

BRIDGE IS NEXT

Structure to Be Examined This Week.

EXAMINER KNOWN TO FEW

Name of Man to Conduct Investigation Is Withheld.

WILL DECIDE UPON EXTRAS

Attempt Will Be Made to Ascertain Whether City Is Being Defrauded or Is Getting Her Money's Worth in This Matter.

Expert examination of the big Morrison-street bridge will begin this week. The man who is to find out whether the structure is being built according to specifications and whether the city will receive its money's worth for the expensive extras allowed has been selected by the bridge investigation committee of the Council.

While the most positive assurance is given that this expert is a man of unquestioned veracity and technical ability, his name is locked within the bosoms of the committee members, Messrs. Rumell, Foeller and Whiting. It is understood that the present duties of the man chosen will not permit him to commence the examination until Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

It is with the three sets of extras that the expert will chiefly concern himself. These bring the total cost of the steel bridge up to \$383,722. Concerning the actual construction of the bridge, few credible rumors have been raised, but it is reported on every hand that the Pacific Construction Company, the contractors on the bridge, will clear a large profit upon the \$2,480 worth of extras.

Pool of Bidders Broken Up.

That a pool did originally exist between prospective bidders on the structure there now seems no doubt. But this pool was cleverly broken up a few days before the time came to submit the bids. The number of bidders was cut down, and each bid was submitted on its merits.

According to the contract signed, the company has the right to dispose of all old material as it sees fit. This was not stated in the bids nor in the specifications, and it was positively stated yesterday that such a clause was included in the signed contract.

SEWER SCANDAL UP MONDAY

City Engineer Will Not Resign Unless Forced to by the Mayor.

What will be the result of the private session of the Executive Board tomorrow afternoon is a question in the minds of the members as well as the other officials.

"I will not present my resignation unless the Mayor requests me to do so," said City Engineer Elliott last evening. So far as the Executive Board is concerned, it's up to Mayor Williams, the official head of that body. The other members may advise, but any action regarding a removal of the City Engineer from office must come from the Mayor.

The two engineers employed by the Mayor have made a report which, in its details, is far milder than that of the Council committee's experts or of the two property-owners. If the Mayor decides to go by the letter of his engineer's report and to disregard the reports of the Council's experts and N. L. King and R. H. Lamson, aside from the private observations of E. A. Hitchcock, he may hold that the City Engineer is not culpable and showed no negligence.

The two engineers, G. Wingate and W. W. Goodrich, conclude their report thus: "Your committee believes that if the concrete backing would have been in place and thoroughly tamped the sewer would have been in good average condition, and the many slight defects noted would not have occurred, because said backing would have stiffened the whole length of the sewer and rendered it rigid and firm. Workmanship is not first-class, as we have shown. Materials used are of fair quality."

Therefore the Mayor may decide that the sewer has merely slight defects and he will make no move toward placing the blame directly upon the City Engineer. But the Council will stick by its recommendation of removal in any case.

City Engineer Elliott is studying over the reports of the property-owners and the engineers and formulating a reply to be submitted at the meeting of the Executive Board tomorrow.

"Did you notice that the engineers backed me up as to the length of the old and new sewer?" said he last evening. A dispute over the exact length of repair work and new sewer rose between Messrs. Cunningham and Greenleaf, of the Council's committee, and the City Engineer. The Mayor's experts have differed from Mr. Elliott and Assistant Seegren by only two feet.

"No one could tell when the contract was let whether the contractor would make a tunnel or an open cut," continued Mr. Elliott. "He wasn't to be paid anything for excavation, and so he wouldn't do any more than necessary, of course. I did not interpret my specifications to mean that the space outside the sewer should be filled in with concrete. That would have cost probably \$30,000 for the whole sewer would then be lined outside with concrete. In their report the engineers call attention to this particular."

"As to the seepage reported, you will find seepage in every sewer in the city. It is impossible to make a sewer that won't leak to a certain extent unless it is made of waterproof material."

FREIGHT AGENTS ENTERTAINED

Northern Pacific Officials Visit Lewis and Clark Exposition Grounds.

The Eastern general freight agents of the Northern Pacific who have been the guests of the city for the last day and night, left this morning for their return trip to the East over the Northern Pacific.

The visitors were greatly pleased with their visit to Portland and to the Northwest and took great pleasure in making the tour of the many points of interest in and around the city. Yesterday morning, in company with a committee of the Portland Commercial Club, and the Lewis and Clark Exposition Company, the party

of 15 traffic agents visited the Fair grounds and were taken through the buildings and over the many vantage points of the Exposition site.

At noon the party was entertained at luncheon at the Commercial Club and in the afternoon all were placed aboard one of the Portland Heights cars and taken for a ride over the loop. The day was clear and a good view could be had of Mount Hood, which was a wonderful sight to the great majority of the visitors.

After the trip the party went to the Portland Hotel and in the evening returned to their special car, which was attached to the regular Northern Pacific train, leaving the city at midnight.

