

JUNCTION CLOSES SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, THEATERS AND STOPS GATHERINGS DUE TO INFLUENZA

Cases There; One Woman Dead; Public Officials Take Alarm; Montrose Is Free From the Trouble

Everything in Grand Junction in the way of public gatherings has been stopt due to the spread of Spanish influenza, which has developed 22 cases in that city. The city council, school board and Chamber of Commerce held a mass meeting Monday evening and after discussing the situation thoroly decided to close churches, theaters, schools and every sort of public gathering until the epidemic is absolutely checked.

There are 22 cases of influenza in Grand Junction. One lady, Mrs. Emma Smith-Mills, died at St. Mary's hospital Monday from influenza with its resultant pneumonia. Her daughter, Winnie Smith-Mills is ill with it, but is improving. A man who died there last week is believed to have suffered from influenza.

The epidemic developed suddenly in Grand Junction and has alarmed physicians and public authorities.

Montrose is practically free from influenza. One case has been reported in the rural section, near town, but is not a serious one. Norwood has eight cases, according to Dr. Knott of this city. Dr. Isaiah Knott, Montrose health officer, states that there is no reason to be alarmed about the "flu" here, but advises the people to be careful of their health and guard against exposure. He does not think public gatherings should be stopt until it is necessary as the expense would be severe.

There are now four cases of scarlet fever in the city, none of them serious, and one or two cases of typhoid fever. Otherwise, Montrose is peculiarly healthy and the climate healthful.