

QUARANTINE IS LIFTED

CITY AND COUNTY EXCEPT SOMERSET FREED FROM BAN.

"Business as Usual" Is Now Motto
in Gunnison Which Has Had But
One Death from Flu.

All quarantine restrictions were removed in Gunnison the first of the week by Dr. N. J. Hyatt, town health officer, but the county quarantine was kept on by Dr. F. P. Hanson until Tuesday night, when at a meeting of the town council here in Gunnison, the members voted unanimously to back up Dr. Hyatt in removing the quarantine. It being well nigh impossible as things are situated to keep up the county quarantine under such conditions it was lifted Wednesday morning, except that incorporated towns like Crested Butte, and Pitkin and Ohio City can make their own restrictions, and other portions of the county that wish to take added precautions are being given local authority to act. It was the opinion of the county authorities that the train quarantine should have been kept up longer, in view of the condition of surrounding communities. The epidemic is not by any means over.

In Somerset, which has kept its large population of coal miners practically free from the disease, the idea of an open town so close to Hotchkiss was particularly alarming, so that by wire permission was sought and granted to keep up their strict quarantine. Not only is there a four or five day quarantine of individuals arriving by train, but an armed guard is stationed below Somerset in the canon.

FLU AT HOTCHKISS AND TRINIDAD VERY BAD

The Flu in Hotchkiss is exceedingly bad, there being over 200 cases, six deaths reported at last accounts and many more seriously ill. The whole region surrounding Hotchkiss has been sown with the disease germs and the most rigid efforts are being made to stamp it out. No meetings, indoor or outdoor, are permitted, and there is little travelling back and forth on the North Fork. Both Paonia and Somerset have a five-day quarantine in force.

In a telephone conversation between Ranger T. H. Thurman at the Minnesota station and Mayor Johnson of Hotchkiss on February 4, the latter says: "The influenza is very bad here in Hotchkiss. We had another death this morning, and have many cases that are in a serious condition. No meetings either indoor or outdoor are permitted, and we are doing everything in our power to check the disease. The entire country within a radius of ten miles from Hotchkiss is badly infected and there should be no traveling back and forth from other localities that can possibly be avoided."

Trinidad also suffers from a new outbreak, there being between 400 and 500 cases. A hurry up call for nurses was sent all over the southern portion of the state.