

Some few days ago Dr. Tymms the county superintendent of health, placed several families in the Helena neighborhood under quarantine for smallpox. One of the heads of the families placed under such orders refused to obey the superintendent and broke the quarantine and came very close to being arrested for so doing. The board of health is given all kinds of power by law to enforce its orders and at a meeting of the board held last Saturday Dr. Tymms was instructed to enforce his orders and to take all necessary steps to prosecute any person or persons refusing to remain in quarantine when ordered by the health officer to do so. While the cases of smallpox are of the light form there is no telling what it may lead to and if a general spread of the disease took place it might endanger lives as well as place a large bill of expense on the taxpayers, and the board of health would be severely blamed for not doing its duty. A word to the wise is sufficient. The board will use its utmost endeavors to stamp out any contagious disease either in a mild or malignant form and will see that its orders are obeyed hereafter.