

ENGINEERS NEARLY QUIT SEWER CASE

Imputation of Bias by W. Deveny Brings Denunciation of Montavilla Residents.

INSPECTION PROVIDED FOR

Richard Walsh and Martin Dowling Accused of Having Declared Themselves as Determined to Get Superiors Ousted From Posts.

Counter charges against inspectors and others who have clamored about fraud in connection with the construction of the Montavilla trunk sewer and a wordy battle which came near causing the committee of engineers at the hearing to throw up their jobs, marked the close yesterday of the City Council's sewer investigation, which has been in progress for a week.

It is all over now but the physical inspection of the big pipe. This inspection will be made the end of the week by the engineering committee, J. P. Newell, George C. Mason and J. L. Stannard, representing the American Society of Civil Engineers, and G. A. Kyle and F. C. Kurtz, engineers representing the people of Montavilla. The Council will inspect the sewer after the engineers get through. Reports as to condition will be made.

William Deveny, of Montavilla, started the squabble which came near breaking up the engineering committee. He declared that the people of Montavilla want a square deal in the inspection and therefore want their own engineers to make an examination in addition to having the American Society's committee examine it.

Hint at Bias Diluted.
"As a matter of fact," declared Mr. Deveny, "we want to be satisfied with the inspection. Now, we don't know these engineers, and we understand that they represent Mr. Dick and the Council. Also we understand that Mr. Mason is a contractor and does considerable business with the Council."

"That's not a fact," retorted Commissioner Dick. "These men were appointed by the American Society of Engineers to make a fair and impartial inspection regardless of whom it might hit. I had nothing to do with their selection."

"And as to my having work with the city," said Mr. Deveny, "that is true. I do no contracting and do no business with the city. I will suggest that this committee withdraw from the inspection of the sewer, inasmuch as our interest in it is questioned. I for one am willing to leave the question of inspection entirely with Mr. Kyle, representing the Montavilla people."

Mr. Deveny's Position Questioned.
Attorney Dickinson, representing Montavilla clients, declared that Mr. Deveny did not represent all the people there and that the majority are willing to let the inspection go ahead as originally proposed. The question finally was settled by the two committees of engineers, one representing the American Society and the other the Montavilla people, and letting them make separate reports.

Counter charges against the inspectors who presented the principal evidence along the line of fraud in connection with the sewer were presented by Sam Lind, who was on the work for the contractor, William Lind. "That man," Richard Walsh, inspector, told me in confidential conversations while I was a friend of his that he, Inspector Jameson, Inspector Burr and others were out to get Chief Inspector Smith and Sewer Engineer Sharp. He told me they were going to get them before the end of another year. Mr. Walsh deliberately falsified in his testimony against Sharp and Smith in this investigation. As to Foreman Trenton, who has testified that he was given orders to keep Montavilla people away from the sewer so they could not see the cracked pipe, I will explain that he is 'sore' because he was 'fired' for taking money for giving labor jobs on the work."

Direct Charge Asserted.
William Lind, the contractor, declared that Martin Dowling, who testified against the quality of the sewer, met him one time in a saloon and began to talk about cracks in the sewer pipe. He asserted at that time that he was determined to get Mr. Smith and Mr. Sharp out of their jobs. "I asked him to buy me a drink and I told him I thought he had enough already. He said: 'You think you are going to get away with that stuff out of Montavilla, but I will get you yet.'"

Mr. Lind testified that he was responsible for the hushing up of inspectors and others from talking about cracked pipes. "Some of my men told me that inspectors had been talking in a loud tone on the streets about cracks in the pipe. I asked these men to stop this, as no good could come from it. They were ordinary concrete checks that appear in any concrete, and if they were talked about people would get the idea that they were big cracks. As a matter of fact, they were sun cracks."

