

CITY DADS SHOULD BE FAIR IN THIS QUARANTINE MATTER; NO SENSE IN SILLY EDICT ISSUED

Closing Schools Would Win Favor of People; But Present Actions Don't

The city has made the following regulations as one of its quarantine edicts:

It shall be an offense punishable with a fine or imprisonment to spread false reports about flu conditions or false reports about the violation of quarantine regulations.

Anyone can, according to their story in the Enterprise, see the spleen in that edict. It, of its own substance, defeats one of the quarantine hopes that people will report quarantine violations, but this edict makes it a very risky business to do so, on the face of this statement. An affidavit of more than one person would be necessary to complete the evidence that a violation had been committed. The Press decries promiscuous peddling of false rumors. If The Press had printed stories about all of the deaths that have been reported to this office, the casualties would have been awful had the reports been true. But—

The city authorities would win the respect of the people and approbation of the residents of Montrose and surrounding towns if they would close the schools and complete the quarantine instead of stubbornly hanging on to this fetish, make a lot of rules for the protection of adults and not even permitting people to stop and talk on the street, etc., then let the children congregate in school and take risks that many grown people are too cowardly to take themselves. Why make a silly, unconstitutional edict like the above which no court would or could sustain, in the opinion of The Press, and then let the schools run along, when the school authorities themselves refuse to say there is no danger. Protecting the adults and letting the children, who are irresponsible, shift for themselves, seems to be the plan the city authorities are going to

stick to.

In the city council meeting about two weeks ago the doctors were 50 per cent of them, in favor of a strict quarantine, including the schools. The meeting was called to get their ideas and then their ideas were ignored.

Now the city is doing the very thing these doctors advocated then, with the exception that they determine upon keeping the schools open. If there is danger of some dear little child losing its life, the slightest danger, The Press is flat, out and out for closing the schools too. Why can't the pool halls and theaters hire a nurse to watch the crowds carefully and the churches employ a physician to be there with his medicine and a nurse there too and run unmolested? Not much, adults won't stand for it.

Let's be sensible why we are at it, when and how did the city council vest itself with the authority of a court so as to call Mrs. Trotter and Abe Fauber on the carpet and sweat them, or try to, about things they are supposed to have said about the quarantine? When did the city obtain the right to question our free speech?

We would like to know if Montrose people back such procedures? Mrs. Trotter and Abe Fauber did not have to answer a single question had they not wanted to and it is reported that what they did say did not allay the discomfort of those who called them to the carpet. They both gave their self appointed inquisitors a good, sound tongue lashing and why should they be examined and cross examined by this kangaroo court? Let court matters be done to court with dignity and honor and let's have this quarantine enforced without spleen, without trying to hide facts, without making enemies, without forcing risks on the kiddies which we would not want to go thru ourselves.