TOWEL SALE

Continues all this week. Thousands of dozens of Damesk, Huck and Turkish Bath Towels, in all sizes

and grades, on sale at greatly reduced prices. Housewives, hotel and boarding-housekeepers should look to their needs.

GRAND JURY

Alleged Municipal Crookedness | Cashier's Drawer in Rathskeller Is to Be Thoroughly Investigated.

RUMELIN IS UNDER FIRE

Deal Alleged to Have Been Engineered by That Councilman Will Be Probed, and Similar Matters Looked Into.

This is the day that is set for probing into all of the alleged municipal scandals that have been aired in print. This morning, providing that District Attorney John Manning is on hand, Judge A. L. Frazer will call the grand jury, whose duty it will be to investigate not only the Frontstreet bridge bribery case, but will als investigate the alleged scandal in the street paving contracts, the alleged blan-ket franchise, in which \$7000 is said to have been divided between eight Coun-cilmen and one city official, and the charges of trickery in the refusal of the Independent Telephone Company's fran-

The first case that this grand jury will The first case that this grand july will take up is the alieged bribery charges against C. E. Rumelin. Rumelin is charged with having offered W. C. Elliot, at that time City Engineer, a certain sum of money. Information has been filed against Rumelin by the District Attorney and naturally this will came before y, and naturally this will come before grand jury's attention first.

For months past there have been ru-For months past there have been ru-mors of grafting going on by a certain clique of Councilmen, but the charges were only rumors until ex-City Engineer Elitot went before Mr. Manning and gave information against Rumelin. The names of other Councilmen have been linked with that of Rumelin, but as yet no spe-cific charges have been lodged against them with the District Attorney. Mr. Manning, while he is in possession of a with that of Rumelin, but as yet no spe-cific charges have been lodged against them with the District Attorney. Mr. Manning, while be is in possession of a great deal of hearsay testimony regard-ing the other Councilmen whose names have been connected with the alternal Ing the other Councilmen whose names have been connected with the alleged graft is still at work. Between 40 and 20 persons supposed to have knowledge of municipal crookedness have been summoned to appear before Mr. Manning. They have told what they know, but just how incriminating this information is egainst these city officials, Mr. Manning out the entrance to the street, but go out the entrance to the street, but one of the waiters was standing there. against these city officials, Mr. Manning efuses to state. Rumelin's activity in behalf of the Cali-

fornia Construction Company, to have the ontract which had been granted to the Pacific Construction Company of Everett Wash., set aside and given to the Califor nia company, is what has brought this city father under fire. The contract for the building of the Front-street bridge city father under fire. The contract for the buildin; of the Front-street bridge was given to J. J. Maney, manager of the Pacific Construction Company. The amount that this company bid for the work was \$53,000. Rumelin, it is said, when he found that the contract had been awarded to this company, sought out Mr. Elliot and wanted to know if he, Elliot, could not find a flaw in the bid. It is

KILL THE FRATS MAY of Education May Follow

Will the Portland Board of Education follow in the footsteps of the Scattle High School authorities and place a ban on the high-school fraternity? There are taken, though, perhaps, not to become effective in the present year.

The Scattle authorities, following the East, have decided that the high-school fraternity must cease to exist. In accordance with this policy, an order has been issued to the effect that students will be given until May 8 to absolve themselves from fraternity and secret society ties and obligations in order to reinstate themseives in the good graces of the school authorities. It is also provided that in the future all students participating in secret society affairs, or encouraging others to do so, will be deprived of all the privileges of the school, with the exception of those of the classroom, and all such students will be denied a diploma upon the completion of their course of

be a matter of doubt. In fact, there seems as follows: to be a slight division of opinion among the members of the Board of Education the members of the Board of Education in regard to the fraternity question. There are two fraternities and two sororities among the High School students of Portland, but all are, and have been, so well conducted, and have so closely followed cout the rules laid down for them by the High School teachers that the evils of the "baby frat" system are not so evident as in other cities. This fact may result the forwards 23 and 23 south to the portheast corner as in other cities. This fact may result the forwards 23 south as south as south range 24 cast; thence shall be considered and the continued of the southwest corner of township 32 south, range 24 cast; thence shall be considered as south as in other cities. This fact may result ing of the subject last night, could see no reason for causing the board any trou-ble unless some action of the fraternities forced such action.

