

# INSTA-CHAMBER

## Sewer Investigation to Be Secret.

### EXPERTS ARE TO TESTIFY

#### Other Witness Will Tell of Tanner-Creek Scandal.

#### CITY ENGINEER TO BE CALLED

Public Will Not Be Admitted to Confidence of Special Committee Until Its Report is Submitted to Council Next Wednesday.

Behind closed doors the special committee will this afternoon begin the official investigation of the Tanner Creek sewer scandal.

It is to be a strict star-chamber session. None but the three members of the committee and the four experts who examined the big tube will be present when the session opens. The written report of the examiners, seven or eight typewritten pages, together with several photographs, will be presented. After the report has been gone over, City Engineer Elliott will be called in. Other witnesses will probably be called upon to tell what they know of the scandal. It is being rumored that the contractors who formed a pool on the original bids for the sewer will be questioned. But the public, and particularly the property-owners, are deeply interested, and to know nothing of the facts in the case until the committee, in its wisdom, shall present its own report to the special committee next Wednesday afternoon. Probably but a small part of the examiners' statement will be included in the committee report.

#### Committee Wants Secret Session.

B. D. Sigler, who, with L. Zimmerman and H. R. Albee, constitute the Council committee, was asked yesterday who wanted the doors of the committee-room closed for the occasion.

"The committee," said he, "not even the members of the Council will be invited to see their colleagues in their new role of grand jurors. Mayor Williams was told yesterday afternoon that the session was to be private."

"Well, I guess they had the physical force to keep people out," said he. It is probable, however, that the Mayor will not be denied admittance.

#### Sewer Report Startling.

Though every effort is made to keep the contents of the experts' report a dark and profound secret, information contained in it is gradually leaking out, often in a most distorted form, with all the sensational features grossly exaggerated. Members of the committee admitted yesterday, however, that the statements published on the condition of the sewer are less startling than the written report of the examiners. Defects, of which nothing has been printed, were discovered. One of the examiners, in a saloon this week, heard a stranger discuss the sewer to the crowd in a way that showed he had read the report. One item of inspection has aroused the interest of the Councilmen. While the new Tanner Creek sewer will cost something close to \$50,000, according to the bills submitted, the cost of inspection is but \$50. This could cover inspection expenses for 60 days. James Caywood was on duty over the regulation eight hours, and received enough in salary to equal two months' wages at regular rates. But, so far as known, there were several hours during every night of those six weeks when no representative of the City Engineer's department was anywhere around the sewer.

#### Rushed Work at Night.

On the other hand, either R. M. Riner, officially the contractor of the job, or his son, E. W. Riner, were constantly on hand. They started night work as soon as possible, and a large force of men worked down in the tunnel day and night. There wasn't an hour in the night when a score or more of men were not digging, laying brick, placing timbers and running the dump-cars. With the City Engineer's department under a cloud already, it is reported that property-owners in districts assessed for expensive bridges recently will ask the Council to appoint committees to investigate the construction of these bridges. The Willamette Heights people are discussing such a movement, and others affected by the South Portland bridges expect to follow their example.

#### ASKING FOR ORSEN LYON.

His Youngest Daughter Desires to Know His Whereabouts.

Orsen Lyon, at one time Sheriff of San Zenito County, California, and a contractor and builder in Hollister, is inquired for by his youngest daughter, Cora, who is now Mrs. F. A. Lane, 1124 Treat avenue, San Francisco.

Mrs. Lane writes The Oregonian that her father left his home in Hollister 28 years ago, when she was a baby, and that nothing was heard of him for many years. In 1890, John M. Jordan, a horse-trainer, who is a brother-in-law of the missing man, claims to have seen him in Portland, and this is the only informant three surviving children have had of him. At the time Lyon left his home he is described as about six feet two inches in height, brown hair, large brown eyes, a heavy brown mustache, weight 135 pounds, and a neat dresser. He is now about 65 years old and his appearance is probably changed to a great degree. Mrs. Lane will be glad to receive any information concerning him or news direct from him at the address above given.

#### PUTER HAS ARRIVED.

Other Defendants in the Land-Fraud Cases Will Be Here Soon.

S. A. D. Puter, one of the defendants in the McKinley-Ware land-fraud case, arrived in Portland yesterday and is a guest at the Portland Hotel. Mrs. Emma L. Watson, another of the defendants, will arrive on Saturday, and Marie Ware will be on hand for the trial on Monday. The case bids fair to be one of the most sensational land-fraud cases in the history of Oregon, and the outcome will be watched with a great deal of interest.