Secrecy Charge Denied.
"Some pipe with broken flanges was used. These defects did not hurt the pipe, inasmuch as the flange is used merely to align the pipe. Where flanges were broken the joints were made of concrete and were as good as if the flange had been there. The process of laying such pipe was more expensive than to lay perfect pipe. In all, about \$500 worth of pipe was condemned on the job. As to keeping people away from the sewer so they could not see the cracks, there was nothing to it. People were ordered away from the

PROMINENT FIGURES IN CITY COUNCIL'S INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED MONTAVILLA TRUNK SEWER FRAUDS.



1—C. H. Smith, Chief Sewer Inspector, Who Witnesses Said, Other Inspectors Had Threatened to "Get" Within a Year. 2—Roger Simons, Attorney, Who Took Active Part in Questioning and Refused to Disclose Who He Was Representing. 3—G. A. Kyle, Engineer Engaged to Represent People of Montavilla. 4—William Deveny, Who Headed Montavilla Delegation and Stirred Up Numerous Word Battles. 5, 6 and 7—J. P. Newell, George C. Mason and J. L. Stannard, Engineers Representing American Society of Civil Engineers.

French only when there was danger of their getting hurt."
"By falling into the cracks?" asked Attorney Roger Simons.
"No," replied Mr. Lind, "by falling into the trench."
V. M. Page, who was general inspector of pipe on the work, testified that he could not remember and therefore would not deny or admit that he told Inspector Walsh to quit talking about cracks in the pipe, "or people of Montavilla would form a vigilance committee and the inspectors would all lose their jobs and go to the penitentiary."

Falsely Impression Feared.
In explaining the hushing up of talk about cracked pipe Mr. Page said his calling of weather checks by the name of cracks. "I knew there was more room for the cracks to get larger out among the people of Montavilla if they were talked about for a while than there was for them to grow bigger in the sewer," he said.

Commissioner Baker questioned him and he repeated: "You cannot render the check all right, but I don't think everybody got it."
"Tell it again," said Mr. Sinnott.
W. B. Leary, a sewer inspector, testified that he saw all the pipe as it was ready to be laid and with the exception of two sections which were culled out and destroyed, he said it was all good.

The Council arranged at the close of the hearing to have a transcript made of all the testimony and to pay all the witnesses who have been subpoenaed at the hearing.

Foreman Says Sewer Is Good.
C. T. Buell, foreman for Contractor Lind in the manufacture of the pipe, testified that when the work was started he felt that the wrong type of reinforcement was being used in the pipe. He said that the specifications called for that type and there was nothing else to do. He said the type of steel used would naturally crack or check the pipe.

Regarding the charges of inspectors and others of hushing up talk about cracks in the pipe as laid, Mr. Buell said he heard considerable talk among inspectors.

Inspectors Plebush and Ballou told me not to talk about the cracks. I regarded that the purpose was to stop the noising about of talk about cracks, inasmuch as people not knowing that such cracks are natural and common in concrete would get the wrong impression. Such talk would result in an ordinary check being a crack by the time it was whispered between two or three persons. Personally I saw two cracks and I believe the sewer is good."

Transmittal Gives Testimony.
J. G. Hunter, a transmittal in Mr. Dick's department, testified that he went through the sewer to make measurements and having heard of cracks looked for them as he went through. He said he saw pencil-line cracks or checks running the length of sections of the sewer. He said he could point them out to the Council.

"They were not serious when I saw them," said Mr. Hunter, "and I would say that they are no worse now and never will be worse. Concrete grows harder with age."
E. B. Smith, a sewer inspector, had charge of making some of the pipe. "In the case of one pipe, I noticed a fine hairline crack running its full length. I condemned this. Chief Inspector Smith later looked at this pipe and condemned it also. I understand this pipe is now at the fire station on Eighty-second Street and is used as a flower-pot."

Regarding the testimony of C. R. Hayworth to the effect that he saw a hole in a pipe and that it was plastered over I will say that I never saw anything such as he described. Either his vision or mine was defective. His statement is ridiculous."

