

PRIMED FOR GRAND JURY

District Attorney Is Absent, but
Investigation of City Affairs Goes On.

RUMELIN IS UNDER FIRE

Rumors Fly About His Activity in
Regarding to City Contracts—How
City Employees Contribute
to His Revenue.

While District Attorney John Manning was absent from the city yesterday, this fact has not stopped the investigation that is being made through his office of the charges against Councilman Rumelin and other alleged cases of graft. From all accounts, the District Attorney will be loaded and primed when the grand jury is called by Judge Frazer Monday.

While there is little news in connection with the alleged Rumelin bribery case, stories of the Councilman's connections with other bridge contracts and other deals are being passed from mouth to mouth. Yesterday the story was told of Rumelin's attempt to turn the Thurman-street bridge contract over to C. W. Hodson, when it had already been let to J. B. C. Lockwood, the lowest bidder. There were several thousand dollars' difference in the amounts of the two bids, and in spite of the fact that the contract was let to the lowest bidder according to law, Rumelin is said to have made repeated attempts to have the low bidder's estimate rejected and to have the contract awarded to Mr. Hodson. Rumelin, so the story is told, had several interviews with City Engineer Elliott. One argument that Rumelin is said to have made in behalf of Mr. Hodson, who was bidding for an Eastern firm of contractors, was that the people that Mr. Hodson represented would put something like five tons more iron in the structure than Mr. Lockwood. Mr. Elliott, it is understood, refused to listen to the protests that Rumelin was making and the contract was let to Mr. Lockwood.

Successful as a Broker.

If the charges of alleged bribery against Rumelin are proved, it will be said of him that as a grafter he was a failure. A failure in one line of business, however, does not mean a failure along the line, for if there is one business he has made a glorious success of, that is his 10 per cent brokerage business. A little more than three years ago the Rumelin-Ashley loan business was at a low ebb. It was done by Maegly & Tichenor. This was before C. E. Rumelin became a Councilman. The firm of Rumelin & Ashley had for the bulk of the 10 per cent loaning business to both the city and county employees, but had been almost driven out of the business by Maegly & Tichenor. The moment, however, that Rumelin became a city official the borrowers came flocking back, and some people go so far as to say it was passed along the line that it was best that they did.

Pay rolls of the Fire Department, \$6000 of the Street-Cleaning Department and \$1100 of the Police Department—for March tell the story of Rumelin's colossal business in lending money to the city employees. There are 158 members of the Fire Department and of that number in March 73 men borrowed money from Rumelin. The receipts calling for the warrants for the salaries of these 73 men are attached to the pay roll. This is a problem for a student of economics. Think of 73 out of a total of 158 men, drawing on an average of \$49 per month, paying to this city official 10 per cent for the money they have borrowed. This month 63 slips were turned in by Rumelin for collection.

On the Police Department there are in the neighborhood of 167 men. Thirty of these pay tribute to Rumelin. The policemen get \$7.50 per month, 50 cents of which is deducted for the police and fireman's fund. The month of March was a quiet one in the loan business for Rumelin from the policemen.

City Employees Pay Tribute.

These are three city departments whose employees are piling up wealth for Rumelin. This, however, is only a drop in the cup. There is the City Engineer's Department. In one department four out of the nine men on the roll borrow from Rumelin. There are three men in charge of the pound; two of them are in Rumelin's list. There are eight men in the City Engineer's Department; two borrow money. There is one building inspector. He is on the Rumelin list. Out of 24 employees in another branch of the City Engineer's office, four are in Rumelin's list. There are 13 men in the City Auditor's Department; four are in Rumelin's list. They contribute to Rumelin. The Water Board payroll shows 140 employees; 30 of them hand over 10 per cent for the privilege of honoring Rumelin as their collector. These men average about \$150 per day, yet they, month after month, contribute to Rumelin.

