

# CITY UNDER QUARANTINE AGAIN

## MASS MEETING LAST NIGHT SUSTAINS PRESS DEMANDS; CITY COUNCIL TOOK ACTION

### Acting On Advices From State Board of Health Churches, Pool Halls, Theaters and Dances Banned; Inspect Incoming Passengers

Montrose people harkened to the appeal of The Daily Press given in Friday's issue of the paper and a vast crowd assembled at the court house to demand that the city be placed under a strict quarantine to prevent the spread of this, the most awful scourge that has confronted mankind. After Mayor Grant had read a report that a special session of the city council had adopted the seven quarantine conditions suggested by the state board of health over the long distance phone the meeting voted to accept the conditions which means that everything in the way of public gatherings places should be closed except the schools and the strictest possible adherence to the regulations maintained.

It was a very successful meeting and resulted in all that was hoped for with the exception that the schools were allowed to remain open. The press hitches right there. It believes that the schools if kept open at all, spread death only such as had experienced the influenza and thus become highly immune from a return of the disease. The Press believes that there should not be a single limiting condition on the quarantine which would permit school children to congregate with the ever present danger of the disease. The Press believes the people should go beyond this meeting and demand that the schools be closed or only immunized children admitted.

**New Ruling Means That**  
The theaters, churches and pool halls will be closed at once. The quarantine officer will cause people congregating on street corners to move on.

The officer will arrest any violator of the quarantine conditions. People who have recovered from influenza may assist stricken families

still raging in Europe and goes thru all seasons. He said the health officers are governed by the advice of the brightest minds in the medical profession and the advice is received here by the physicians and the local health board consisting of the health officer and city council had done the best they could to handle the situation as advised by the state board.

He stated that he called Dr. Kennedy, secretary of the state board of health in Denver and asked if there was not a set of A. No. 1 rules lifted down from the best results in the communities where the fight had been most successful.

He answered that there were no such rules there but that the health board was just going into session and he would call up later. He did call up about three o'clock and gave Mayor Grant the following rules that he decided upon:

1. Health officer has absolute authority.
2. Stop churches, Sunday schools, lodges, theaters, pool halls and all public meetings.
3. Schools continue under investigation.
4. Families must report all illness for investigation.
5. Rigid house quarantine.
6. Inspection of incoming passengers.

7. Report results to state board. Here Mayor Grant declared sharply, "And let me say here, just get it out of your head this epidemic can be entirely stamped out. All we can do is to check it to the greatest possible point."

He read the seven rules given below and stated that at a special session of the city council the rules had been adopted.

and go to and from quarantined houses provided they use the utmost caution to prevent their becoming carriers of the disease.

The family quarantine will be rigidly enforced.

All cases of all kinds of illness must be reported under penalty upon failure to do so.

Trained nurse will visit all school rooms each day and inspect all of the children present for signs of influenza symptoms. Children will not be allowed to attend if any member of their family is ill.

The meeting was called to order by W. O. Redding, who suggested Judge J. C. Bell for chairman. Judge Bell was elected. He arose and immediately launched into a powerful appeal to the people to accept the responsibility that belongs to everyone at this time. He said that this is the worst plague that has ever visited the world since civilization made it possible for man to protect himself.

He said that the way we have been doing we constantly furnish the fuel. He mentioned Lake City's example, where a rigid, absolutely unbreakable quarantine and prevented all travel in or out and had had no cases to date. He mentioned Delta's control of the epidemic, quoting Dr. Smith and Judge Fairbank's experiences in watching the Delta battle. He said: "Our losses have been enormous." He ended with the statement that the people were throwing their children into the jaws of death by sending them to school. Life is dearer than a spurt in business, dearer than business or any money-making scheme, he said, and sat down amidst applause. He threw the meeting open and the first man to speak was Mayor Grant.

The mayor began: "By accident I heard of this meeting and am glad to see such a big crowd out." He went on to describe the frightfulness of the scourge; that it had cost 1,000,000 lives in the United States and 20,000,000 in the world up to the present time since he started in Europe a year and a half ago. He said that it is

The meeting was then thrown open again and many asked Mayor Grant some questions. Mrs. Trotter favored closing the schools completely. Superintendent Melcher was called upon to tell the school side of it and explained that he thought the schools could safely remain open under the present plan with a nurse in charge, that many who are coming or have been are those who have had the disease and are thereby immune. He gave the figures of attendance at about one-third normal.

Rev. Shoemaker read a report from Dr. Harry Smith of Delta on the battle against influenza there, saying they had had 902 cases in the county and during the last three days had no new cases in Delta and only 17 in the county, and one death, in the last three days in the county. He spoke of the meeting of the authorities every day to discuss the progress of the disease, of their learning that the worst stage of giving the disease to others is six to eight hours before the patient himself takes to his bed.

Several others spoke for and against closing the schools before the final motion was put by W. O. Redding that the seven points of the state health board be accepted with the amendment that the schools be closed also. This motion did not get to a vote as Walter Lacher made a substitute motion recommending the city council for the action they had taken and urged the individual responsibility of all in backing up the authorities and reporting all violations of the quarantine.

Attorney John L. Stivers boosted the health board and said he was willing to trust his family with them and their judgment. Dr. Schermerhorn spoke in favor of closing the schools and pointed with compelling force to the terribleness of the disease. Dr. Knott spoke briefly in support of keeping the schools open as he believed it wisest.

The meeting closed after the vote proved nearly unanimous for Walter Lacher's substitute motion and the town goes shut.