"I could almost say I would never have known of the existence of fraternities here, had not the papers called attention to the fact," explained Professor Righer, "The fraternities give no trouble, obey the rules laid down for their observance by the principal of the High School and his see why we should stir up troul ourselves unless the acts of the fraternities make it necessary. The question has never been discussed by the board, and I go not think any action will be taken.

Board May Act.

It is understood, however, that some if the members of the board are not in favor of the fraternities as institution and are, therefore, disposed to take some light on their feet, section which will tend to force them out man in a footrace. of existnce, perhaps in the next year. While the question has not come up for formal discussion before the board, perhaps, it has been discussed by the members individually, and there is a sentiment, which may grow, pointing towards the elimination of the fraternity from the school life. It is the cention of several perhaps in the second control of the second control school life. It is the opinion of some members of the board that it would be a good idea to make some announcement at or close to, the end of the school year.

forbidding the maintenance of fraternities or sororities by the students in the future, the proclamation to go into effect with the beginning of the next school year. While this action has not been determined upon, nor any definite decision reached, the sentiment is crystallizing, and it is possible that the end of this term of school will also see the finis of the "frat."

HOTEL PORTLAND ROBBED

Rifled-Two Arrested.

Three men, two of them who are lodged in the City Jail, robbed the ashier's drawer in the Rathskeller at the Hotel Portland at 2:20 o'clock this morning of \$175. The cashier was counting the cash and had placed it in a tin box on the counter. The three men were standing near the counter. and, as the cashier turned his head, the Hd was thrown off, and, by a deft move nearly all the money in the box taken. Toe tores men broke into a run and

ran upstairs, pretending they had a room engaged. The cashler immediately discovered the robbery and followed the men. There were several guests in the lobby and they chased the men to the fourth floor of the building where two of the men were cornered. It is thought that the other man escaped from the fire-escape. The men when isken to the station gave their names as G. H. Hanlon and J. S. Stafford, but the names are thought to be fictitious. Special Officer Nicholson led the guests of the hotel in the chase. The two men were pursued through the corridors. The third man was seen to run up the stairs of the hotel to the second floor, but although the hotel was searched from top to bottom he could not be found. The two men arrested were taken

immediately to the police station where they endeavored to be released. Captain Ball y refused to let them go, notwithstanoung the fact that they offered him large sums of money. When on the road to the police station in the patrol wagen with Station Officer Price and Jailer Lillis they tried to get out of the wagen but were frustrated.

When searched the two men between them had on their persons about \$100. It is believed that the man that es-caped carried the money that was stolen. All three of the men were ele-gantly dressed and wore diamond stickpins and cuff buttons. The police believe they are professional "bunco" men recently from the East, as no one seems to know who they are. There was no one in the Rathskeller at

me of the waiters was standing there, and they turned and ran up the stairs. The men when taken to the station were positively identified.

FINDS BURGLAR IN HOUSE

Mrs. J. P. Barth Identifies Thief Who Was Subsequently Captured.

when he found that the contract had been awarded to this company, sought out Mr. Elliot and wanted to know if he Effici, could not find a flaw in the Mc. It is build of him that when he found there was no daw, he offeres Filios a certain sum of mosey. The story has it that the bid of \$3.000 was the lowest, and between that and the bid of in California Construction Company was \$5000, but between the two bids were several lower ones. These intermediate bids are alleged to have been assigned to Maney. In order to award the bid to the California company it was necessary for a meeting of the Executive Board. This board meeting resulted in a Upon entering the bedroom of her home assigned to Maney. In company it was the bid to the California company it was necessary for a meeting of the Executive Board. This board meeting resulted in a cortified check amounting to over \$5000 being returned to Maney, and a substitute to prevent his escape, but he got out of the back door, and reached Grand arenue. An alarm was raised, and several boys started to follow the burglar. He ran to fore the grand jury.

Yesterday was excursion day, and proximately 200 people left the Union Depot in two excursions, one bound for Seaside over the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, the other over the Southern Pacific to Corvallis.

The excursion of the Astoria & Columbia River road was the second of the season given by that road, and more than 400 people took advantage of the offer made people took advantage of the offer made street. Earl Park and some others discovered him and caught him. Meanwhile Detective Reising, who lives at 25 East Sixth street, was notified, and the prisoner was turned over to him. He denied that he had robbed the house, but Reising took him back to the house and the room, where he persisted in denying that room, where he persisted in denying that he had robbed the house, although recog-nized by Mrs. Barth. After having been placed in the patrol wagon. Detective Reising finally laduced Mitchell to confess, and he told that the watch and breastpin were left where he was in hid-ing on East Ninth street. These were found where he said he had left them.

