

CITY WILL QUARANTINE FOR INFLUENZA CASES

Council, Sitting as Board of Health, Takes Action to Enforce Rules.

After more than an hour's deliberation yesterday morning at their regular meeting, city council decided to establish a quarantine and placard rule for influenza and pneumonia cases. A resolution to this effect was unanimously adopted even though Health Officer Butz had recommended the action as impracticable and unnecessary.

The Health Department was immediately ordered to provide the necessary placards to carry out the provisions of the ruling. Children within homes or residences where there is influenza or pneumonia will not be permitted to attend sessions in public or private schools. The wage earners of a stricken family will be permitted to engage in their daily occupations but are forbidden to come in contact with those ill in the house. Only doctors and nurses will be permitted to visit families that are quarantined and no person will be permitted to leave a quarantined house for the purpose of attending a public meeting of any sort. Heavy penalties will be provided for all violations of the quarantine.

That there were probably even more cases than those reported was suggested, based on the theory that with the quarantine lifted by the state, doctors in large measure stopped reporting cases and in the second place it is known that a good many doctors felt that the situation demanded placarding of cases, but so long as it was not done, felt it useless to report them.

When the placarding of the houses will commence has not been announced. The cards will be printed in six different languages. There will be no fumigation of homes after the recovery of the patient and the length of the period of the quarantine will be determined by the attending physicians as in typhoid fever. As soon as the physician reports the case recovered and the danger passed the placard will be removed by the Board of Health.

Dr. Butz made a detailed report of the epidemic situation to council. He reported that thus far this month there had been 1308 cases of influenza and pneumonia with a resultant 115 deaths.

Reuben J. Butz made an oral petition to council for the annexation of a part of Salisbury township to this city. The purpose is to allow for the building of a county bridge across Cedar Creek from St. George street to St. Elmo street. A legal technicality prevents the going ahead with the bridge unless Cedar creek divides the city from the township. A committee of two was appointed. They are Messrs. Wheeler and Allen, who will proceed with Attorney Butz and the Planning Commission.

Two ordinances passed third reading. One was for the laying of a six inch water main on Poplar street from Wyoming to Cumberland, the other for laying of a similar main on Twelfth street from Wyoming to Cumberland.

A communication was received from C. Y. Schelly asking council to relieve the bad condition of Hall street at their warehouse. The Department of Highways will take charge of the matter.