

There is no more popular disease in the prevailing epidemic and every thing concerning it has been thoroughly discussed. A number of these bearing up in other localities as well as here, and the readers see from their own observations.

Overay is reported to have had a desperate time with the epidemic, but this is a mistake. Most of the cases were at the Camp Bird mine, very few in the town itself.

Montrose is certainly having one awful time with the flu. In this case the word "awful" is amply justified. The disease got so thoroughly mixed in that city, and the early quarantine work was so badly done, that it has spread to almost every family there, and so many are sick at once that neither doctors or nurses can be secured to handle the cases. It is when an epidemic gets started in this fashion, as it did in Silverton, that it becomes so terribly fatal. Over sixty deaths have so far occurred in Montrose, which would mean the same as 20 deaths in our city. This week they were offering as high as \$100 a week for nurses.

NO CURE FOR INFLUENZA

Colorado Agricultural College, News Notes:

An article from the editorial columns of the Journal of the American Medical Association says, "There are no specific cures for so called Spanish Influenza. Most of the 'cures' recommended are not only ridiculous but are actually harmful. Hyper-enthusiasm applied to moral and esthetic ideals is a praiseworthy emotion, but as related to medical science is usually a delusion and a snare. The U. S. Public Health Service, having been besieged with inquiries regarding this and that method of treatment, has issued a special bulletin in which it is emphasized that there is no specific cure for influenza yet known and that the chief reliance must be placed upon good hygiene, good nursing, and symptomatic treatment. First, of all, employ a physician."

"FLU" BAN PARTLY OFF

North Fork Times:

The town trustees decided Monday that conditions were such that it would justify them in raising the quarantine again and at a meeting so decided. The outside restrictions are still in force and those coming in from the outside must conform with the same terms and conditions that have been enforced for the past two weeks. School begun again Tuesday morning and we hope it will be permitted to continue to the end of the term uninterrupted. It is pretty hard for the officials to enforce any restrictions what over among the well people, but those who are unfortunate and take the disease, will be closely quarantined.

FLU BAN LIFTED AT CANON CITY

Canon City, Colo., Dec. 21.—The ban on public meetings, which has existed in Canon City for the past three months on account of the epidemic of (Continued on Last Page)

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Influenza was lifted here today. The theaters will open tonight and the churches will hold their first services since September on Sunday morning. No Sunday school or evening church sessions, however, will be held until the first of the year, and the public schools are now scheduled to open on Monday, December 30. The senior class of the Canon City high school which has by special permission been holding daily recitations, when informed that the ban had been lifted, tore off the masks which they had been required to wear and threw them out the windows with great demonstrations of joy.

For the first time there will be no Christmas demonstrations in any of the churches much to the disappointment of the children who have always heretofore participated in these festivities. The city council has announced that the ban possibly has not been permanently lifted but is held in abeyance pending the result of the action. The city is providing free vaccination to everybody with the Mayo serum and the city health officer and several nurses have been busily engaged at the Washington school building for several days administering it to school children and others. Altho there has been a decided decrease in the number of "flu" cases in Canon City, there are several critical cases at the hospitals and there is yet a diversity of opinion on the part of physicians and others on the advisability of lifting the ban at this time.

The Mayo vaccine has been received in Gunnison this week, and a number are nursing sore arms as a result of undergoing the treatment. The practice has not become universal as yet.

Judge Clifford H. Stone was called to Fort Logan today, to be mustered out of service, but owing to illness was unable to respond. The judge may not have the flu, but it is certainly a bad case of grippe, and he is keeping incommuendo at present.

A Montrose doctor figures it out this way. He declares that 40 per cent of the people on the average are subject to the disease and 60 per cent are immune. Of these forty per cent 5 per cent get pneumonia, and of that 5 per cent about 70 per cent die. This makes a death rate of 14 to the thousand and as probable. Accordingly he figured there should be 56 deaths in Montrose, because they had 4,000 people. (The number has since reached over 60.) At this rate in the whole United States 1,400,000 would succumb. Latest figures give those probably dead as a result of the flu as 400,000 leaving a million yet to die. That doctor was some figurer.