

# QUARANTINE SHOULD BE MORE STRICT SAYS DEFENSE COUNCIL

## Increase in Number of Cases Yesterday Leads Local Body to Suggest Posting of Houses as Best Way to Curb Spread of Epidemic

Thirty-three new cases of influenza were reported by the physicians of Grand Junction yesterday, and, altho three of the cases were brought in from distant points, local physicians were at a loss to account for the sudden increase in new cases over the low record of the day before.

Three new cases of pneumonia also developed yesterday and with the 20 recoveries reported, the total now stands at 170. No deaths were reported for yesterday.

As a result of the sudden increase in the number of new cases of influenza in this city and vicinity, the Mesa County Council of Defense at a meeting last evening passed a motion recommending a more stringent regu-

lation of the epidemic here and that cards be posted on the houses about the city where patients are confined with the disease. The News is heartily in accord with this attitude and believes with hundreds of its readers that the present manner of handling the epidemic is not amounting to an effective or successful quarantine.

Members of the Council of Defense pointed out last night that closing of business places, schools and theaters was really a quarantining of the well people while the sick and the members of their families and households, the ones who, of all others, must be causing a spread of the disease here, were allowed to come and go at will, without the slightest sort of hind-

rance or confinement.

A posting of houses where cases of influenza are known to be confined would take off the streets a large percentage of those who have been sick, who are coming down with the disease, and those who may carry the germs with them either in their systems or their clothing.

The action of the City Commissioners, taken at their meeting Thursday afternoon, to close all business places every evening at 6:34 went into effect last night and the only places remaining open under the order were the hotels, restaurants and drug stores, and they were under strict regulations.

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The restaurants were permitted to operate for the serving of food only. No cigars or soft drinks were allowed sold and in justice to the cigar and candy stores which had to close drug stores were allowed to remain open for the sale of medicines only. Drug stores were ordered to close their main entrances and patrons were directed to side or rear doors.