

# BOARD OF HEALTH ANSWERS REPORT OF CIVIC EXPERTS

## Accuracy and Spirit of Report Concerning Department Are Both Questioned in Signed Statement.

An answer to reports by the New York bureau of municipal research criticizing the city health department was made today by the city board of health. The answer, which is signed by the three members of the board—Dr. Alan Welch Smith, Dr. George B. Story and Dr. R. J. Chipman—challenges the accuracy and the spirit of statements made by the bureau. It is evident from the answer that criticisms of the department have been taken personally by members of the board.

"The health department reports were not made in an unfriendly spirit, but as a result of the facts found," said Winfred B. Bolton, expert of the New York bureau of municipal research, in commenting on the answer of the health board this morning.

"The answer of the board of health shows, unfortunately, lack of realization that survey work in its present development is not a matter of time, but a matter of obtaining results by standardized methods.

"Our report is misquoted in the answer by the health board in that portion referring to salaries. The wording of our report was 'Part time service is given to health work by the three appointed members of the board of health and by the following officers drawing \$11,700 per year.' Anyone can see that the board of health is not included in the salary list printed immediately following the statement.

### Criticisms Not Personal.

"The report also states that Mr. Allen spent almost 10 minutes inspecting the incinerator. As a matter of fact the report on incineration, garbage removal and street cleaning will be published probably on Saturday of this week, and the survey of these operations was not made by Dr. Allen, but required nearly a week, and work is still being done on these reports.

"It is true that the report severely criticizes the manner in which contagious diseases are handled. The facts found warrant the criticism, and both Dr. Smith and Dr. Story, members of the board, remarked to me in confirmation of our own views that conditions in this particular are very reprehensible.

"The New York municipal research

will take opportunity to answer these criticisms in the board of health in more detail. The criticism made by the board is apparently largely on a personal basis. Our work had nothing to do with personalities. Our reports were based on facts ascertained by careful investigation. We had not and could not have any possible reason for engaging in personalities. We criticized the system that prevents results, and showed how harm does and will result from it."

### Here But Few Days.

The statement of the city health board is as follows: "The series of reports of the New York Municipal Research bureau which have just been published are so pregnant with errors that it must be evident to any resident of Portland that these statements have been made only by paid professional critics, who after a few days' stay in this city and without knowing local conditions or what is being done, have endeavored to pass judgment upon the work of our health department, and tell us what we should do. Such a person, in our judgment, is not competent to pass upon local conditions of which he is entirely unfamiliar.

"The charges—not friendly criticism—made against the health department are not only untrue in many instances, but are misleading and malicious and accomplish nothing more than to discredit the efforts of the department to bring about better health and sanitary conditions in this city.

### Board Members Draw No Pay.

"The experts are quoted as saying that 'part time service only is given by the three appointed members of the board of health and by other health officers drawing salaries of \$11,700 a year. The impression that this statement conveys is that the three physicians who are members of the health board receive pecuniary compensation, which they do not, but who as residents and taxpayers give their time ungrudgingly and most loyally for the good of the city.

"The report says that just how much time is given is not a matter of record. The results of part time service, if analyzed by any other than a prejudiced critic, will show that City Health Officer Wheeler gives about 16 hours of his time each day, including Sundays and holidays, to the work of the department; that the deputy health officer gives practically full time, as he is subject to call at any time, the assistant to the health officer gives full time, also Sundays and holidays.

### Offer No Solution.

"The bacteriologist in consideration of the hours employed is paid accordingly. The four school inspectors are employed on the basis of each half day, their hours being from 9 to 12 each morning and are paid accordingly. The city dentist and his attendant in the free dental

clinic are employed only on Saturdays and are paid accordingly. "We do not see where the critics can truthfully say that any of these employees are not performing all the duties expected of them and are paid on the basis for the time they are supposed to be on duty. There is absolutely no justice or truth in the statement that any of them are being paid for work they do not perform. If the experts misstate facts in one instance, are they to be believed in any?"

"The report severely criticizes Dr. Wheeler personally for the manner in which he handles contagious diseases. He has had wide experience for the past 20 years in this sort of work and knows more about handling this problem than any health officer in any other city in this part of the country. Complaint is made that individuals who have suffered from contagious diseases apply at Dr. Wheeler's private office for permission to return to school, but the experts offer no suggestion as to where these subjects should be surveyed. They offer merely a criticism but no solution.

