

THE "FLU" IS AFTER US

EPIDEMIC STATE; SWEEPS WHOLE
SPREADING HERE

Board of Health Clamps Lid on Churches, Schools, Parties and Street Gatherings Everywhere.

While it is not absolutely certain that there is any influenza in town, there have been several suspicious cases, and it is circulating in almost every village and community around us. As a result of this, the Board of Health has ordered that there shall be no meetings either in doors or out of doors, and no congregating on the streets.

Dr. F. P. Hanson is now in charge of the epidemic of influenza around Sargents, the State Board of Health having ordered him to make regular trips there to look after the sick.

Dr. Hanson reports seven new cases in that vicinity the first of the week, and seven more down Wednesday, with the disease spreading into Elko and among the ranches, but pretty well checked right at Sargents and at Jackson's spur where it first broke out. In fact there are not many people left at those points who have not had the Flu.

Several cases are now reported at Doyleville and Parlin.

As the only member of the State Board of Health on the Western Slope Dr. Hanson will have the overseeing of considerable of this territory. As the disease sweeps westward, and we cannot hope to escape, it is bound to get worse for several weeks.

Railroad men report that there are 200 cases of the Flu in Salida and 40 of them came down Tuesday. That may be rumor. We should take every precaution and while nothing in the world can prevent our having it, the measures taken will doubtless distribute it over a longer time so that everybody will not be sick at once, with not one left to care for the dangerously ill.

The daily papers reports a certain ranch in Wyoming, where there were 44 people. Of these, 41 came down at one time. That is terrible.

Montrose has met the same fate as Gunnison, though in a greater degree. While every place where a crowd might congregate has been closed in our city, it is expected that the ban will be lifted in a few days, as the influenza really has not struck here as yet. There have been a few cases reported, it is true, but they have been very light. But in Montrose, the situation seems to be a little more serious. Everything in that city is ordered closed for a period of four weeks—schools, picture shows, and public gatherings of all sorts. Stools are removed from drug stores and pool halls, and crowds are not allowed to congregate anywhere, even in the streets. Of course, such rulings by the board of health prevail all over the country while the epidemic is raging in full force, but we on the western slope have not looked for any spread of the disease.