These are not all of the city employees that are, month in and month out, increasing Rumelin's bank account. The same firm does business with county employees, railroad men and employees of several of the big department stores. These payroll that are handed in to the City Auditor's office are mute, but undoubtedly if they could talk they would tell a story of privation and self-denial. There has been no attempt to stop this practice of wide-open borrowing of the municipal employees by the officials. It is blinked at, and in reality the employees of the City Auditor become custodians of Rumelin's loan fund. It is Rumelin himself who does the collecting, although in justice to him it is stated that it is Ashley's name that appears on the slips.

FRANK SELEE GETS PARDON

Trusty Who Prevented Jailbreak Rewarded With Freedom.

Governor Chamberlain yesterday granted a pardon to Frank Selee, the 17-year-old lad who frustrated the attempt of prisoners to escape from the County Jail last Saturday night. Selee bravely stood the prisoners off at the point of a revolver. The pardon was issued at the request of Sheriff Wood. Selee was sentenced for stealing money and jewelry from guests of the Hotel Scott. He has previously borne a good reputation, and has promised not again to give way to temptation.

Starts for Would-Be Patrolman.

Just 166 men of Portland went to be patrolmen on the police force, according to the applications on file with the City Civil Service Commission. An examination of the applicants will be held today at the athletic field of the Multnomah Club. Each one of the number will be asked to run 100 yards, while Chief David Campbell and Alexander Donaldson keep records of their time. During the afternoon

Heard in the Rotundas

Harry L. Hoigate, now at Klamath Falls, where he is connected with the legal department of the Government Reclamation Service, was a Portland visitor yesterday. Mr. Hoigate explains the Klamath Lake situation a little differently from what has been given of late by many who have come from that district. He says that many people, drawn by the prospects of irrigation work there, are continually coming into the country looking for employment when there is little or none to give them. There is but little Government land in that section of the country unless it be what is now covered by from eight to 15 feet of water. The Lake and Lower Klamath Lake, when they are drained and the beds have been uncovered and made fit for cultivation, will provide many acres of very rich Government land, but with these exceptions and perhaps a few others, the land is mostly owned by private individuals or companies. There is great opportunity for men with even small amount of capital at this time, but there is little to encourage those who have no money to start with.

From an irrigation standpoint the Klamath country is in a very good shape as irrigation is assured whichever way the case pending in the Federal Court is decided. Even if the Government is not able to enjoy the Klamath Canal Company from using the waters of Upper Klamath Lake, still the waters will not necessitate the abandonment of the irrigation project. The Klamath project is better off than the Malheur scheme owing to the fact that in the latter the Government has options on the land with the exception of the holdings of the Klamath Canal Company, while in the latter district there are many companies and corporations which cannot be, up to this time, induced to co-operate with the Government in its work.

John Wilson, of Edinburgh, Scotland, a director of the Oregon Mortgage Company, is at the Hotel Portland this week on his way home, after having spent several weeks in the States, where he has extensive corporate interests. Mr. Wilson is an ex-member of the House of Commons, and until recently, having retired, was one of the largest merchants in Scotland. He is one of the original stockholders of the Oregon Mortgage Company.

"Ever since I first came to this country I have had a sort of a desire to make my home in Oregon," remarked Mr. Wilson at the Hotel Portland yesterday afternoon. "Oregon is my favorite state," continued Mr. Wilson. "But I have been in Edinburgh all my life and it would be well-nigh impossible to break away from the old surroundings. I was in Portland ten years ago, but I hardly knew the city. You made such wonderful improvements. Your streets are as clean as highways in Edinburgh, and that is a good deal for me to say."

"So many of your American cities are barren, you might say. All you can see is a lot of enormous buildings and chimneys. But in Portland there are so many trees and such great quantities of foliage. From Portland Heights you see almost as much green as houses. Portland is a wonderful city."

