

UPTO THE MAYOR

City Engineer Safe Unless He Acts.

CHARGES COME FROM HIM

If Not Made, Council Cannot Remove Officials.

BRIDGE INQUIRY NOT BEGUN

Building of Morrison-Street Structure and Delay in Construction of Willamette Heights Bridge to Be Investigated.

Upon one man, George H. Williams, who is Mayor of the City of Portland, rest the eyes of the other officials of the city government, and particularly of the members of the Council which yesterday recommended the removal of City Engineer Elliott, his assistant, George Scoggin, and the inspector of the ill-famed Tanner Creek sewer, J. M. Caywood.

The question now is: "What will the Mayor do?" According to the ten commandments of the municipality, known as the city charter, the Mayor may now file charges against the City Engineer.

But it's right there that the Council will perhaps experience one of the big surprises of its life. Such charges may be a long time in coming. Simply because certain persons, Councilmen though they be, think it proper that an official be removed from office, it does not necessarily follow that the Mayor will think the same.

On the last day of 1903, nine Councilmen, who had made New Year's resolutions, called upon Mayor Williams in a body and very strongly suggested that Chief of Police Hunt be relieved of his command. It was practically a recommendation of the Council. That was nearly 11 months ago, but up to a late hour last night Charles H. Hunt was still Chief of Police.

City Engineer Elliott, for his part, is waiting for the Mayor to speak. "I'll see the Mayor in the morning and talk the matter over with him," said he yesterday afternoon.

A short time later Mayor Williams said he had nothing further to say. On Wednesday he said he would announce his stand in a few days.

By the charter, the Council can do nothing more to get Mr. Elliott out of office. The Councilmen, however, realize that they are over their shoepies in digging out the scandal now and if hard pressed they will wade much further. It is more than intimated that the 1906 appropriation for the City Engineer's Department will not be allowed by the Council until the recommendation is complied with.

As to the bridge investigation, no plans have yet been formulated. Chairman Russell is confined to his home yesterday, and has not consulted with Dr. Whiting and Matt Feller, the other members of the committee.

Eight rumors have been afloat concerning the delay in the construction of the Willamette Heights bridge. The steel structure across Balch's Gulch.

So far as the Morrison-street bridge is concerned, it is believed that a strong attempt was made to form a pool of the bidders, but that the pool fell through, and that the bids were presented in good faith. The Morrison Gulch bridges were sublet by the original receivers of the contracts.

EARTH FILL IS WASHED AWAY

No Provision Made to Carry Away Water in Woods-Street Gulch.

A fill of earth washing out because no provision was made to carry off the water is the condition of affairs on the Front-street fill across the Woods-street gulch in South Portland. The heavy rains of the past week have washed out 200 cubic yards of earth, say residents of the assessment district. The blame is laid upon the City Engineer's Department.

"THE SIMPLE LIFE."

Noted Book, Commended by Roosevelt, in The Sunday Oregonian.

With the last issue, The Sunday Oregonian began publication of "The Simple Life," whose author, Rev. Charles Wagner, was introduced to a Washington audience on Tuesday evening by so distinguished a man as President Roosevelt. It is not necessary to add to the President's commendatory words of the man and his book. "The Simple Life" will be completed in ten issues of The Sunday Oregonian. Each issue will contain a complete sermon. President Roosevelt says: "I know of no other book written in recent years, whether here or abroad, which contains so much that we of America ought to take to our hearts as is contained in 'The Simple Life.'"

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18-inch Fine Kid Body Doll—"Florodora"—bisque head, sewed wig, with curly hair and moving eyes, removable shoes and stockings, regular 75c value for..... 53c
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"KESTNER'S" Famous Full Ball Pointed Papier Mache Doll, best turning head, sewed curly wig, moving eyes, white chemise trimmed, openwork stockings, patent leather shoes; great value. \$1.47

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5-piece Vestibule Iron Passenger Train, painted red, white and blue; 38 in. long; always sold at \$1.25; this sale your choice..... 79c
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25 per cent reduction on our entire stock of Oil Paintings—beautiful subjects, high-grade work, all sizes. Choose any framed picture in our entire stock at 1/4 off from regular selling price. The largest and best stock in the city to select from. Second floor.