### Complaints Are Vague.

"The official visit of Mr. Allen to the incinerator consumed almost ten minutes. The main complaint was that he had heard about it in Seattle. He says that Portland's low death rate is due alone to the providence of God. If he can prove this statement, Portland will progress in spite of the New York Municipal Research bureau, whose sole object appears to be to belittle Portland. Again he says that if there was a case of smallpox in this city and it had been properly quarantined, somebody might come along during the night and remove the quarantine sign and the health department might not know it. However, he does not propose a remedy for this awful nightmare. Such suggestions as this to the receptive public, most certainly will cultivate evil dispositions against the health department.

"The vague statement is made that the public school inspection is not effective and that contagious diseases are not reported by physicians and nurses. Just what nurses' duties are in reporting contagious diseases is not quite clear. Another complaint is that the public is not properly educated in sanitary matters in spite of the publicity given by the local press and the efforts of the state, county and city health departments. It is the general impression that the average citizen of this city is as well informed in sanitary matters as the citizens in eastern cities.

### Calls Statements Ridiculous.

"The critics attack the quarantine officer, who has had more than four years of practical experience, claiming that he has nothing but a vest pocket record of his work. This officer may have a vest pocket record, but this does not affect the health department records. Statements that general diseases are not reported—that during the past year the city spent only 75 cents for antitoxine for diphtheria and many others are too ridiculous to mention and go only to show that the experts in compiling their report were at a loss for something to criticize and could think

of nothing else to say to fill out a big report and make the public and their employers believe that they were doing something to earn their money. "Great stress is laid by the experts on the absence of records of all sorts showing the work of the various employees, of the minute details of every inspection made by the sanitary inspectors, of the lack of the department to issue long, detailed monthly reports of every phase of the work of the department, and of the absence of any apparent record in regard to catching rats and swatting flies."

### Department Is Economical.

"If the health department kept such records and issued such monthly bulletins and did all the work which the inspectors would have done, instead of the health department costing the city less than \$25,000 a year, the taxpayers would have to dig down in their pockets and contribute three times this sum every year. Compared with other cities, Blank City, which the experts hold up as an example not excepted, more work is accomplished by the health department of Portland, with its \$25,000 annual appropriation, than any other city on the Pacific coast, with twice the expense.

"So far as making detailed records of killing rats and swatting flies, there is little of this to be done in this city—thanks to the efficient work of the health department through its inspectors. As the piles of garbage, filth and all sorts of refuse where rats and flies breed are rapidly becoming a thing of the past, so that there is no need of extensive education along these lines.

"DR. ALAN WELCH SMITH,  
"GEORGE B. STORY,  
"R. J. CHIPMAN."

### Warrant Is Issued.

While Constable Weinberger and his men were looking for George W. Courtney, wanted here on a charge of embezzlement, the man was being held in jail in Oakland, Cal., on four charges of embezzlement brought by the Oakland authorities. This information was received here today. Although Courtney is still in custody in the California city, a warrant has been issued here and as soon as he is released he will be arrested and held for the Portland authorities.

### Dust? Was Cause of Suit.

A dustpan, one such as is used in gathering up the dirt from the floor after it has been swept into a neat little pile, is the cause of a suit brought in the justice court today by B. Dunlap. In the complaint filed he states that he made this dustpan for J. H. Miller and another man doing business under the firm name of the New York Shoe-makers. He was to have received \$10.35 for this miniature dirt shovel, but he did not get the money, he states.

### Son Sues Father.

William Grabach, manager of the Pacific Coast Scene studio, was the defendant in a suit heard in Justice Bell's court this morning brought by his son, who alleges that his father gave him a promissory note, which had never been paid.

# FIREMEN'S STRIKE BRINGS INCREASE

## Settlement Will Cost Roads Between \$2,900,000 and \$3,480,000 Annually.

(United Press Landed Wire.)

New York, April 24.—Fifty-two railroads, whose lines embrace 50,922 miles, are affected by the decision just handed down by the Erdman act arbitration board to striking firemen.

