

PIRES INTO SCANDAL

District Attorney Investigates Front-Street Bridge Deal.

LOOSE METHODS DISCOVERED

Executive Board Allowed Lowest Contractor to Withdraw Bid So Pacific Construction Company Could Make Big Profits.

Exactly how deeply two or three members of the Executive Board are involved in the scandal surrounding the second awarding of the contract on the front-street bridge will be a branch of the investigation which District Attorney Manning has started. He has already heard considerable evidence bearing on the connection between these officials and the contractors.

Any investigation whatever will disclose the remarkable methods followed in the City Engineer's Department while W. C. Elliott was the head of that department. In the front-street bridge, for instance, Mr. Elliott publicly estimated that 100 cubic yards of concrete would be required. There are over 1200 yards according to two separate measurements. This concrete will cost the city \$3,750 a yard.

Here is the explanation of the reason why it was profitable to get J. J. Maney, of the Pacific Construction of Everett, Wash., to withdraw his bid. He thought that 100 cubic yards of all the concrete required. The concrete is paid for at so much per yard, the bid price being upon that basis and not upon the total amount of concrete to be used.

Those on the inside knew that more than twice 500 yards would be needed. There was a profit of almost \$4 a yard in eight. With Maney out of the running there was a neat pick-up in the contract. Therefore Mr. Maney found it to his interest to withdraw his bid of \$5,900 odd for the work.

As a matter of fact the front-street bridge will cost very close to \$70,000. The difference in the amount of the concrete to be placed between the estimated 100 yards and the actual amount makes up the additional one-fifth and more.

Every bidder on city contracts is required to send a certified check for 10 per cent with his bid. When Maney's bid was withdrawn and the certified check sent back to him another check went with it. This check was for \$100 and was the price for the withdrawal. This went through the hands of C. W. Miller, the attorney for Maney.

It was Judge C. H. Carey, the practical partner of George F. Heuser, who obtained the subcontract for the bridge, who appeared before the Executive Board and asked that the bid of his client, Maney, be withdrawn as a mistake had been made in calculations. The members of the Executive Board didn't want to work a hardship upon any contractor. So the bid was withdrawn.

In this connection it has been generally believed that Representative A. A. Bailey had told District Attorney Manning he had seen the \$100 check sent to Maney. This Mr. Bailey denied last night.

There have been deals in every contract, but pools between contractors never hang together. It has been tried again and again, but always some independent who has been ignored cuts in and the deal is spoiled. Until the present incumbent took charge of the City Engineer's office deals were plentiful but they went to a favored few.

SAILOR BOCK TALKS DYNAMITE

Says Governor Should Be Blown Up Like Grand Dukes.

That Governor Chamberlain, for conferring with sailor boarding-house commissioners, should be blown up like a Russian Grand Duke is the opinion of Charles Bock, of the Sailors' Union, expressed in a meeting of the Federated Trades Council a week ago.

The bold remark was not made public till yesterday, when in a trial before Judge Hogue A. W. Jones, member of the legislative committee of the Federated Trades Council, said that Bock had been expelled from the Council in consequence.

Bock seems to be getting the worst of it all around. For his heated remarks he lost his case, and yesterday in a trial in which John Murphy and Andy Matson, of the Longshoremen's Union, were accused of assaulting Bock and Nelson, of the Sailors' Union, in trouble which arose over the ship Emigh, the defendants were dismissed, and Bock, one of the plaintiffs against Murphy and Matson, bound over for trial by jury next Tuesday, while the other plaintiff, Nelson, was found guilty of disorderly conduct.

Judge Hogue, in giving his decision after hearing the evidence introduced, said that Nelson was clearly guilty, and Bock, too, but that the latter should be given trial by jury. There has been more or less continuous trouble between the longshoremen and the sailors, the quarrel which ended in court yesterday beginning two weeks ago at Front and Burnside streets, at the hall of the two unions.

Bock made his remark regarding Governor Chamberlain at a meeting of the Federated Trades, when, after a heated discussion, he waved a newspaper clipping in his hand, which said that the Governor had received members of the Sailors' Boarding-house Commission, reading from it, and saying that the Governor for receiving such men deserved a fate similar to that of the Grand Duke Sergius.

Firemen Hurt at a Fire.

A defective flue caused a small fire last evening in the building occupied by the Steamship saloon, First and Flanders streets. The fire, which broke out about 11 o'clock, started in the wall of the building and burned to the roof, resulting in damage to the extent of about \$25. It was easily extinguished by Fire Department No. 1. Only a small hole in the roof was burned.

Fireman Ed Hewston, of the department, was badly cut on the left wrist by an ax when cutting a hole in the roof of the building. The vein in his wrist was severed and he bled considerably, but it is not thought that the injury will prove serious. Jim Mullen, another of the firemen, was cut on the back with an ax when the roof was being opened. He suffered a gash several inches long, but as it was not very deep it is not considered serious.