CHANGE OF BOUNDARIES Enlargement of Burns Land District

Takes Effect July 1.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 26.—Official announcement has been made by J. H. Fimple, acting General Land Commissioner, that the change in the boundaries of the Burns and Lakeview land districts ordered by the President, will take effect on July 1. A range, part of the Lakeview district, What will be done in Portland seems to and the boundaries of the latter will be

Beginning at a point where the township ner of township 33 south, range 28 her of township as south, range 28 east; thence south along the range line between ranges 28 and 29 east to the south houndary of the State of Oregon; thence east along said boundary line to the southeast corner of the State of Oregon; thence morth and northerly along the east boundary of the State of Oregon to the place of beginning.

The Grizzly a Dangerous Foe.

Kansas City Journal. Grizzlies are the best game in the world. When you once get their dander up they are savage fighters, and the hunter's life is, and for that reason I do not is in danger every minute unless he is a we should stir up trouble for good shot and has a steady nerve. If good snot and has a steady nerve. If you ever get within range of the grinnly's paw you are a dead one. These stories of men killing them with knives and in hand-te-hand fights are about as reasonable as it would be to talk of stopping a locomotive by getting in the may of the train. If the big fellow gets the chance to deliver one blow it is all over. Grizzlies lock awkward, but they are mighty light on their feet, and they can beat any man in a footrace.

Fire Insurance About Doubled.

MEXICO CITY, April 30,-Fire insurance companies doing business in this country, principally German and British companies, have agreed to ad-vance rates from 50 to 40 per cent.

The Purity of Burnett's Vanilla

Machine of Rudolph Becker Falls Prey to Fierce Flames.

OCCUPANTS NOT INJURED

Dust-Apron Becomes Ignited From Muffler and Running Car Turns to Mass of Seething Plames in Second's Time.

Houses sometimes burn up, or down, as the case may be, but it is seldom that automobiles yield to the embrace of the flames. It has been noted that Portland autos very often scorch, but the first case on record in which a Portland machine really burned happened yesterday afternoon at the City Park, when Rudolph Becker's week-old \$160 Ford machine caught fire from an overheated muffler and burned to the ground, leaving only the steelwork to tell the story. A little over a week ago Mr. Becker re-ceived a new Ford, one of the largest ma-

chines ever seen in the city, and has since that time been busy driving tourists over the city to view the sights. Yesterday afternoon he was engaged by L. M. Willcutts, of Duluth, who is stopping at the Portland, to take himself, his wife and daughter for a ride over the city. In the course of the ride the party visited the City Park, where the accident happened.

City Park, where the accident happened.

Underneath the car was a canvas dustapron placed for the protection of the gearing from dirt thrown up by rapid driving. This apron was blown back against the muffler, a mechanism arranged to deaden the sound of the exhaust. This had become heated by the bot exhaust from the engine to such a degree as to ignite the canvas.

The flames were fanned by the progress of the car until they communicated to the woodwork, and it is thought came in con-

woodwork, and it is thought came in contact with some stray gasoline.

The first the occupants knew of their danger they were surrounded by flames shooting from underneath the car, and were forced to scramble out hastily to save themselves. An attempt was made to get the big machine to a place where water could be secured to fight the fire, but this was impossible, and the springs, axles, engine and other from and steel-work was all that remained in a few min-utes, even the rims and spokes of the wheels being consumed.

One strange feature of the accident was the fact that after the fire had been put out a quantity of gasoline was discovered still remaining in the tank, which had been in the center of the flames. The machine cost Mr. Becker \$1450 a little more than a week ago, and it is estimated that the damage will amount to more than \$500, the small amoundue to the fact that neither the work nor the engine was damaged to any great extent, if at all. The remnants were brought to the Central Garage, and will be sent back to the factory to be used again or reconstructed.

None of the passengers received any

BIG EXCURSION TO SEASIDE

Astoria & Columbia Road Takes Large Crowd to Beach.

the efforts of the Astoria Company, and many friends have been made by its sys-tem of pre-season Sunday trips. The same plan now in operation was adopted last year, and will be followed this year as well. The trains ran crowded both terday and a week ago, and those made the journey came back gre journey came back greatly pleased with the day spent by the ocean.

WHITE SALE.

