

SANITARY STATE NEEDS BETTERING

Virginia Has Typhoid Fever and Apparently Needs South Side Sewer.

(Range Bureau of the News Tribune.)

VIRGINIA, Oct. 25.—The state health officer, Dr. Bracken, has sent one of his staff to look into the sanitary conditions here. He has accompanied members of the city health board on visits to several different parts of the town.

With Alderman Mesberg he inspected the large drainage ditch in the south side addition. It is the general opinion that this ditch should be replaced by a sanitary sewer, as it is considered a menace to the public health. The mayor recently vetoed a resolution which called for plans for the sewer on the ground that it was now too late to begin the work. The state's man has not yet given out any statement as to his ideas about the ditch.

There are still many cases of typhoid in the city, and it is probable that the doctor was sent to ascertain the cause of the spread of the disease. There was one death last week from the fever, that of Emil Backlund. Several new cases have appeared, but most of them are from the lumber camps north of the city.

It is thought that the doctor will advocate the building of the sewer in the south side addition, though he has not made any statement of his intentions. He will remain in the city for two or three days and make a thorough inspection of the whole town.