SALE TODAY.

Ladies' muslin underwear, corsets and kid gloves. We have no competition in legitimate merchandising. McAllen & McDonnell.

OPEN TONIGHT The Meier & Frank Store
UNTIL 9:30 Portland's Largest and Best Store UNTIL 9:30
We're Sole Portland Agents for the "Ostermoor" Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses, All Sizes Trunks and Traveling Bags, in the Greatest Trunk Store on Coast—All Sizes and Styles Lawn Mowers, Garden Hose, Garden Implements, Etc., in the Basement

Fascinating Spring Millinery

Bendel, Gage, Burgesser, Phipps Hats \$1.95 to \$15.00

Our attractive millinery showing is the talk of the town—Prettiest headgear, largest display, most reasonable prices—When these conditions prevail its only natural for the great bulk of the millinery business to concentrate here—It is easy to convince you as we have hundreds of women of fashion the past week



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Ready-to-Wear Hats

\$1.75 to \$5.98

Thousands of smart styles in ready-to-wear Hats—creations and values that you can't equal in the city.

Misses' Trimmed Hats, lace or silk or of fancy braids, with and without flower trimmings; great showing at, each, \$2.98 up to \$10.00

Hand-made dress shapes, finest silk braids, chiffons, practically ready to wear; some prefer to add a bow or flower, but that is a matter of taste—it is not necessary.

Children's Millinery Spec'ls

Children's new Straw "Buster Brown" Sailors, white and colors; great special values at \$1.25, \$1.49

Children's "Bo-Peep" and "Poke" Hats and Bonnets, new effects and great special values at \$1.25 to \$2.50

Boys' linen, pique and duck Hats and Caps, in great assortment.

Women's Tourist Caps, many styles.

Untrimmed Hats, flowers, wreaths and other trimmings, novelty and shaded ostrich plumes and pom-poms, aigrettes, etc., etc.—Second Floor.

Great Sale Of Men's Clothing Today

\$22.50, \$25 Suits for \$18.65

There should be some very active selling in the Men's Clothing Store today. Suit and Trousers bargains worth investigating.—Second Floor.

Men's medium weight, all wool, fancy worsted Sack Suits, in neat stripes and overplaids, dark brown, dark gray and black mixtures; regular \$22.50 and \$25.00 values; on sale today at **\$18.65**

Men's fine mixed tweed and fancy cheviot suits, in the latest patterns and cut; value extraordinary, for today's selling only, at **\$18.00**

Extra fine grade fancy worsted and black unfinished worsted Suits; special values at **\$22.50 to \$25.00**

Men's new Spring Trousers, in the latest cut and patterns, perfect fitting, great values. **\$5.00**

New fancy wash Vests, each **\$1.25 to \$5.00**

Boy's Clothing Bargains Today

Boys' all-wool Suits, in double-breasted and Norfolk styles, Norfolk Suits, with knickerbockers or straight pants, 8 to 15 years; best \$5.00 values, today **\$3.85**

Youths' all-wool Suits, in light and medium grays and dark browns, very latest styles, single and double-breasted, ages 13 to 20 years; great bargain **\$1.75**

Men's Furnishing Specials

Men's Madras Golf Shirts, all sizes, in fancy stripes, phenomenal value at this price, each **50c**

Men's \$1.50 gray Suede Gloves, the very best styles and quality, all sizes; matchless value at, pair **\$1.10**

Men's Silk Bows and Midget Ties; great variety of the very best patterns and colorings, each **19c**

Men's Web and Lisle Suspenders; best 50c values on sale at the low price of, pair **39c**

Men's pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs; best 25c values; on sale for **19c**

"Shawknit" Sox, all colors, black, grays and tans, plain and white feet, all sizes; some stores ask 35c for them; sale price **19c**

20 dozen new large English Squares and 2 1/2-inch Four-in-Hands, in the very best patterns, colorings and quality of silk; best \$1.00 values; on sale for, each **50c**

Boys' Jersey Sweaters, in navy, gray and maroon; the best \$1.50 values; on sale at **\$1.10**

1000 Doz. Oranges 20c Doz.

1000 dozen large California Navel Oranges, delicious fruit, the size and quality fruit-stands and neighborhood grocers are asking 35c a dozen for—Buy all you want at 20c dozen

