

MANAGING THE ONE

Manning Making Inquiry Into Accusation.

BRIBE-TAKING IS ALLEGED

Councilman Is Charged With Having Received a Check for Five Thousand Dollars to Kill Telephone Franchise.

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District Attorney Manning has a new addition to an old task before him in the investigation of charges which have been brought to him alleging that Councilman Rumelin was given a check for \$5000 for services rendered in defeating the franchise asked for by the new telephone company. It is also alleged that this check was accompanied by a letter which thanked the Councilman for having given his assistance in the defeat of the franchise ordinance. When asked about the matter last night, Mr. Manning said: "I am investigating the charge that a \$5000 check was given Mr. Rumelin for his assistance in having defeated the telephone franchise, but that is about all there is to say on the subject at this time. I do not really know what there is in it, as I have not had time yet to take up the matter thoroughly. The reports which have been circulated about the case have been magnified, as I have heard nothing of a \$10,000 deal in which other Councilmen were implicated. The only allegation I am looking into is the one in relation to the \$5000 check, and how serious it is as I have just commenced making the investigation, as the matter has been presented to me but recently.

Mr. Rumelin, when asked for a statement concerning the story that the District Attorney was investigating his connection with the check alleged to have been given him for assisting in the defeat of the franchise ordinance, was noncommittal and would not be interviewed.

"I have not a word to say, sir," he said, "and I do not wish to discuss the question."

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license. His plan is said to have brought him much gain, but his patrons, it is said, have always lost the money.

Block's system was to register people desiring positions. He would furnish blanks to be filled out by prospective employers, and they would tell the nature of the position wanted by them, the amount of wages and other information. By agreeing to give them positions before June 1, Block would charge each applicant \$2.00.

Allison, it appears, did not know of any trickery, and went into the business as an investment. He has posted sufficient money with Municipal Clerk Olson to reimburse those who have paid him fees.

F. R. Allen and H. J. Vincent, operating an employment office in the Chamber Commerce building, were arrested late yesterday for failure to take out a license.

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There is so much counterfeit money in circulation in Portland that the police advise everyone specially to guard against it, and to report immediately to headquarters the receipt of any spurious coin.

Detectives have been assigned to cases where merchants and others have come into possession of counterfeit coin, but have as yet been unable to secure any clue to the identity of persons guilty of passing "the queer."

"There is always some counterfeit money being circulated," said Chief Hunt. "It is usually handed out by transients. They sometimes make the coin themselves, but more frequently travel about, placing it in circulation for confederates, who make it in distant places.

"Counterfeiting is one of the most dangerous of criminal occupations, it being an offense against the Government. Secret Service agents keep a close watch on it, and the modern detective systems, operating in every large city, make it almost impossible for men to coin money and circulate it.

"Men passing counterfeit coin usually go into stores where large business is being done, and pass their spurious money there. In the press of trade, a counterfeit piece is not always overlooked. The only way people can make sure of the genuineness of silver is to note its ring. A counterfeit piece has hardly any ring to it, while a genuine piece has a clear ring."

The counterfeit coins now being circulated here are of the denominations of quarters, half-dollars and dollars. They are said to be remarkably clever. They are clear-cut and about as perfect as any ever passed.

It has been a long time since any counterfeit paper money was passed in Portland. Several months ago there were old New Jersey Bank bills passed for \$10 bills. The police do not believe that any counterfeiting is being done in or near Portland. It is thought none has been done here or in the vicinity since the capture of a prisoner and his outfit on Willamette Heights one year ago. This seizure was made by the United States Marshal and his deputies, and was a sensational affair. For years the man had manufactured spurious silver coin in the woods overlooking Portland, and had not as much as been suspected until a few days before he was taken into custody.

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Merchandise Purchased on Credit Today, Tomorrow or Saturday Will Go on May Accounts

The Meier & Frank Store's 802d Friday Surprise Sale

1000 Axminster Rugs \$1.83



For tomorrow's 802d Friday Surprise Sale we announce another one of our great crowd-attracting Rug sales—A rug bargain without an equal in the history of Portland retailing—1000 of them, all new, high-grade Axminsters, Oriental and floral designs in immense variety. All the newest colorings, size 27x60 inches—There is not a home in Portland but what can use from one to a half dozen of these handsome, serviceable rugs to good advantage—Hotel and boarding-housekeepers should also anticipate their needs—They save the carpets where travel is heaviest—Fifth-street window display shows them off to good advantage. **\$1.83**

On sale tomorrow only at this low price

Other stores ask \$3—Mail Orders will be promptly filled if received by 6 P. M. tomorrow

Great Sale of Three-Fold Screens

Three-fold oak, white enamel or imitation Mahogany Screens; filled with silkline. Regular \$1.25 values on sale **98c** today for.

