

Is influenza contagious? Until now practically every physician has answered the question in the affirmative and, of course, was sure about it. This theory, however, has been entirely upset by a test, conducted by the government at Goat Island near San Francisco. Fifty men were exposed to influenza in every possible way; these men slept with the patients and waited on them and yet not one of them contracted the disease. The physicians in charge of the test were somewhat surprised and now admit that previous theories had been overthrown.

This open admission is refreshing. Ordinarily health officers are little disposed to pay heed to suggestions not in harmony with the theories in the textbooks. But the world is moving, even the moss-covered theorists.—St. Peter Free Press.

Mrs. John Bauer, who underwent an operation at a local hospital, is recovering nicely.

ELECTRIC PROBLEM AGAIN DISCUSSED

CITY COUNCILERS DECIDE ON
SURVEY BY CONSULTING
ENGINEER

OPPOSED TO BUYING OF POWER
FROM NORTHERN STATES
POWER COMPANY

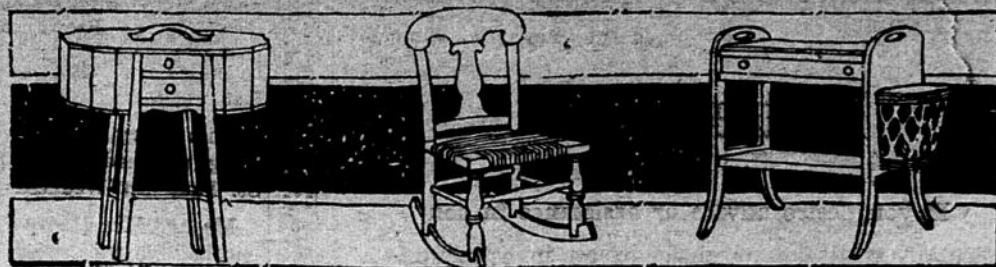
Superintendent A. J. Mueller of the City Electric Light and Water station again appeared at the regular monthly meeting of the city council, held last week with a full attendance, and again called the attention of the councilors to the fact that arrangements should be made in the near future to increase the capacity of the plant if severe inconvenience to local consumers is to be avoided, in case something should happen to the big engine in the plant. The electric light and water committee has had this problem under consultation for some time and had come to the conclusion, according to its report before the city council, that for the present the best solution would be to employ a consulting engineer with a large experience, who would make a survey of the local station and the needs of the community of New Ulm and then make his recommendations regarding the best method of relieving the present situation. After a thorough discussion of the whole problem it was decided to act in accordance with the recommendation of the committee and secure a capable engineer of state-wide fame in the near future. He will have to decide whether it would be more advisable to have the present station of the city enlarged by the addition of new machines and probably by the extension of the building, or to secure additional power from the Northern States Power Company of Minneapolis.

To Avoid Criticism.

This latter question formed part of the discussion. It was broached by Superintendent Mueller who pointed out that there might be some criticism of the action of the council if it should be taken without first having secured figures from this corporation before making a decision to enlarge the equipment of the plant.

Suggestion Unpopular.

This suggestion of the superintendent apparently did not meet with the favor of the majority of those present. Mayor Eibner and Councilor Filzen openly voiced their opposition to such a course, stating that they considered the electric power plant the best asset of the city of New Ulm and that it should be held sacred against any invasion by another concern. Once bound to this outside corporation for additional power its hold on the city would become stronger and stronger in the future and the real service mission of the municipal plant intended by its originators would be destroyed, they declared. Councilor Fred Behnke found no objection to con-



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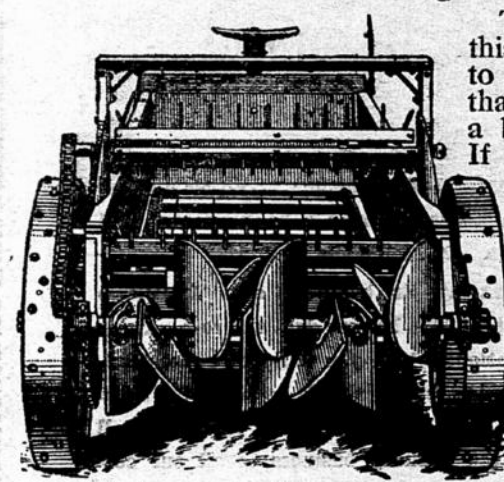
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CROP IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

sulting the company regarding its price for power, etc.

