

LAWYER IS STRUCK

E. W. Riner Attacks J. M. Long in Mayor's Office.

CRIES "ROBBER", THEN HITS

While Executive Board Is in Session, Tanner-Creek Sewer Contractor and Savings-Bank Attorney Exchange Flirtatious Glances.

The monotony of routine discussion at the Executive Board meeting yesterday was interrupted by a spectacular fight between J. M. Long, ex-city attorney, and E. W. Riner, the younger of the Tanner-Creek sewer contractors.

Mr. Long, who but a moment before addressed the Executive Board in behalf of his client, had entered into conversation with ex-city Engineer W. C. Elliott in the Mayor's office, adjoining the Executive Chamber.

While thus occupied, Mr. Riner, it is said, called Mr. Long a d-d robber. "If it had not been for your crookedness," answered Mr. Long, "we would have got our money. There is no one being robbed." He again turned his attention to Mr. Elliott.

Without a word of warning, Mr. Riner struck Mr. Long on the left side of the head, with the result that the latter was knocked clear across the Mayor's office, falling heavily upon the floor. He was upon his feet in an instant and engaged in a lively fight with Mr. Riner. The sound of blows wafted in on the dignified atmosphere of the Executive Chamber, much to the surprise and consternation of the members of the Board, and almost succeeded in breaking up the session, which then, very appropriately, had the Tanner-Creek sewer under consideration.

Fire-Chief Campbell rushed into the Mayor's office, and with the assistance of several members of the Executive Board, succeeded in parting the belligerents.

In the arms of mediators the two men eyed each other and exchanged several sentences which did not savor of refinement.

"You're a dirty cur," shouted Mr. Long, "You don't need to watch for me," cried Mr. Riner. "Come outside, you robber, and I'll give you what you're looking for."

"No one is being robbed," answered Mr. Long.

"Oh, no. You're a whole pack of robbers. You and your 10 per cent interest and your 5 per cent bonus. You're trying to rob that old man," cried Mr. Riner, meaning R. M. Riner, his father, as he left the room.

Mr. Long stated emphatically that he had not been hurt or knocked down, but had tripped over Elliott's foot. Men who saw the blow, however, state that it was a powerful one, and but for the intervention of Chief Campbell, Mr. Long would have suffered severely in the hands of the late Mr. Riner.

R. M. Riner, the father, who was present, when asked to make some explanation of his son's reference to robbing, stated that he knew nothing about it.

"I understand," he volunteered, "that my son knocked Mr. Long down. Well, that boy is a d-d fool, but he can lick any fellow living," he added, expanding upon the point.

Mr. Long states that young Riner has no interest in the transactions between R. M. Riner and the Oregon Savings Bank.

"I do not know what he refers to when he says '5 per cent bonus,'" said Mr. Long, when questioned regarding E. W. Riner's remarks. On the other hand, E. W. Riner, in an interview last night, said:

How Sewer Was Financed.

"We borrowed a large sum of money, say \$2,000, from the Oregon Savings Bank, to help us complete the Tanner-Creek sewer, and paid the bank 10 per cent interest and 5 per cent bonus. About \$5,000 was due us from the city. Up to the present, we have secured the satisfaction of \$20,000 and \$25,000, leaving a balance still due of \$10,000, which represents profit made on the contract. The bank people also hold an security mortgage on property on the Base Line road, with \$700, and money owing us on the Hamilton-avenue sewer, \$200, about \$2,000 in all. The fairest manner to end the dispute affecting the Tanner-Creek sewer is to have the work done by the city. If any contractor performed the work, there would probably be another howl and cry, but there would be nothing of the sort if the city finished the sewer to the satisfaction of the taxpayers and all concerned."

"Now, Mr. Long, the attorney for the Oregon Savings Bank, comes along and proposes that a contractor, chosen by the bank people, shall complete the sewer. I object to this, because I think the bank people would in that event exhaust all the money and security we have with them. In that case, we would not have a cent left. I was explaining this the best way I could, when Mr. Long applied an objectionable name to me, and then my feelings got the better of me and I struck him. It was all done in the heat of anger, and I am sorry for what took place."

