

Little Carrie Carlton was taken sick last Wednesday, and Dr. Truscott was called in to attend her. He diagnosed her case as diphtheria, and Dr. Brimi, superintendent of the board of health, was notified. The latter came up the next day and placed the patient and her father, who was attending to her wants at the time, under quarantine in the upper story of the West hotel where they were quartered. While the method adopted of quarantining the top story and leaving the rest of the building open to the public may have been perfectly safe from the health officer's point of view, yet there was more or less agitation against it on the part of a number of citizens inasmuch as the occupants of the house were permitted to mingle with the rest of the populace, and there seeming to be a general opinion that the members of the family were possibly in a way to carry contagion the whole house was finally quarantined Monday morning. It is understood that it is legal to quarantine a portion of a building without closing the whole building and it is said that it is done successfully in many cases, but diphtheria being such a dreadful disease, it is the opinion of many that too much precaution can not be taken to prevent the spread of the disease. It is not our purpose to criticize the authorities for acting as they did in this case, for we fully understand that they know their own affairs as well as any body else but we can not blame the people for being cautious in the extreme in cases of this kind. This is merely a statement of the facts in the case, and we trust that the authorities will regard it in the proper light, and not assume that we are accusing them of any improper action in the matter. The patient is doing very nicely at this time under the care of Dr. Truscott, and we hope that she will fully recover in due course of time.