

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

October 10, 1896

The Crystal Falls electric light and power plant, located at the end of Urban Avenue in the Southwest corner of the City Limits, has passed back into the control of the Village Council. C.T. Roberts has had a private contract for operation of the electric utility for several years after the City surrendered its responsibility. The utility has had a problematic history since being constructed in 1890. The steam powered plant which provides both the water system and electrical system began supplying water to the Village in February 1890 with the electrical grid becoming functional on November 1, 1890. John Wild, a competent machinist and engineer, has been appointed by the Village Council to assume entire control of the Village water and electric plant.

Fred Floodstrand, the wheel-known mason who has many specimens of his handiwork located in the local area, has taken up residence in Crystal Falls. He is an excellent workman and has already sufficient work laid out to keep him busy for several months.