Special Committee Digs in Sewer Scandals.

# LENGTH OF SEWER FIXED

Experts Prove City Engineer in Error.

MORE PAID FOR THAN BUILT

Night Foreman Thomas Tells Story of Receiving Sums of Money From Others Than His Regular Employers.

REPORTED LENGTH CORRECT.

R. S. Greenloaf and J. H. Cunning ham showed to the matisfaction of the mittee that the report of the exam iners is correct in giving the length of the new sewer as 7165 feet, instead of 1175 feet, the specified length. The engineers successfully disputed the testimony of Assistant City Engineer Scoggin as to the point from which the measurement began. Maps were produced, and the committee decided that the examining engineers were in the right. The length of repair work accepted by the city is 618 feet, whereas the examtners showed it to be 600 feet. The difference is that the new sewer is billed at \$20 per foot, while the repair work was to cost \$4 per foot. According to the bills the city or the property-owners would have paid \$480 for new sewer \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Daily the Tanner Creek sewer scandal grows deeper. The investigation commitof the Council is following a very tangled thread, and they have struck several knots. The only two undisputed facts that remain are that the sewer was built in a filmsy way and that the City Engineer's department accepted the job. The ommittee is now trying to get at the why and wherefore.

That outside parties paid the workmen on the sewer to do faulty work purposely was the sensational evidence brought out at the open meeting of the committee yes. terday afternoon.

But the testimony was given in such a manner that it left many doubts in the minds of those who heard it. It is doubt-ful if the committee can formulate a report in time to present to the special Council meeting this afternoon, for the stenographer said 15 hours would be re-quired to transcribe the mass of testimony

#### Night Foreman's Strange Tale.

For over an hour yesterday the committoe heard the testimony of George Thom-se, the night foreman on the sewer. It was a strange and marvelous tale that he told, and more insight into the methods of contractors was unexpectedly obtained.

This tell you the whole thing, gentle-nen," said Thomas. Then aided by re-seated questions he told this story:
"One night when I quit work a man met me on Washington street and asked me if money was any object to me. I said that was what I was working for. He said that his party had been jobbed on the contract and he wanted to fix it so that the contractors. Riner & Riner. that the contractors. Riner & Riner, would have trouble." This man was about 50 years old. Thomas thought, but as to personal description he mas very

"A few nights after this a man came to my house and gave me \$50," continued Thomas, after many close questions. "This man wore glasses. Another time I was given between \$15 and \$20."

ment as to what you should money?" asked Mr. Albee.

# Left Sewer Without Bottom.

mortar" asked Chairman Zimmerman.
"To the best of my knowledge the
bricks were inid all right except in one or
two places. I understood that the more
cement was used the more the contractors was a little bombshell of its own.

Thomas further stated that two la-borers had intimated to him that they were being paid for reports furnished

were being paid for reports furnished somebody as to the construction of the sewer. The next morning they had appeared under the influence of liquor and he had discharged them.

"I told them as they were getting paid by so many people they had better get off," said Thomas.

"You didn't think the same for your and your an

You didn't think the same for yourself, though you had somebody else's money in your pocket at the time," suggested R. W. Montague, who was leading the witness along devious paths

fust then.

"Oh, I didn't have the money in my pocket; I'd left it at home," answered Thomas. This is a sample of the dislogue between the witness and his

# Thomas a Puzzling Witness.

One strange circumstance was that Thomas, after he left Riner's employment, should have gone to work for the City Engineer's department, as he testified that he had been in McLeod's bridge gang until the last few days. Altogether Thomas was a puzzing witness, and never more so than when he was asked why he was willing to set as was asked why he was willing to act as a witness. When he read that the blame was to be laid upon Inspector Caywood he said he had gone to Cay-wood and offered to help him out, but at the same time he wanted to "do the right thing by Riner, as he had treated

Chairman Zimmerman interrupted ir. Montague's questions by naying that Thomas had applied for a job with the Lucky Boy Mining Company, and had told Mr. Zimmerman's former part-ner that he knew something about the

B, Ayer, one of the property-owners. Mayor Williams and City Attorney McNary frequently questioned the wit-ness. Messrs. Albee and Sigler, the other two members of the committee, were also curious.

wide discrepancy exists between the report filed by Inspector Chywood and the amount thus far accounted for as purchased by the Riners. The committee is looking for 116 barrels.