"I still think that certain people gave me the worst of it in working at the Tanner-Creek sewer, and that they were sent to do bad work which in the hurry escaped my eye. I am also of the opinion that the workmen I have in mind afterward sent word to the experts showing them where defects in the work, purposefully done by men in my employ, could be found. I wish the dispute to be settled in the speediest manner, for I am tired of this delay. Let the city do the work."

R. M. Riner last night contradicted his son's statement, saying that the 5 per cent bonus was being paid to a broker, who was the only man who could obtain the money, but later on, being closely questioned, admitted that about \$25,000, which he now owes the Oregon Savings Bank, was for principal, interest and bonus.

ENLARGE STATION A.

Postmaster Minto Makes Recommendations Desired by East Siders.

Postmaster Minto, in accordance with his promise to the business men of East Portland, has forwarded to the Postoffice Department at Washington a recommendation that Station A be enlarged, so that the six carriers who deliver mail from the main office work out of the station in East Portland. This will make a station with eight carriers, instead of two, as at present, and will enlarge the territory, which is now limited to Grand avenue on the east, and between Hawthorne avenue and East Burnside street.

Two clerks will be required to handle the mail if the recommendation be granted, and a considerably larger office will have to be maintained than at present. Postmaster Minto is not favorable to establishing lock boxes in the enlarged station. There were but 35 in station A before it was discontinued, and only 11 business men had boxes. The other were kept by farmers and others.

If the recommendations of Mr. Minto be granted, it will go a long way toward reestablishing station A. His recommendations will be backed up by a strong

statement of the wants of East Portland in the way of mail facilities, together with the petitions which have already circulated and signed by the leading business men. In the course of a month or so an inspector will be sent to look into the situation. It will probably be two months before final action will be taken.

DEDICATE GERMAN CHURCH.

Second Baptist, in Albina, Will See First Services Tomorrow.

The Second German Baptist Church, just completed, on the corner of Rodney avenue and Morris street, Albina, will be dedicated tomorrow with services at 11 A. M. and 2 P. M. At 9:30 A. M. the Sunday school will be addressed by several speakers and at 11 A. M. dedicatory services will be conducted in the German language. Rev. Jacob Kratt, pastor of the First German Baptist Church, will preside and other German pastors will assist. In the afternoon dedicatory services will be held for the sister churches. The sermon will be by Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, of the White Temple, and other pastors of the city will assist in the service. Services will be held at 7:30 P. M. when the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Gust Eichler, of Tacoma, Wash. Rev. J. A. Wuttke, of Bethany, Or., will also deliver an address. Services will be held at 8 P. M. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, when addresses by pastors around the city will be delivered.

The new church is a handsome structure and cost \$100. Philip Chapell-Brown was the architect. The building is 45 by 65 feet, with full basement for the furnace and kitchen. The auditorium is lighted by gas and is attractively furnished. Rev. Frederick Baermann is to be the pastor.

Levies Five Mill Tax.

At the annual meeting of the taxpayers of the Milwaukee school district, a levy of 5 mills was levied to support the school and make improvements. The 5 mills will produce more than enough to run the school, but it was desired to make some provision for an increase. Four teachers are employed, and the rooms are well fitted. It is thought that another teacher may be required next year.

REPLIES TO ACTOR'S SUIT.

Manager Ballard Says He Could Not Find Emelton.

Manager A. H. Ballard, of the Columbia Theater, yesterday filed a reply to Actor Frederick Emelton's suit for a week's salary of \$50, saying he has been willing to employ him, as per their contract, but that Emelton has not been available, having never appeared to seek the position to be assigned to him. Emelton, who is one of the best-known actors in the city, recently got out attachment papers in Justice of the Peace Reid's court against Manager Ballard, alleging breach of contract and claiming back pay amounting to \$50. He alleged he was to be put on "The Holy City," to be put on at the Columbia for one week, but that he was never played and he lost his week.

In his reply, Manager Ballard asserts that he was ready to employ Emelton and really wanted him, but could not find him; that he did not break the contract, but that the actor did. He further states that "The Holy City," named in the complaint, is to be put on at the Columbia, beginning January 8.

