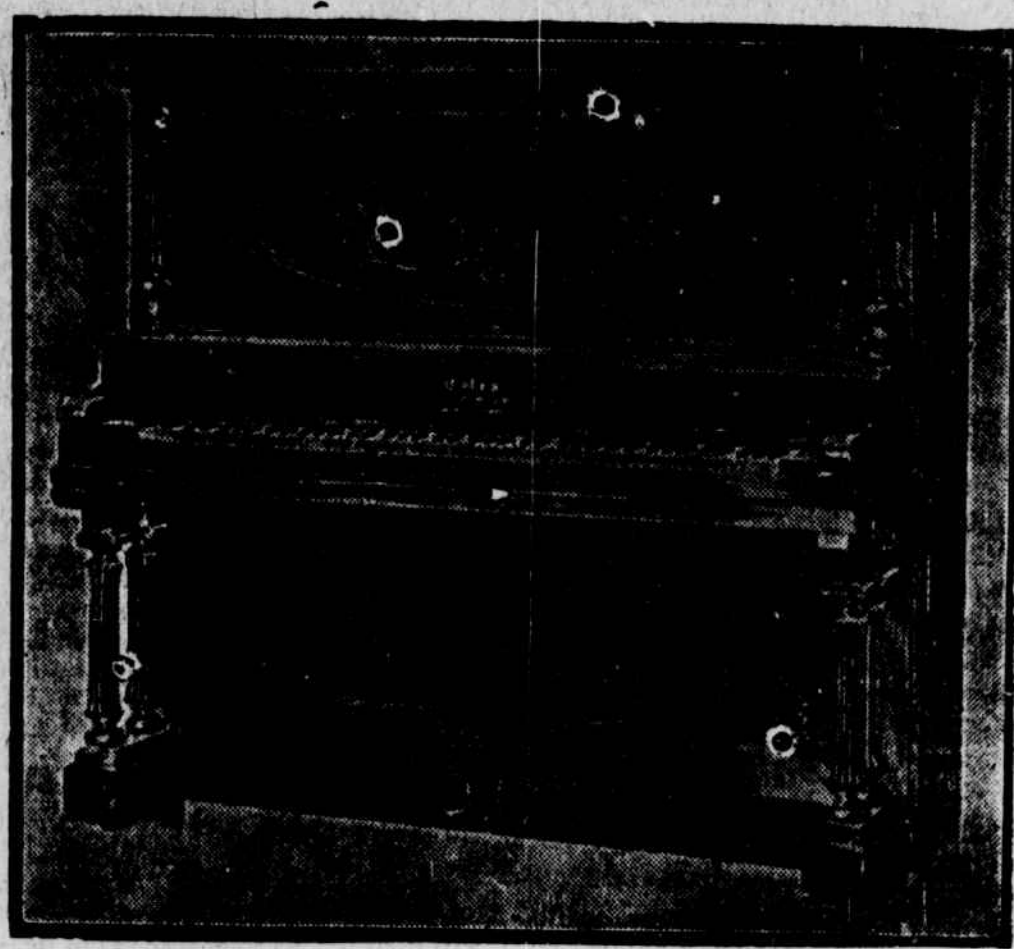
**Conditions and Prizes.**

The \$400 Piano, the grand prize of this contest, will be given to the subscriber or a nominee of a subscriber of the Watchman and Southron or Sumter Daily Item receiving the greatest number of votes in this contest. No matter where you live you are eligible to enter this contest.

One \$50 Gold Watch, either Gentleman's or Lady's size, as the winner may select, will be awarded to the person, not a resident of the City of Sumter, receiving the next largest number of votes.

One \$50 Gold Watch, either Gentleman's or Lady's size, will be awarded to the person resident of the City of Sumter, receiving the next largest number of votes.

The contest for the Grand Prize, the \$400 Piano, is open to all readers of The Watchman and Southron or The Sumter Daily Item. It can be won by a resident of Sumter, Lee or Clarendon County, or some other County. One Gold Watch as a special second prize to be contested for by non-residents of the City of Sumter, while the other is a special second prize to be contested for by residents of this city.



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Each and every person entering the contest must be nominated on one of the Nomination Blanks published in both the Watchman and Southron and the Daily Item. The nomination counts as 1000 votes, but only one nomination will be credited to a person.

In each issue of the Watchman and Southron and the Daily Item will be published a ballot which is good for the number of votes specified on the ballot.

**How to Obtain Votes.**

Every new subscriber paying in advance, will be credited for each dollar paid, 200 votes. Every old subscriber paying up back dues will be credited for each dollar paid 100 votes, and on each dollar paid in advance 200 votes. No votes will be given on payments of less than \$1.00. Every person or firm that brings or sends an order for advertising or printing and pays for same in advance will be entitled to 100 votes for each dollar paid. For money paid on accounts 50 votes will be allowed for each dollar paid, if money is brought or sent to this office. No votes will be given for money paid collector.

**Nominations Close Dec. 24.**

Nominations will not be received later than December 24, therefore, it is important that the blanks be mailed to this office at once. Remember every nomination blank counts for 1000 votes, but will not be counted twice for the same person. We have a supply of voting ballots at our office which must be filled there, properly signed, as the cash is paid for subscription, advertising or printing. Those at a distance wishing to vote must send the money, for which a voting ticket together with a receipt, will be mailed to the person making the remittance. The tickets must be made out, signed and returned promptly to this office.

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