"Yes, the lower classes of the Irish are disgusted with the present conditions," said Mr. Wilson, when questioned. "The English people, who have tried their utmost to avoid trouble, have petted them too much and given them too many privileges. For instance, in the United States when a tenant kicks on the way he is being treated by the landlord, he is told to get out. But in Ireland if the tenant is not satisfied he can present his objections to the land court and the landlord has no right to put him out. The land court nearly always decides in favor of the tenant. Many of the farmers who rent are forced to such an extent that they neglect their land and crops."

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. Burns, of Walla Walla, is a guest at the Perkins.

H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, is registered at the Perkins Hotel.

R. K. Hinton, a sheepman from Shanks, is a guest at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Nichols, of Olympia, are guests at the Imperial.

B. F. Laughlin, a wheatman from The Dalles, is a guest at the Perkins.

Mrs. Dr. Gelsendorfer is in Portland for a few days. She is at the Perkins.

H. G. Van Dusen, Fish Warden, who lives at Astoria, is a guest at the Imperial Hotel.

KANSAS AND THE FAIR

Governor Hoch Writes That He Will Attend Exposition.

While Kansas is not going to participate officially in the Lewis and Clark Exposition, owing to the failure of the Legislature to make a suitable appropriation, a large delegation from Kansas is coming here, headed by Governor E. W. Hoch in person. This information is conveyed in a letter which the Governor has written to E. W. Travers, of this city. Mr. Travers has been anxious for the future of his former state to fall into line and wrote a letter to Kansas under the well-known caption first written by William Allen White—"What is the Matter With Kansas?"

Governor Hoch's answer is short and to the point. Here it is:

"There is nothing the matter with Kansas. Its banks are bulging with money, its people are happy, and the future is altogether lovely in the Sunflower State."

"The Legislature failed to make an appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Exposition, which is to be regretted. Otherwise the old state is all right, and many of its citizens will visit the great Exposition this Summer, including yours truly."

"E. W. HOCH."

BARGAINS AND VALUES

Today From 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Our jacket and suit department will interest you today. New silk shirtwaist suits in brown, blue, green and castor. Today they are at \$10.45, \$12.45, \$14.50, \$16.50. Exceptional values. Sunburst and 40 good skirts in all colors; sale price today, \$5 and \$5.45. Each skirt is perfect worth. New silk taffeta petticoats in black, brown, green and navy; \$4.45, \$4.95, and upwards. New Panama cloth tailored suits in plain and fancy weaves. High-grade garments; no two alike. All samples. On sale today at a sacrifice. New tan jackets for ladies and misses; sale price today, \$5, \$5.45, \$7.50 and upward. Ladies new waists, heavily embroidered, on sale today; greatest values on earth. French kid gloves; special sale today, 80c, 75c, 50c a pair; all colors; extraordinary values. Big corset sale today; Warner's and Thomson's celebrated garter-fitting corsets at reduced prices. Ladies, don't miss this sale. McAllen & McDonald.

News comes from Hawaii: "That the volcano of Kilauea has become active again. The active lava flows in the peaks of the east, in Halemaumau, the House of Fire, the inner crater of the volcano. The lava flows are now in the center, and comes are forming. Reduced first-class ticket to Honolulu, sailing at May 6, 2:35, round trip. Full information 63 Market street, San Francisco."

Merchandise Purchased on Credit Today Will Go on May Account

The Meier & Frank Store Open Tonight Until 9:30

Men's Wear at Saturday Prices



A great array of Saturday bargains in the Men's Furnishing Goods Store—Seasonable furnishings—Shirts, neckwear, belts, underwear, hosiery, etc., at exceptionally low prices and every article of desirable style and quality—The best Saturday bargain budget we have presented for many months

Store Open Tonight Until 9:30

Men's Muslin Night Shirts, plain and trimmed styles, with or without collar, all sizes; the best values ever offered at. 42c

Men's fine Golf Shirts, imported Madras and Zephyrs, beautiful patterns and colorings, attached cuffs; every Shirt \$2.00 value; grand value today at this price. \$1.59