In keeping with our regular annual costume sale, our May sale of everything white will open this morning. Come and see the values in white mohairs, serges, albatross, India linons, silks, Oxfo fancy waistings, muslin underwear, sheets, pillow cases, spreads, table linens, cur-tains, curtain Swiss. We have no compe-tition. McAllen & McDonnell, the store noted for best goods at lowest prices.

Steamer Oregon Arrives.

The steamer Oregon arrives.

Alaska dock at a o clock yesterday morning from San Francisco. She brought a cargo of general freight and a number of passengers. The Oregon will probably stay on the run until the steamer St. Paul is off the ways and ready for business. The length of the St. Paul's stay on the Portland-San Francisco run will depend much upon the raising and repairs of the Elder.



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2500 yards of Corset Cover Embroideries, in 142-yard lengths, mill-ends of

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100,000 yards of Embroideries, including Allovers, match sets, circular flounces in Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric, also Linen Bands and Appliques; sweeping reductions on the cream of our immense stocks. Note the grand bargains for the first week of the "May Sale"-

35c values 15c yard 65c values 39c yard \$1.25 values 79c yard \$2.25 values \$1.49 yard \$3.50 values \$1.98 yard

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45c values 33c yard 85c values 63c yard \$1.75 values \$1.15 yard \$2.75 values \$1.89 yard \$4.00 values \$2.89 yard

Great Sale of Robes

Out Out Of 100000
Magnificent hand-embroidered linen and batiste Robes, this season's beautiful styles at "May Sale" prices—
\$35.00 values \$29.00 \$45.00 values \$39.50
White Lace and Point d'Esprit Robes-
\$23.00 values\$17.00 \$25.00 values\$19.00 \$25.00 values reduced to \$20.00.

May Sale of Women's Wear

"May Sale" bargains in women's ready-to-wear apparel that demand the attention of every woman having spring and summer garment needs to supply-This is Portland's leading cloak store and it provides the greatest assortments of up-to-date fashions in all lines, and when it comes to value giving no other store makes any pretense to offer equal merchandise for the money -A few illustrations

Tailored Suits Reduced

500 of this season's handsomest Tailored Suits in jacket, blouse, tightfitting and Eten styles; plaited, flared or flounce skirts in Panama Cloths, Worsteds, Serges, Voiles and Broadcloths; plain colors and fancies in great variety; splendid reductions all along the line-

\$15 Suits \$12.25 \$25 Suits \$19.25 \$34 Suits \$24.85 \$45 Suits \$33.50 \$36 Suits \$28.75 \$46 Suits \$34.90 \$60.00 Suits Now Reduced to \$44.50

Special lot of Silk Waists in Taffeta, Crepe de Chine and plaids, in fancy colors; tucked and lace-trimmed; values \$7.50 each; choice Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at..... Women's Black Silk Coats, fancy trimmed, large collar and stole effect; all new, this

season's styles; regular \$11.00 values, on sale for..... Silk Shirtwaist Suits Reduced

500 beautiful Silk Shirtwaist Suits, this season's most attractive styles in immense variety, are to be sold during the "May Sale" at surprisingly low prices; all are made of superior quality Taffeta Silks in fancy dress or shirtwaist styles, with plaited or shirred skirts; green, navy, brown, black, fancy stripes and colors; all sizes-

22.50	Silk	Suits.		 .\$17.	45	Each
34.00	Silk	Suits		 .\$28.	25	Each
52.00	Silk	Suits.		 .\$42.	25	Each
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\$28.00 Silk Suits \$23.55 Each \$38.00 Silk Suits.....\$24.75 Each

The Best Display in Town \$11 Tan Covert Coats \$6.85

100 Women's Tan Covert and Black Cheviot Jackets-Silk lined, fly front, nicely stitched-A special purchase from a leading New York manufacturer-All the very best styles, perfect fitting, all sizes - Regular \$10 and \$11 values - Your \$6.85

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100 good quality All-Linen Waists, front of solid tucking, English eyelet sale price\$3.98 or heavy embroidered; regular \$6.00 values, all sizes,

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2500 pairs of Lace Curtains at "May Sale" prices-Variety of styles and grades-Bargains every housewife will recognize as the best offered this season-We also place on sale special lots of Drapery Materials at exceptionally low prices-3d floor

White Madras weave Lace Curtains, plain and detached-figure centers with dainty borders, 45 in. wide by 3 yds. long; the best lot of \$2 Curtains we ever offered at this low price. \$1.32 Arabian Colored Curtains, novelty weaves, plain centers with narrow borders, 50 inches wide, 31/2 yards long; our regular \$2.75 values, on sale at the low price of, pair......\$1.79 High-grade white Irish Point Lace Curtains, 20 patterns of the best quality and design; size 50 inches wide, 31/2 yards long; \$4.78 regular \$8.50 values, at the low price of, pair........