The case has now been set for trial next Tuesday, and it is expected that some interesting testimony will be heard.

CUT OUT CENTER ADDITION.

Mount Tabor May Incorporate by Leaving Out the Opposition.

Secretary H. W. Hodges, of the Mount Tabor Improvement Association, has called a meeting of the association for next Monday evening in the Woodmen of the World Hall at Mount Tabor. The principal object of this meeting is to renew the campaign for incorporation on new lines. Center Addition, where the people are very much opposed to incorporation, will be out of the territory of the proposed city.

The new boundary lines will be as follows: East Burnside, two blocks north of the Base Line road on the north; Section Line road on the south; and the boundary lines of School District No. 5 on the West Side. Promoters of the incorporation think they can carry incorporation in this territory.

DING WING'S WINGS CLIPPED.

Chinese Run a Lottery, and Is Fined \$100 by Judge Hogue.

Before Judge Hogue in the Municipal Court yesterday morning appeared Ding Wing, Charles Ritter, L. Elaezer, Tom Smith, L. D. Lamaroux, H. Topel and Peter Hott, taken by the police the night before in a Chinese lottery-room at 26 First street. As a result of the hearing Ding Wing was fined \$100, Elaezer \$30, and the remainder \$15 each, with the exception of Topel, who protested his innocence and obtained a continuance of his case until today.

The examination showed Ding Wing had been conducting a Chinese lottery for some time. During the examination of Ritter he confessed that he knew of faro and "21" games being operated in places in Portland. Judge Hogue requested him to give Sheriff Word the information.

CATCH CASCADE WEATHER.

New Weather Equipment Goes to Bonita, Lane County.

The equipment for the new weather station at Bonita, Lane County, was shipped from Portland yesterday, and reports from daily observations are expected to be received, beginning February 1. This station will record atmospheric and weather conditions of the higher elevations of the Cascade Mountains at that point, and will be of much service to the local Weather Bureau.

The river stations lately established on the Willamette River at Harrisburg, Jefferson, McMinville and Tualatin have proved their worth. During the recent freshet the river gauge readings from these points were a valuable aid to the local forecaster and demonstrated that more such stations should be established.

Conlon's Luck Is Unchanged.

John Conlon reached Portland last December from Astoria. He had been working for the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad and had two checks, aggregating \$12.35. These he saw fit to deposit in a saloon conducted by Jacob Kober, at 62 North Third street. That was the beginning of a story that ended in Justice Reid's court yesterday when Kober was awarded the decision in a suit for the collection of the amount of the checks, and Conlon was ordered to pay the costs of the case.

Conlon recently filed suit in Justice Reid's court, alleging that Kober had stolen him out of the money represented by the checks, and praying for judgment against him. Kober answered with a document in which, through Attorney Malarkey and Wolfe, he intimated that Conlon drank up the value of the checks, saying he had received the due amount in goods and merchandise. Conlon refused to take that view of the case, and yesterday it was heard before Justice Reid. At the close the court decided in favor of Kober and ordered to costs to be paid by Conlon.

The Meier & Frank Store

Groceries

Are sold here at rock-bottom prices—A big saving on every purchase—Phone Exchange 4

- 17 lbs. Western Dry Granulated Sugar for \$1.00
- 100-lb. sack Western Dry \$5.85
- 3-lb. package Soda Crackers \$20c
- 35c Oranges for doz. \$25c
- 1-lb. Schilling's Baking Powder 40c
- 1 Can Ground Chocolate \$25c
- Olympic Pancake Flour \$20c
- 2 Cans Alamo Tomatoes \$15c
- 3 Packages Seeded Raisins \$25c
- Smith's Kipperd Herring \$20c
- C. & B. Malt Vinegar, quart \$25c
- 2 Cans Duchess Peaches \$25c
- Edam Cheese \$1.00
- 7 Bars Victor Soap \$25c
- Durkee Salad Dressing, Bottle, 10c
- Nabisco Wafers, box \$25c
- Snider's Cocktail Catsup \$20c
- 3 Packages Jell-O \$25c
- 16-oz. jars "Longs" Jams \$20c
- 2 Packages Grape-Nuts \$25c
- Victor Flour, best made \$1.20
- M. & F. Mocha-Java Coffee, lb. 24c

