### DESKS ABANDONED

City Fathers Take to the Corners to Talk Sewer.

SESSION EXCEEDINGLY TAME

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

A discussion on bitulithic paving was the sole enlivening 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. While a high pile of improvement ordinances were going through the routine course, the Councilmen practically abandoned their desks and buttonholed one another on the Tanner-creek sewer scandal. other on the Tanner-creek sewer scandal. Mayor Williams and City Auditor Devlin

Mayor Williams and City Auditor Devlin had to do all the work.

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 prop-erty owners had asked for Warren's bituerty owners had asked for Warren's blulithic pavement, and that as the request
had been repeated he moved that the
proprietary name be inserted.

"There are other bituithic 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

that the improvement would be defeated if another brand was used, and ended by saying that anyone could lay the Warren pavement if they used the specifications and paid the royalty. "I'll withdraw my objections, as I am

sure some property owners will be rebated on the assessment if the word 'Warren's' is inserted," remarked Mr. Bentley, and the question closed.

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.
"Why not "sewers and drainage"?"
asked the facetious Mr. Sharkey.

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 or-dinance specifying the color and giving dinance specifying the color and giving the territory for painted poles hs within the fire limits was therefore held over. Chairman Rumelin stated for the street committee that no opposition from the pole owners was apparent, but that Manager Fuller, of the car company, had suggested it apply to the cement sidewalk district, practically all of the residence part of the city.

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

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 licence committee. The name of Carpenter street was changed to Alberta. carpenter street was changed to alberta-being practically a continuation of that street, and Factory street will hereafter be known as Fairbanks avenue. The Chief of Police and the City Engineer were instructed to enforce the provisions of the building ordinance as to contractors leaving materials in the streets. The City Engineer was also instructed to destroy what remains of the old Alder-street tres-tle, and clean up the guich.

#### 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. Between 15 and 20 of the prominent ceramic artists are numbride prominent creamic artists are num-bered among the charter members and many more are expected to join. It was decided to give a two days' exhibition be-fore the middle of December, each mem-ber of the club to enter specimens of work for exhibition and some for sale. A committee was appointed to select a suita-ble place to hold the exhibit, and when this has been decided upon announcement

will be made. While the artists will have no time to While the artists will have no time to make especial 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 take up special lines of work, individually, and make a record in the National League, which it will soon join. By federating with the league it will enable the local club to have the national exhibit visit Portland.

The adjournment was made until a week from next Wednesday, when another

from next Wednesday, when another meeting will be held at the home of Miss

#### WILL TRY MOTOR-CARS.

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

If it is found upon trial that gasoline power can be used to advantage over the Portland-Porest Grove grade on the West Side line of the Southern Pacific, it will not be very long before the company will put a suburban car service in operation in addition to the present steam service that is below run.

that is being run.

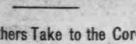
Two gasoline motor cars are being constructed, one in the Omaha sheps and one at Kansas City, and if these are a success, one will be sent to Portland, where it will be tried over the road. If it is found that the motor can haul the traffic coming to it, the other car will be shipped here and both will be put on the line permanently.

It is the intention of E. E. Calvin, gen-

eral manager of the Southern Pacific for the state, to inaugurate an interurban service as soon as possible, provided the experiment is a success. Nothing is known of the schedule as yet, but it is expected that the cars will be run hourly and closer together if the traffic will and closer together if the traffic will

ITALIAN VENDETTA RAGING. Stilleto Has Been Twice Used Without Fatal Effect.

An Italian vendetta has been raging about a saloon on the corner of Second and Salmon streets for several days, and a thin stilleto-like knife has been twice in evidence. Early Monday morning, Gourbet Francals, saved himself from more than a ficah wound in the side only by a rapid backward step. He could not name his assailant. At the po-





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Below are a few of the hundreds of unmatchable values to be found here during this stupendous sale. In addition are unusual bargains in Dress Goods, Silks, Ribbons, Fancy Goods, China, Ready-to-Wear Apparel, Boys' Clothing and Furnishings, Hosiery and Underwear, Corsets, Knit Goods, Bedding, etc., etc. Shop during the morning hours when convenient.

#### Pillow Shams, Table Covers

Pretty White Shams-decorated with embroidered and drawn-work designs-specially displayed and priced for this Thanksgiving sale. At \$1.00 the pair they are beauties-size 33 inches square. 16x56 Dresser Scarfs, to match, at 73¢.

Art Denim Table Covers-red, green and blue-white fringed and plain edges. 32x32-at 75¢ and 58¢.

#### 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. Any woman will appreciate one or two of these sets as a Thanksgiving or Christmas gift. They are priced regularly at \$2.98-Thanksgiving sale price is \$2.10.

#### 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. But even these newest arrivals are not reserved. Every garment has its price pared to nearly the cost point—and many of them far below—for this greatest of all sales. Women buying apparel here from now until Thanksgiving eve will have one more cause for gratitude. But these suits: 9 at \$7.50. These are a general cleanup of all "odd" suits in stock. Original prices to \$22,00.

34 suits at \$14.50-grades up to \$24.00. All new models and some of the most popular styles. Brown, blue, gray and black—silk-lined jackets—with and without belt—sizes 34 to 42. Some great bargains here.

At \$19.88. Our finest suits-and the greatest assemblage of strictly highgrade suits ever gathered under one low price. Every suit a new one; this Fall's style and make-grays, browns, greens, blues and black-with richest trimmings of contrasting colors of broadcloth, velvet and silk. Jackets full, loose, semi- and tight fitting, belted and strapped backs, best silk and satin linings; some are long -very long-but most of the jackets are the popular and stylish hip length. Walking lengths in skirts-which are all quite full-and nearly all are plaited.