MR. BAKER IS UP AGAINST IT
How Big Commissioner Will Inspect Sewer, Is Problem.
Now comes a puzzling mathematical problem in connection with the City Council's investigation of the Montavilla trunk sewer fraud charges. The problem runs something like this: The sewer ranges from five feet to three feet in height. The Council will be obliged to go through it to look for the much-talked-of cracks and other alleged defects. Now, how are they going to get Commissioners Eighty-six feet 1 1/2 inches and 234 pounds of bone, sinew and meat through the pipe?
Go through he must, or the investigation will not be complete. Furthermore, the most of the cracks reported are on the top of the sewer. What kind of a knot is he going to tie himself up in to reduce his height over a foot and at the same time be able to view the top of the pipe?
Several suggestions have been made. One is that a wheel cart be arranged so he can lie on his back and ride through. There are such conveyances in the sewer department, but they will not do, for they are not stressed up to hold 230 pounds. They are used by

NEW 'HOME' IS SOUGHT

IMPOSSIBILITY OF REPAIRING ANNA LEWIS HALL REALIZED.
Portland Woman's Union Decides to Erect Building, but Must Find Temporary Quarters.

The Portland Woman's Union is looking for a building in which temporarily to house the home for self-supporting girls. The board at its meeting on Saturday decided that it would be impossible to repair Anna Lewis Hall, 518 Flanders street, that was partially destroyed by fire last Thursday morning, and in consequence every effort will be made to start a new building as soon as possible.

The union owns a piece of property at Tenth and Montgomery streets and has other holdings and "pockets of money that will make possible the venture."
The building of a new plant has been deferred on account of financial depression. "Times are getting better now and the fire has forced us to start. Our calamity, we hope, will become a blessing," said Mrs. J. B. Comstock, president, yesterday.

The trustees, who advise the present plan of carrying on the work, include W. D. Wheelwright, James B. Kerr, Elliott R. Corbett, Joseph Simon. The members of the board of directors who attended the meeting at which the matter was discussed included Mrs. H. Northrup, Mrs. Henry E. Jones, Mrs. P. J. Mann, Mrs. A. T. Smith, Mrs. Elmer R. Corbett, Mrs. F. Steinhardt, Mrs. J. B. Comstock, Mrs. C. E. Rummel, Mrs. A. A. Dekum, Mrs. M. A. M. Ashley and Miss E. Grell.

ALBANY CLASS GIVES GERMAN PLAYS.

ALBANY, Or., April 10.—(Special)—Albany College students in German language in presenting two German comedies Friday night before a large audience. Parts were taken by Edward Blair, Miss Bernice Hackmann, Miss Minnie Heinrich, Miss Vesta Lamb, David Martin, Miss Gladys Chandler, Henry Fish and Miss Laura Leeds.

PLEA MADE FOR SCHOOLS

A. P. Armstrong Urges McArthur to "Stand Pat" on Land Grant.
Desiring of procuring a liberal portion of the money to be obtained from the sale of land grant tracts for schools, County Superintendent of Schools A. P. Armstrong has sent the following night letter to Representative McArthur:

The boys and girls of Oregon are entitled to a liberal share of funds which will be derived from the sale of lands included in the Oregon & California land grant tract. The amount should not be less than 40 per cent of the total of the sale proceeds, continuously, unconditionally, persistently, uncompromisingly, unyieldingly, but-headedly, if necessary. You cannot render the children of the state, present and future, a greater or more lasting benefit than by cordially assisting in accomplishing this fair and just treatment of them by Congress.

Grow BEAUTIFUL Flowers

Cultivators of Roses, Sweet Peas and other flowers realize that it is essential that they prepare the soil by fertilizing early in the Spring—they are then assured of blooms of QUALITY and in PROFUSION later in the year. For YOUR success in flower culture, use—

"Roselawn" Brand Fertilizer

NOW—while the ground is wet and soft—is the time to revitalize and refresh your soil with ROSELAWN FERTILIZER. It is a highly concentrated plant food of animal origin, made especially for sensitive roots and delicate rootlets of all flowers.

Indorsed by satisfied users for both FLOWERS and LAWNS. Easy to apply and comes in convenient 10-lb. airtight pails. 50c a pail in Portland, from your grocer or seedsmen.