The award is regarded as a compromise. The firemen asked for an approximate increase of 15 per cent in wages, and are granted 10 to 12 per cent. Their request for standardization of wages based on the weight of locomotives was complied with, and they will no longer be required to clean engines; but their contention for two firemen on large locomotives is denied, except in cases of necessity. Ten hours or less, or 100 miles or less, shall constitute a day's work, with certain exceptions. Hustlers and helpers on electric locomotives are given smaller increases than were demanded. Firemen will be paid continuous time who are tied up between terminals on account of the 16-hour service law.

The trouble between the 52 eastern railroads and the firemen dates from May 2, 1912. The settlement will cost the railroads between \$2,900,000 and \$3,480,000 annually. They pay \$29,000,000 in wages yearly to their firemen, who number 35,000.

Pro rata overtime on the minute basis will be paid to all classes of firemen except those in the passenger service. Passenger firemen will be paid for overtime on a basis of 20 miles an hour, computed on the minute basis.

# WILL DEBATE CHARTER ISSUE THIS EVENING

Before the South Portland Boosters in St. Lawrence hall this evening W. L. Brewster and C. W. Robinson will debate on the commission plan charter. Mr. Brewster taking the affirmative and Mr. Robinson the negative.

W. C. Benbow will explain the provisions of the commission plan charter to the Montavilla Board of Trade at a meeting this evening in the Montavilla school.

Professor W. E. Ogburn and H. D. Ogburn will discuss the commission plan charter at Baker hall, Seventeenth and Alberta streets this evening.

Mayor W. J. Hindley of Spokane will discuss commission government and its advantages at Lincoln high school this evening.

# ACCUSED MEMBERS OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE FORCE ARE SUSPENDED

## Six Men Dropped From Force Pending Trial Upon Graft Charges.

(United Press Landed Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., April 24.—Suspension of the San Francisco detectives and patrolmen accused by members of an Italian bunco ring of sharing in their illicit operations was ordered here today by Police Chief White. The men affected by the order are Acting Lieutenant James McGowan, Detective Sergeant Arthur MacPhee, Detective Frank Soala, Detective Louis Dyoletto and Patrolmen Charles Joseph and McHugh.

The action of Chief White today follows a personal interview with Michael Gallo, one of the bunco ring, at San Quentin prison yesterday and makes it certain that the accused officers will go to trial. Gallo alleges, and he backed up in his charges by Maurice De Martini and Frank Dubois, that the police received 15 per cent of their earnings.

Police Chief White made it plain this afternoon that the investigation will not stop with today's suspensions, but that he will probe the matter to the bottom.

Foreman Dumbrell of the grand jury is cooperating with White and District Attorney Pickert, and the grand jury will investigate the charges at a meeting next Tuesday evening.

Supplementing his confession of several days ago, Gallo, who is said to have been the leader of the bunco ring, today declared that Bert Blanchard, the same warden who was killed in Contra Costa county, near Richmond, several weeks ago, was slain by bunco men. Two bunco men named Paulino and Merin killed Blanchard, Gallo says, because they believed he was about to arrest them for swindling. Blanchard's death has remained a mystery since he was found with a bullet through his skull and with several dead meadow larks stuffed in his pockets.

### Maegher Trial Postponed.

The trial of Del V. Maegher, a milliner charged with a crime connected with the recent vice scandal, was postponed until Monday in Circuit Judge Gatens' court this morning. Other cases would not be taken up until the case at an earlier date. Maegher is confined in the county jail. Another indictment against him has been set for trial in Circuit Judge Kavanaugh's court for May 19.

... of the Hawaiian kukui nut has been found to be better than linseed oil in the manufacture of paint.

# INFANT IS FOUND IN BALE OF PAPER

## As Roll Is Untied at Camas Paper Mill Body Startles Workmen.

(Special to The Journal.)

Camas, Wash., April 24.—Just before a bale of old papers was to be put through the feeder at the Camas paper and pulp mill, workmen untied and unrolled the bundle and discovered the body of an infant, yesterday afternoon.

The papers had been shipped from Portland; they were Oregonians, dated April 20. The infant had been dead about two or three days and was apparently two or three days old at death. The body was taken to the undertaking parlor and the corner of Clarke county summoned from Vancouver. He is investigating this afternoon.

Portland detectives have been advised of the finding of the body of the infant, and are awaiting advice from the coroner's inquest as to further guide to their investigations. It has been determined at this point that the bundle of paper in which the body was found was shipped to Camas from Portland Monday morning on the steamer "Lone."