#### 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! Every stylish model is represented, in tan, castor, brown and black-and there are many blues, reds and grays also. If a woman or miss has a desire for a wrap, she need not leave the department without making a selection.

THANKSGIVING SHOE SALE

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. Al-

The best shoe bargain ever offered by any Portland

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fashioned by expert makers into handsome shoes. Per-

fect in fit-every pair warranted to give satisfactory

service. Light, flexible soles-or heavy extension-

will not squeak. Cuban, French or military heels; also

spring heels for large girls. All sizes—2 to 8. These shoes are selling every day for \$2.75—and are well worth it, too. At \$1.97 there will be a rush for them.

For school or dress wear. They will stand anything, al-most. Solid welt soles (extension) of best oak tanned

leather-plump, durable vici or the very highest grades

box calf and kangaroo in the uppers-laced tops. Sizes

11½ to 2; smaller sizes in same shoes are proportionately "Special" at \$1.33.

Sizes going clear up to sevens. Lots of growing boys have rather large feet. Here we can fit 'em at same

price as in smaller sizes. These shoes are built for the

very hardest kinds of hard wear. They will stand mud,

water, rocks-anything a boy gets into. We are back

of every pair. Regularly, they're \$3.00, in sizes 21/2 to 7; now they're \$2.19; smaller sizes at \$1.85. But

if your boy is hard on shoes-bring him here!

"Sunset" Shoes for Women

\$2.75 Ladies' Shoes at \$1.97

But there are enough for all.

Boys' \$3 Shoes at \$2.19

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stamped-at 39¢-while all the "novelty" tops regular-

ly sold at 98c to \$1.25, we price this week at 75¢. All

backed with denim and sateen. This is the best sale of

Pillow Tops we have ever made. Hundreds to choose from.

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. Ladies will appreciate this movement to make low prices at the time when goods are most in demand and stocks at their fullest. There is a grand showing. The very new-

est ideas in millinery are prevalent here -pieture hats from Easter openings at \$9, \$11 and \$12; tailor-made and trimmed dress hats-made in our own workrooms, and untrimmed street hats, in the latest-style types.

Extra special for this week-about 75 street hats, in black, navy, green and brown-values to \$2.50-all ready to wear, at 88¢. Tailor-made and trimmed hats, in all colors, turban French sailors-best materials in silk velvets, fancy feathers and or-

naments-values and grades \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00-choice of a showcase full at \$3.19.

# Opportanity to Bay

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 Boas at this time. But it's a fortunate condition for buyers. Prices go tumbling, today. High time the furs were going-and go they must-now. Every price ticket is changed! A line drawn through the original and the new price is from a fourth to a half lower! Some even more! Black Coneys-formerly \$5.98-are \$2.98 now. Those that were \$2.98 are \$1.39 today. Beautiful opossum \$15.00 Searfs are \$8.50 now. Thus, no matter what the weather is, we predict a rapid cutting down of our fur stock. Do you know of anything that makes a richer gift?

The Art Goods counter has a strong attraction this week in some new stamped pieces. Linen Doilies, at 10¢, 15¢ and 23¢. Also some larger pieces-bu-

#### REDUCTIONS IN Table Linen

A†27c 6 pieces damask in bleached and half-50c value bleached kinds and as many patterns. These are 60 to 64 inches wide. There are also in this assortment 3 pieces of 40c turkey red damask. They all go at 27c.

At 47c 12 pieces damask 75c value half - bleached kinds. These are Irish and German linen-from 64 to 70 inches wide. Very pretty patterns in floral and fruit effects. Handsome napkins to match— 17x17 and 20x20 inches square—at \$1.63 and \$1.88 per dozen.

At 99c 12 pieces 'purest \$1.50 val. white as the driven snow and as good from any viewpoint as will be offered at a half more-anywhere. Cannot be bought for less than \$1.50, in the regular way. Choice of designs. Napkins to match. Worth \$4.50 per dozen-at \$3.25.

#### **Linen Doilies**

reau scarfs, tray cloths, etc.-new designs.

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Nick Mattea was sitting at a game of baccarat in the same saldon Tuesday night when Jim Morelli, rushing in seized him by the throat and drove the thin blade of a knife into his face a dozen times, till blood was running from it and spattering over his coat. The wounds in both cases were rusde by a similar wearon.

THREE CHINESE ARRESTED. Charged With Being Illegal Residents of the United States.

Lee Gin, Wong Chup and Yuen Yes 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 have an appointment wid him?—Brooklyn Life,

citizenship papers, but that they had in each case lost the same. The hearing of these cases will be beld before United States Commis-sioner J. A. Sladen on Monday, No-vember 71.

ively engaged in trying to secure ball for him last night, but he is still con-fined in the County Jail in company with his associates. TO CURE COLD IN ONE DAY,
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forugines refund the money if it falls to cure,
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Weather Bureau Man Explains Why
Public Does Not Understand.

"The general public is sometimes pursied as to records concerning the veiUnited States Weather Bureau men, last
inght, "For instance, at II:15 A. M. today, a southwest breeze was blowing at the velocity of 25 miles per hour, at this point of observation in the Federal building, But if we were at our former atation on the top of the Oregonian building, quite a higher elevation that the one we at present enjoy, the velocity would measure about 40 per cent, more, Why?

Because of the higher elevation where the wind hows more strongly. The other day quite a wind storm was around Seatthe wind the reports showed that the of 25 miles per hour, at this containing the weather station and served as a guard against the wind. On taking this into account, we found that really the wind was allowing up there at the rate of 25 miles per hour, instead of 22."

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