

EXPERTS WORK

City Bridges Will Be Inspected.

UGLY RUMORS ARE AFLOAT

Councilmen Declare They Hold Damaging Evidence.

THREATEN TO EXPOSE FACTS

Committee Promises a Full Inquiry— Council Will Probably Wait With Mayor for Result of the Investigation.

Early this week the bridge investigation committee of the Council will meet to map out a plan of campaign. Experts who know more about bridge construction than do the members of the committee, C. E. Rumell, Sanford Whiting and Matt Foeller, will be engaged to make examination of three or four large structures about which ugly rumors are afloat.

The other members of the Council say they hold information concerning these bridges which, if disclosed, will be additional damaging evidence against the City Engineer's Department. They say that the bridge committee can also obtain this evidence, but that if it is not procured and disclosed that they will do so themselves.

As to the methods of the new investigation committee, Dr. Whiting said last evening: "We'll go right ahead and let the chips fall where they may."

Deadlock Not Probable.

So far as any prospective deadlock between the Mayor and the Council on the removal of City Engineer Elliott is concerned, opinions differ widely. The Council was really unanimous in adopting the report of the Tanner-Creek sewer investigation committee, for the "no" of Mr. Merrill was not taken seriously. It was therefore solid in its recommendation that the City Engineer and his assistant be removed, but as to openly opposing Mayor Williams and forcing the issue by cutting off the appropriation for the Engineer's Department, the line-up is far from solid.

As Mayor Williams has stated that he will wait the outcome of the bridge investigation and the grand jury's search for truth before making a positive move, it is probable that the Council will respect his wishes and bide its time. Thus the middle of December will probably be reached before it comes to a showdown.

Delay for Irrigation Sewer.

One of the most unfortunate results of the Tanner-Creek sewer scandal is the unavoidable delay in the construction of the big irrigation sewer. This district sewer has been needed for a long time, and a month ago it seemed that much of it could be built this year. But the Executive Board has been forced to advertise for new bids, for E. W. Riner's bid was the lowest, and he is not in good standing at present. The irrigation sewer cannot be built until next Spring, as such work is almost impossible during wet weather.

From many districts of the city come complaints as to the condition of sewers, alleys, bridges, and pavements. All the blame which ordinarily would fall upon someone else is how directly cast upon the City Engineer's Department. The Brooklyn people want the big district sewer for that vicinity safeguarded in all kinds of ways; property-owners around Macadam street and Hamilton avenue say the sewer for which they were recently assessed lies up hill from most of the houses it is supposed to drain. In the case of the washing away of the Woodstreet fill has not yet abated.

Yesterday morning it was found that the fill at Penneyer and Corbett streets was seriously undermined through the breaking of a ten-inch watermain beneath it the previous evening. The thoroughfare over the big fill was closed to traffic and a gang of men put to work repairing the washout, but the rain-fall in the mains was considerable at the time of the break, and much earth was missing. The water being shut off, a number of residents south of the break found themselves without water most of the day.

LADY SWINDLER COMING.

Police Anticipate Arrival of Woman Who is on Mischief Bent.

If you are approached in your home by a woman of medium height, very deep blonde, heavy eyebrows, a "good deal of hair on her face" and "very energetic and business-like," who of-

fers to sell you an Eastern musical journal at reduced rates, call the police, because she is wanted.

Captain of Police Moore last night received a warning from the publishers of a musical journal, requesting that the woman who, it is claimed, has been traveling all over the country, victimizing the public, be arrested. She is headed for Portland, according to the notification, and should she begin operations here it is likely she will find herself under arrest.

The publication which the woman claims she is employed by sells at \$1.50 per year. She usually offers the paper for \$1. collecting in advance. She signs her name as Amanda Severson.

MAY REPORT TOMORROW.

Grand Jury Has Been Busy, and May Cause Sensation.

The grand jury yesterday continued the investigation of gambling, and also some other criminal cases, including a forgery case. A report to the State Circuit Court is expected to be made on Monday. John F. Logan, attorney, and Judge Cleland, and Deputy District Attorney Adams was present during the examination in his official capacity.

In April, 1924, a previous grand jury having indicted August Erickson, Fred Fritz, E. Blasler, J. W. Blasler, Peter Grant, N. Solomon, Harvey Dale, and A. Shapiro for gambling. The last indictments before Judge Cleland, and were each fined, and the fines were paid. Judge Cleland so testified.

John F. Logan appeared as the attorney for the gamblers in the absence caused by illness of W. T. Hume, who was the regular counsel at that time of the gamblers. Mr. Logan remembered that they all paid fines into the court.

This contradicts evidence introduced in recent trials to some extent that Grant, Blasler and Erickson sold their gambling implements a year or more ago. It does not show that they did not make the sales alleged, but it does show that subsequently they pleaded guilty and paid fines for gambling. The last indictments charge gambling on July 21, 1924. It is possible to return indictments for offenses committed between April and July 21, if the grand jury has the evidence. It is reported that the grand jury is still looking into cases of persons who own property used for disreputable purposes, and indictments may follow. Indications are that the investigation of the perjury charge in the E. Blasler case has been concluded, and a report may be expected soon. None of the grand jurors will say if they have examined any witnesses yet relative to the Tanner-Creek sewer scandal or the City Engineer's office.

RAINCOATS.

Tourist Coats and Suits.

