GETS ANOTHER GRILLING

THE TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE SAYS THINGS ABOUT ENGINEER.

Cites Bad Organization in That Official's Office, and Reports as to Method Used by Department.

City Engineer Elliott has come in for more grilling-this time from the Taxpayers' League, whose executive commit-tee has received a report from a special committee which investigated the organi-zation and methods of his office. The regation and methods of his office. The report cities that "it is important that there
be the highest enaciency, the strictest honesty, the best system and the best organimation possible" in the City Engineer's
office, "but we cannot in our judgment
say we are getting it, and the public explanation of the City Engineer does not
cover the criticism we make."

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The investigation committee was composed of Leo Friede, Dr. A. J. Giesy, Thomas Scott Brooke, R. L. Macleay and J. N. Teal. Their report contains more than 3000 words. Its chief findings are as

The City Engineer has authority to prevent indiscriminate and irresponsible cut-

The payrolls of the City Engineer's De-partment have not been kept in accor-

dence with regulations.
Estimates of work have been poorly made and in many cases the actual work

done has exceeded them.

The defective Salmon-street pavement was laid under the City Engineer's special direction, and though the Council ordered that part between Fourth and Fifth sireets repaired by contract, the City Engineer did the work.

Street improvements at intersections have been charged for twice, and errors in

estimates of work done have made trou-ble and additional expense in the Audi-Defective curbs in bitulithic pavements were laid by the City Engineer's brother and must be replaced, though they were

accepted by the city.

The report cited that the investigation which culminated in its findings began long prior to the Tanner-Creek scandal. "We started in to give the City Engineer the best of it we could," remarked a member of the committee yesterday, but by heavens we found a woeful lack of system and organization in his office. Our report could easily have been made highly

FAIR MAKES GIFTS TO STATES St. Louis Exposition Presents Statues They Had on Exhibition.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.-President D. R. Francis, of the World's Fair, has written a letter to the Governor of each state and territory embraced in the Louisiana pur-chase, informing him that the Exposition Company has decided to present to each of those states and territories the statue symbolic of it and occupying a niche in the colonnade of states back of festival hall on the fair grounds. The gift is to be made without cost to the states and territories, the only condition being that the statues be removed from the grounds and a promise given that they will be preserved in their present form as long as

These statues are of heroic size and were designed by some of the leading sculptors in the country. Each is typical of

the state, or territory it represents.

The states and territories represented in the group are: Missouri, Louisiana, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Mon-tana, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Indian

TACOMA MAN TO DO IT.

Gentleman From That Place to Investigate Morrison-Street Bridge.

It's a man from Tacoma who is to make the technical examination of the Morrison-street bridge. Though his name is still kept secret, it is known that he will reach Portiand before the end of the pres-ent week, and will immediately begin the work for which he was engaged by the bridge investigation committee of the

It was reported in Tacoma last night that Charles S. Bibler, who recently finished experting a bridge there, had been engaged to come to Portland. The plans and specifications of all the

bridges under question have been sub-mitted to the members of the committee, and another meeting will be held this week in all probability. Little can be bers of the committee until the expert They are relying upon him for all technical knowledge. The other two investigation committee

have called no meetings as yet.

FIRE HORSE IS LOST.

Department on a Still Hunt for the Valued Animal.

Oh, where, oh, where has the fire horse gone, Oh, where, oh, where can he be? With a halter and rope around his neck, Oh, where, oh, where is he

This particular horse, which is wandering about somewhere, was attached to Hose Company No. 6, situated on Twentieth street, between Quimby and Raleigh. He was sick Tuesday night and it was thought best to turn him loose and give him the freedom of the street and neighboring fields. He for-

He is bay, stands 16 or 17 hands high, has roached mane, white star in fore-head, hind legs white, heavy tail, age 6 years, weight 1500 pounds and had rope and halter around neck,

GEORGE E. LONG DEAD.

Railroad Employe Passes Away After Lingering Illness.