February Delineator on Sale at the Butterick Pattern Department

The Meier & Frank Store

Open Saturday Evenings Until 9:30

Thereby permitting thousands of men and women who are employed during the day an opportunity to share in the marvelous values being offered at our great Annual Clearance Sale—Every article in the establishment, wearing apparel and household effects, at a decided reduction from the regular selling prices—Increased service in every department insures prompt and satisfactory attention to everyone visiting the Meier & Frank Store tonight

Millinery at 25c on the Dollar

Last call on Winter Millinery—Our entire stock of trimmed and untrimmed Hats, Toques, Bonnets, Braids, Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, Ornaments, Etc., is included—in trimmed hats you'll find many of this season's handsomest creations for your choosing—Not a single one in reserve—Clearance prices are about one-quarter their real value—Misses' and children's trimmed hats at ridiculously low prices—Hats for little boys at very low prices—Tam o'Shanter's at greatly reduced prices. Infants' Bonnets at Clearance Sale prices—On Second Floor



Bargains in the Picture Department

Artistic Picture Framing at one-fourth off regular prices. Entire stock of Medallions at half price. All Framed Pictures at one-third off regular prices. All Gilt Picture Frames at one-fourth off regular prices. All Matted Pictures at half reductions. Oil Paintings at half regular prices. All Frames, Brice-a-Brac, etc., etc., at clearance prices.

Portland's Leading Cloak Store

Continues to be thronged daily with women who want desirable ready-to-wear apparel at clearance prices—They find here the only complete stock in the city, a showing so extensive that every individual fancy can be quickly pleased—Garments that are all of this season's manufacture—We call particular attention to the display of Cravenettes

Evening Costumes and Wraps at clearance prices. Dress and Walking Suits at clearance prices. Novelty Coats, Tourist Coats, all at clearance prices. Thousands of new Raincoats at clearance prices. Walking and Dress Skirts at clearance prices. All Silk and Velvet Shirtwaist Suits at clearance prices. Silk, Cotton and Wool Waists all at clearance prices. Silk, Moreen, Alpaca, Sateen Petticoats all reduced. Tea Gowns, Kimonos, Wrappers at clearance prices. Eiderdown Sacques and Robes at clearance prices. Fur Coats and Scarfs at clearance prices. Entire stock of Children's Coats, Dresses, Cravenettes and Novelty Garments marked at unusually low clearance sale prices.

Men's Clothing—On Second Floor

Clearance Sale prices prevail on every garment in our Men's Clothing Department. The best Clothing made in America is represented—Stein-Bloch Co., L. Adler Bros. & Co., the Washington Company, Hart, Schaffner & Marx—Suits, Overcoats, Cravenettes, Tourist Coats, Tuxedo Suits, Trousers, Fancy Vests, etc., etc. Second Floor.

Women's Neckwear Specials

Our entire high-class stock of Women's stylish Neckwear marked at extraordinary low clearance prices. We want a thorough cleaning up before the new Spring goods arrive. Crepe de Chine Scarfs, two yards long, all plain colors, best \$1.75 values. \$1.27 New Linen Circular Turnovers, embroidered in white, great values. 23c Linen Serim Turnovers, the newest designs in Hardinger work, 65c values. 46c Midget String Ties, plain colors, also fleur de lis embroidered ends, 25c val. 16c Black Liberty Silk Stole Bows, trimmed in juby ruching, best \$3.00 values, for \$1.89 All white Chiffon Ruffs and black and white Muffs marked HALF PRICE. All Novelty Neckwear—Silk, Lace and Cotton creations; immense variety, all at low Clearance Sale prices.

Boys' Clothing—On Second Floor

If your boy needs a Suit or Overcoat for school or dress wear, the great Clearance Sale now in progress offers exceptional opportunity to provide same at very little cost, our entire stock being radically reduced in price. Second Floor.