17 lbs. Western dry granulated Sugar for **\$1.00**

10-lb sack yellow or white Corn Meal; on sale for **25c**

10-lb. sack Pastry Flour **30c**

10-lb. sack Cream Rolled Oats **40c**

2 cans Alamo Tomatoes **15c**

"Victor" Flour; none better **\$1.25**

1-lb. can ground Chocolate **25c**

1-lb. pkg. Baker's unsweetened Chocolate for **35c**

1-lb. jar Sliced Beef **25c**

3 pkgs. Seeded Raisins **25c**

3-lb. pkg. Soda Crackers **20c**

2 jars McLaren's Cheese **25c**

2000 lbs. of Meier & Frank's famous Mocha and Java Coffee, equal to the best 40c grade. Buy all you want today at **25c A POUND**

3 cans Van Camp's Soups **25c**

1 gallon Log Cabin Maple Syrup **\$1.25**

14-oz. bottle Queen Olives **25c**

5-lb. pkg. Gloss Starch **25c**

1-lb. basket Washed Figs **22c**

7 bars Victor Soap **25c**

3 packages Jell-o **25c**

3 cans Pioneer Cream **25c**

3 can Oregon Cream **25c**

C. & B. Pickles, quart **30c**

Specials in Notions

Golden Eagle Toilet Paper, best quality tissue; regular 93c 10c rolls for, dozen **93c**

Pompeian Massage Cream and Skin Food, cleanses and beautifies the skin, removes freckles, blackheads, pimples, **33c** etc.

"Sapolin" Wire Screen Enamel, ready for use and easily applied, will give old rusty screens a rich and brilliant finish, green and black, 1/2-pint cans **29c**

Stove Pipe Enamel, for use on all iron work, 1/2-pint cans, for **18c**

Our favorite Gold Enamel; for gilding and decorating **18c**

"Danderton" the great hair grower, small bottle, 21c; large **30c**

Eastman's Verona Violet Toilet Water, small bottle, 21c; large bottle **30c**

Cutlery

Scissors and Shears; all sizes; special at **19c**

6 1/2-inch Japanese handle Shears; guaranteed solid steel; 50c value for **43c**

Solid steel Scissors; all sizes; 50c value **39c**

Great bargain in Pocket Scissors at, pair **29c**

Manicure and Nail Scissors; extra fine quality, Best \$1.25 values on sale at **98c**

Full line of Razors, Razor Straps, Pocket Knives, Gillette Razors, per set, **\$5.00**

All the best makes in Fountain Pens.

Art Goods

Stamped Linen Pillow Tops, in floral, scroll and cross-stitch designs; best 25 values on sale for **19c**

Stamped Linen Crash Pillow Tops, in fruit and scroll designs; best \$1.25 values for **79c**

Stamped Linen Handkerchief Cases, in scroll designs; great value **27c**

OPEN TONIGHT The Meier & Frank Store
UNTIL 9:30 Portland's Largest and Best Store UNTIL 9:30
Principal Portland Agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications—April Delineator Ready "1905" Models in Go-Carts and Perambulators—Largest Display in the city—Third Floor Artistic Picture Framing to Your Order—New Mouldings—Lowest Prices—Second Floor

60 Women's Tan Covert Coats \$7.50

40 Misses' Tan Covert Coats Only \$7.50 Each

The best Covert Coat values we have offered this covert-coat season are on sale today—Both women and misses can share in the bargain—All new, up-to-date styles, perfect fitting and full range of sizes—If it's a Covert Jacket you want an unusual opportunity to buy one is presented here today

Women's 22-inch Tan Covert, collarless, welted seams, latest style sleeve, satin lined, fancy stitched neck, all sizes; the best \$7.50 Coat ever offered in the city **\$7.50**

Misses' Tan Covert Jackets, welted seams, collarless, trimmed with soutache braid, velvet and buttons, all sizes, only 40 of them. Remember, the very best value for the money ever offered **\$7.50**



Pictures Women's Shoes \$2.12 Pr

Cowboy and Mountain Girl, in colors, size 10x16 inches; 14c special value

Brass Toasts, each **12c**

The latest successful Novelties or Posters, including—

"Only a Problem, That's All," "All Same Mexican Girl," "The Whole Damn Family," Etc., etc.; all at the lowest price.

"Modes of Fashions," dating from the year 1400 to the present time; passepartout binding, 8x10 inches, each **14c**

Slightly damaged Pictures at greatly reduced prices.