Made by
UNION MEAT COMPANY

NEW 'HOME' IS SOUGHT

IMPOSSIBILITY OF REPAIRING ANNA LEWIS HALL REALIZED.
Portland Woman's Union Decides to Erect Building, but Must Find Temporary Quarters.

The Portland Woman's Union is looking for a building in which temporarily to house the home for self-supporting girls. The board at its meeting on Saturday decided that it would be impossible to repair Anna Lewis Hall, 518 Flanders street, that was partially destroyed by fire last Thursday morning, and in consequence every effort will be made to start a new building as soon as possible.

The union owns a piece of property at Tenth and Montgomery streets and has other holdings and "pockets of money that will make possible the venture."
The building of a new plant has been deferred on account of financial depression. "Times are getting better now and the fire has forced us to start. Our calamity, we hope, will become a blessing," said Mrs. J. B. Comstock, president, yesterday.

The trustees, who advise the present plan of carrying on the work, include W. D. Wheelwright, James B. Kerr, Elliott R. Corbett, Joseph Simon. The members of the board of directors who attended the meeting at which the matter was discussed included Mrs. H. Northrup, Mrs. Henry E. Jones, Mrs. P. J. Mann, Mrs. A. T. Smith, Mrs. Elmer R. Corbett, Mrs. F. Steinhardt, Mrs. J. B. Comstock, Mrs. C. E. Rummel, Mrs. A. A. Dekum, Mrs. M. A. M. Ashley and Miss E. Grell.

ALBANY CLASS GIVES GERMAN PLAYS.

ALBANY, Or., April 10.—(Special)—Albany College students in German language in presenting two German comedies Friday night before a large audience. Parts were taken by Edward Blair, Miss Bernice Hackmann, Miss Minnie Heinrich, Miss Vesta Lamb, David Martin, Miss Gladys Chandler, Henry Fish and Miss Laura Leeds.

PLEA MADE FOR SCHOOLS

A. P. Armstrong Urges McArthur to "Stand Pat" on Land Grant.
Desiring of procuring a liberal portion of the money to be obtained from the sale of land grant tracts for schools, County Superintendent of Schools A. P. Armstrong has sent the following night letter to Representative McArthur:

The boys and girls of Oregon are entitled to a liberal share of funds which will be derived from the sale of lands included in the Oregon & California land grant tract. The amount should not be less than 40 per cent of the total of the sale proceeds, continuously, unconditionally, persistently, uncompromisingly, unyieldingly, but-headedly, if necessary. You cannot render the children of the state, present and future, a greater or more lasting benefit than by cordially assisting in accomplishing this fair and just treatment of them by Congress.

Grow BEAUTIFUL Flowers

Cultivators of Roses, Sweet Peas and other flowers realize that it is essential that they prepare the soil by fertilizing early in the Spring—they are then assured of blooms of QUALITY and in PROFUSION later in the year. For YOUR success in flower culture, use—

"Roselawn" Brand Fertilizer

NOW—while the ground is wet and soft—is the time to revitalize and refresh your soil with ROSELAWN FERTILIZER. It is a highly concentrated plant food of animal origin, made especially for sensitive roots and delicate rootlets of all flowers.

Indorsed by satisfied users for both FLOWERS and LAWNS. Easy to apply and comes in convenient 10-lb. airtight pails. 50c a pail in Portland, from your grocer or seedsmen.

Made by
UNION MEAT COMPANY

VOTERS!—REGISTER HERE—BASEMENT BALCONY

BUTTERICK PATTERNS
for May are now in. Also Fashion Sheets for free distribution. Second Floor, Fifth Street.

Meier & Frank Co.
Established 1857
THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND
Fifth, Sixth, Morrison, Alder Sts.

BUTTERICK FASHIONS
Copy 25c and any 10c or 15c pattern FREE. May "Delinquent" for subscribers now ready.

Reminding You That You Have Just Eleven Days to Supply Your Easter Needs at

Portland's Easter Store

APPAREL SHOP

New Golflex Coats \$10

THE SPORTS COATS NEW AUTO COATS

—"Golflex" needs no recommendation to Portland women. This light-weight, waterproof material, with just the warmth required for a Spring day's comfort, is well known!

