

DOORS ARE SHUT

Attempt Made to Keep Sewer Facts Secret

COMMITTEE HEARS REPORT

Investigation May Go Beyond Tanner-Creek Scandal.

PUBLIC MAKES PROTESTS

Star Chamber Methods Arouse Indignation—Experts Say Tunnel is Short of Distance Paid For—Walls Are Soft.

THE TANNER-CREEK SCANDAL. "No whitewash." Council committee investigating Tanner-Creek sewer...

As a sop to the general demand for publicity in the scandal surrounding the construction of the Tanner-Creek sewer, several property-owners were invited to attend the locked-door session of the special investigation committee of the Council yesterday afternoon.

An oath of secrecy was forced upon every one present. Stenographic reports of the proceedings were taken, however. But until Wednesday, when the special committee will make its report to the Council, not a mouth is to be opened nor a tongue wagged concerning what occurred in the little room on the third floor of the City Hall.

"No whitewash" is still the slogan of the committee. And even the protesting property-owners present at the meeting admit that there was no apparent effort to cover up evidence nor soften unpleasant truths.

Meanwhile a loud protest against the methods employed by Messrs. Zimmerman, Albee and Sigler is raised from many quarters. Their fellow-Councilmen are criticizing their action in locking the doors of the committee-room yesterday.

At least one more meeting of the special committee will be held before the report is presented to the Council. Yesterday the report of the four experts in charge of the sewer was read. It was a long and interesting document.

City Engineer Elliott presented his side of the case. James Claywood, the inspector of the sewer was called in. Assistant City Engineer Scoggin was also heard. E. W. Riner, who, with his father, H. M. Riner, built the sewer for \$35,000, was questioned.

More Evidence to Be Heard. "We will hear some outside evidence at another meeting," said Chairman Zimmerman, as the session broke up at 5:30. "Then our report will be drawn up. We adjourned to meet at the call of the chair."

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Contractors Show Interest. It was strange how many contractors had been present in the City Hall yesterday afternoon. "Tanner Creek," "sewer," "Riner," "Elliott" were the words heard in whispered tones all over the building.

Tunnel May Be Too Short. One point, said on good authority to be contained in the report, concerns the City Engineer's Department most directly. It is that the city is charged with a greater distance of sewer than was actually constructed.

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SHERIFF WINS OUT

Grand Jury Backs Him Up in Warwick Club Matter.

INDICTMENT IS RETURNED

Sets Forth That M. G. Nease Did Wrongfully Commit an Act Which Grossly Disturbed Peace and Outraged Public Decency.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

Sewer Is the Predominating Subject for Discussion.

With the sewer investigation committee in session last night, the Executive Board of the City Engineer's Department met at the City Engineer's office.

When it was moved that the street committee be given power to act on the acceptance of a street improvement, City Engineer Elliott asked for a definite understanding.

After the grand jury had been discharged the District Attorney will handle all criminal cases as before. The term of the grand jury can extend until the close of the present term of office.

AT THE THEATERS

"As You Like It." Orlando... Charles Sylvester. Adam... Charles B. Kelley. Oliver... John Alexander.

Again Rosalind, in doublet and hose, loveliest of Shakespeare's creatures, wooed her Orlando. Again Jaques recited the marvelous chronicle of man's seven ages.

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IN CONTEMPT OF COURT

ATTORNEY MENDENHALL FINED BY JUDGE SEARS.

Breach of Court Etiquette When He Told Judge McGinn He Once Spat In a Preacher's Face.

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Rough Trip of Steamer Roscoe.

Collision in San Francisco.

Considerable excitement was occasioned this morning by the collision of the steamer Roscoe with the tugboat...

Another incident also occurred which was the subject of a spirited argument. The jury panel was called when only a few jurors had been secured.

The Nome steamer Roscoe, owned by the North American Trading & Transportation Company, will probably be sold and California interests are at present considering her purchase.

Marine Notes.

The barkentine George C. Perkins, of San Francisco, was wrecked on the coast of Oregon last week.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

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Court Notes.

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ENJOYS LIFE IN HOSPITAL.

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