Three-fold weathered Oak Screens; filled with plain Burlap; each panel 17 inches wide, 6 feet high. Regular \$7.50 values on sale for **\$6.15**

Weathered Oak Fire Screens; 30 inches high; filled with plain burlap; \$4.50 values on sale for **\$3.25**

Weathered and golden oak India Stools; all our \$1.25 values on sale for **89c**

Custom Shade and Drapery Work our specialty. Best materials and workmanship. Lowest prices.

40c ORANGES 25c DOZEN

For Thursday, Friday and Saturday our weekly offering of oranges; great, large, delicious fruit, of the finest quality. Sale price, dozen **25c** Fruit stands ask 40c a dozen

MOCHA-JAVA COFFEE 24c

Meier & Frank's famous Mocha and Java Coffee; equal to the best 40c coffee sold at other stores. Buy all you want at, pound **24c**

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Tempting Values in Men's Wear

Near Morrison-st Entrance. Men's Summer-weight ribbed Underwear, in blue and brown, all sizes. Shirts, dark and light, 39c values. **39c**

Men's light-weight Madras Over-shirts, with soft collar, all sizes, variety of patterns. \$1.00 values **67c**

Men's black fancy embroidered Half-Hose, all sizes, great **25c** special value at 2 pairs for.

Men's pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, great special **11c** values for this sale at.

New Foulard Silk Four-in-hand and String Ties, blues, browns, light polka dots and figures. **25c** great value at.

Drug Department

"411" Perfumes, quadruple extract, all popular odors; **23c** great value, ounce.

"Satin Skin" Cream, a skin food and beautifier; special value at **10c**

Free Samples.

"Kreol" Toilet Paper, 1000 sheets, pure tissue, only **7c**

"Saponaceous" Tooth Powder **10c**

"La Premiera" pure white Castile Soap, great value. **7c**

Peterman's Discovery, permanent destroyer of bedbugs and their eggs, each **12c**

Tartine Bags, for storing your Winter garments in, two sizes; special, each **49c**

Fairy Soap, dozen cakes **35c**

Women's Silk Waists

Great Values at \$3.95

300 Women's Taffeta Silk Waists in plain colors and checks go to make up a very special Thursday and Friday bargain we have prepared.

Tailored effects in Black, Tans, Brown, Navy and checks—Side pleats, tucks and pleated—All sizes—Waists of desirable style—Well made and great value at this low price—Special values in Tailored Suits in Silk Shirt-waist Suits **\$3.95**

Misses' Undermuslins Reduced

Misses' White Cambric Petticoats, trimmed in dainty Val. laces, edgings and insertions and wide embroidery (flowers, with clusters **\$1.97** pure white; best \$1.50 values, on sale for, each

Misses' \$2.00 White Petticoats, on sale for, each **\$2.00**

Misses' and Children's Fine Cambric Drawers, trimmed in Val. lace edging, insertion and tucks; \$1.00 values 72c pair; \$1.25 values **80c**

Misses' Corset Covers and Gowns, newest and prettiest styles in great variety and at low prices.



The Meier & Frank Store

\$2, \$2.50 Night Gowns \$1.69 Ea.

60c and 75c Drawers Only 39c Pair

Two great special values in Undermuslins, special purchases that we are able to offer at prices far below regular value.

Second Floor.

100 dozen Women's Drawers, of fine cambric and Nainsook material; trimmed in laces, embroideries, clusters of tucks and insertions. Regular 60c and 75c values for, pair **39c**

60 dozen Women's Gowns, of fine cambric and Nainsooks; trimmed in laces and embroideries, edgings, insertions, clusters of tucks and ribbon; all sizes. Regular \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 values **\$1.69**

Great special lot of Children's Nainsook Dresses; ages 6 months to 3 years; pretty styles; well made; values **93c** up to \$1.50 each, for.

Sole Portland agents for the famous La Grecque Corsets and Tailored Undermuslins. Second Floor.



A Great Sale of Women's Neckwear

Blind embroidered Swiss Cuff and Collar Sets; our best **27c** 50c values on sale for.

Handsome white Lawn Yokes; trimmed in Val. lace and insertion, also tucked and fagotting effects. Great special value **24c**

Long silk Windsor Ties; assorted colors and designs. **29c**

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Black spangled Net Stocks, in a large variety of styles. **16c**

Wonderful value at, each **19c**

Midget Rajah Four-in-Hand Ties, in all the desirable shades. Matchless value at **19c**

Ostrich Feather Boas in all lengths and colors.