George E. Long, of 525 Lovejoy street, who has been for the past three years employed in the general offices of the O. R. & N., died yesterday afternoon at 3:30 Mr. Long was formerly of Duluth, finn., where he was in the railroad busi-tess. He was 50 years of age, and left a widow, Mrs. Edith A. Long, and two sons, Lester E. and Charles B. Long. Funeral arrangements have not yet been com-

Elected Officers.

At a meeting held last night, Washington Chapter No. 18, R. A. M., elected the following officers: H. B. Adams, high priest; Clyde Evans, king; F. A. Vankirk scribe; H. H. Parker, captain of host; S. Bullock, treasurer; E. E. Sharon, secretary; J. W. Rowiand, principal so-journer; D. L. Parsons, royal arch captain; T. A. Grout, master third veil; E. W. Brickell, sentinel; J. H. Richmond, P. H. P., installing officer.

Sheriff Closes Eugene Store.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 14.-(Special.)-The on an attachment. The claim on which action was taken was action was taken was one of R. L. Sabin for \$2000. The store is said to be affiliated with one in Portland, which was destroy by fire yesterday.

The Meier & Frank Store

Portland's Greatest Store

Great Special Sale of Popular Sheet Music at 10c Copy Trunks, Traveling Bags and Suit Cases-Third Floor

789th Friday Surprise Sale Tomorrow, \$9 Waists at \$3.95 Each

See Fifth-Street Window Display Another Great Holiday offering of Women's Silk, Albatross, French Flannel and Voile Waists for tomorrow's Great 789th Friday Surprise Sale-Magnificent values in this season's very best styles-Taffeta Silks, Crepe de Chines and Peau de Cygnes in black, brown, green and navy-Also big variety of Figured Silks-Fancy and tailored effects. Albatross Waists, French Flannel Waists and Voile Waists in strictly tailored effects-All sizes, best colors

Waists worth from \$5.50 to \$9,00......



gressive selling, a few of which are:

styles in big variety; all sizes; wonderful

values at

all our handsomest models in all sizes and pleasing

Mammoth line of Smoking Jackets in all the newest

Men's \$6.50 Lounging Robes, plain blue and gray col-

Men's \$6.00 Terrycloth Bath Robes, striped and fancy

Men's Lounging Robes, \$5.00 up to \$20.00 each.

effects, great special values at.....

Men's Fancy Vests in new styles, \$2.50 up to \$15.00.

The Meier @ Frank Store Shopping Center of the Northwest

Artistic Picture Framing to Your Order-Second Floor Agents for Butterick Patterns-January Delineator 15c

789th Friday Surprise Sale Tomorrow, \$3 Waist Patterns 98c

For tomorrow's Great 789th Friday Surprise Sale we will place on sale a special purchase of 250 White Embroidered Persian Lawn and India Linon Shirt Waist Patterns-Beautiful styles with fancy fronts, cuffs and collar - Sufficient material in each pattern to make any size waist-A splendid article for Holiday giftvalues up to \$3 a pattern-Your choice Friday only at

Smoking Jackets---Lounging Robes Book Store

Our Men's clothing store on the Second Floor has sold to

date twice the number of Smoking Jackets and Lounging

Robes of any previous Holiday season and nine more busy

days still to figure on-There's good reason for such ag-

Men's \$12.50 Smoking Jackets, plain and fancy weaves, beautiful

Men's \$15.00 Smoking Jackets in silk, velvet and Tuxedo styles;

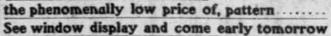
assortment, wonderful value at the low price of \$12.35

orings, cord and tassel, great special values at \$5.35

New shipment of Men's and Young Men's Raincoats, Men's

Neckwear, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Umbrellas, Full-Dress

Protectors, Suspenders, etc. Holiday stocks complete with all that's





books.

Books for boys, books for girls, calldren's books.

Picture Dept.

econd floor—Thousands of new framed and unframed pictures. Brass frames—Picture framing —Matted pictures, etc., at low-est prices.

