

PROPOSE QUARANTINE FOR INFLUENZA CASES

May Take the Step at a Meeting Today—Pets Disease Carriers, Says Mr. Allen.

At a brief session of the City Council yesterday morning much consideration was given the recommendation to put an almost rigid quarantine on the homes stricken with influenza and pneumonia. The planned quarantine would be just as strict in its method as the restrictions placed on diphtheria, scarlet fever and other cases of communicable diseases. It was agreed however that it need not be as rigid in its enforcement as the small-pox ruling.

Under the plan discussed the house would be placarded and the public thereby warned. All inmates, not wage-earners, would have to remain indoors and isolated. The working elements of a stricken family would be allowed to come and go for their employment but only on the provision that they would not come in direct contact with the patient.

Councilmen Wheeler and Kohler both spoke emphatically in favor of the quarantining of every individual case. Councilman Strauss laid stress on the necessity of placarding and isolation to make the quarantine a success. It was finally decided to appoint Councilman Strauss a committee of one to confer with Health Officer Butz and recommend some definite plan of action. He will report at a meeting of council today.

Councilman Allen advocated the killing of all dogs and cats in the city, claiming that they were the disease-carriers.

Council also pledged itself to complete certain improvements on the old Allentown Cemetery property at Tenth and Linden streets during the summer of 1919. The money is to be provided for in the next appropriation bill. The Weaver Contracting Company was released from its bond on the work. It is probable that the improvements will be completed with city paid help and will be done cheaper.