

Epidemic Spreading In Shasta County

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REDDING, October 24. There have been fifty-five influenza-pneumonia deaths in Shasta county since the epidemic began. Physicians agree that the worst is over at Redding, Kennett Anderson and Cottonwood, but the disease is finding its way into the country. There were twenty-four cases and two deaths at Heroult yesterday. Influenza has also cropped out in Millville, Bellavista and other country towns. Kennett is well organized by nurses and health police. Only three new cases appeared there today. There have been as high as 100 in Kennett.

Red Cross Gives Out 100,000 Gauze Masks

The Red Cross has disposed of more than 100,000 anti-influenza masks at its depot, 22 Montgomery street. They were sold at ten cents each, adding about \$5000 to the treasury of San Francisco chapter, many having been given away free. Several out-of-town orders were filled, one from a Plumas county town, one-fourth of whose inhabitants have been stricken. The Red Cross advises the public to sterilize masks daily instead of buying new ones. This can be done by immersing them in boiling water for five minutes.