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R. S. Greenleaf, another of the experts, told how the examiners had received a number of letters, mostly anonymous, telling the condition of the sewer, and in many instances the exact locations of the defects found. These were generally received after the flaws had been discovered, however. Placing the Blame.

As to the tenor of the report soon to be drawn up, it seems impossible that the blame can be shifted from the City Engineer's department. How much in Engineer's department. How much influence City Engineer Elliott's answer to the examiner's report in which he lays practically all the odium upon Inspector Caywood will have with the committee it is impossible to say in advance. The fact that he had personally recommended the sower for acceptance will have much weight.

#### TRISH LEAGUE TO CELEBRATE Will Hold Forth at Empire Theater

With Speech and Song. With Speech and Song.

Wednesday evening at the Empire Theater the local branch of the United Irish League and Gaelic League will commemorate the anniversary of the deaths of the Manchester martyrs, Allen, Larkin, O'Brien and Wolf. The programme:
Song, "The Manchester Martyrs," J. Adrian Epping, introductory remarks. Rev. D. F. Curiey, chaplain of the A. O. H.; opening address, Daniel McAllen; vocal solo, "O'Donnell Abu," Miss Elizabeth Harwas; recitation, "The Memory of the Dead," Amelia Ewing Mort, of the Ladlow School of Dramatic Art, Philadelphia and New York, vocal solo, "The Kerry low School of Dramatic Art, Philadelphia and New York; vocal solo, "The Karry Dance," Miss Mae E, Breslin; recitation (in Gaelic), "God Save Ireland," Professor Morrin, of Columbia University; vocal solo, "Elieen Aroon," Miss Kathleen Lawler; address, "Allen, Larkin and O'Brien," Jamea H. Murphy; vocal solo, "The Boys of Wexford," F. D. Hennessy; recitation, "The Grave of Wolf Tone," Amelia Ewing Mort; vocal solo, "The Last Rose of Sunmer," Miss Petronella Connelly; address, "Wolfe Tone," Dr. M. F. Gallagher; "Wolfe Tone," Dr. M. F. Galiagher; finale, song, "God Save Ireland," J. Adrian

Tickets on sale, Empire and Dolly Var-len, 9 a. m., Wednesday, Admission, 25

#### MISS M'GEE'S MANY WOES.

Street Preacher Says Neighbors Stone Herself and Her Chickens.

"Are the neighbors of Miss Martha Mc-Gee, a street preacher, who lives on Cable street, below, Portland Heights, en-

cable street, below Portland Heights, engaged in persecuting her?

This is a question which is under serious consideration by County Judge Webster. The neighbors have several times complained to the County Court that she is insane, but the Judge and physicians, upon examination, do not find that she is demented or dangerous to be at large. Miss McGee, who is well along in years. Miss McGee, who is well along in years, says the neighbors and their children throw stones at her, chase her chickens, and have torn down her fence. The court has accumulated evidence which leads to the belief that the woman is more sinned against than sinning, and that her neigh-bors want to get rid of her. Judge Web-ster thinks, if they would treat her kindig and look upon her with a Christian spirit. the trouble would cease. The matter will probably be referred to Chief of Police Hunt'for investigation.

#### NO TURKEY FOR THEM. Old Woman Splits Slabwood That Her Grandchild May Eat.

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After a few preliminaries Thomas was asked by Chairman Zimmerman if he had ever received any money while on the sewer except from his regular employers, Riber & Riber.