White and eeru Irish Point Lace Curtains, plain centers with narrow inserting, 48 inches wide; 3 yards long; four patterns to select from; regular \$3.00 values, on sale for, pr. . \$1.98

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Hand-embroidered round linen
Doilles, all new, pretty styles—
5-inch size at, each... 21e
5-inch size, 49e values, each.32e
12-inch size, 49e values, each.32e
12-inch size, 51 values, each.63e
13-inch size, 51 values, each.63e
Hand-embroidered linen Trayeloths, great values—
18x27-in. \$2.25 value... \$1.52
Hand-embroidered linen Scarfs,
20x30-in. \$1.75 value... \$1.52
Hand-embroidered linen Scarfs,
20x30-in. \$1.75 value... \$1.52
Hand-embroidered linen Teafor \$1.8x4-inch, our best \$2.50 values,
for \$1.8x6-inch, our best \$2.50 values,
for \$1.90
Isx64-inch, our best \$2.50 values,
for \$2.55
Hand-embroidered linen Teaclotha, 36x35 inches; big variety
to select from: unusual values
at these reduced prices—
\$2.50 values, each... \$2.55
\$3.00 values, each... \$2.55
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\$3.60 values, each... \$3.85

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Three lines of Volle Nauvette, light ground, dotted and flaked Volles, Venetian Velling Volles; our best selling lightweight wash material; all colors, great value at this price, yard. 17c 50c knotted Pongees and Chiffon de Soles, beautiful line of new Summer materials; looks like silk, wears better, yard. 38c 40c-45c silk-stripe Volles, all colors, pretty, sheer, serviceable waist and suit material; great special value for this sale at the very low price of 21c the yard. 31c 50c fancy mercerized waite Waistings, 43 patters in dots, stripes, figures, small and large patterns; great May Sale bargain at this low price for three days only. 32c

White Goods

White Organdie, 68 in.
 45c
 grade, yard
 39c

 50c
 grade, yard
 44c

 85c
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 60c
 grade, yard
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32-Inch Persian Lawns

36-Inch India Linons

50-Inch French Lawns

Percales 12c

10,000 yards of the very best Percales, all this season's patterns, stripes, dots, figures, light, medium and dark col-ors; soft finish; great special "May Sale" value st Mohair Luster, new Summer ma-terial, yard18c

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Women's \$3.50 low Shoes, in tans, patent coit, Bluchers and Oxfords and patent coit Ribbon Ties, plain toes; all this season's footwear, all sizes, \$12.50 value, pair leather and vici kid, patent leather and vici kid, patent the leather and vici kid, patent the light or heavy soles. Cuban heels, all sizes; Johnson Bros. best \$3 valities, pair \$2.50 low Shoes, in dark tan, patent leather and vici kid, all sizes; all our regular \$2.50 values, pair \$3.50 low Shoes, in dark tan, patent leather and vici kid, all sizes; all our regular \$2.50 values, pair \$3.50 values, pair \$3.50 values, pair \$3.50 values, pair \$3.50 values, on sale for, pair soles, sell sizes. Regular \$3.50 values, on sale for, pair \$3.50 values, on sale stock in all leathers, heavy and light soles. Cuban heel, all sizes and widths. This season's best \$3.00 footwear, on sale at, pair. \$2.12 Misses low Shoes, low heels, vici kid Blucher and lace Oxfords, pair \$3.50 values; patent colt Elucher and lace Oxfords, pair \$3.50 values \$3.50 values; patent colt Elucher and lace Oxfords, pair \$3.50 values \$3.50 values; patent colt Elucher and lace Oxfords, pair \$3.50 values \$3.50 values; patent colt Elucher and lace Oxfords, pair \$3.50 values \$3.50 values; patent colt Elucher and lace Oxfords, pair \$3.50 values \$3.50 values; patent colt Elucher and lace Oxfords, pair \$3.50 values \$3.50 values; patent colt Elucher and lace Oxfords, pair \$3.50 values \$3.50 values; patent colt Elucher and lace Oxfords, pair \$3.50 values \$3.50 values; patent colt Elucher and lace Oxfords, pair \$3.50 values \$3.50 values; patent colt Elucher and lace Oxfords, pair \$3.50 values \$3

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