Our entire line of 25c Neckwear, Four-in-Hands, Bows, Midgets and String Ties; all the prettiest patterns and colorings; immense variety; choose today at, each. 19c

Men's and Boys' Leather Belts, all colors, all sizes, newest buckles; regular 25c values, today at, each. 19c

Men's light-weight Pongee Overshirts, this season's very best styles, in all sizes; grand value today at, each. 83c

Men's Summer-weight natural wool Underwear, shirts and drawers, best \$1.00 value, on sale today at. 87c

Men's imported French Balbriggan Underwear, shirts and drawers, best styles, extra special value today at. 69c

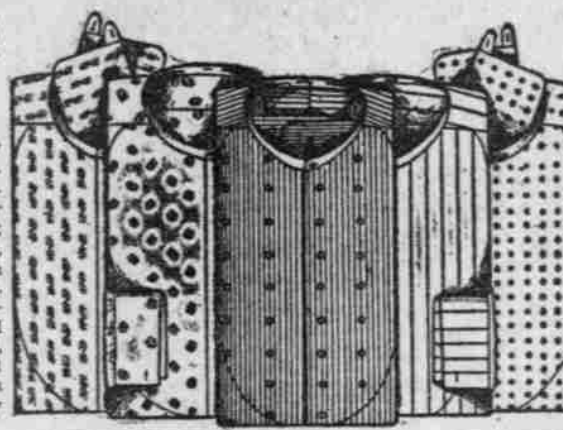
Boys' Jersey Sweaters, in blue, maroon and Oxford, striped necks; our best \$1.50 values, on sale today at. \$1.33

"Cluett" Shirts

\$1.50 Each

200 dozen new "Cluett" Shirts for your choosing today; every new, pretty pattern and color, coat or regular style; plain or plaided bosom; the greatest showing of new, nobby shirts Portland men have ever selected from.

"Cluett" shirts give satisfaction. They are made right, feel right, sleeves right length, neckband feels right; comfort in them not to be found in any other make. Let us show you.



"Monarch" Shirts

\$1 Ea.

250 dozen new "Monarch" Shirts, Portland's greatest display. We want more of your shirt business; that's our aim in providing such immense varieties, so there won't be any trouble in pleasing every taste. "Monarch" Shirts need no introduction; you know their style, make and wearing qualities—best \$1.00 shirt America produces. We can supply your Summer needs in a most satisfactory way.

Great Sale of Women's Neckwear

Blind embroidered Swiss Cuff and Collar Sets, our best 50c values, on sale for today at this low price. 27c

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

Long Silk Windsor Ties, assorted colors and designs, best 50c values, on sale for today at this low price. 29c

Black Spangled Net Stocks, in a large variety of styles, wonderful value at the low price of. 16c

See demonstration in a Fifth-street window of the new game, "Tumble-in," very interesting; on sale—Third Floor.

Men's Trouser Sale—Second Floor

Our entire high-grade stock of Men's Trousers at greatly reduced prices for today; all this season's styles in fancy Worsteds, Tweeds and Cassimeres in the latest effects. Note the great reductions:

\$3.50 Trousers..... \$3.10 Pair

\$4.00 Trousers..... \$3.35 Pair

\$4.50 Trousers..... \$3.85 Pair

\$5.00 Trousers..... \$4.15 Pair

\$6.00 Trousers..... \$5.10 Pair

\$6.50 Trousers..... \$5.65 Pair

Men's Suits \$12.35

Men's strictly all-wool fancy Worsteds, Tweed and Cheviot Suits, new, up-to-date garments; the styles and grades the exclusive clothier asks \$18 for, at \$12.35

Men's fine quality single or double-breasted Blue Serge Suits, strictly all wool and fast color; equal to merchant tailoring; wonderful values at this price. \$14.35

Great Rubber Goods Specials

Eagle Fountain Syringe, three hard-rubber pipes, 2-quart size; great special value at this very low price. 53c

