

INFLUENZA AND THE LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The chances of a city institute for teachers being held next week are exceedingly slim and the chance of the youngsters having a week's vacation are about the same.

Superintendent H. W. Dodd yesterday tried to secure from Health Officer J. T. Butz a prediction as to the length of the quarantine. There was no indication given that it will be lifted in so short a time and so it is likely that the institute will have to be called off.

Superintendent Dodd, while in Harrisburg on Saturday in conference with State Superintendent N. C. Schaeffer, heard of many cities that were vainly trying to have their institutes declared outside the limits of the quarantine. It is not felt that any exception will be made in the case of Allentown.

It is likely that the health officer will formally order the institute called off.

A very fine group of speakers had been secured. "Not in many years have I seen so fine a program," said Dr. Schaeffer, when shown the program by Mr. Dodd.

Although schools are not under quarantine, they are beginning to feel the effects. Two teachers went home sick yesterday. One, Miss Grace Wagner, of the Lincoln School, was pronounced ill with epidemic influenza. Her school was ordered closed for to-day and will be disinfected. Roger M. Rentschler, of the Central Junior High School, was also taken ill and the prognosis indicates influenza.