

## LOCAL PHYSICIANS GIVE RULES TO AVOID ATTACK OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Physicians of Billings, several of whom specialize in children's diseases, have issued rules by which mothers may ward off infantile paralysis, from which scores of children are dying in the east. The local doctors believe that there is small opportunity for the disease to spread to this section, unless it is brought in by tourists with children. Observance of the rules, it is said, will remove much of the danger. The rules are:

Keep all children out of badly ventilated theaters and public halls.

Do not allow children to bathe in stagnant water.

Keep streets sprinkled, as the germ of infection may be carried in the dust.

Do not allow children to have animals as pets. The disease often is contracted by the pet dog and spread to the children of the family.

Investigate the milk supply and prevent the use of public drinking cups.

Isolate every known cause.

Take the child to a food diagnostician whenever he shows fever, intestinal trouble or muscular infections which are symptoms of the disease.

It is admitted that these precautions cannot stop the disease or prevent it entirely, because healthy persons carry the germs in their mouths and throats and infect the air, the dust and the articles they handle. Grown persons are by no means exempt from the disease, known scientifically as poliomyelitis.

The disease is known throughout the temperate zone, but it is most general in the United States. Of the 8,000 cases reported from 1905 to 1902,

5,500 occurred in this country. From 15 to 23 per cent of the children attacked by the disease die. Of those who live more than half, or 60 per cent, are left terribly handicapped for life.

Epidemics occur with increasing frequency as time goes on. The Rockefeller institute has been working on the disease for years. Flexner and Noguschi have isolated the germ and inoculated it in monkeys and other animals.

Between 80 and 90 per cent of the victims of infantile paralysis are less than 6 years of age, but no age is exempt. The male sex is affected more heavily than the female, usually in the proportion of one to two. The disease is propagated more readily in the summer and autumn. It affects all races and may be found under the best and worst hygienic environment.

The Northern Cafe. Merchants lunch, 50 cents; 12 till 2.—Adv.

## ST. PAUL BUSINESS MEN DUE IN BILLINGS, JULY 24

The second trade excursion of the season, this time consisting of between 75 and 100 leading wholesale merchants and manufacturers of St. Paul, will visit Billings July 24, arriving at 3:25 o'clock in the afternoon and remaining here over night. The trip is arranged under the auspices of the St. Paul Association of Commerce.

It is probable that entertainment will be provided for the visitors by the Chamber of Commerce.

The party will spend two full weeks in visiting points in Montana and North Dakota on the lines of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads. The purpose of the excursions

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