

# THEATRES IN BERKELEY ARE CLOSED

## Mayor Irving Orders Places of Public Amusement to Sus- pend During Grippe Epidemic

## Schools to Remain Open, but Teachers Are Instructed to Watch for Signs of Influenza

Moving picture theatres and other places of public amusement in Berkeley were ordered closed yesterday as a precaution against Spanish influenza in an order from Samuel C. Irving, mayor of Berkeley.

Mayor Irving stated: "This action is taken in the interest of the public health and welfare. People are requested to avoid assemblages of all kinds as much as possible. No further permits for dances will be issued for the present."

For the time being schools will not be closed in Berkeley. H. B. Wilson, superintendent of schools, believes that this step is not necessary where the children are under the intelligent supervision of the teachers.

### TO WATCH CHILDREN.

Special bulletins have been sent by him to the teachers instructing them to note any coughing or sneezing among the children and to send these children to their homes. All such cases will be reported to Dr. J. J. Benton, health officer, and the children will not be allowed to return until they have a permit from Dr. Benton.

Following the suggestion of Mayor Irving that all public gatherings be avoided, Gustavus Schneider, superintendent of Playgrounds in Berkeley, has decided to postpone for a month the Week of Play which was scheduled for next week.

### NO STUDENT GATHERINGS.

President Wheeler of the University of California issued an order last night postponing for an indefinite period all gatherings in the campus buildings, other than regular class meetings.

The concert of the Berkeley Musical Association, which was to have been held in Harmon gymnasium this evening, is thereby postponed, as is also the lecture on "Democracy vs. Autocracy," by Dr. Charles Mills Weyley, also announced for this evening.

No public meetings may be held other than open-air gatherings in the Hearst Greek Theatre.

A large number of influenza cases are being cared for at the University infirmary and at the temporary hospital in the Zeta Psi fraternity house on College avenue.

Over sixty cases of Spanish influenza have been reported to the health office in Berkeley. One fatality has recorded yesterday. Mrs. Lena Hgeura, wife of Fred Higuera, 2400 Dwight way, died yesterday morning. She was 24 years old and a native of Utah. Besides her husband she is survived by a three-year-old child.

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## SCHOOLS TO REMAIN OPEN, SAYS HUNTER

The Oakland public schools will not be closed because of Spanish influenza, according to a report made to the board of education yesterday by Fred M. Hunter, superintendent of schools. Hunter said that he had been advised by the State Board of Health to keep the schools open as long as possible.

Dr. Kirby Smith, health officer, reported that the number of new cases in Oakland yesterday was 148, bringing the total of quarantined cases to 1,000.

In compliance with the request of the city council that all public telephones be disinfected twice each day, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is arranging for the employment of three girls to attend to this method of curtailing the spread of the disease.

Two wards at the Alameda county infirmary have been prepared for receiving influenza cases, according to Superintendent W. H. Stewart. There are at present twelve cases in the infirmary.