City Under Quarantine Again

Mass Meeting Last Night Sustains Press Demands; City Council Took Action

Acting on Advices from State Board of Health, Churches, Pool Halls; Theaters and Dances Banned; Inspect Incoming Passengers

Montrose people hearkened to the appeal of The Daily Press given in Friday's issue of the paper and a vast crowd assembled at the court house to demand that the city be placed under a strict quarantine to prevent the spread of the influenza that has confronted mankind. After Mayor Grant had read a report that a special section of the city council had adopted the seven quarantine conditions suggested by the state board of health over the last three days, the board met to accept the conditions which means that everything in the way of public gatherings places was closed except for the liquor business. The motion was that the schools be closed, or only immunized children admitted.

New Ruling Means That Theaters, churches, and pool halls will be closed at once. The quarantine officer will cause people congregating at street corners to move on. He read the seven rules given below and stated that at a special session of the city council the rules had been adopted.

1. Health officers have absolute authority.
2. Stop churches, Sunday schools, lodges, theaters, pool halls and all public meetings.
3. Schools continue under investigation.
4. Families must report all illness for investigation.
5. Right house quarantine.
6. Inspection of incoming passengers.
7. Report results to state board.

Here Mayor Grant declared sharply: "And let me say here, just set it out of your head that this epidemic can be entirely stamped out. All we can do is to check it to the greatest possible extent.

The meeting was then thrown open again and many asked Mayor Grant some questions. Mrs. Trotter favored closing the schools completely. Superintendents Beldon and Whiting were called upon to tell the school sides of it and explained that they thought the schools could safely remain open under the present plans with a nurse in charge, that many who are coming or have been are those who had the disease and are thereby immune. He gave the figures of attendance at about one third normal.

Rev. Shoemaker read a report from Dr. Harry Smith of Delta on the battle against influenza there, saying they had 692 cases in the county and during the last three days had had new cases in Delta and only 17 in the county, and one death in the last three days in the county. He spoke of the meeting of the authorities every day to discuss the progress of the disease, and to prove the contrary, the worst stage of giving the disease to others is to six or eight hours before the patient himself takes to his bed.

Several others spoke for and against closing the schools before the final motion was put by W. O. Redding that the seven points of the state health board be acted upon with the amendment that the schools be closed also. This motion did not get to a vote.

Walter Lachner made a substitute motion recommending that the city council for the individual responsibility of all in backing up the authorities and report all violations of the quarantine, and also the business, dearer than business or any making money, he was willing to trust his family with them and their judgment. Dr. Scheumerbron spoke in favor of closing the schools and pointed out the compelling force to the torridities of the disease. Dr. Knott spoke briefly in support of keeping the schools open as he believed it would be wise.

The meeting was closed after the vote passed nearly unanimously for Walter Lachner's substitute motion and the town went shut.