#### Dr. Wise Will Deliver Address.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise will this evening deliver in the Temple Beth Israel the second of two addresses on the general subject, "The Education of Our Children." The special theme of this evening's address will be "The Teacher and the Child," with special reference to the place of the teacher in modern life. The services begin at 8 o'clock.

## The Meier & Frank Store's 785th Friday Surprise Sale

# 800 Silk Waists Values up to \$12.00, at Each \$4.45

A stupendous sale of High-Grade Silk Waists is the attraction for today in Portland's Leading Cloak and Suit Store—Dissolution of partnership of New York's largest and best silk waist manufacturing concern has made possible the opportunity to buy waists worth up to \$12 each for \$4.45—The most phenomenal values we have ever offered—You must realize what that means if you have ever shared, and there's very few women that haven't, in any of the numerous great waist sales we have held in the past—800 of them for your choosing today—One in a box, crepe de chine, peau de cygnes, messaline, changeable and taffeta silks—An immense assortment of styles in lace trimmed, side plaits, tucks, fancy embroidered, French knots, shirring, fancy or plain tailored effects in white, light blue, navy, green, brown, tan and black, checks, figures and polka dots—Waists for evening or dress wear, all sizes—The greatest single purchase of high-class silk waists ever made by any Portland concern—Values up to \$12—See window display—Come early—Chance to Buy a Beautiful Waist for Holiday Giving

## Basement Sale of Boys' Clothing

The well-dressed boy buys his clothes at the Meier & Frank Store because he gets the best clothing for the least money and a year's subscription to the "American Boy" free with every purchase of a suit or overcoats

Little Boys' Reefers and Overcoats in dark gray and dark blue, ages 2½ to 8 years; great special value for this sale at \$2.98

Boys' Suits in neat, dark mixtures, very best styles, in sizes 8 to 16 years; \$5.00 values, \$4.20

Boys' Overcoats in dark brown and dark gray mixtures, full length, belted back, ages 8 to 15 years; regular \$8.35 \$10.00 values, for \$7.00

Boys' Raincoats, all sizes, \$1.75 and \$2.00 each.

Boys' Flannel Waists and Blouses, dark blue and grays, 6 to 16-year sizes, regular \$1.25 value 98c

YOUNG MEN'S CLOTHING Young Men's Overcoats, full length and belted back, new brown and gray plaids and mixtures, \$12.50 up to \$22.50.

Young Men's Suits in all the newest materials and fashions; the largest display we have ever made. Prices range from \$10.00 up to \$25.00.

## Thanksgiving Cloak and Suit Sale

November garment selling without a precedent—Suits, Coats, Cravenettes, Costumes and Wraps finding new owners by the hundreds every day—The Thanksgiving Sale is the greatest chance of the year to supply yourself with new apparel at exceptionally low prices

**\$18.00 Cravenettes Only \$14.45 Each**

Women's Cravenette Blouse Raglans, fitted backs, fancy button-trimmed and collarless; tans, olives and Ox-fords, all sizes; the best \$18.00 values, for \$14.45

Women's Cravenette Raincoats, Tourist and fitted-back styles; belt all around; notched collar; tans, Ox-fords and olives; all sizes; all are \$18.00 values, \$14.45

**\$22.50 Cravenettes in this season's very best styles for \$17.65**

**\$14.00 Tourist Coats in the very best styles for \$9.45 each**

Great Thanksgiving bargains in Silk and Moreen Petticoats

Three great special lots of Furs at very low prices

Bargains in Dressing Sacques, Wool Waists, Kimonas, Etc.

25% reduction on all Evening Costumes and Wraps

## Men's \$25.00 Suits for \$18.85 Each

For today and tomorrow Men's High-Grade Suits and Overcoats at greatly reduced prices—The handsomest tailored garments money can buy—Lot 1—Men's \$22.50 and \$25.00 extra fine Suits in fancy silk mixed worsteds, gray overplaid worsted chevots, dark fancy mixed tweeds and fancy chevot worsteds—Every garment perfect fitting and guaranteed equal to the best custom-made clothing—All sizes, today and tomorrow \$18.85

## \$20.00 Overcoats for \$15.65

Men's \$20 Overcoats, long styles, plain or belted back, made in double and twist fancy mixed tweeds, fancy chevots and worsteds Handsomely tailored throughout—Best \$20.00 Overcoats for \$15.65

"HAWES" Sole Portland agents for "Hawes" famous \$3.00 Hats for Men, derby and soft styles in black, brown and grays; newest models.

New Smoking Jackets and Lounging Robes; Men's "Cravenettes," a complete showing of the very best styles, in all sizes, priced from \$10.00 up to \$30.00.

