

Papers of Mayor James Rolph

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At the Mayor's request, the Board of Public Works is exercising special preventive measures to prevent the spread of Influenza and to protect the public health. The Superintendent of Sewer Repairs has placed in commission six additional crews; the Superintendent of Street Repairs, seven additional crews, and the Superintendent of Street Cleaning twelve additional crews.

The extra men under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of Sewers have inaugurated a special flushing service for the sewage system in the district east of Millmore street to the bay. With hose borrowed from the San Francisco Fire Dept. the extra crews under the jurisdiction of the Supt. of Street Repairs are doing special flushing work on street crossings where the grades are such that there is not a continuous flow of water for sewer flushing purposes. Each street crossing is flushed steadily for 20 minutes, the operations branching out in all four directions of the compass, from Sacramento and Jones streets, as one pivotal point, and from Washington and Laguna streets as the other. The Superintendent of Street Cleaning has assigned his special crews, equipped with additional flushing apparatus, to the downtown business district and the business district in the Mission, Potrero and southerly Homesteads. Their operations are concentrated mostly on gutter flushing, and the extra crews are divided into two separate operating gangs, the early morning hours being assigned to one, and the late evening hours to the other.

The Board of Public Works is in daily conference with the Mayor and will augment the service as required.