FOR GREAT SALE OF Women's and Children's Low Shoes

Misses' Children's Apparel

Greatest Bargains of the Season

An important three-days sale of misses' and children's ready-to-wear apparel starts today. This season's most stylish garments are radically reduced in price—Wash Dresses, Pique Dresses, Reefers, Wool Suits; attractive, well-made, up-to-date apparel at reductions that mean a saving of one-third or more—Every mother having a young daughter is interested

\$11.00 White Pique Dresses \$7.55 Ea.

Children's white P. K. Dresses, made in Russian style, with yoke of fine embroidery and deep ruffle of same material over shoulders; ages 8 to 14 years. Regular \$11.00 values on sale for **\$7.55**

\$2.25, \$2.50 Dresses for \$1.89

Children's Dresses, made of fine wash materials; Russian and fancy styles; all colors, including Scotch plaids; ages 1 to 4 years; large variety to select from. Regular \$2.25, \$2.50 values for **\$1.89**

\$5.00 Wash Dresses \$3.85 Each

Children's fine white French Pique Dresses; Russian style, with sailor collar piped, in light blue and tan; ages 4 to 12 years; the prettiest styles we have shown this season. Regular \$5.00 values for **\$3.85**

\$3.00 Wash Dresses for \$1.89

Children's Wash Dresses, made in Chambrays and French Ginghams; sailor style, with shield of white poplin with emblem; white trimmings on collar to match; ages 6 to 14 years. Regular **\$3.00** values for **\$1.89**

Children's Reefers and Suits

Children's Reefer Coats, made in blue and brown Chevriots; box style, with sailor collar; braided trimmed; emblem on sleeve; ages 4 to 12 years; our best \$9.00 values on sale for **\$6.45**

Children's "Buster Brown" Suits, made of fine quality serge, blouse style, with white linen collar and tie to match suit; pleated skirts; colors navy and brown; ages 6 to 16 years; **\$10.25** \$14.00 values for.



Women's Knit Underwear

Women's low-neck, no-sleeve Vests, with Val. lace trimming, all sizes, 50c values. **41c**

Imported Swiss Ribbed Silk Vests, low neck, no sleeves, cream or pure white; \$1.25 values. **98c**

Women's fine ribbed, high-neck, long-sleeve Gauze Lisle Vests, best 65c values, for. **48c**

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TOWELS!

Guess everybody in town must be laying in a supply of Towels judging by the selling going on here—This list and low pricing is the cause

Hemmed union Huck Towels, sold regularly at 5c, now **5c**

Hemmed union Huck Towels, best 12 1/2c value, on sale at the low price **8c**

Hemmed Linen Crash Dish Towels, 300 dozen of them; regularly 12 1/2c values, each **8c**

Hemstitched Linen Huck Towels, 30 inches long; our best 35c values, for this semi-annual sale, your choice, each **19c**

Hemstitched Linen Huck Towels, size 22x40 inches; our best 35c grades, on sale at the low price of, each **20c**

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Webb's grass-bleached, hemstitched Huck Towels, 20x36; 40c value, for **29c**

Screen Doors 87c

Screen Doors, complete, with hinges, knob, hook, etc.; size 2 1/2x8 1/2; great special value for a few days at this low price **87c**

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Refrigerators, best make, all sizes, lowest price.

Sale of Graduation Necessities

Created quite a flurry yesterday—Lace and white cotton dress material departments in particular had more business than they could comfortably take care of—Economic mothers having a daughter who will graduate this Spring will do well to give immediate thought to the graduating outfit—In addition to the saving, assortments are at their best—Plans can be completed without hurry or worry—Here are bona fide bargains in merchandise of merit

GRADUATION LACES AT REDUCED PRICES

White Point d'Esprit dotted Neis and Chiffons; our regular 75c-85c values, for, yard **60c** \$1.00 and \$1.25 values; sale price, yard **\$1.32** \$1.50 and \$1.75 values; sale price, yard **\$1.32**

French Valenciennes Laces and Insertions, values \$1.25 dozen yards; sale price, dozen yards **95c**

Valenciennes Laces and Insertions, values up to \$1.00 a dozen yards; sale price, dozen **79c**

Point de Paris and Valenciennes All-overs, 45c values, for, yard **65c**

12 and 16-button White Silk Gloves, plain and fancy backs, double tips, pair **85c to \$4.00**

White Silk and Lisle-Mesh Gloves, pr. \$1.00-1.25

WOMEN'S HOSIERY

White Lisle Hose, lace boot and allover lace, pair **50c, 75c, \$1.00**

White Gauze Silk Hose, pair **\$3.00**

Silk Lace Hose, pair, \$5.00 and **\$6.00**

Parasols, English club sticks, each **\$3.00 to \$7.50**

MATERIALS FOR GRADUATING GOWNS

BEAUTIFUL QUALITY WHITE ORGANDY—68-INCH.

46c grade, yard **35c** 46c grade, yard **35c**

50c grade, yard **44c** 56c grade, yard **75c**

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