# INJUNCTION STOPS 20 BLOCK PAVING JOB

(Special to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., April 24.—Injunction was served upon the mayor and city council last night, temporarily restraining them from letting a contract for paving 20 blocks and preventing competition. The Warren Construction company, suit for a permanent restraining order to that effect was brought by J. J. Baumgardner, one of the property owners, on the ground that the paving used by the Warren Construction company is a patented article and prevents competition. Similar action was threatened by John Vert to prevent the paving of Riley street, Vert declaring before the council that Mayor Matlock had promised not to allow his Riley street property to affect the question. The city has just won one paving suit, which has been appealed to the supreme court.

### W. D. Wheelwright to Return.

William D. Wheelwright of the Pacific Export Lumber company, who has been making a tour abroad, will return to Portland next Saturday morning. Journal Want Ads bring results.

Draperies, Lace Curtains, Rugs, Beds and Bedding on the Fourth Floor—Millinery, Suits, Dresses, Shirtwaists, Raincoats on Second Floor We Are Portland Agents for Butterick Patterns, American Lady, Lyra, Nemo and Gossard Corsets, Kayser's Silk Gloves and Hosiery

75c Nightshirts at 59c  
Men's Muslin Night Shirts, cut long and full and finished with flat collar or V neck. Our regular 75c values. Don't fail to see them. Priced special for this sale tomorrow at, the garment 59c

The Holtz Store  
GOLD BOND TRADING STAMPS WITH EVERY PURCHASE  
HOLTZ CORNER 5th & WASH. STS.

75c Underwear at 39c  
1000 men's Undergarments, broken lines, including flat and derby ribbed Balbriggan, Poros Knit and Sea Island cotton, in white, fêru, blue or salmon colors, long or short sleeve shirts, knee or ankle length drawers. Values to 75c, at 39c

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\$1.50 Shirts 95c  
Men's Negligee Shirts with soft French cuffs attached and soft collars to match. Made of splendid quality soisette; plain colors and neat stripes. Best \$1.50 95c values, offered special at 95c

# Sensational Sale \$10,000 Stock of Spring Neckwear At Less Than Half Price

A prominent New York manufacturer's entire reserve stock, purchased by the Holtz store at 50c on the dollar, makes the sale possible, and you have a share in our good fortune in the low prices quoted for tomorrow. For convenience we have divided the stock into six lots, on sale as follows:

Lot 1.—50c Values, 18c—Newest conceits in women's Neckwear. Imperial Collars, Jabots, Coat Collars, Fancy Stocks, Robespierre Collars, Ascot Stocks, Bows, Corsage Bouquets, Waist Sets, etc., in a large variety of styles; values to 50c; each 18c	Lot 2.—\$1.00 Values, 33c—Beautiful lace-trimmed Jabots, Satin Collars, Imperial Collars, in many styles, Medici Collars, Robespierre Collars, Bows, Pique Coat Sets, Bulgarian Coat Sets, etc.; all the newest styles and effects; regular values up to \$1, at 33c	Lot 3.—\$1.50 Values, 55c—Hundreds of beautiful styles in this assortment. Ratine Coat Sets, Fichus of Lace or Lawn Chemisettes, fancy lace Collars, Imperial Collars of fine lawn, satin or silk Robespierre Collars; each 55c
Lot 4.—\$2.00 Values, 79c—Elegant assortment of new Prince Imperial Collars in ratine, lawn and crepe, large ratine Collars, fine Shadow Lace Collars, Coat Sets, Waist Sets, Bulgarian Collars, Fichus of lawn and lace, etc.; values to \$2.00; only 79c	Lot 5.—\$3.00 Values, 79c—In this lot are scores of pretty styles in embroidered Coat Sets and Medici Collars, many trimmed with buttons; beautiful Imperial Collars, fancy Lace Collars, etc.; regular values to \$3.00. Special 79c	Lot 6.—\$4 Values, \$1.45—The daintiest neckwear brought out this season. Beautiful lace-trimmed and embroidered Coat Sets, Fichus of voile and lace, Imperial Collars, satin-trimmed with fine shadow laces, etc.; regular values up to \$4.00. Special \$1.45