## Men's Shoes

Agents for French, Shriner & Urner Shoes for Men; every pair guaranteed to give the wearer satisfactory service—all the best leathers and lasts, \$5.00-\$6.00 pair.

Men's Rubber Goods—Boots, Coats, Capes, etc.  
Men's Furnishing Goods—Shirts, Neckwear, Hosiery, Underwear, etc.

## Flannel Waistings Great Bargains

For today and tomorrow we will offer 2000 yards of all-wool Granite Waistings, satin stripes and Persian designs, 27 inches wide, 50c and 55c values for, yard..... 37c

36-inch Scotch Flannels, all light stripes, suitable for waists, undershirts, gowns, dressing sacques, etc., 25c and 40c values, for, yard..... 25c

Velour Flannels in Persian designs, Handsome colorings, Regular 35c values for, yard..... 29c

## Flannel Gowns

Two great special lots of Women's and Children's Flannel Gowns at low prices—Women's Outing Flannel Gowns, pink and blue stripes and plain colors, Mother Hubbard styles; yokes trimmed with fine saten and fancy silk stitching, all sizes—Best \$1.25 values, superior to the \$1.50 values offered elsewhere.

## 97c Each Children's Gowns

Children's Outing Flannel Gowns, fancy stripes, Mother Hubbard styles, ages 1 to 14 years. Great special values at, each..... 43c

## Drug Sundries

Coke Dandruff Cure, large size, 85c value..... 75c  
Small size, 45c value..... 35c  
"Burdette" sure cure, 50c bottle..... 35c  
50c bottle..... 21c  
35c all bristle Hair Brushes..... 21c  
2-quart "Challenge" Fountain Syringe, rapid flow..... 79c  
3-quart size for..... 89c  
Mintine Face Powder, box..... 10c  
9c Rubber Sponges for..... 6c  
Violet Sea Salt—a delightful bath requisite..... 5c  
12-oz package, 25c/24-oz package..... 50c  
Crown Toilet Waters, 65c value..... 40c  
Sterling Silver Thimbles, ea. 15c, 21c, 30c

## Postal Card Alb'ms

\$1.25 values for..... 95c  
\$1.50 values for..... \$1.20  
\$2.00 values for..... \$1.75  
\$2.50 values for..... \$2.00

## Playing Cards

Mascot Playing Cards..... 15c  
All 500 Playing Cards, per box..... 41c  
All 500 Box Papers for, per box..... 41c  
Royal Coronation silk paper, quire..... 8c  
Photo Albums all reduced.

## Tomorrow—"The Doll Show"

Bring in your dolly today, before 6 P. M., if you want her entered in the Meier & Frank Store's Annual Doll Show. Five handsome prizes for the lucky winners and a useful gift for every exhibitor. The judges will be—Mrs. P. J. Mann, Mrs. C. E. Sitton and Mrs. Henry E. Jones

The prizes and classes are as follows:  
\$10 gilt china closet for the handsomest dressed doll; \$6.00 china tea set for the second handsomest doll; \$6.00 white enameled writing desk for the largest and handsomest dressed doll; \$3.50 Morris chair for the smallest and handsomest doll; \$4.00 toilet stand for the most original dressed doll. The winners will be announced in Sunday's Oregonian.

## Women's \$3.00 Shoes \$1.85 Pair

500 pairs Women's Vici Kid Shoes, patent tip, light or heavy soles; all this season's very best models, selling regularly at \$3.00 a pair; all sizes and widths \$1.85 pair..... \$3.50 SHOES \$2.65 PAIR

Women's \$3.50 Shoes in welt and turn soles, patent tips, light or heavy soles; very best lasts; every pair guaranteed \$3.50 value; all sizes; your choice to-day at—pair..... \$2.65

### BOYS' SHOE SPECIALS

Boys' Storm Calf and Box Calf Shoes; best grade, sizes 1½ to 5½, \$2.15 value, \$1.75 pair; sizes 1 to 2, same as above, \$2.50 value, \$1.95 pair. Little girls' Calf and Vici Kid Shoes, 1½ to 1½½, pair..... \$1.95

## Children's \$1.50 Dresses 78c On Sale Tomorrow Only

Great special purchase of 1200 Children's Dresses—The grandest values for the money Portland mothers ever bought anywhere, anytime—Dresses are made of wool material, fancy plaids, splendid colorings, Russian and fancy waist styles, full skirts, dresses lined throughout, ages 5 to 14 years Every dress regular \$1.50 value, picked up from a New York manufacturer who needed the money worse than the merchandise—78c Tomorrow only, remember, at each..... 78c