"I'll tell you the whole thing, gentle-sight to earn bread, so the old woman with twisted hands, is splitting slabwood that he little grand-child may have some kind of Thanksgiving dinner. She lives in Albina, and she to greatly ported herself and the child by doing plain washing, but a few weeks ago rheumatism attacked her water-wrinkled hands, and they were bent backward so that work at the washboard became an impossibility. There was no other way in sight to earn bread, so the old woman linjossibility. Incre was no other way in sight to earn bread, so the old woman borrowed an ax and split two loads of slabwood for a neighbor. She received \$2 for this work. But wood-splitting cannot be obtained every day, and the prospect of a Thanksgiving dinner is exceedingly slim.

# GOLD DOLLARS.

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We have made arrangements with the management of the Lewis and Clark Exposition for 200 of these bright little "No, I never told him or the others who gave me the money what I would do, but I understood that an investigation was to be made and these places would be found. I left the job before it was finished and I left the place under the manhole at Sixteenth and Alder streets without any bottom. The water was running over and it was hidden."

"How about the bricks being without mortar" asked Chairman Zimmerman, Mills Store still retains the reputation

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Fifth and Alder streets.

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# BUSINESS ITEMS.

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Tomorrow, November 24th, Thanksgiving Day, Store Closed All Day Main Substation of U. S. Postoffice, Rear of Main Floor-Stamps and Money Orders Sold

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Last Day of the Thanksgiving Linen Sale

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Women's Swiss Embroidered Handker-chiefs, hemstitched and scalloped edges; best 55c and 65c 22c

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Men's fine black Unfinished Worsted Suits, hand tailored, finest trimmings, newest style and cut; Suits the exclusive \$16.15 clothier asks you \$25 for, you will find on sale here at \$16.15 Men's \$15.00 black Unfinished Worsted Suits, very best styles, all sizes, remarkable values at...... \$10.85

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Men's Openwork Black Lisle Hose, today-pair .................19¢ Men's Excelda Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c values, each........ 18¢ 100 dozen Men's Neekwear, newest styles and colorings, immense variety, great values at—each,.................50c Men's Dress Gloves in gray suede, cape sewn, \$1.50 value, pr. \$1.29 New Golf Shirts in Madras and Oxfords, best \$1 values, ea. ... 85¢ "Hawes" Hats, derbys and soft styles, new models, each. . \$3.00

Men's Hosiery, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, etc., at lowest prices. Great Sale of Men's Underwear

Best quality heavy ribbed Underwear, in brown, shirts and drawers, great value-gar ... 42¢ Best quality heavy ribbed Underwear, in blue, shirts and drawers, all sizes ...........42¢ Men's Natural Wool Underwear, shirts and drawers, the grade sold around town at \$1.00 gar-

Men's heavy fleeced Underwear, shirts and draw- | Wright's Health Underwear for Men, wool fleeced, ers, exceptional value at—garment......42¢ shirts and drawers, best styles........83¢ sest quality heavy ribbed Underwear, in brown, Men's Super-weight Natural Wool Underwear, shirts and drawers, \$1.00 values ......83¢ Men's extra quality heavy wool Underwear shirts and drawers, \$1.25 values for ... \$1.05 Silver gray ribbed Underwear, garment .... 85¢ Double-breasted Australian Wool Underwear regular \$1.50 value ......\$1.29

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\$25.00 Waists, each. \$18.45 \$28.00 Waists, each. \$22.45 \$32.00 Waists, each. \$24.45 \$45.00 Waists, each. \$32.50

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Women's Cravenettes, box plaited with belt; tans, olives, Oxfords; all new, handsome styles; best \$22.50 values; for Thanksgiving week at ...... \$17.45

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Women's Tan Covert Tourist Coats, single or double-breasted, satinlined, with or without collar, slot-

22-inch Astrachan Jacket, storm col-

seam back with belt; this season's most desirable value, regular \$20 

lined, six tails, regular \$15 value,

# Fur Bargains

lar, leg-o'-mutton sleeve, regular Long Black Coney Searf, six tails, \$38.00 value this sale...\$28.85 silk cord ornaments; best \$7.50 

ong Sable Wolf Scarf, squirrel **Evening Waists** 

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Long Sable Wolf Scarf. six tails; regular \$15.00 value, for this sale .....

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