You may talk about raincoats, tourist coats, etc.; you may go to the town around, look, gaze and shop, but the fact remains, and any lady who has done as above stated will tell you so, that we have by long odds the best, most substantial, durable, stylish coats on sale in this city. Why is this? It is because of a fact you should all be proud of, viz., we are the manufacturers of all our garments and make them right here in Portland at Fifth and Alder streets—made by our own tailors, and have the tailors to fit you, too. Our garments are made—tailor-made—not thrown together in Eastern style. You may doubt our statements if you like, but if you are looking for a coat you had better come in and verify our word as well as the word of your neighbor. As we are manufacturers, we can touch bottom prices very easily. Garments sold on easy payments, too—\$1.00 per week if you like. The J. M. Acheson Company, Fifth and Alder streets.

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GRAND CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

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Sisters of Mercy Grateful.

The Home for the Aged, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, received special attention from the charitable disposed at Thanksgiving time, and the Sisters desire to express their thanks publicly.

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They were particularly pleased with the trouble taken by the young ladies of the Flower Mission in decorating the Home, and the check from the estate of the late Henry Wehnard for \$50.

Timely Thoughts for Christmas Shoppers

IN the Christmas story we are told that the message of peace and good will was heard by the shepherds and flashed from a star to the wise men in the East. Surely it must have brought new hopes to multitudes of tired and weary souls the world over. Ever since, on Christmas day, the sick and the sad have been remembered by those listening souls who hear again the song of the angels.

In hospitals and prisons, in lonely places, it is the mission of good people to echo the angels' song. And yet, there exist conditions at Christmas time that are tragic, and in many cases make the holiday season a hideous travesty, rather than a "merry, merry Christmas." When will the purchasing public wake up to the fact that they are responsible for these tragic conditions?

Who avails the Golden Rule in our lives if we put it out of our lives at Christmas time?

Who is to blame for the severe fatigue of overwork and long hours, the crowded, over-heated atmosphere of our modern store at holiday season? Who is to blame for the awful weariness of the cash girl and the girl who tries to meet the demands of the rush trade of Christmas week? Who is to blame for the overtime of the delivery man or errand boy, making them work far into the night? Do I, as a buyer, help perpetuate the cruel customs and unchristian methods of holiday business? These questions come to us at this time with force.

As soon as the shopping public becomes willing to do its share towards retrieving the Christmas season from the perversion which it has suffered, the merchants will be ready to follow example.

Everyone who is not actually engaged in all-day work might make a persistent effort to do her shopping in the morning, and so far as possible, do her Christmas shopping early in the month of December, and refrain from shopping after 5 P. M.

It scarcely needs to be repeated that the overwork and exhaustion of the employees is directly due to the thoughtlessness of the shopper, who leaves Christmas preparations until the last week before Christmas.

In many states where the "arrest of thought" has come to stay there is an annual campaign against the cruelties attending the holiday shopping. If rests with the women of our cities to retrieve this sacred holiday from its present association with the ideas of overwork, fatigue and unkindness, and to help make it really a time of peace on earth, good will to men. I. H. A.

To Advertise Tax List.

The Sheriff has the 1924 delinquent tax list made up and ready for advertising, and it will be turned over to the printer immediately after December 5. Those who desire may pay their tax on or before that time and save the additional cost of advertising. The property will be sold December 2.

ARRESTED FOR LARCENY.

North End Woman Charged With Robbing S. Freeman of \$95.

Minnie Greenwood, an inmate of the "Favorite" saloon, Fourth and Couch streets, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Kerrigan and Snow, who charge her with the theft of \$95 from S. Freeman.

Freeman is the man who was robbed early yesterday morning, and who was later taken to the Central Police Station by Policemen Courtney and Jones on a charge of drunkenness. Yesterday afternoon, in company with the detectives, he made a tour of the North End saloons, and as a result the Greenwood woman was jailed.

The woman claims that she is innocent of the charge, saying that what money Freeman missed when he reported at police headquarters he spent purchasing wine for women in various places in the district. The case will be heard in the Municipal Court tomorrow.

FIREPLACE TRIMMINGS.

The M. J. Walsh Co., 343 Washington street, just received the largest shipment of andirons, fire sets, spark guards, screens and fenders that reached the Coast in years. This line is specially for the holiday trade and any of which will make a handsome Xmas gift. Call at once and make your selection. Showrooms, 323 Washington street.

FAT FOLKS.

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ATTORNEYS MAY CLASH.

All Want to Talk During Hearing on Poolroom Demurrer.

The hearing on the demurrer to the indictment in the case of M. G. Nease for running a poolroom was continued by Judge George yesterday until next Thursday morning. Henry E. McGinn, private prosecutor for Sheriff Word, wants to appear and assist District Attorney Manning in the argument. Mr. Manning, it is reported, has asked R. G. Morrow to assist him. Mr. McGinn says, "I may be at the trial to oppose the demurrer. I shall certainly make an appearance."

Cortelyou to Take Office March 4.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The Herald's Washington correspondent says: No

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changes in the present Cabinet are contemplated until the new Roosevelt administration assumes office, March 4. This means that Cortelyou, whose induction into the Postmaster-General's place rumor had said, might occur on January 1, will not re-enter the Cabinet until after the inauguration.

Spain Favors Peace Congress.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—It was announced at the State Department today that Spain had accepted in principle the

President's invitation for another peace conference at The Hague, reserving discussion of the fixing of a date for the meeting.

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