

MAJORITY ADMITS MORAL OBLIGATION TO PAY BONDSMEN

Claims for Loss in Building of The Auditorium Submitted to Committee for Investigation.

Although Commissioners Bigelow and Mann protested vigorously against admitting that the city had a "moral responsibility" in paying the claims amounting to \$76,000 proffered by the bondsmen of Hans Pederson, contractor for The Auditorium, affirmative vote of Mayor Baker, along with Commissioners Pier and Barbur made possible the whole matter being referred to a board of arbitration, following a four-hour discussion Wednesday at the city hall.

Evidence presented from various sources aimed to show Pederson had been "coerced" by the city to complete work in connection with The Auditorium outside the terms of his contract, and that his bondsmen had lost a large sum. Proponents of arbitration of the claims stated that despite City Attorney La Roche's ruling that the city had no legal responsibility in the case, there was a distinct and well defined moral issue prevalent.

CHARGES OF COERCION

Commissioners Bigelow and Barbur balked at Mayor Baker's resolution, which would empower the mayor to appoint a committee of five businessmen to sit as a board of arbitration in determining claims. Bigelow moved the denial of the application of C. C. Bayer, bondsman for Pederson, asking for arbitration of the claims. Mann seconded the motion, and on final vote Mayor Baker, along with Pier and Barbur, saved the issue.

Mayor Baker announced that he would submit his resolution authorizing the council to appoint a board of arbitration on the matter at next Wednesday's meeting of the city council.

Jay Bowerman pointed out at the opening of the hearing that Pederson had been virtually coerced into utilizing unemployed city labor in cutting stone at The Auditorium after he had previously signed a contract with the Hercules Sand & Stone Co. of Tenino, Wash.

MORAL OBLIGATION
He further declared that the city ordered Pederson to purchase face brick from the Pacific Face Brick company of Newberg, and that when brick delivered by the company did not match in color the same brick supplied by Pederson was again forced to break his contract at a big loss.

"I have profound respect for the legal opinion of City Attorney LaRoche," said Franklin T. Griffith, "but law does not always mean abstract justice."
"There is a very strong moral obligation in this matter," asserted Marshal N. Dana, one of the city's committee of business men investigating the claims. The other members are Otto Hartwig, William F. Woodward and E. B. MacNaughton.

Booze Hid in Bread
By Grocer Leads to Find of Contraband
A loaf of bread with a bottle of whiskey neatly hidden in the center resulted in the arrest and conviction of A. Lavagno, proprietor of the French grocery store, 40 North Third street, on a charge of violating the prohibition law, according to the story told by Patrolmen Drennen and Farmlay. Lavagno was fined \$150 in the municipal court Wednesday afternoon.

Several days ago the two patrolmen entered the grocery store, and finding a loaf of bread on the counter, broke it in half, discovering the bottle of whiskey. Drennen said. A search of the premises revealed a large quantity of rare wines and whiskey in the basement and under a shelf beneath the counter, according to the police.

Further investigation of Lavagno's residence at 89 East Tenth street north, revealed about 600 gallons of whiskey, according to the patrolmen. The whiskey was confiscated, and Lavagno turned over to federal authorities, according to the police.

Other fines levied in the municipal court Wednesday on charges of having liquor in possession and violating the prohibition law include Tony Gattuccio, \$50; George Emmert, \$40; Oscar Hoon, \$10.

Two Confess Charge Of Coal Thefts From Truck, Police Claim

Charles Schlaser, 322 1/2 East Burnside, and H. P. Peterson, Grand Union hotel, who were arrested Wednesday afternoon by Inspectors Collins and Coleman, admitted to the detectives, the police say, that they had taken five sacks of coal.

Collins was seated at his home, near Thirty-ninth and Thompson streets, when he saw a coal truck pass by, loaded with coal sacks. A short time later the truck passed again, going in the same direction, but empty. Collins followed the truck, and saw the two men pick up five sacks of coal from the sidewalk a few blocks away. Charges of larceny were placed against both men, with bail set at \$500. They are employed by the Economy Fuel company, 21 Grand avenue.

Whiskey Flask Is Encased in Brick

An ingenious device for shipping whiskey was discovered by the police Tuesday night, when an unidentified man walked into police headquarters with a plaster of paris brick which he had found on the O.W. R. & N. tracks. A corner of the plaster had been broken away, revealing a broken whiskey bottle.