Current For Cooking Purposes.

Another recommendation of the light and water committee to the council in form of a resolution was to furnish electric power to local consumers for cooking purposes at the rate of four cents per kilowatt hour. This was in accordance with a recommendation by Supt. Mueller at an earlier meeting. A ten per cent discount would be allowed if the bills are paid by the tenth of the month. The minimum charge for one month would be \$1.50, with ten cents extra for meter rent. Superintendent Mueller explained that the furnishing of this additional power would not put a new load on the plant because the time this electricity would be used would be between 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. and between 4 and 7 p. m. when the engine is not ordinarily working for other purposes.

The committee thought \$50 a fair price for covering the expense of installing two lights in the alley of any given block. This was in answer to an inquiry by several persons who would like to have electric lights placed in their alleys.

Visit Twin Cities.

Thursday, February 13, has been selected as the day for a trip of the City Council accompanied by the mayor, the city clerk, the superintendent and the city attorney to the Twin Cities for the purpose of selecting the furniture and the electric light fixtures for the new city hall. It has been arranged that bids for the electric light fixtures will be opened in St. Paul the same day. The question of securing a consulting engineer for the survey of the power plant also may be taken up informally with some of the best talent in the Cities.

Turners Offer Park

A communication from the New Ulm Turn Verein, signed by its president Capt. Albert Steinhäuser, was read to the councilors. It was an offer by the society to place the beautiful park behind the Turner Hall under the supervision of the park board for a period of three years, giving the park over to the general public. The society remains in charge of the park and pays all expenditures for its up-keep as heretofore, no financial obligation being placed on the city. On motion, the matter was referred to the park committee of the council and the members of the park board.

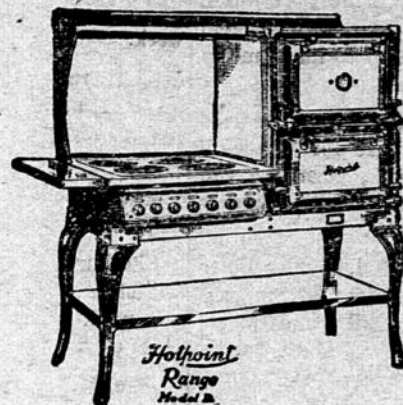
C. J. Woodmansee of the American Theatre in a letter before the council, asked for a reimbursement by the city of his expenses during the seven weeks closing time on account of the influenza epidemic. He states that he had no income during this period and that he had to pay his monthly rent of \$150 per month, and being the only business house closed by order of the board of health he thought he was entitled to some recompense. His request was concurred in by the members of the health board in a communication read by the city clerk. The matter was referred to the finance committee and the city attorney, the latter expressing doubt regarding the legality of this reimbursement.

Street Improvements Asked.

A request by a delegation of residents from the vicinity of Sixth, Seventh and Eighth North streets headed by Attorney Alb. Flor, to have Seventh North street improved on the section between Minnesota and State streets, this coming season was referred to the street committee, while a petition signed by eighteen property owners who hold twenty-four out of twenty-eight lots on Front street between Third and Fifth North streets, asking for the grading, graveling and boulevarding of these two blocks, was referred to the board of public works.

\$100 was appropriated by the council as the usual annual allowance for the maintenance of the New Ulm Battery. Several members of the battery headed by Otto Oswald appeared before the council and asked for this appropriation

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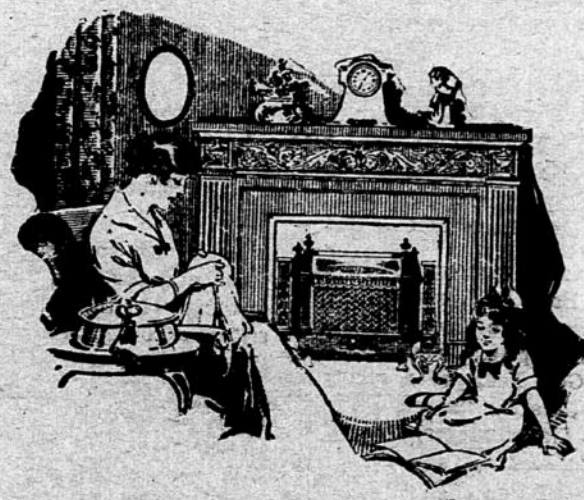
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