

SYSTEMS UNDER FIRE

Faults of Efficiency Plan Told by Witnesses.

RECORDS DENY TESTIMONY

Three Alleged to Be Inefficient Are Reported With High Ratings in Books—Clerk Relates Tangle. Dismissal Is Sustained.

The City Council's so-called efficiency system, which has been in effect for about a year, came to grief again yesterday at a meeting of the Municipal Civil Service Board, when it was used to prove that men who have been discharged by Commissioner Dieck for inefficiency are thoroughly efficient, according to the efficiency records. The system suffered a second blow at the same meeting, when the civil service clerk who has to handle the efficiency records appealed to the board from the tangle the system has caused by reason of its being administered differently in each of the five city departments.

Three laborers, J. H. Armstrong, George Lubbers and C. Holzinger, appeared before the board for hearing of charges of inefficiency upon which they were dismissed from the service by Commissioner Dieck.

Political Influence Alleged. Testimony was introduced to show that the three men were either unable or unwilling to work. It was declared that they had been held in their places heretofore by political influence. Then the efficiency records were produced and it was shown that the men had excellent standing.

"There's something wrong somewhere," said John P. Logan, a member of the board. "The men who make up these efficiency ratings have testified before the board that these three men are inefficient and should be discharged, yet the records as kept by these same men show that the three laborers are efficient."

It was declared by Miss M. A. Berry, who has charge of the efficiency report work for the Civil Service Board, that there is no uniformity in the system. Variety of Enforcement Blamed. "It would be utterly impossible to determine the relative value of services rendered by the various city employees from the efficiency records as kept this past year," Miss Berry says in her report. It is said that no two departments use the system similarly. Some have ignored it entirely, simply complying to the extent of sending in blank reports. Others have applied it in a few instances and the Department of Public Works, Commissioner Dieck, has administered it severely and to the letter.

FILM MAKER PLEASSED

L. J. SELZNICK SAYS MOVIES HERE USE LATEST BUSINESS IDEAS. Feature Production Demanded by Public and Days of Short Play Are Numbered, He Says.

"I came West with the expectation of showing you people something about the motion picture game," said Louis J. Selznick, president of the World Film Corporation, who was in the city for a short time yesterday afternoon, "but I find that there is nothing I can show you. Your advertising methods are superior to those in the East; your picture houses are more attractive; your lobbies look better and your whole appearance bespeaks good times."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Selznick declared that they are delighted with the West and are coming back in three months to make a longer stay. Mr. Selznick is the producer of feature pictures. He is not in favor of short reel films, saying that he believes that they are becoming obsolete. "The short reel picture is becoming so unpopular that in a few years it can't even be given away," he said. "Right now in almost every large city I have visited, from New York to Portland, the large picture theaters are using the feature films and clamoring for more. In my estimation a six-reel show is ideal, five reels of a feature film and a split reel of comedy and an educational subject. I think it is a mistake on the part of some exhibitors to attempt to raise the price. The 10-cent house made motion pictures and put them on a firm basis. The exhibitor will have a hard time making a success of a show where he charges more money."

Mr. Selznick spoke of the financial condition of the picture game, declaring that times have never been better than they are right now and that he predicts that will be even better in the future. "The amount of money usually made on a five-reel feature, he said, is about a minimum of \$40,000 and a maximum of \$120,000. Some large productions run short and some small ones run large, according to I think, to the size and amount of advertising they had. The average is between \$65,000 and \$75,000."

Mrs. Selznick is an attractive little woman who is both body and soul in the production of feature films. She sees every picture her husband produces and is a generous critic. If she likes a picture she tells him and he says, and if she doesn't she says so just the same and he sets about to remedy it. Her favorite film actress is Vivian Martin, who was seen in Portland in "The Whispering Ring" and for whom she predicts a great future.

CITY BONDS SELL HIGH Ten-Year Securities for \$110,000. Two Years Old, Bring Premiums.

Ten-year 4 per cent municipal improvement bonds for \$110,000, which have been held by the city for from one to two years past, were sold yesterday at prices considered exceptionally high. Bonds that already have run over two years of their life were sold at better than 1 per cent above par.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Women's and Misses' \$15 to \$20 Coats at 7.65. 125 Coats to go Friday at this wonderful reduction. Your choice of serge, tweeds, chevrons, albatros, pebbles and fancy mixtures, all attractive and fashionable models.

It's a Case of Living Better for Less Money if You Shop at Meier & Frank's-- For Instance, This Ad of Our 1304th Friday Surprise Sales

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Women's \$1 to 1.25 Lingerie Waists 50c. Good, practical materials, voiles, crepe and batiste. Made with low neck or roll collars, lace and embroidery trimmed.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES 59c to 98c Gowns, Combinations, Skirts 39c. Women's Gowns, made of cambrie and lawn, full cut. High and low neck, lace and embroidery trimmed.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES 3.50 to \$12 Corsets Friday Pair 98c. Silk brocades, silk batiste and coutil—corset making, made to order.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Women's 12.50 to \$30 Trimmed Hats at 4.45. A clean-up of our high-grade models, including many imported hats.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Ribbon Remnants at Half Price. All short lengths of ribbon at just half. Lengths from three-fourths to 3 yards.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Ribbon Remnants Friday, Each 5c. Several thousand remnants, including every kind of ribbon, in every desirable color and pattern.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES 1.75 to \$4 Fancy White Goods 25c. Final cleanup of odd accumulations from the season's business.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES \$2 Shirt Waist Forms at 1.39. Well proportioned forms, modeled on new lines.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES 3.50 Light Gray Blankets at 2.85. Very good quality Blankets, in light gray, with attractive colorings.