Jurist Returns From California
Judge Bean returned to his bench in federal court Wednesday following a month's absence in California. He has been holding court in Los Angeles and San Francisco, principally on the oil cases of the government against the Southern Pacific. Federal Judge Wolverton will leave for San Francisco Friday. He will sit with the circuit court of appeals.

"Red" Suspect Arrested
H. R. Johnson, 21, an alleged "Red," was arrested by two patrolmen on the purity squad Tuesday night and is being held pending investigation. The police say they found "Red" literature in his room. Johnson is said to have been arrested in Centralia following the Armistice day massacre. He was released there a few days later.

SPANISH INFLUENZA
Guard against it by using Formazin, the ideal mouth wash. For sale by Portland Hotel Pharmacy.—Adv.

Groceries

Coffee, M. & F. Special blend, lb. 45c
Buckwheat Flour, pure 90c
Eastern, 8-lb. sack...
Seeded Raisins, fancy new crop, No. 1 pkgs., dozen \$2.50, three packages 65c, 22c
Golden Dates, new crop, 3 lbs. 85c, lb. 30c
Butter, M. & F. Blue Ribbon brand, 2-lb. roll \$1.34
Finnan Haddie, fancy stock, none delivered, lb. 28c
Holland Herring, Milchner's White Hoop, new \$2.45
Soap, Crystal White, 100 bars \$7. ten bars...
Meier & Frank's Grocery, Ninth Floor.



Everyone Should Drink TREE TEA

If you like BLACK TEA Ask for CEYLON
If you like GREEN TEA Ask for JAPAN

JUST THINK OF IT
One Pound 16 oz. Full Weight 49c

Half Pound 8 oz. Full Weight 25c
Five Pounds Full Weight \$2.35
YOU SAVE MONEY AND BUY THE BEST TEA IN THE LAND



Mr. & Mrs. Lower Price Store

Friday and Saturday While Any Remain

Great Apparel Cleanups

Our entire remaining Lower Price Store stocks of Fall and Winter apparel have been grouped together and will be sold Friday and Saturday at drastic reductions. Limited numbers in some cases. Early selection is advised.

100 Women's Coats \$4.49

Made of good serviceable fabrics in many desirable styles. Broken sizes—some suitable for misses' and children's wear. Included in the lot are coats regularly priced as high as \$15.00.

50 Silk Dresses \$12.95

Attractive silk messaline dresses in belted and overskirt effects. Round neck styles. Wanted shades of brown, navy, wistaria and black. All regular sizes. Formerly priced at \$16.75.

Rain Coats and Capes \$3.98

A clearaway of 125 women's, misses', boys' and girls' rain coats and capes in good belted styles. Some of the children's have hats to match, many of the capes are in hood styles. Children's sizes 6 to 14. The women's garments are regularly \$5.95, the children's \$4.49 to \$5.95.

250 Silk Skirts \$2.98

Women's fine quality silk poplin skirts, also serviceable blue serge models and other odds and ends. Broken assortment of styles and sizes. Regularly priced at \$3.45 to \$5.95.

125 Good Skirts \$3.98

These skirts are made of finely serviceable blue serge and Melrose cloth of the better quality. All regular and extra sizes. Formerly priced at \$4.95 to \$6.95.

A Sale of Waists \$1.49

Women's waists of fine voile, a few of georgette and crepe de chine. Broken lot of styles and sizes. Some in colored stripes and checks. Regularly priced to \$3.98.

Good Wash Waists at 50c

A final clearaway of odd lots women's wash waists in many styles. Mostly white. Some are slightly soiled. Broken sizes. Regular values to \$1.49.

Millinery Cleanup \$1.00

At this price is included all our remaining Fall and Winter hats that have been marked as high as \$6.98. Limited number.

Women's Good Shoes \$1.98

500 pairs of women's patent colt, dull calf and dull kid shoes in lace and button styles. Low or high heels. Sizes 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/2 only. Many worth several times this price.

Women's Union Suits 98c

A clearaway of women's medium weight fleece-lined cotton union suits in high neck, long sleeves, low neck, sleeveless, ankle length styles. White only. All sizes. Regularly \$1.25 to \$1.49.

Women's Cotton Hose 39c

A limited number of these serviceable cotton stockings with heavy ribbed tops. Black and balbriggan. Outsize 9 to 10 1/2. Regularly priced at 59c a pair.