—And now some of the jauntiest little Golflex coats at \$10 have been received in our Apparel Shop.

—Made with pleated or belted back, four patch pockets and shawl collar, in Copen, red, tan, gray and all the new Spring shades! One model illustrated.

Unusually Smart—\$10
—Apparel Shop.

—What is more practical than tweed for motoring—and what is lovelier than the new plaid backed tweeds of these coats? They are warm, light in weight and shed the dust easily. —Smartly tailored, on simple lines, with collars that can be worn high or low. Belted or loose, they are very trim. —Brown, blue, tan and gray, hard-surface mixtures, with plaid back in pretty contrasting tone, they are both comfortable and modish.

Priced \$18.50 and \$20
—Fourth Floor, Fifth Street.

Your Furs, Madame!

Let us keep them for you during the Summer, safe from moths, dust, theft or loss. The cold dry air of our Storage Vaults restores the natural luster to the fur. Charges very moderate. Shall we call for them? Furs received Fourth Fl. Fifth Street.

Expert Repairing and Remodeling

Thinking of Lighter Weight

UNDERWEAR

Then Buy

MUNSING WEAR

—And now is the time to buy it, because this is "Munsing Week" at Meier & Frank's. Great new stocks of Spring and Summer knit undergarments for Men, Women, Boys and Girls. —Famous for comfort, wearing quality and—the "FIT WON'T WASH OUT." All prices. —This is the only Portland store favored with the Munsingwear agency. —Main Floor

Keep Your Home

in harmony with the season! The April number of the Ladies' Home Journal, page 29, shows you some beautiful ideas in cretonne hangings. These are all developed from "Colonial Draperies," sold exclusively by us in Portland. 7th Floor, Sixth St.

Wall Paper of all Kinds

Wonder-Waists at

\$1

Here Exclusively

—Four more new Wirthmor models go on sale Tuesday. Note the smartness of the styles pictured. And the materials are of fine quality—workmanship the best. Be sure to see these new models in our Waist Shop today.

NEW WIRTHMOR WAISTS

—Fourth Floor, Central.

Demonstration Sale

Auto and Sports CAPS

"Dust-No" Caps
—Auto cap and eye-shield combined—see sketch. Black, white, colors.

"Marie Doro"
—Outing or Auto Caps
—Silks, messaline or tafeta, leather combinations, etc. All colors.

Auto Caps, 50c
—With chiffon veils attached. Special during demonstration.
—Neckwear Shop, Main Floor

20c-25c Women's Initial

KERCHIEFS, 10c

Or 3 for 25c

—Pure linen and fine quality shamrock cloth. Broken lines—150 dozen—to be closed out. White and colored borders, hand-embroidered initials. A bargain.

Women's, Children's 5c-7c

KERCHIEFS, 2c

Or 20c Dozen

—Odd lines of good handkerchiefs, all white or pretty colored bordered effects. Splendid grade for school use. NONE C. O. D.—NO PHONE ORDERS
—Main Floor, Fifth Street.

CARLOAD OF PERFECTION FLOUR, \$1.15

—To introduce this flour to our patrons we've placed a price upon it today that is especially noteworthy, in view of the present condition of the flour market—sack, \$1.15. —High-grade family patent, milled from carefully selected Washington and White Valley milling wheat by an established Southern Oregon mill. —We had this flour tested by our expert bakers before we bought the carload, and found that it makes high-grade, nutritious bread, cakes, etc. Samples of Bread and Cakes Made Now on Display! No. C. O. D. nor Phone Orders Taken During This Sale!

—Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.

Sore Throat Chest Pains

Tightness across the chest and sore throat can at once be relieved by applying Sloan's Liniment. It goes right to the seat of pain—warming and soothing the painful parts. The inflammation subsides and the pain is gone.

Sloan's Liniment

KILLS PAIN
"Keep a bottle in your home."
Price 25c, 50c, \$1.00