Eagle Combination Fountain Syringe and Water Bottle, 3-quart size; extra special value at this very low price. 89c

Fairy Fountain Syringe, red rubber cloth inserted, reinforced binding, 2-quart size; great bargain at. 83c

Express 3-quart Fountain Syringe, first quality white rubber, rapid-flow tubing; great value at this price. 98c

Columbian Water Bottle and Fountain Syringe, fully guaranteed, 3-quart size; great value at. \$1.33

Rubber Plant Sprinklers, special, each. 63c, 69c

Fountain Syringe Tubing, large and small, each. 7c, 12c

Extra Fountain Syringe Tips and Combination Corks, special values at, each. 10c and 15c

Goodyear's All-Rubber Syringes, special, each. 49c

Eagle Hot Water Bottles, 2-quart size, each. 59c

Omega Bulb Syringe, continuous flow, each. 39c

Atomizers for medicinal or toilet purposes, each. 33c

Saturday Stationery Bargains

Cream wove Envelopes, popular size, 10c value, \$1.75 box of 1000; great value at, package. 5c

Illuminated, hand-stamped, fine quality initial Stationery, extra special value at, box. 19c

Lewis and Clark Envelopes, large size, package. 8c

Chambard Linen Paper, white, blue and gray; special value today at this very low price. 8c

Visiting Cards, all sizes, package of 50. 8c

Dennison Lunch Sets, 12 napkins, 1 cloth, doilies, etc., fancy designs; special value at. 19c

25c Ribbons 15c

2000 yards of 4-inch Taffeta and Satin Taffeta Ribbon of superior quality and in a great variety of leading shades, pink, light blue, red, reseda, brown, mode, black, white and cream; regular 25c value today at this low price, yard. 15c

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

40c ORANGES 25c DOZ.

For today our weekly offering of oranges; great large, delicious fruit, of the finest quality. Sale price, dozen. 25c

Fruit stands ask 40c a dozen.

Boys' Clothing

"Buster Brown" Suits in red, navy, brown and blue wool materials, ages 2 1/2 to 6 years; our entire \$5.00 line, on sale for. \$4.20

Boys' all-wool, 2-piece double-breasted Suits, in brown checks, plaids and mixtures, ages 8 to 16 years; \$4 values. \$3.30

Boys' double-breasted Norfolk Suits, with plain or knickerbocker trousers, neat brown and gray mixtures, ages 8 to 14 years; regular \$5.00 values, for. \$4.20

Young men's all-wool cheviot and cassimere Suits, in light and dark brown and gray mixtures, ages 14 to 20 years; regular \$5.50 values, on sale for. \$6.95

The Meier & Frank Store

Women's Trimmed Hats

Phenomenal Values \$1.98



Saturday sale of Dress Hats—This season's prettiest styles—Marvelous values—Fancy braids and straws, black chiffon and jet. Turbans and sailors, six styles in black, navy, brown and champagne—Trimmed with foliage, flowers, chiffon, etc.—Paroxoline braid turbans, black ribbon hats. The grandest millinery bargain of the season at this low price. \$1.98

Saturday Specials in Drug Sundries

"4711" Perfumes, all popular odors, ounce. 23c

Satin Skin Cream, skin food and beautifier. 19c

"La Premiera" pure white Castile Soap, bar. 7c

"Peterman's" destroyer of bedbugs and their eggs. 12c

Tartine Bags for Winter furs, 2 sizes, each. 39c, 49c

Fairy Soap, great value, dozen cakes. 35c

"Kreht" Toilet Paper, 1000-sheet rolls, each. 7c

Silk Waists at \$3.95 Each



Silk Waist Sale continues because we know this to be the best Silk Waist bargain in town today—in style and value it has never been equaled for the price. Taffeta Silks in plain colors and checks, tailored effects, black, tans, brown, navy, checks, side-plaits, tucks and plaited; all sizes; Waists are all new, up-to-date styles and a bargain the most economical buyer will appreciate at this price—Second Floor. \$3.95

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 hose Vests, our best 65c values, for. 48c

Imported Swiss ribbed Vests, high-neck, long-sleeves, pure white, \$1.00 values for. 78c

Children's Summer Underwear at lowest prices.