# Sample Line Beaded Bags Maker's Cost

An immense sample line of new beaded Hand Bags, very latest styles, in assorted gilt and gunmetal frames, all sizes. Regular \$2.00 Bags for 98c Regular \$3.98 Bags at \$1.69 Regular \$4.98 Bags at \$2.89

# Rich Cut Glass \$2 Values 98c

Friday sale of 2000 pieces of 6-in. Handled Nappies, Spoon Trays, Bonbon Dishes, Mayonnaise Sets, Sugar and Creamers, Cream Pitchers, two different patterns, deeply cut. Values to \$2 each, priced special at only 98c

# Rubber Goods at Low Prices

Great Friday sale of "Wear-ever" Rubber Goods. Notice: 2-qt. Fountain Syringes, \$1 val.; special 69c 3-qt. Fountain Syringes, \$1.25 val., only 79c 2-qt. Seamless Water Bottles; \$1.50 val., at 98c 3-qt. Seamless Water Bottles, regular \$1.75 values, special at \$1.25 2-qt. Combination Water Bottle and Fountain Syringe; \$2.50 val. 50c "Challenge" Household Rubber Gloves, sizes 6 to 10, on sale at, pr. 39c \$1.50 No. 2 bulb Syringe 98c \$2 Sanitary Douche, \$1.25 50c Rubber Bathing Cap 25c 79c Fancy Bathing Caps 49c 5c Seamless Nipples only 2c 35c Nursery Bottles with rubber nipple, complete 15c priced special at only 15c

# Sale of 50,000 Yards of New Black Silk Friday at Exactly Mill Cost

The surplus stock of a New York wholesaler, bought at a big concession, enables us to offer you Friday and Saturday the most extraordinary values in Black Silks ever presented in Portland. In the collection are the choicest of 25 and 36-inch Black Brocaded Silks, Messalines, Peau de Soies, Duchesse, Taffetas. Every piece in the lot is a splendid quality and a great bargain at the price quoted here. For convenience we have divided the purchase into six great lots. Choose Silks here tomorrow. Read below:

Lot 1. 79c Silks 49c—5000 yards of Black Messalines, Satin Duchesse, Taffetas, etc.; 26 inches wide; regular 79c values; yard 49c	Lot 2. 89c Silks, 59c—3000 yards of new Black Messalines and Taffetas; full 36 inches wide and regular 89c values. Special, yard 59c	Lot 3. 98c Silks, 69c—6000 yards of Black Peau de Soies, Brocaded Messalines and Taffetas; regular 98c values. Special at, yard, 69c
Lot 4.—\$1.25 Silks, 89c—Rich quality Black Satin Duchesse, Peau de Soie, plain Messaline and Taffeta Silks; \$1.25 values. Special, 89c	Lot 5. \$1.50 Silks, 98c—Popular brocaded and plain black Silk Messalines, Peau-de-Soie, etc., 36 inches wide; \$1.50 values, at 98c	Lot 6. \$2.00 Silks, \$1.39—Finest quality rich Black Satin Duchesse, Peau de Soie and Messaline, 36 in. wide; \$2 values, yd. \$1.39

# Boys' \$1.50 Knickerbocker Trousers 95c

On the Balcony tomorrow, a great special sale of Boys' Knickerbocker Trousers in tweeds, chevots and cassimeres, in browns, grays and fancy mixtures; peg and semi-peg; all sizes; values to \$1.50. Choice 95c

# Boys' 'Mother's Friend' Wash Suits Special

The famous "Mother's Friend" Wash Suits for boys and 2 1/2 to 10 years. Russian and Sailor Blouses, military or sailor collars, made of best quality percales, madras cloth and linen; colors. Regular \$2.00 Wash Suits, Special only \$1.48 Regular \$3.50 Wash Suits, Special only \$1.98 Regular \$3.00 Wash Suits, Special only \$2.48

# Muslin Nightgowns and Combination Garments, \$1.35 Values for 98c

Nightgowns in muslin, nainsook and crepe in many and various styles; all new designs; beautifully and daintily trimmed with Hamburg embroideries and fine Valenciennes and torchon laces; every garment in the lot a good \$1.35 value; only 98c

Combination Garments, made of best quality muslin, with yokes, daintily fashioned of both lace and embroidery; every garment in the lot is perfectly made and a splendid value at \$1.35. Choice 98c in this special sale for 98c