\$5.00 SUITS FOR \$3.45 300 Boys' 2-Piece Double-Breasted Suits, good, serviceable mixtures in the very best styles; ages 8 to 16 years; regular \$4.50 and \$5 values, on sale for, suit. \$3.45 Little Boys' Overcoats in dark blue and dark grays, belted backs, brass buttons; this season's very best style in big variety—\$3.50 Coat reduced to \$2.95 4.50 Coats reduced to 3.80 6.00 Coats reduced to 4.85 4.00 Coats reduced to 3.20 5.00 Coats reduced to 4.15 6.50 Coats reduced to 5.15

Boys' Overcoats, ages 8 to 14 years, new styles and good mixtures, full length, belted back, best \$10 values, for sale \$7.50 Boys' Overcoats and Cravenettes in all grades, greatly reduced during the great Clearance Sale. Young men's Suits and Overcoats, ages 16 to 20 years, marked at unusually big reductions from the regular selling prices. Men's and young men's Hats and Caps at greatly reduced prices. January Clearance Sale. Goods ready for distribution to boys holding purchase cards.

Boys' 2-piece and Norfolk Suits, all the best materials and patterns, \$4.00 values \$4.85 \$4.50 values \$3.50 \$7.00 values \$5.85 \$7.50 values \$6.30 \$15.00 values \$12.00 \$10.00 values \$8.00 Boys' Norfolk, Sailor and Vestee Suits, entire stock at half regular prices. Little Boys' Kilt Suits in navy, royal and reds, all neatly made and trimmed; ages 2 to 4 years—\$2.00 values \$1.85 \$2.50 values \$2.25 \$3.50 values \$3.20 \$5.00 values \$4.50 Second Floor.

Men's Furnishings Very Low Priced Today

We are selling Men's Furnishing Goods at extremely low prices during the Clearance Sale—Everything that man wears will be found included—Shirts, Hosiery, Underwear, Hats, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Jewelry, Gloves, Umbrellas, Etc.—Note these specials for today

Extra quality Men's Flannellette Night Shirts, variety of styles, all sizes, best 75c values, for 57c All our regular 50c and 75c Neckwear in large English Squares, Four-in-Hands and Tecks, also plain black; immense variety; remarkable values 39c Men's and Boys' White Unlaundered Shirts, reinforced, double front and back; linen bosom; New York Mills Muslin; all sizes; great value—each 40c Men's White Shirts in Madras and Corded Silk fronts, also plain white; \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 values, on sale for 63c All our 25c Colored Silk Neckwear, including Four-in-Hands, Tecks, Bows and String Ties, two for 25c Extra quality Natural Wool Underwear, best \$1.25 values, other stores ask \$1.50 for same grade; value extraordinary at 96c Silver gray ribbed Wool Underwear, "form fitting," best \$1.00 value, for 85c Blue and brown Derby ribbed Fleece Underwear, regular 50c value 35c Men's \$1.50 cape sewn Dress Gloves, pair \$1.00 "Perrins" \$1.50 Gloves for Men, at pair \$1.19 "Perrins" \$2.00 Gloves for Men, at pair \$1.59 Special lot of \$1.00 to \$1.50 Gloves for pair 75c Boys' Gloves at clearance prices. All-Wool and Cashmere Sox, in brown, gray and Oxford; always sold at 25c pair; your choice—pair 18c Japonet Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, the regular 15c values, on sale for 9c



Children's Garments at Clearance Prices

Children's ready-to-wear garments marked at Clearance Sale prices that makes home dressmaking very unprofitable, not considering your time and worry—This season's most attractive apparel, Coats, Dresses, Raincoats, and Novelty Garments at sweeping reductions

Children's Cashmere Dresses, fancy waists with silk and braid trimming, lined throughout, blue, red and brown; ages 5 to 14 years; best \$2.25 values, are on sale at the low price of \$1.59 Children's Reefers, box style with belt back, made of good quality Cheviot and Covert Cloth, in tan, blue and fancy mixtures, 8 to 14 years \$4.25 Russian Dresses, "Buster Brown," Sailor Suits and Fancy Dresses, made of fine quality Serges and Cheviots; ages 4 to 14 years; \$12.50 values, are being offered at the unusually low price of \$8.45 Children's Reefers, box style; made of Melton Cloth, in blue, red and castor; 6 to 14 years \$1.95 Raincoats for Misses and Children at clearance prices.



