

DESKS ABANDONED

City Fathers Take to the Corners to Talk Sewer.

SESSION EXCEEDINGLY TAME

Special Sewer Committee Fails to Report, and Councilmen Spend Time Discussing Different Phases of Municipal Scandal.

A discussion on bitulithic paving was the sole enlightening feature of the Council session yesterday afternoon. Without the report from the special sewer committee, the meeting was like the play of Hamlet with the character of Hamlet left out.

With City Engineer Elliott in deep trouble over the sewer, every Councilman who had stored up a complaint against the Engineer's Department saw his opportunity, and the hammer was freely circulated.

Get What They Wanted.

When a resolution for the improvement of Williams avenue from McMillen street to Morris with bitulithic pavement was read, Mr. Rumelin stated that the property owners had asked for Warren's bitulithic pavement, and that as the request had been repeated he moved that the proprietary name be inserted.

"There are other bitulithic pavements besides Warren's; don't shut out competition," said Mr. Bentley.

Mr. Sharkey said the property owners knew the Warren brand and wanted it; that the improvement would be defeated if another brand was used, and ended by saying that anyone could say the bitulithic pavement if they used the specifications and paid the royalty.

Telephone Petition Presented.

Mr. Fiegel handed in a huge petition signed by several hundred persons asking for a telephone franchise to the Empire Construction Company, in view of the service furnished by the present company.

"Health and police committee," said Mayor Williams.

Poles to Be Painted.

Representatives of the Portland Consolidated Street Railway, the Portland General Electric Company, and the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company will soon confer with the street committee concerning the painting of poles.

The franchisees of the City & Suburban and the Portland Railway Company were transferred to the Portland Consolidated Street Railway Company.

Traveling Salesmen Licensed.

An ordinance placing a heavy license over traveling salesmen selling at retail in the city was passed, on recommendation of the license committee.

CERAMIC CLUB FORMED.

Exhibition Will Be Held in Portland at Early Date.

The Oregon Ceramic Club came into existence yesterday afternoon when a large number of the china painters of the city organized at the home of Miss Gibbs, on Taylor street, adopted a constitution and elected officers.

While the artists will have no time to make special preparation for their exhibition, it is not doubted that there will be some fine work put before the public.

It is the intention of the new organization to place up special lines of work, individually, and make a record in the National League, which it will soon join.

The adjournment was made until a week from next Wednesday, when another meeting will be held at the home of Miss Gibbs.

WILL TRY MOTOR-CARS.

Chug-Wagons May Soon Operate Between Portland and Forest Grove.

ITALIAN VENDETTA RAGING.

Stiletto Has Been Twice Used Without Fatal Effect.

Two gasoline motor cars are being constructed, one in the Omaha shops and one at Kansas City, and if these are a success, one will be sent to Portland where it will be tried over the road.

It is the intention of E. E. Calvin, general manager of the Southern Pacific for the state, to inaugurate an interurban service as soon as possible, provided the experiment is a success.

Lee Gin, Wong Chup and Yuen Yee Sum were caught yesterday in the dragnet of the Immigration Inspector of Chinese, and held under the charge of illegal residence in the United States.

The arrests were made by Inspectors Sawyer and Hussey, who found the Chinamen in a laundry on East Oak street.

The suspects claim to have resided in this country for periods of from six to ten years; that they each had secured citizenship papers, but that they had in each case lost the same.

The general public is sometimes puzzled as to records concerning the velocity of wind storms, stated one of the United States Weather Bureau men, last night.

Because of the higher elevation where the wind blows more strongly, the other day quite a wind storm was around Seattle, and the reports showed that the wind was only blowing at the rate of 23 miles per hour.

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THANKSGIVING SALE



O.M.C.

This is Portland's ONLY strictly cash store. Credit stores have bookkeeping and collectors' expenses to pay, in addition to heavy losses in bad accounts. All is added to the cost of the goods - customers pay it. Trade here and save that expense.

TODAY is the beginning of a great trade event here. The entire store will pulsate with vim and vigor during this Thanksgiving and Holiday Sale, with monster reductions throughout all departments.

BANNER PATTERNS 10c and 15c None Better at Any Price. Mail Orders carefully filled and shipped the same day received.

Pillow Shams, Table Covers Pretty White Shams—decorated with embroidered and drawn-work designs—specially displayed and priced for this Thanksgiving sale.

Finest Bed Linen in Sets Gift sets—Hemstitched Sheets and Pillow Cases, put up in neat glazed box. The muslin used is of the very highest quality, beautifully embroidered and hemstitched, ironed and all ready for use.

Sale of Fancy Pillow Tops The lithographed kinds sold all about town at 35c—special here at 22c. 65c and 75c grades in lithographed and stamped—at 39c—while all the "novelty" tops regularly sold at 98c to \$1.25, we price this week at 75c.



Thanksgiving Sale Suits and Coats Tailored Suits at \$7.50, \$14.50, \$19.88

The express companies have been good to us the past few days. Box after box has been unpacked—and contents found to be new things in suits, coats, jackets, raincoats, furs—and numerous garments that have "come out" at this advanced time of the Fall season.

JACKETS AT \$6.75, \$9.88, \$14.75 The \$6.75 garments are from \$10.00 and \$12.00 grades. Those at \$9.88 were formerly from \$15.00 to \$20.00—while the coats bearing the price tickets \$14.75 are marked down from \$20 to \$30!

Millinery Contrary to the custom usually followed, we're going to make our millinery clearance now, rather than wait until after the Thanksgiving trade—which is always quite heavy.

Extra special for this week—about 75 street hats, in black, navy, green and brown—values to \$2.50—all ready to wear, at 88c. Tailor-made and trimmed hats, in all colors, turbans, toques and French sailors—best materials in silk velvets, fancy feathers and ornaments—values and grades \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00—choice of a showcase full at \$3.19.

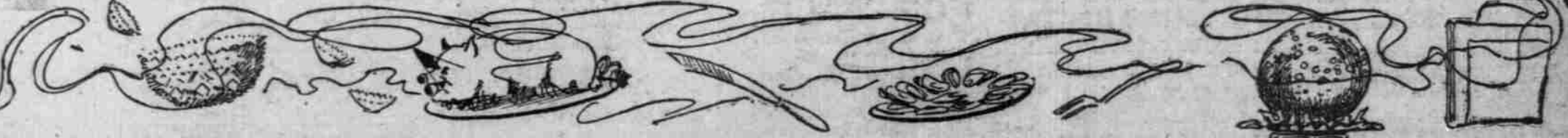
Rich Values in Muslin Wear Each piece specially reduced for the week's sale. \$1.35 Gowns for 98c Excellent cambric. Quite a variety of styles at this popular price.

THANKSGIVING SHOE SALE "Sunset" Shoes for Women We have the honor to be Portland's exclusive agents for these excellent shoes. None better at any price—even \$5.00. Best of leather and workmanship. Always \$3.00.

Opportunity to Buy Furs The beautiful weather of the past few weeks has been delightful—but not conducive to rapid fur selling. That—and that alone—explains our overstock of Fur Scarfs and Boss at this time.

REDUCTIONS IN Table Linen At 27c 6 pieces damask in bleached and half-bleached kinds—and as many patterns. These are 60 to 64 inches wide.

OREGON MERCANTILE COMPANY : : : : 145 SEVENTH STREET



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