500 pairs of Women's fine dress Shoes at a very low price today; all new Spring stock, in patent kid, patent colt, vici kid, lace and Blucher styles, heavy and light soles, all sizes and widths; shoes that bring \$3.50 a pair at other stores; **\$2.12** today, pair

Misses' box calf and vici kid lace shoes—

Sizes 12 to 2; best \$2.00 values, for, pair **\$1.33**

Sizes 9 to 11; best \$1.50 values, for, pair **\$1.13**

Sizes 5 to 8; best \$1.25 values, for, pair **93c**

Little Gent's box calf, satin calf and vici kid shoes; 10 to 13 1/2 pair, **\$1.33**; 1 to 2, pair, **\$1.53**; 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, pair, **\$1.73**

Men's \$3.50 and \$4.00 patent leather, box calf and vici kid Shoes, Goodyear welts, all new goods; \$3.50, \$4.00 values **\$2.85** at, pair

Misses' and Children's Apparel---Best Selected Stock in the City

We're very proud of our unequalled display of stylish and reasonably priced apparel for young folks—Gave more time and attention this season than ever before to this very important branch of the business—We never forget the growing generation in our preparations for a new season—This Spring and Summer showing is of great interest to mothers from a style as well as economy point of view—2d Floor

Children's handsome Reefer Coats, made in coverts, tweeds and homespun, box style, with large sleeve, ages 6 to 14 years; each **\$11.00, \$12.00 and \$12.50**

Children's black and white check Dresses, made in French gingham and silk-finish taffetas; Russian styles, ages 6 to 14 **\$6.00**

Children's Wash Dresses, made in linens, chambrays, French ginghams and percales, all colors, Buster Brown and fancy styles; prices range from **50c** up to **\$6.00**

Children's Reefer Coats, made in cheviot and covert cloth, box style, red, blue, brown and castor, each **\$2.75** up to **\$11.00**

Children's linen and pique Dresses made in Russian style, sailor and round collar effect, trimmed in embroidery insertion and edging, light blue and white, each, **\$3.50** up to **\$8.50**

"Peter Thompson" Coats for Misses and Children—all prices.



30c Ribbons 19c Yard \$1.25 Skirts 79c

2000 yards of fancy Ribbons, 4 to 5 inches wide, including embroidered, dotted taffetas, in assorted colors, satin polka dots, silk and satin stripes, best colorings, regular 25c and 30c value, on sale today at the low price, yard **19c**

Short lengths in Ribbons, 1 and 1 1/2-yard pieces, assorted colors, suitable for **7c** hair ribbon; great value, strip **7c**

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Gloves

\$1.29 Pair

For Saturday a great odd lot of Perrins' and Trefousse Suede Gloves, sizes 5 1/2 to 7, P. K. and overseas, two and three-class styles, grays, tans, mode, white and black; \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2 values, **\$1.29** today and tomorrow at this low price, pair

Four-inch Taffeta Ribbons, large assortment of the leading shades; best 25c values at this low price, yard **15c**

Girdle Belts, All Sizes, 27c Each

Girdle Belts, in brown, blue, black and white, all sizes, exceptional values for today at low price **27c**

Knit Underwear Toy Department

"Swan" Brand women's Swiss-ribbed Vests; high neck, long sleeves, white, pink or blue, all sizes. The grade other stores ask \$1.25 for, sale price **.87c**

Women's Swiss-ribbed, low neck, no sleeve Lisle Vests, lace trimmed. The quality other stores sell at **60c**. Sale price **41c**

Women's fine white-ribbed Corset Covers, high neck, long sleeves, all sizes. Great special value at **43c**

Imported Silk Vests in beautiful new styles and at very reasonable prices.

Specials for today, Coaster Wagon, 32 in. long, 12 and 14-in. wheels. Best \$2.00 value, on sale for **\$1.64**

A practical plaything for little folks—the Little Color Artists. 25c value for **18c**

Child's Decorated Tea Set, 25 pieces; regular \$1.00 value for **82c**

Extension Roller Skates, nickel trimmings; regular **34c**

50c values for **34c**

New game of "Sniff"; 50c value, to introduce at **34c**

U. S. Mail Combination Bank; regular \$1.25 value for **84c**

Stationery

Box Papers; linen, board and plate finish; assorted colors, extra special value today at, each **9c**

Juvenile Papers for little folk; in colors; great special value at, each **7c**

Highland Linen Bond Tablets, all colors; great values note or letter size, at each, 12c each, and Turnovers; good styles; 35c, 35c and 50c values for, each **8c**

Tacked lawn Yokes with Valenciennes lace and fagotting; great values at, each, 12c each, and Turnovers; good styles; 35c, 35c and 50c values for, each **27c**

New Detroit Feather Boxes in all lengths. Handsome new Spring Neckwear arriving daily.

Women's Neckwear

Silk Windsor Ties, in plain colors, with polka dots; 50c values today **25c**

Route; great special value at, cream and white; new pretty designs; great bargains **69c**

Older and trend in silk stock and Turnovers; good styles; 35c, 35c and 50c values for, each **8c**

Tacked lawn Yokes with Valenciennes lace and fagotting; great values at, each, 12c each, and Turnovers; good styles; 35c, 35c and 50c values for, each **27c**

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Play Ball

Catcher's Mitt, with ridge and thumb; 50c value **34c**

Fielder's Glove; straight thumb; felt lined; 50c value **34c**

Baseballs and Bats at low prices.