Wonderful Shoe Bargains

Women's, men's and children's footwear can be supplied at economical prices if you take advantage of our great special Clearance Sale bargains—The following represent only a few of the extraordinary bargains now on sale

French, Shriner & Urner's famous Shoes for men and women, the standard footwear of America; all styles of leathers. Note the prices: \$5.00 grade, pair...\$3.85 \$6.00 grade, pair...\$4.45 Women's box calf and vic kid stock or patent tip Shoes, heavy or light soles, best modes; value extraordinary during the Clearance Sale, pair \$1.59 Women's new up-to-date patent cut, box calf and vic kid Shoes, lace and Blucher styles, light and heavy soles; every pair Johnson Bros' famous make; every pair equal of the \$3.50 Shoes sold around town; your choice at—pair \$1.98 Great special lot of Women's Felt Juliettes, fur-trimmed, black, brown, green and red; very best felt; marvelous Clearance Sale value at—pair 98c 300 pairs of little girls' vic kid, satin calf and kangaroo calf lace Shoes, plain or quilted sole, sizes 8 to 13 1/2; great Clearance Sale value at \$1.09 Misses' Dongola Kid School Shoes, heavy sole, low heel, \$1.50 values, for pair \$1.09 Men's vic kid, box calf, patent cut Welt Shoes, lace or Blucher, best \$3.50 value—pair \$2.73



BASEMENT BARGAINS

Cut-Glass Sugar and Creamer, handsome cut, medium size, regular \$1.00 value, on sale for \$5.00 Handmade Cut-Glass Olive Dishes, 48 \$2.00 8-inch Cut-Glass Vases, regular \$5.00 value, at \$1.50 12-1/2 inch beautiful Cut-Glass Bowls on sale for \$1.50 8-inch Cut-Glass Bowls, regular \$6.75 value, for \$1.50 4-piece Silver-Plated Tea Set, French gray finish, quadruple plate, best \$15.00 value, on sale for \$10.00 2-piece Silver-Plated Fern Dishes, attractive style, for \$6.00 Silver-Plated Candelabra, 5-light, French gray finish, beautiful style \$20.00 value for \$12.50 12-button Silk Evening Gloves, regular \$2.50 value, pair \$1.25 8-button Silk Evening Gloves, regular \$2.50 value, pair \$1.25 12 and 16-button Silk Gloves at 70c and 80c pair 3-clasp Wash Suede, pair \$1.75 2-clasp Silk Gloves 5c, 6c and 8c pr. Women's Wool Mittens 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c.

Perrin's \$1.50 Gloves, pair \$1.25 Perrin's \$1.75 Gloves, pair \$1.25 Perrin's \$2.00 Gloves, pair \$1.25 Perrin's \$2.25 Gloves, pair \$1.25 \$1 Kid and Mocha Gloves, pair \$1c Regatta \$10 Suede, pair \$1.25 \$1 1/2-inch Glace and Suede Gloves, pr. \$2.47 20-in. \$1.50 value, pair \$1.12 24-in. \$4.00 value, pair \$2.95 \$2.75 Royal Scotts, pair \$2.47 1-clasp Trefousse, Glace and Suede, \$2.25 value, pair \$1.50 2-clasp Wash Suede, pair \$1.75 12-button Silk Evening Gloves, regular \$2.50 value, pair \$1.25 8-button Silk Evening Gloves, regular \$2.50 value, pair \$1.25 \$2.50 value, pair \$1.98 12 and 16-button Silk Gloves at 70c and 80c pair 3-clasp Wash Suede, pair \$1.75 2-clasp Silk Gloves 5c, 6c and 8c pr. Women's Wool Mittens 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c.



Women's Little Gloves 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c. Women's Cotton Gloves 2c pair.