FLU BAN LIFTED HERE; THEATRES, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS TO OPEN

City Council Gives in to Plea of Business Men; Only Day Services to be Held in Churches; Two Shows Daily at Theatres

Favorable action was taken on the petition of the business and professional men of the city to lift the flu ban here at a meeting of the City Commissioners held at the city hall yesterday afternoon and the theaters of the city will open today. The stores will remain open tonight as formerly. Most of the churches will hold daytime services tomorrow and the schools will open Tuesday, after a meeting of the teachers to be held on Monday.

The meeting was held at 2 in the afternoon and some two score or more of citizens of the town were present to back up their petition with personal appeals to the members of the council.

The rather lengthy discussion was opened by William Weiser and Attorney George Bullock, Joseph Sampiner, A. J. Decker and Rev. Philip Easley and C. E. Ross were among those who spoke.

The discussion was spirited in the extreme, many views on both sides of the question being expressed. Most of the speakers argued for the lifting of the ban although it was pointed out that the present condition of the epidemic was serious and that the indication were now that it was soon going to let up, owing to the amount of care that is being given the many patients over the city.

The members of the council decided to consider the question during the afternoon and the public hearing was adjourned. Later in the day the following resolution was passed by the council, three members being present at the meeting: Commissioners Vorbeck, Blackstone and Holmberg:

Whereas, a petition, signed by 159 business and professional men of the city, has been filed with the City Council, petitioning as follows:

"We, the undersigned, business and professional men of Grand Junction, believing that the present restrictions on closing have been given a thorough trial and failed of accomplishing the purpose, and in many cases has been almost ruinous from a financial standpoint, respectfully petition your honorable body to immediately lift the ban on all places of business, amusement and meetings of a religious, social and educational character; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the ban on all places of business, amusement and meetings of a religious, social and educational character be and the same is hereby lifted, with the following restrictions:

That in the case of schools, all pupils be closely watched and all persons showing symptoms of having the influenza be at once sent home, and that all school rooms be properly ventilated:

That in the case of churches, only one service shall be held on Sunday, November 24th, which service shall be in the daytime."