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<b>35c CHILDREN'S UNION SUITS—25c</b> Children's cotton fleece lined ribbed Union Suits, sold elsewhere at 35c.	<b>50c MEN'S UNDERSHIRTS—35c</b> Men's fine cotton ribbed Undershirts, that have always been sold for 50c.	<b>9c OUTING FLANNEL—6 1/2c</b> Outing Flannels, in new stripe or check patterns on light or dark grounds, worth 9 cents.	<b>25c BOYS' HOSE—19c</b> Boys' "Ironclad" Hose, the brand you know so well. All sizes. Worth regular 25c.	<b>20c MEN'S MERINO HOSE—12 1/2c</b> Men's fine Merino Socks, in black, gray or tan. Worth regular 20c.

## WHERE SCOTT BLEW HOT HE NOW BLOWS CHILLING COLD

Mayor Lane Pays His Respects to Former Sole Arbitrator of Public Opinion.

### WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT WATER PIPE CONTRACT

Garbled Quotations From Charter, Reversal of the Editor's Own Opinion Expressed While Another Mayor Was in Office.

This letter from Mayor Lane, published in the Oregonian, concerning the water pipe contract, is of especial interest:

Portland, Or., Oct. 25.—To the Editor:—In relation to the matter of acceptance within the past few days of bids for water pipe by the water board of this city, and your criticism of their action thereon, if you will permit me, I would like to say that I find much difference of opinion as to the interpretation of section 125, page 54, of the city charter which governs the matter, which reads as follows:

"Section 135. No councilman or other officer or employe of the city shall be or become directly or indirectly interested in or in the performance of any contract for the supply of labor or material to the city, or in the sale of any article, the price or consideration of which is payable from the city treasury, or in the purchase or lease of any real

estate or any other property belonging to or to be taken by the city, or which shall be sold for taxes or assessments or by virtue of legal processes at the suit of the city. And in case any officer or employe of the city shall be interested personally as a promoter or stockholder or shareholder in any firm or corporation in any grant or privilege or franchise sought by himself or his associates or such firm or corporation from the city of Portland, or any public utility which is sought to be acquired or duplicated by the city or which is offered for sale or lease by the city, such officer or employe shall be incapacitated to take any part in the negotiations or proceedings connected with the giving or granting of such grant, privilege or franchise, but all such negotiations and proceedings and acts as would otherwise be conducted by such officer or employe shall be conducted and done on behalf of the city of Portland by such officer and employe as would have done and conducted the same in the absence of such interested officer and employe."

**Mayor Williams' Precedent.**  
 The custom of the water board and the former city administration had been to consider that the wording of the second section of this clause allowed such contracts to be participated in by a member of the board (he at the same time being a stockholder in the company which submitted the bid), in the event that he did not take part in the proceedings, and such bids were all along received and all along accepted and contracts for much city work has been done under this ruling.

In looking the matter up I find that the late mayor, Judge George H. Williams, an eminent attorney, investigated the subject and decided it to be the

right thing to do and was governed by and acted upon such construction of the clause, letting large contracts for pipe under it. I find also that the city attorney filed no protest against the interpretation of the clause or in any wise pointed out that it was unlawful. I find that Thomas C. Devlin, at that time, as now, the auditor of the city, and an expert in such matters, found it the right and proper construction of the clause, and to show his entire confidence in the interpretation of it, drew and signed warrants for the payment of such claims against the city.

**Scott's Inconsistency.**  
 I find that even you, yourself, while a member of the city water board, entered into such contracts with a fellow member, and the selfsame member of the board for the same kind of pipe for the city's use in its water system. I find, too, that when a contract exactly the same in every particular was entered into with the Oregon Iron & Steel company on September 18, 1904, a year or more over a year ago, that you made an editorial in the Oregonian indorsing it as the right thing, and the only thing to do. Thus there was legal opinion of high authority emanating from a man who has been the consent general of the United States, and a member of President Grant's cabinet, for that construction of this clause of the charter. There was the apparent consent and participation of the able city attorney, and likewise the consent and participation of the expert city auditor, Mr. Thomas C. Devlin, all fully agreeable and acting upon such construction of the city charter. Lastly, there was you, until recently, for many years back as most of us can remember, the sole arbitrator of public opinion in this city, openly indorsing such construction of the charter, and saying that it was good. This was the exact state of affairs as I found them when as mayor I investigated the matter for guidance in my conduct.

**A Lawyer's View.**  
 Not quite satisfied, however, in my own mind, that it was the right thing to do, yet not wishing to do any act of injustice to any one, I sought an opinion from an attorney of high standing in this community, and his opinion coincided with that of the gentlemen referred to by me, as well as that given by you, and so not wishing, as I have said, to be unjust, I did not protest the bid at the time it was submitted. The bid then having been accepted, right quickly I find that with Williams "out" and myself as mayor "in," the aspect of the situation and the opinions of yourself and the gentlemen named by me above (with the exception of Judge Williams, who is now ill, and hasn't been heard from) have changed, and the proper interpretation of the clause is quite to the contrary, and in this, their last interpretation, I am quite willing to say that I believe that they are right. At any rate, it looks to be the only right way for the city to do its business, whether the charter specifically says so or not. The city's officers should not be allowed to do business with the city in any guise whatsoever.