Notice! All Charge Purchases made today and balance of month go on February accounts, payable March 1, 1915. Meier & Frank Co. THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES 59c Coverall Aprons at 39c. Good quality percale. Aprons 57 inches long. Neck, sleeves and pocket bound with white.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES MAIL ORDERS F-I-L-L-E-D From This Ad If Received Within 3 Days of Date of This Paper

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Men's 6.50 Mackinaws, \$5 Sheep Coats, 6.50 Leather Coats, Choice at 2.98

is a forceful example of how you can save on goods you want of standard quality. Today Ought to Be An Unusually Big Day because in conjunction with the Friday Surprise Sales there are also three other great sale events, today being one of the Last Days of the January Clearances, Last Days of the White Sales, Last Days of the Pre-Inventory Sales

There Are Hundreds of Other Good Things in Lots Too Small to Advertise. For these it will be necessary to come early in the day—for they are bargains of a character that is simply irresistible, and therefore are picked up in a jiffy by the first comers.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Up to 1.50 Miscellaneous Books 25c. 1000 books in the lot, which includes fiction, gift editions and juvenile books.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Women's \$1, 1.25 and 1.50 Gloves, Pair 50c. Broken lines, consisting of kid, chambray wash, suede and gauntlet gloves.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES 50c Imported All-Wool Challies, Yard 29c. French challies, 28 inches wide. Every yard all wool.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Men's 2.50 to \$3 Pants 1.35. 160 pairs of fancy pants. Shades of brown, tan and gray.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Drapery Remnants and Trimmings, Yard 5c. Remnants of scrim, Swiss, cretonne and net.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Art Needlework Surprises. \$1.25 Heavy Linen Scarfs, hemstitched hem, size 12x54, 98c.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Closing Out 100 Wool Art Squares. Red, tan, green, brown and blue colorings in the lot.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES \$2 to \$3 Odd Curtains Friday, Pair 79c. Nottingham Lace Curtains of splendid grade.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Children's 2.50 Knit Sweaters 1.29. Good heavy-weight Angora knit, close fine nap.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Children's \$1 and 1.25 Dresses 59c. Made of fine white lawn with square yokes.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES \$1 Japanese Fruit Baskets 49c. Like cut. Made of brown bamboo.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES 1.25 Washable Suedette Sashes, Friday 50c. A goodly assortment, made of washable material that looks like suede.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Grocery Surprises. PRESERVES, 25c Jars Strawberry Preserves, doz. \$1.70.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Women's 1.50 to 1.95 House Dresses 75c. Made of gingham, flannelletts and chambray.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES 65c to \$1 Lace Collars and Sets at 35c. Or 3 for \$1. Handsome imported neckwear from Plauen.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Women's 15c to 25c Handkerchiefs 10c. Pure Irish linen and Shamrock Lawn Kerchiefs.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Children's 9.75 to 13.50 Coats \$5. All our fine coats for children that sold between the two prices named are included.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Women's 3.50 and \$4 Shoes, Pair 1.89. Your choice of patent coil button shoes, with welt soles.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Stationery Surprises. 50c Irish Lawn Stationery, fine linen, 50 sheets.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Up to \$1 Nets, Laces, Chiffons, Yard 25c. Tucked nets and shadow lace overlays, white and color.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Children's 2.95 to 4.75 Dresses 1.98. Dresses fashioned of fine gingham and linen.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1304TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES 2.75 Fumed Oak Stool 1.49. The famous "L.I.F." stool, made in U.S.A.

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ended out that the prophecies are being fulfilled. "There will be wars and rumors of wars," said Evangelist Catlin, "and the last great battle of Armageddon is near at hand."

5-YEAR-OLD CASE ARGUED Government Seeks Forfeiture of 97,000 Coos Bay Acres. Judge Wolverton in the Federal Court yesterday listened to the arguments of counsel in the equity case instituted in 1910 by the Government against the Southern Oregon Company.

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RHEUMATISM Remedied at Home. "6088" (Sixty-Eight-Eight) acts like the waters of Hot Springs and other famous Rheumatism and Chronic Pain Remedies.

END OF WORLD PREDICTED Evangelist Says Battle of Armageddon Will Occur Soon. The world is now rapidly approaching the end and it may come at any time, according to the prediction of Elder Catlin.

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6088 GUARANTEED. It must relieve your Rheumatism—it must give you relief from Rheumatism, Chronic Pain, Biliousness or Indigestion, or your money will be refunded.