

“Influenza Situation, Dec. 20, 1918, Genesee News”

**Death Has Taken Toll of Four This Week—
Many Cases Reported Daily—Help Needed**

The influenza situation has become critical and new cases are being report daily. It has been estimated that there is probably as high as 200 cases in the community. **Mr. C.F. Tuomy** is the only available Dr. in the community as **Dr. W.H. Ehlen** still remains too ill to make any calls. **Dr. Gritman** of Moscow and **Dr. White** of Lewiston have been in the territory several times and have visited some of the more serious cases. Up to Wednesday of this week there have been four deaths of pneumonia following influenza, **Raymond Koster**, **Paul Baumgartner** and **Mr. and Mrs. Johann** have succumbed. The new cases reported since last week include **Mrs. C.P. Whalen** and **little daughter Marie**. The latter is critically ill and **Dr. White** of Lewiston has been here to see her but condition remains grave up until Wednesday noon when it was thought there was some improvement. **George Ebel** is critically ill of pneumonia. **Mr. and Mrs. George Blume** are still both very ill and **Mr. Blume** especially shows little improvement. **Mrs. Fred Bershaw** has about recovered. **Mr. Bershaw** is recovering again after having a serious relapse the latter part of last week.

All of the Genesee teachers, except **Miss Black** and **Miss Brown**, are down with the disease. They are acting as nurses for the others. As well as rendering valuable help to other stricken families. **Miss Davis**, whose sister is here caring for her, is improving slowly. **Mrs. Henkens**, **Burke**, **Bracken** and **Walker** are recovering nicely.

Prof. G.E. Sunderlin is able to be about the house again, but **Mrs. Sunderlin** has been very ill and her improvement is slow. **Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Arthur and children** have all been stricken but are doing nicely. **Walter Jain and family** have about recovered and most of them able to be out again. **Miss Olive Jain** is recovering nicely. **Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Esser** were both stricken and **all four members of the family** have been down at one time. **Mrs. F.S. Casebolt and five children** are down with the disease, but all of them seem to be doing nicely. **Cathryn** has shown quite a high temperature. **Chas. Schooler** has recovered and is out again. **Clarence Flomer** has recovered and is able to be at the bank again. His **brother Will**, who has been very ill, is improving nicely. The family of **E. E. Putnam** have about recovered. **D. Scharnhorst and family** are improving. **Louis Scharnhorst** was seriously ill the latter part of the week but is now thought to have passed the danger period. **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koster** have been quite ill. Others reported ill of the disease are **Mrs. H.W. Brune, Mrs. Clara Wood, Mrs. Elmer Vanouck, Dr. J.E. Severns, the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Hasfurther, Mrs. John Lorang and daughter Miss Viola and son Charles, Miss Genevieve Gesellchen, Mrs. W.M. Herman, Mrs. T. H. Herman; the three children of Mr. and Mrs. W.E Smith, all of whom are recovering, except Elwin, who has just taken down. John Cunningham, Freddy Cann, two children in the Al Mayer family, and Ida Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Peterson.** All of these cases so far have shown no serious symptoms and their early recovery is hoped for.

It has been almost impossible to secure nurses until Wednesday afternoon when three arrived from Spokane; one was sent to the **C.P. Whalen home**, one was placed at the disposal of Dr. C.F. Tuomy and one will nurse in the **F.S. Casebolt home**. Most of the help given stricken families has been voluntary and while the best possible services have been given under the circumstances, the need of trained nurses has been felt. Some families are still in need of someone to attend them. Many have given freely of their services and great commendation is due them but more help is still needed.

The school is district No. 64 with Mrs. Ella Kimbrough, teacher, has been closed on account of influenza, **four families** having developed the disease. There are three cases in the **James Qualey family**, five in the **Frank Qualey family**, one in the family of **Ed Peterson and Eula Scott**, daughter of Mrs. **Oscar Hall**. **Harold Jackson**, reported last week is on the road to recovery. **J.H. Jackson** came down with the disease since the last report but is doing nicely. Cases to be reported later are **Mrs. Charles Geltz** and two children, **Mrs. W.I. Patrick** and three children and **Miss Rosalia Miller**. **Glenn Sampson's** case developed into genuine influenza and he has been confined to his home for the past ten days. He is about recovered. “



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