Raincoats at \$9.90

The Alcott books, Little Women's series. Great special \$1.08
All of E. P. Roe's best books. Ajax series ... 65c
"Your Luck in Your Hand," one of the best palmistry books. Special at ... 60c
Great books by Dean Farrar. 80e
A big table full of copyrights, best bindings and popular authors. Great special values at ... 50c
"The Simple Life" in three editions—Cloth 10c
"The Simple Life" in three editions—Cloth 25c, 95c; paper ... 10c
"In Love's Garden," the handsomest gift book of the year. Ask to see it.
"Peck's Bad Boy," always good for the boys, copy ... 39c
"Helen's Bables"—Special ... 50e
Jacob Riis' popular books are all on sale here at the lowest prices.
White House Cook Book ... 68e
1964 Chatterbox—Special ... 90e
"Samantha at the St ... \$1.08
1905 Calendars, immense variety; Christmas cards, many styles. All the latest copyright ... 51.08
Books for boys, books for girls. Great special sale of women's cravenette Raincoats. This season's best styles in Oxfords and olives, belt all round, collagless, button and soutache braid trimmed, all sizes. The best raincoat value of the season at the remarkably \$9.90 low price of HOLIDAY FUR SALE

200 Handsome Burnt Leather

Pillow Tops at a marvelously

low price, comprises one of

the grand offerings for tomor-

row's 789th Friday Surprise

Sale-Big size, long leather

fringe, best colors and designs,

Green, brown, red and tans-

designs include ballet girls,

steins, Sleeping Beauty, Indian

heads, floral effects, Gibson

girl-Every one worth \$5.00.

Tomorrow at \$2.95

See 5th-Street Window Display

Great holiday sale of Fur Scarfs and Coats. Furs of guaranteed style and quality at prices way below what equal

low price of \$3.72

Long brown Marten Scarf, 6 talls, cord and ornaments, best \$11.00 value—on sale at the low \$9.25

Gray Squirrel and Moleskin Neckpieces, handsome styles, regular \$9.00 and \$12.50 values—on sale for \$6.55

Gray Squirrel and Moleskin Neckpieces, newest styles, \$12.50 to \$16.50 values—on sale at the low price of \$8.25

22-inch Electric Seal Jacket, \$29.25



New Lot of Pendleton Indian Robes

Just received 200 handsome new Pendleton Indian Robes in beautiful colorings and designs. A Pendleton Indian Robe makes a pleasing gi't to send Eastern friends, who will usually be found very appreciative of an article of this kind. They are suitable for couch covers, lounging robes, cozy corners, steamer rugs, etc., \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6 each.

new and desirable.

\$4.50 \$6.00

Carload of Oranges, 35c Grade, 25c Dozen

We place on sale today our first big shipment of the new crop California Navel Oranges; beautiful. large, delicious fruit, the size and grade being sold all over town at 35c a dozen; buy all you want of this carload at the low price of 25e dozen. Supply your Christmas wants today -Basement

200 weathered oak India handsome model, great value today at this value today at this 98c
Third floor—Screens at special

Regular \$2.00 values

Great Holiday Rug Sale

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18x36 Axr	minsters-\$1.25 values	for-each	83¢
27x60 Axr	minsters-\$2.75 values,	for-each	\$1.88
36x72 Axr	minsters-\$4.50 values,	for-each	\$3.49
30x60 All-	-Wool Smyrnas-\$3.00	values, each	\$1.65
30x60 All-	-Wool Smyrnas-\$4.00	values, each	\$2.17
27x54 Uto	opia Rugs-\$4.50 values	, each	\$3.47
27x54 Roy	val Wiltons-\$4.75 valu	es, each	\$3.45
36x63 Roy	val Wiltons-\$8.50 value	es, each	\$6.95
Sakai Orie	ental, 30x60 in\$6.50 v	values, each	\$5.10
27x54 Nul	bia Rugs-\$2.00 values,	each	\$1.47
Entire	e stock of Oriental Rugs	at 1/4 off regular	prices.

Holiday Specials in Every Dept.