\$1.75, \$2 Hosiery 98c Pr.

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Women's Black Silk Gauze Hose, fine quality, all sizes; \$1.25 values for, pair..... 98c

Women's Medium Weight Black All-Silk Hosiery, best \$2.50 quality, in all sizes; marvelous values at, pair..... \$1.78

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Sale of Brushes

- All 35c Tooth Brushes, each..... 21c
All 25c Tooth Brushes, each..... 15c
All 15c Tooth Brushes, each..... 11c
Best \$1 Hair Brushes, each..... 63c
Best 50c Hair Brushes, each..... 35c
Best \$1 Cloth Brushes, each..... 63c
Best 60c Cloth Brushes, each..... 39c
Best 75c Hat Brushes, each..... 52c
Best 50c Hat Brushes, each..... 39c
\$1.25 Ebony Military Brushes, each..... 98c
15c Hand Brushes for, each..... 11c
20c Hand Brushes for, each..... 14c
25c Hand Brushes for, each..... 17c
50c Hand Brushes for, each..... 39c

Women's \$1.50 Gowns 79c Each

120 dozen Women's Cambrie Night Robes in embroidery edgings and insertions, beadings, tucks and ribbon trimmed—Square, high and V-shaped necks—Splendidly made and trimmed—All sizes—Gowns selling regularly at \$1.25 and \$1.50 each—Today your choice, each..... 79c

OUTING FLANNEL GOWNS

100 dozen women's Outing Flannel Gowns at remarkably low prices. This season's very best styles in pink and blue stripes and pink, blue and white plain colors—Well made throughout. All \$1.00 Gowns for..... \$1.27 All \$1.25 Gowns for..... \$1.57 All \$1.50 Gowns for..... \$1.77

WASH GOODS SPECIALS

30c and 35c plain Silk Organzies in all the leading shades—Value extraordinary, at the low price of, yard..... 21c 75c and \$1.00 medium and heavy-weight fancy white Waists—Marvelous values at, yard..... 49c 25c to 50c fancy French organzies for party dresses. Great special value at this low price, yard..... 19c

Fur Bargains

- 22-inch Astrachan Jacket, storm collar, leg-o'-mutton sleeve; regular \$38 val..... \$28.85
Long Sable Wolf Scarf, squirrel lined, 6 tails; regular \$15 value; for this sale..... \$11.25
Long Black Coney Scarf, 6 tails; silk cord ornaments; best \$7.50 value; this sale..... \$5.25

\$6.00 Walking Skirts \$2.98 Each \$2.50 Albatross Waists \$1.18 Each

Today's Great 786th Friday Surprise Sale's great special purchase of Women's Walking Skirts—Phenomenal value every one of them—A walking skirt bargain never equaled in the history of Portland retailing—The price asked wouldn't cover the cost of material alone—Tweeds and mannish mixtures in the very best patterns, plaited with strapped yoke, splendidly made and finished throughout—We've sold hundreds of them at \$5.50 and \$6.00 each—Take your pick today at the remarkably low price of..... \$2.98

See Fifth-Street Window Display

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\$21 Belooch, reduced to..... \$15.65
Magnificent Shirvan Rugs, \$27.50 values..... \$21.50
\$24.50 Bokara Rug for..... \$18.85
\$95.00 Afghan Rug for..... \$79.50
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\$20.00 Coats at \$15.45

Women's Tan Covert Tourist Coats, single or double-breasted, satin-lined, with or without collar; slot-seam back with belt; this season's most desirable value; regular \$20 value..... \$15.45

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