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The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best,
And balanced all their partners,
And gayly fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollows,
At "hide and seek" they played,
The party closed at sundown,
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They flew along the ground;
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Thursday afternoon the great Junior Rally will be held in Music Hall. This is always an inspiring sight but this year it will be better than ever, for over 200 children will be on the stage to take part in the exercises.

The Convention will close Thursday evening with the convention sermon preached by Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus, D. D., of Chicago, on the theme—"The Message of the Cross."

VACCINATIOM FIGURES.

Lessening of the Smallpox Death Rate Since Jenner's Day.

In connection with the present outbreak of smallpox, writes Henry V. Marriott in the London Express, the facts and statistics here giyen should help to convince the most conscientious of "objectors" as to the efficiency of vaccination as a preventive of smallpox. We find that ever since the introduction of vaccination by Jenner in 1796 there has been an enormous decrease in the number of cases and of deaths from smallpox. The deaths per million from smallpox have been as follows:

Years.		Average deaths per million inhabitants.
1660-79	Pre-Vaccination Times	4,178
1728 57	" "	4,260
1771-80	" "	5,020
1801-10		2,040
1831 35		830
1838-53		513
1854-71		388
1872-82		262
1883-92		73

In Scotland during the years 1855-64, vaccination being optional, the death rate per million from smallpox stood at 340 per million inhabitants. On vaccination becoming compulsory the death rate per million for the years 1865-90 actually fell to 80.

Another fact which is convincing is the marked decrease in the number of children infected. Previous to vaccination times smallpox was mostly prevalent among children, while now we find that the disease mainly occurs among older people.

DOG BURIED IN CEMETERY.

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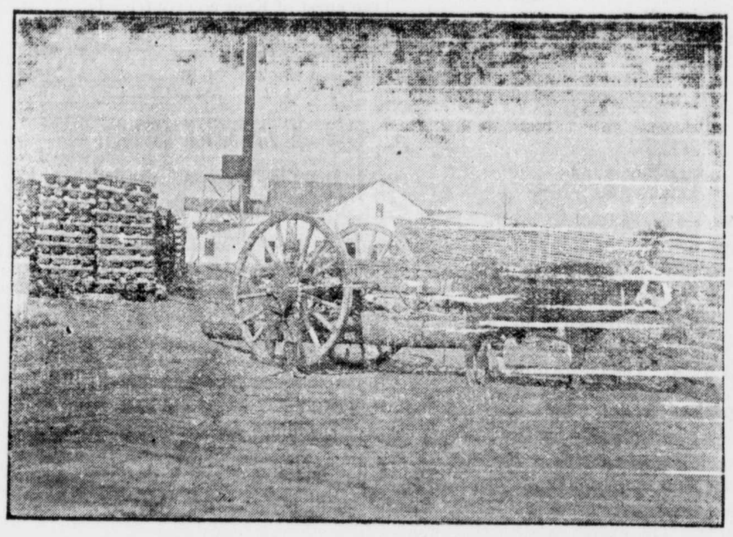

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