Celluloid Boxes

On the second floor, near millinery section, we are offering a great special lot of fancy celluloid and Austrian boxes, also fancy boxes of stationery at ONE-THIRD OFF regular

Handkerchiefs

These Specials-Second Floor. Women's unlaundered handembroidered and hemstitched sheer linen Handkerchiefs, regular 25e values at, each 16¢

Women's demi-laundered hemstitched and embroidered alllinen Handkerchiefs, best 25c values, each16¢

Women's hemstitched and embroidered or scalloped edge Handkerchiefs, 50 styles to select from; great val., each 12c

Women's Swiss Handkerchiefs, embroidered, scalloped or hemstitched edge, also lace trimmed, 100 styles to select from; regular 35e values for 25¢

Black Silks

21-in. \$1.25 PeaudeSoie ... 98¢ 23-in. \$1.50 PeaudeSoie \$1.27 23-in. \$1.65 PeaudeSoie \$1.37 22-in. \$2.00 PeaudeSoie \$1.63 20-inch Black Taffeta 59¢ 24-inch Black Taffeta....83¢ 27-inch Black Taffeta....97¢

Cut Glass Specials

Cut Glass Bowls, 8-inch size, very pretty cut; regular \$5.00 values for\$3.97 5-inch Cut Glass Bowls, handsome cut; regular \$4.00 values on sale for\$3.18 \$3.00 Cut Glass tray \$2.49

Chafing Dishes

\$10.00 Nickel Chafing Dishes, iron stand; regular \$2.50 value

\$1.75 Gilt Mirrors \$1.39

25 handsome standing Gilt Mirrors; regular \$1.75 values on sale for\$1.39 Sterling Silver Baby Comb and Brush Sets, great values at \$1.25, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50 set.

Carving Sets

Handsome Carving Set in case, stag handles; regular \$4.00 value\$3.19 Silver stand fruit dishes; regular \$3.75 val. on sale for \$3.12

\$3.50 Fans \$2.57 Each

25 beautiful lace and spangled Fans, plain or decorated; regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 values are being offered for \$2.57

India Stools 98c \$2 Couch Covers Oriental Striped Couch Covers, 50 Inches Wide, 3 pards long. An astrock or striped Couch Covers, 50 Inches Wide, 3 pards long. An astrock oriental Striped Couch Covers, 50 Inches Wide, 3 pards long. An astrock oriental Striped Couch Covers, 50 Inches Wide, 3 pards long. An astrock oriental Striped Couch Covers, 50 Inches Wide, 3 pards long. An astrock oriental Striped Couch Covers, 50 Inches Wide, 3 pards long. An astrock oriental Striped Couch Covers, 50 Inches Wide, 3 pards long. An astrock oriental Striped Couch Covers, 50 Inches Wide, 3 pards long. An astrock oriental Striped Couch Covers, 50 Inches Wide, 3 pards long. An astrock oriental Striped Couch Covers, 50 Inches Wide, 3 pards long.



Our "Toy-Town," the largest and best in the City-Toys from everywhere for everyone, and at our usual reasonable prices. Toys and Holiday Goods purchased this week stored free and delivered whenever you say-Bring the children to see Santa Claus-He's the same jolly old Santa Claus and never fails to make the little ones happy.

Electro-oxidized from Passenger
Train, engine, tender and 3
coaches. Regular \$1.25
Secondary and sec

Boys' Clothing Specials

A big saving can be effected if you buy your Boys' Clothing here -Clothing of style and merit is marked at rock-bottom prices

Special sale of blue serge and blue cheviot Suits for boys, & to 16 years. Double-breasted styles. \$4.00 values for each \$2.08
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\$4.50 values for, each \$3.70
\$5.50 values for, each \$4.10
\$5.50 values for, each \$5.30
Young men's Overcoats in brown plaids and gray mixtures, 16 to 20 years.