**Playing a Lones Hand.**  
 So far as I am concerned, it gives suits me that the city's affairs should be kept above reproach. There is much of the people's money expended here each year, there is much for a man acting as mayor to learn of the "ins and outs" of the way that money is expended; and for a time it is going to devolve upon me to keep the affairs of the city clean and some out of this office above suspicion, if I can, and I am going to do the best that I can, and all that I can to arrive at that end, and any

kindly advice which any friendly citizen, or other person, can give me which will tend to accomplish such a result, or any hostile criticism which will act as a warning to steer me clear of shoals, or point to the safe harbor of decent government for this city's affairs during my administration, is going to be cheerfully welcomed by me. If at any time I occupy a position that is untenable I will cheerfully change it to the tenable one if it can be pointed out to me. I quite well understand that I must not allow myself to be governed by any of the precedents which have been set or followed in the administration of this city's affairs by the former administration, and that I am to "play a lone hand," with no mercy to be shown unto me or to mine if I make any mistake whatsoever.

**The Weathercock.**  
 That hedged about with every source of reliable information closed to me, and all help denied, I must feel my way, and sift a mass of material, "mountain high," to get the grain of truth that lies concealed within it. But just the same, I am going to make an effort for such results as will inure to the benefit of this city, and by the grace of the living God, and the help of the decent people of this town, I am going to make a success of it if I can.

For the help, then, of your criticisms so far given in this matter, I thank you, for they have helped to open up a question that is now settled, I hope finally, and, best of all, settled right. Though you have "blown hot and blown cold" on the same subject at different times, as best suited you, at last you have blown right, and whatever your motives may be, you shall have due credit for it. I have not had, nor do I expect fair treatment at your hands, for I know your hands, and for lo, these many years, have I seen the prints of them as you have made them day by day.

**A Garbled Quotation.**  
 As evidence of your fairness I call your attention to the fact that in your printed quotation from the charter you gave a rendition of only the first half of the clause, and for reasons of your own, quite characteristic, omitted any mention of the last half of the same, which was the exact portion upon the interpretation of which Judge Williams

and the water board had founded their ruling last year, and at the same time no doubt, was the one upon which you based your argument when you indorsed their action in doing this in one instance. There is another, in an editorial by you a while back, wherein you censured me for allowing some gamblers, namely, "Doc" Robertson and William Mallock, to escape prosecution, and laid the blame entirely upon me, when as a matter of fact the police who made the arrests were not allowed to have the warrants necessary to make the arrests, the city attorney positively refusing to issue them. You know this, for I went to the Oregonian in person and asked for a statement to that effect from you. The city attorney, Mr. McNary, also stated to the Oregonian that such were the facts. With utter indifference you allowed the stigma of neglect of duty, so far as you were concerned, to rest unjustly upon my shoulders, and do yet, in my opinion, you are now doing the same thing in respect to this water pipe and the specifications for the same. You know that the board must necessarily be largely governed in its selection by the judgment of its engineer. He is supposedly an expert in that line; they are not; so far as I am concerned, however, as a member of the board, I will say that if you or any one else can show that sheet steel is best and cheapest for the city, then sheet steel it will be, though I will have to be governed much by the judgment of the engineer in charge of the work.

**Scott Job Standard Specifications.**  
 In relation to the statement made by you that the specifications for steel sheet pipe were made onerous in certain requirements regarding "double tests," "inside caking" and "burnishing," I have to say that the specifications were obtained in the east and are what is known as "standard specifications" and are such as are required on all work now being done in eastern cities, and in no wise are peculiar or exceptional, as you well know. Also you know that the bid of the Martin Pipe company, which purported to be \$1,800 lower than any other castiron pipe, was an irregular bid, for the reason that it omitted all of the castings for one thing and put in an exceptional clause for another, which compelled the city to make a final acceptance of every inch of the pipe at Birmingham, Alabama, which is a long way from here, and is directly in conflict with the specifications of the city, which required its acceptance here. You have not at any time made mention of any of these matters in your discussion of the affair, and that you have not shown plainly that you are not fair, and do not intend nor care to be fair.

To close I will say that the contract for castiron pipe would not have been signed by me (and to this effect I gave due notice to those concerned), and the result would have been exactly what it is now, whether you had protested the act, as you do now, or indorsed it, as you did a year ago, when Williams carried a similar contract to completion, or as you did that other time when you carried out one like it yourself. Respectfully,  
 HARRY LANE.

### IGORROTES WON'T GO TO LOS ANGELES YET

The Igorottes changed their mind about going to Los Angeles on the steamer Roanoke Tuesday after they had secured their passage and checked their baggage. It was learned that their new home in Los Angeles, where they were to exhibit for the winter, had not been built. It was decided by the management that they probably would stay in San Francisco to remain until the building at Los Angeles is ready for them.



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