Great Sale of Children's Garments

We expect to please scores of young ladies and their mothers today—The nattiest apparel the season has produced is being offered at greatly reduced prices—Coats, wool and wash dresses and suits for misses and children of all ages are included

\$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 Gingham; 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 Cheviots; box style, with sailor collar; braid 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; plaited skirts; colors navy and brown; ages 6 to 16 years; \$14.00 values for. \$10.25

\$11.00 Silk Petticoats \$5.95

200 handsome Taffeta Silk Skirts in all the leading shades, made full with accordion plaiting, ruffles and ruch; every Skirt in the lot regular \$11.00 values; your choice today at. \$5.95

BLACK SILK PETTICOATS \$3.85

100 Black Silk Petticoats with wide flounce, ruffles and two rows of ruching, well made; regular \$6.00 Petticoat, on sale today at the exceptionally low price of. \$3.85

300 Black Satin Petticoats with three ruffles, well made, serviceable Underskirts, regular \$1.50 value, on sale today at. 69c

WOMEN'S, MISSES', AND CHILDREN'S LOW SHOES



Everybody will wear low shoes this summer—Going to be the greatest oxford season in the history of the shoe business—We anticipated as much and prepared accordingly—We are offering special inducements in women's, misses' and children's styles in order to start the buying early

Women's low Shoes, vici kid Oxfords or Bluchers, patent leather Oxfords or Bluchers, tan vici kid Oxfords, all new lasts, all sizes and widths; soles of equal grade cost you \$3.00 a pair at other stores; your choice, pair. \$1.42

Women's tan Blucher Oxfords, tan Blucher Ribbon Ties, oxford Blucher Ribbon ties, patent oxford Blucher Ribbon Ties, plain or tip toe; all sizes and widths; best \$3.50 values on sale or, pair. \$2.42

Three-strap patent leather or vici kid Sandals for misses, children and infants; all the newest and most desirable styles—5 to 8, \$1.15 value, \$4c to 11, \$1.40 value, \$4c to 12 to 2, \$1.50 value, \$1.04

One-strap vici kid Sandals, all sizes, all new goods—5 to 8, 74c; 9 to 11, 94c; 12 to 2, 94c.

Last Day of Towel Sale

Hemmed union Huck Towels, sold regularly at 9c and 10c each; all you want at, each. 5c

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

Hemmed linen Crash Dish Towels, 33c dozen of them; regular 13 1/2c value, each. 8c

Hemmed linen Huck Towels, 38 inches long; our best 25c value, for this semi-annual sale, your choice, each. 19c

Hemmed linen Huck Towels, size 22x40 inches; our best 35c grades, on sale at the low price of, each. 20c

Knotted fringed damask Towels, size 20x41 inches; best 30c values, for this very low price of, each. 21c

Bleached Turkish Bath Towels, 50x60 inches; size 20x10 inches; value extraordinary at this low price, each. 12c

Hemmed bleached Turkish Bath Towels, 200 dozen, big size; regular 60c value, wonderful bargain at, each. 30c

Knotted fringed damask Towels, 22x45; regular 40c value, on sale today. 29c

Webb's grass-bleached hemmed Huck Towels, 20x38; 40c value for. 20c

Screen Doors 87c

Screen Doors, complete with hinges, knob, hook, etc.; size 2 1/2x5 1/2 feet; great special value for a few days at this low price. 87c

18x24-inch Window Screens; great value at, each. 19c

24x34-inch Window Screens; great value at, each. 24c

24x42-inch Window Screens; great value at, each. 29c

4-quart Ice Cream Freezers, each. \$1.39