\$10.85
Young men's \$15.50 values \$10 to \$15
Young men's \$16.50 Suits \$10 to \$15
Young men's \$16.50 Suits \$13.95
Young men's \$15.50 Overcoats \$13.95



1000 Pairs of Women's Shoes

The Meier & Frank Store

Portland's Greatest Store

Mail Orders Receive Our Prompt and Careful Attention

Main Substation U. S. Post Office in the Rear of Main Floor

789th Friday Surprise Sale

\$5 Burnt Leather Pillow Tops \$2.95

For today, tomorrow and Saturday we offer 1000 pairs of Women's Fine Shoes-Patent colt, lace and Blucher styles-Vici-kid, lace and Blucher styles-Heavy or light soles-Best style toe-Every pair guaranteed equal to the best \$3.50 shoes on the market-All sizes and widths--Grandest Shoe value in town at

Holiday Sale of Slippers

Men's fancy leather Slippers—splen-did styles—all sizes. Regular \$1.75 value on sale for. \$1.39 230 pairs of men's fancy vel-vet Slippers, pair62c Women's low felt Slippers—wine, blue, red and black. Reg-\$1.29 ular \$1.50 values, pair...\$1.29 Women's low felt Slippers-black, red, brown, winc, gray- 98c

Women's best felt Juliettes—fur trimmed—black red and wine—low wood heel. Regular \$1.75 values for—\$1.49 Women's felt Juliettes—fur trimmed—patent tip—brown, green and black—\$1.75 \$1.49 med—patent tip—brown, green and black—\$1.75

Value

Women's felt Juliettes—extra fine grade green felt with gray fur trimming—brown, black, gray, red, in the best combinations. Regular \$2.00 value

for, pair

Women's black, red, brown, green felt Juliettes—fur trimmed

-\$1.26 values, pair.

Women's Misses, and Children's felt Juliettes—fur trimmed—red, wine, black, blue and green—great special values—

Women's sizes, 2 to 8, for, pair. 50e Misses sizes, 12 to 2, for, pair. 50e Children's sizes, 9 to 11, for, pair. 44e

Holiday Specials in Every Dept.

40c Hosiery 25c

Men's Riding Boots at special prices.
Women's Riding Boots at special prices.

Women's fancy embroidered Hosiery, eight different styles; best 40c val., all sizes, pr. 25¢ Great holiday sale of fancy lisle and black silk Hosiery.

Stationery Bargains

Fancy boxes of holiday stationery, values extraordinary at: 50c boxes for, each 39¢ 60c boxes for, each 46c 85c boxes for, each 71¢ \$1.00 boxes for, each 83¢ \$1.25 boxes for, each 95¢ \$1.75 boxes for, each ... \$1.59

Xmas Necessities

Helly seals for tying up Xmas parcels, box10¢ Gummed labels for addressing Xmas pkgs., book......10¢ Paper Napkins and Tablecloths, holly pattern.

Burnt Leather Albums

Burnt Leather Kodak Albums; entire stock at reduced prices. 45e values for, each 35¢ 75e values for, each 59e \$1.35 values for, each .. \$1.10 \$2.00 values for, each .. \$1.67 Triplicate Mirrors \$2.50 to \$10

Silk Petticoats

All our best styles are greatly reduced in price -\$14.00 Silk Petticoats \$10.85 \$16.50 Silk Petticoats \$12.95 \$18.00 Silk Petticoats \$14.65 \$24.00 Silk Petticoats \$18.45

\$8.50 Table Sets \$6.40

Hemstitched Satin Damask Table Sets, cloth 2x2 yards, one dozen napkins to match; regular \$8.50 val. on sale for \$6.40 \$10.50 Table Sets for \$8.15 \$12.50 Table Sets for \$8.90

Ribbons 3c a Yard

5000 yards of all silk, satin and gros-grain ribbons, odd shades, No. 5 and 7 widths only, marvelous value, yard3¢ All silk, double-faced satin ribbons, 20e to 60e val., yd. 12e

Basement Bargains

\$3.75-\$4 Fern Dishes. . \$3.19 \$2.25 pl't'd Cake B'k't \$1.83 4 piece plated Tea Set \$4.19 \$2.50 plt'd P'kle Castor \$1.98 \$2.75-\$3.00 Beer Steins \$2.25 \$3.00 plt'd Syrup P't'r \$2.59