H. Blakely, assistant general freight agent at St. Paul, who was the manager of the excursion, is greatly pleased with the attention shown his party while in Portland and trusts that a great deal of good may be done for the city and the Fair in return for the many courtesies extended. He, in common with all of his party, was much surprised at the beauties of the Exposition grounds and the magnificence of the buildings, and promises to do all in his power to boom the Fair when he has returned to his Eastern home.

GOVERNOR PARDONS PRISONER

And Says He Will Do It Again if Man is Sentenced.

Thomas D. Hightower, waiter, and a recent arrival from St. Louis, is in the peculiar position of a man who was sentenced by Municipal Judge Hogue to work 90 days on the rockpile, charged with disorderly conduct, was afterward pardoned by Governor Chamberlain, is again wanted by the police charged with being out after hours, and who, if he is sentenced on this second charge may again be pardoned by the Governor. Hightower doesn't know where he "is at." But all the same he is fortunate to have a pretty little wife who has been a most zealous advocate in securing her husband's freedom.

Although there seems to be a legal tangle in the matter, both Governor Chamberlain and Municipal Judge Hogue deny that there is a clash of authority. The troubles of the two Hightowers have been told before, the story being that the couple quarreled at Sixth and Oak streets because Hightower grabbed his wife's purse, containing \$6, after the couple had been drinking in a saloon. Three strange men paying for the drinks, in passing sentence, Municipal Judge Hogue stated he thought Hightower was attempting to make his wife lead a wrongful life. Now, Mrs. Hightower is a pretty woman and the witchery of a pretty advocate has been known up to and after the time of Portia. Governor Chamberlain listened to her story and wrote what he calls a commutation of the sentence, freeing Hubby Hightower. The Governor states he took this action because he thought the sentence too severe, and adds that if Hightower is again arrested and sentenced in the Municipal Court in connection with the matter, that he will again pardon the man. Municipal Judge Hogue declines to be quoted on the subject, but it is understood he holds to the opinion that the Governor is the only state officer who has the power to pardon a prisoner. Lawyers who have dipped into the pardoning power question think there is no city official who has the right under the city charter to pardon a prisoner guilty of breaking a city statute. They and Municipal Judge Hogue, it is said, assume that the Governor alone has the pardoning power.

JACOB A. RISS TO LECTURE.

He Will Be in Portland Monday, December 12.

"Riss a hit last night. Packed to the doors and several hundred people turned away. He is the talk of the town today."—Message from Seattle.

"The 'Sham' in the subject for Mr. Riss' illustrated lecture, Monday, December 12, 8:15 P. M., at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. The lecture is an account of Mr. Riss' life work in New York, which, together with his books, has made him famous. This is one of the four remaining numbers on the Star course. Single admission or course ticket on sale at Y. M. C. A.

A MAN'S CHRISTMAS.

Hard work selecting Christmas presents for most men— isn't it? Why not give him something he will appreciate—a suit or overcoat, for instance? Either would make an admirable gift—nothing more acceptable. Bring us the size, of an old garment, and we'll help you select something that's suitable. We'll exchange it with pleasure or refund the money if he's not satisfied.

If you prefer a house coat, pair of gloves, the muffler or something else in the furnishing line, you're sure to find what you want at this store. We invite ladies looking for a man's Christmas gift to come here.

Everything that men and boys wear. 136 and 138 Third St., Mohawk Bldg.

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We Have Begun our January Sale.

Reductions All Through the Store.

\$20 Buys \$30 Worth of Furniture.

YOU SAVE MONEY. WE DISPOSE OF FURNITURE.

A few prices given showing reductions as they are all through the store:

\$15.00 Iron Beds at \$10.50 \$3.75 Rocker only \$2.75

\$18 Morris Chair at \$12.50 \$54.00 Office Desk \$40.00

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- Child's Russian Overcoats, Military style, belted back, velvet collars; sizes 3 to 8—for girls as well as for boys. **\$2.95**
- Boys' Long Overcoats, Velvet collar, belted backs; sizes 8 to 14 years. **\$3.45**
- Young Men's Long Overcoats, Ages 15 to 20, gray striped cheviot, velvet collars—Just 100 in the above lot. **\$4.95**
- 50 Doz. Men's All Silk Four-in-hands, Regular 50c values; this week—while they last, **15c**

ERUPTION PRICES on Men's and Boys' UNDERWEAR ALL THIS WEEK

New Line Men's Cassimere Pants best \$3 values . . \$1.95

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BENEFIT FOR AID SOCIETY.

"Thalian Girls" Will Stage a Comedy on December 16.

On Friday evening, December 16, a club of young ladies, composed principally of pupils of the High School and styling themselves the "Thalian Girls," will give a benefit entertainment at Arion Hall, corner Second and Oak streets, for the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. The entertainment will be in the form of a comedy in three acts, entitled "Offerings to Folly."

HITCHCOCK WIRES HENEY.

Congratulates Latter on Work in Land-Fraud Case.

Secretary of the Interior E. A. Hitchcock is pleased with the way the land fraudists of Oregon are being brought to bay, and has wired his appreciation of the result of the recent trial to Francis J. Henev. The telegram which was received yesterday is as follows:

Runaway Boy Found.

After having been on the missing list for four days, Fred Rice, a runaway boy, was located in a basement on upper First street last night, by Policeman Thompson.

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