Women's Warm Scarfs 50c

These warm scarfs are of angora, wool and wool mixed materials. A good assortment of colors, both plain and fancy. With fringed ends. Regularly priced to \$1.49.

Children's Sets at \$1.49

Children's wool mixed three-piece sets consisting of sweater, cap and leggings. A broken line of sizes. Regularly priced to \$4.49. Limited number.

Child's Bath Robes \$1.48

These bath robes are made of warm double-faced Eiderdown flannel in attractive patterns and colorings. Finished with satin trimming. Cord girdle and tassel. Broken sizes 2 to 12 years. Were \$2.98.

Men's Khaki Shirts \$1.25

Good durable cotton khaki shirts made with attached flat collar and two pockets. Full cut, well made shirts in a broken line of sizes.

Men's Night Shirts \$1.25

Flannel night shirts in good patterns. With flat and military collars and one pocket. All sizes.

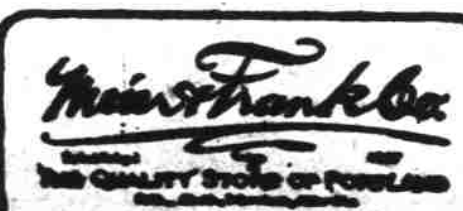
Men's Union Suits \$1.39

Good medium weight union suits in long sleeves, ankle length, closed crotch style. White only. All sizes.

Boys' Union Suits at 79c

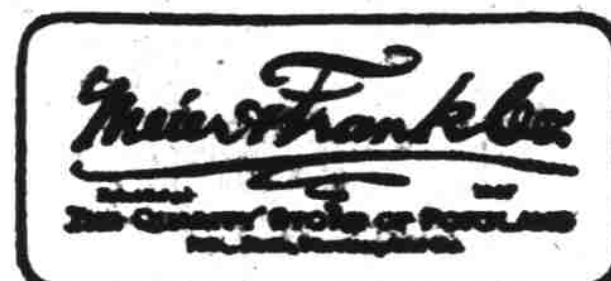
Boys' medium weight union suits suitable for present and Spring wear. Broken sizes 8 to 14 years.

—Meier & Frank's: Lower Price Store, Basement Balcony.



CHARGE PURCHASES GO ON FEBRUARY BILLS RENDERED MARCH

MEIER & FRANK'S 1564TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES



Chocolate Walnut Cream Fudge Lb. 29c

Our standard 50c kind. Two thousand pounds freshly-made in the enlarged Daylight Candy Kitchen. Packed in one-pound boxes. No telephone orders. None delivered.

—Meier & Frank's: Ninth Floor and Other Candy Sections.

1564th Friday Surprise Sales

MEIER & FRANK'S 1564TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES

Wonderful Silk Blouses \$3.95



Two were \$4.50. Some were \$5.

Most of them were \$6 or more, majority of the blouses being oddments remaining from a special purchase that almost sold out the one day they were on sale—and all these models were worth more than six dollars originally. Judge, therefore, how good they are at \$3.95. Georgette crepe, pongee and crepe de chine in white, flesh, maize, orchid, brown, black, plum, gray, bisque and navy.

A few white cottons are in the lot—including madras and voile.

Sizes 36 to 44 to start with.

Fair warning—usually only one of a style and size and some show marks of handling.

—Meier & Frank's: Blouse Shop, Fourth Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1564TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES

\$10—\$15—\$25

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of Distinguished Style and Rich Materials

Short coats of wool jersey in sports colors—dark velvet—fibre—poplin—shantung—tricotine. Longer coats, dolmans or capes of paillette with duvetyn, tricotine, marvelous satin and black taffeta.

Mostly one of a kind. Each one a "bargain" in the good old-fashioned meaning of the word.

All these left-overs are reduced so far below their original prices that we shall make no comparisons. You can see the former prices on the original tickets for yourself.

Limited number.

None C. O. D., none on approval. No exchanges—each transaction must be final.

—Meier & Frank's: Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1564TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES

385 Pairs Women's \$5.00-\$8.00

High Shoes \$2.85



A final disposal of women's and big girls' high shoes in short and discontinued lines. Nearly all are black kid shoes in lace and button styles; some have cloth tops. High, medium and low heels. All sizes 2 1/2 to 8, a good selection of J. & T. Cousins shoes in sizes 2 1/2 to 4 1/2. Widths AAA to D.