## CHILDREN'S HOSIERY

100 dozen Children's imported black Cotton Hose, Hermsdorf dye, sizes 6 to 9, 35c values, styles for boys and girls; great special bargain, pair..... 23c

Boys' fast black, fleeco-lined heavy ribbed Hose, "Pony" brand, sizes 6 to 10 only; great special value at, pair..... 19c

## Nazareth Knit Underwaists

Nazareth Knit Underwaists for Children, 1 to 12 years; great special value at—each..... 15c

Children's plain tucked Muslin Drawers—pair..... 15c

## A Great Sale of Millinery

Started off yesterday with throngs of buyers in attendance all day—The grandest values in Women's and Children's Millinery the town has ever seen—The clean-up of two wholesale stocks at about half manufacturing cost—Trimmed dress hats at half price—\$4.00 ready-to-wear hats for \$1.00—Ostrich Plumes at half regular prices, and so it goes through the entire stock—Look to the Millinery needs of yourself and children today

**\$4.00 Tailored Hats \$1.00**

300 attractive Ready-to-Wear Hats, trimmed with silk quill pompons, velvet bound, all the best styles and colors, values up to \$4.00, on sale at..... \$1.00

**\$1.95 Hats for 89c Each**

Very stylish all velvet and all silk Dress Shapes, large and medium sizes, regular \$1.95 values, for this sale at..... 89c

Millinery Ribbons in all the best shades and styles at half prices, 19c yard and 39c yard.

**75c Ostrich Tips 19c Each**

1000 handsome real Ostrich Tips, in cream, navy, light green, medium green, brown and turquoise, values 75c each; for this sale..... 19c

**All Children's Hats, Caps, And Bonnets at one-half regular prices, white felts, white beavers, white and colored velvet Bonnets, fur-trimmed Hats and Bonnets, all the best styles, large variety; Half choice..... Half**

Large assortment of wings, birds, breast effects, pompons; values up to \$1.50..... 25c

## Trimmed Hats at Half Price

400 Trimmed Dress Hats, imported and New York models in all this season's very best styles and trimmings, values up to \$4.00; your choice of the entire lot at exactly ONE-HALF REGULAR PRICES.

Fur-trimmed Hats, Fur Turbans, beautiful styles at marvelously low prices.

Ostrich Plumes and Pompons in all the very best colors and all sizes at one-half regular prices. Second floor.

Fancy Millinery Braids at half regular prices—15c yard and 39c yard.

## \$7.95 Dress Shapes \$3.00

500 handsome Dress Shapes, all this season's best styles, black velvet shapes, black chenille and chiffon shapes, brown and navy chiffon shapes, olive and black chiffon shapes, shirred silk and velvet shapes, medium high crowns, \$7.95 values, for this sale..... \$3.00

## \$2.50 Dress Shapes at 30c

300 Dress Shapes, all the latest colorings in green, champagne, oastor, navy, brown, white and black, values up to \$2.50, each..... 50c

## Women's Neckw'r

Lace and Embroidery Turnovers, white, eoru and black, great special values, today and tomorrow..... 7c

Plain Black Stocks with tabs, taffeta or peau de soie silk, style for wearing Turnovers on; 75c values at the low price of..... 51c

Silk "Buster Brown" Collars, white and black, silk embroid- 24c ered, reg. 35c values for..... 24c

## Ribbon Specials

4-inch Mouseline Ribbons in all the leading shades, browns, grays, orange, modes, terra-cotta, and greens, 60 values—yard..... 39c

Changeable soft silk Ribbons, 6 inches wide; a great variety of desirable colors—50c values—yard..... 33c

6-inch Plaid Silk Ribbons, beautiful colors and combinations, 50c values, on sale for—yard..... 33c

## Hosiery and Underwear

Hosiery and Underwear bargains of importance to thrifty women—Standard styles and qualities at saving prices

Women's imported plain Lisle Hose, Hermsdorf dye, fine quality, all sizes, the very best 50c values for a three days' sale at, pair..... 33c

Women's fine ribbed, fast black Hose, absolutely fast color, all sizes, pair..... 18c

### Women's Underwear

Women's Mercerized Vests and Pants in white or flesh color, high neck and long sleeves, handsomely made and trimmed regular \$2 value, all sizes \$1.47

Women's nonshrinkable Union Suits natural wool, perfect fitting suit, best \$2 value, for this sale at..... \$1.47

Women's cotton fleece Union Suits, cream color, all sizes, regular 75c value, for this sale..... 48c