Early selection is advised. No phone orders. C. O. D.'s, approvals or exchanges.

—Meier & Frank's: Shoe Shop, Third Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1564TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES

Women's Fine Silk Hose \$1.69

700 pairs of women's fine quality pure silk hose with reinforced lisle tops and heels. Plain colored full fashioned silk hose and fancy seamless hose with vertical stripes. Good assortment of colorings. A clearaway of odds and ends from a prominent manufacturer of high-grade silk hose. Wonderful values at pair \$1.69.

—Meier & Frank's: Hosiery Shop, Main Floor.

Room Size Rag Rugs Half

Just 44 large rag rugs to be closed out Friday at HALF our regular prices. These are slightly soiled. Blue, pink, yellow, tan and lavender rugs with plain and fancy floral borders.

3 Rugs, 6x9 feet, Were \$10.00, Now \$5.00
3 Rugs, 6x9 feet, Were \$14.00, Now \$7.00
3 Rugs, 7.6x10.6, Were \$20.00, Now \$10.00
5 Rugs, 8x10 feet, Were \$16.50, Now \$8.25
2 Rugs, 8x10 feet, Were \$20.00, Now \$10.00
10 Rugs, 9x12, Were \$20.00, Now \$10.00
15 Rugs, 9x12, Were \$25.00, Now \$12.50

—Meier & Frank's: Rug Store, Seventh Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1564TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES



8-Pc. Kitchen Sets \$1.29

These serviceable 8-piece kitchen sets consist of one each of the following: Small meat saw, 8-inch butcher knife, 8-inch bread knife, can opener, small family cleaver, kitchen fork, paring knife and sharpening stone. Illustrated.

—Meier & Frank's: Housewares Section, Basement.



Sale—at \$34.85

of 200 fine suits for men and young men (the latter preponderating) at which price the suits are less than it will cost us at wholesale to replace them with garments of equal worth.

Excellent makes. Many of the suits are all wool. Style and workmanship are up to our usual critical standards. Sizes 34 to 44.

Clearing our stocks of these 200 suits prior to inventory and giving our patrons a big inducement to snap them up in a hurry. Benefits us both!

Friday and Saturday, while the lot lasts.

—Meier & Frank's: The Store for Men, Third Floor.

That Extra Good Shirt Sale

which created a good deal of a furore among shirt buyers today and which has brought new lustre to the merchandising mastery of The Store for Men is due to repeat tomorrow. Several hundred men will testify that this shirt sale is a fair knock-out and we are in hearty agreement with these good judges of values.

\$1.65—\$2.65—\$3.65

are the prices and they designate a trinity of values that own no peer. The \$1.65 shirts were \$2.85 and \$3.50; the \$2.65 shirts were \$4.00 and \$4.50; the \$3.65 SILK shirts were \$5.00, \$6.95 and more. First two groups perfect quality, some of the silk shirt sub-standard or soiled.

—Meier & Frank's: The Store for Men, Main Floor.



Slicker Coats \$5.75

Months ago we made a fortunate special purchase of these slicker coats. Owing to factory delays we did not receive delivery on the garments until a few days ago. Price in the meantime has gone up. This means that men can buy these slicker coats now when NEW at less than present wholesale cost.

Best grade GREEN slickers made by the famous Beacon Falls Rubber Company. Three-quarter length. Will not stick. Limited number at \$5.75.

—Meier & Frank's: Sporting Goods, Sixth Floor.

We Have 500 Excellent Suits

for Boys Like This Which We Offer at \$11.85

for Friday and Saturday and we will match these boys' knicker suits quality for quality, style for style and workmanship for workmanship with ANY boys' suits offered at the price anywhere in America today.

For they are Sampeck and Dubbelbilt—America's best—and others of guaranteed excellence. They are made of finely serviceable materials in popular styles and they are priced without regard to worth.

SOME HAVE 2 PANTS.

Sizes 6 to 18 years.

—Meier & Frank's: The Store for Boys, Third Floor.



MEIER & FRANK'S 1564TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES

\$2.25 and \$2.50 Umbrellas \$1.89



An unusual Friday Surprise offering! 500 black American taffeta (cotton) umbrellas of excellent quality.

Men's with straight handles, 7 ribs, 28-inch spread. Women's with cord and "Bake-Lite" handles, 7 ribs, 25-inch spread.

—Meier & Frank's: Umbrella Shop, Main Floor.

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