ELLIOTT TELLS GRAND JURY ALL

Ex-City Engineer Throws Light on the Crooked Front-Street Bridge Deal.

BUILDERS ALSO TESTIFY

Hoffman Brothers, Whose Suit Revealed Existence of Contractors' Pool, Are Among First

Witnesses Called.

There was some switching around in the personnel of the grand jury which Judge A. L. Frazer convened on Monday for the purpose of investigating the alfor the purpose of investigating the alleged scandals in municipal affairs. Albert Brix and Ira E. Allen, cierk, of the grand jury, appeared before Judge Frazer and asked to be excused. This request was granted by His Honor on account of business reasons and in their place were added Penumbra Kelly, former Sheriff of Mulinomah County and for several years deputy in that office, and Frank D. Higgins, an accountant, When the grand jury was reorganized, Mr. Higgins was made clerk.

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The delay caused by excusing the two justers retarded the work of probing into various charges which have been made against C. B. Rumelin and other city officials. Today, however, the work will start in carnest and before many days some very startling things may develop from the testimony that will be brought to the attention of the grand jury. Only three witnesses were called yesterday by District Attorney John Manning, who, by the way, is conducting the examinations in person. They were W. C. Elliott, former City Engineer, George and John Hoffman. It was upon the testimony given before District Attorney Manning by Elliott that the tuformation was filed against Council-District Attorney Manning by Elliott that the information was filed against Council-man Rumelin. It was impossible to learn the nature of the testimony that Elliott gave yesterday, because Judge Frazer, in swearing in the jurors, instructed them to swear each witness to secrecy. Elliott was before the grand jury for over two hours and had not completed his testiwhen it came time for adjourn

ment. He will again appear this morning.
Elliott, as City Engineer, was in a position to be on the inside of all the deals that were put through and undoubtedly his testimony furnished the District At-torney and the members of the jury with the names of persons who were mixed up more of less in the alleged scandals.

Front-Street Bridge Scandal.

The fact that Hoffman brothers and W. C. Elliott were among the first wit-nesses to appear before the grand jury clearly indicates that it is Mr. Manning's intention to show him. intention to delve into the scandal con-nected with the Front-street bridge. It is this case in which Councilman Rumelin figures so prominently. Hoffman brothers are cement contractors and are the plaintiffs in the suit recently filed against J. R. Bowles and George F. licusmer, who are said to be the real con-tractors for the Front-street bridge. There are said to be some irregularities in the comment yardage and of overcharges for the work done for the city. In the complaint filed by the cement contractors sgainst Bowles and Heusers and the Pacific Construction Company, of California, there are some extraordinarily sen-national allegations of fraud made. These were ordered stricken out by the court, who held that such allegations had no place in a civil action.

The Hoffmans lail the concrete for the bridge. When they came to collect for their work, they allege that the contract they had with Bowles and Heusner was spurious because there was no such com-pany as the Pacific Construction Com-pany, of Everett, Wash. Before the con-tractors found that the contract was no good, they had done the work and found that they had to look to Bowles and Heusner for their money. The Hoffmans first began a suit in equity, but later had the suit dismissed and began an action in law to recover \$4500 from Bowles and Heusner as individuals. When the certified check for \$5000, which the Pacific Construction Company of Everett, Wash, through J. J Maney, deposited with City Auditor Deviln, was returned, it is said that it was Bowles who furnished the check for \$5000 which was deposited when the contract was relet to the Pacific Con-struction Company, of California.

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When it came to opening the contracts for the Front-street bridge, it was found that the Washington company had made the lowest bid, \$3,000. Accompanying this bid was the certified check for \$300. It is said there were several bids between the \$35,000 made by the Washington Company and the bid of \$5,000 made by the Pacific Construction Company, of California. Councilman Rumelin, according to the story that Elliott tells, took a very story that Elliott tells, took a very active interest in this piece of city work, and when he found that it had been granted to J. J. Maney, he is said to have requested Elliott to find some flaw in the contract. Rumelin, it is said, offered El-liott a certain sum of money if he would throw out the Maney bid. Elliott is said to have refered to do this, and another tack was taken by those who were interested in having the contract given to the

Maney's Change of Heart.

Just who put this deal through is left for the grand jury to find out. The fact ger so far as remains that Maney, who first refused to cerned.

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however, because he is a Democrat and a politician. It is trite but true

that some few men are born with titles,

some achieve them and still others

have titles thrust upon them. I imagine they had to hold "General" Killfeather while be got his.

He is undeniably Irish and Democratic. He bears the scars of many political battles in this particular province. He is something of a hero, for it
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General Killfeather Talks on Practical Politics

They call him General Killfeather. leaned heavily on the gatepost or the by, I do not not know. Presumably, fence near which we stood and probed the matter farther.

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ince. He is semething of a hero, for it requires much of courage to retain a zest for the struggle through the long nights of gloom which intervene between Democratic successes in Oregon. During these still watches he has remained faithful to his cause, and greater fidelity than this hath no man.

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"I'm not doing much in this campaign. Of course I'm attending the meetings and doing what I can for this man Lane, but I'm not on the committee, and don't know, much about it. Alex Sweek's the man for you to talk to. He knows what's likely to happen."

I was not seeking Alex, but the "General," for news on the municipal political situation, and so I

step aside and give up his contract, underwent a change of heart. He not only turned back the contract, but his certified check was returned to him. The Executive Board ordered this done at a special meeting. It is also charged that the intermediate bidders were pursuaded to assign their bids, which it is said they did for a consideration. Russelin is said to have engineered the whole deal. Whether he did so or not remains for the grand jury to find out. In addition to the charges against him in connection with the bridge deal, there is a rumor afloat that the grand jury will look into his that the grand jury will look into his methods of lending money to the city em-

methods of lending money to the city employes.

Unless something crops up that is unlooked for, this county grand jury will become as famous as the Federal grand jury which exposed the Oregon land frauds. There is a disposition on the part of the jurors to sift all of the rumors of crookedness pertaining to municipal affairs. If there is any truth in all of the stories that have been floating about of late, it will be brought to light and indictments will be returned against those guilty, no matter who they are. Mr. Manning will consuit with Governor Chamberlain, and it is possible that the same jury will probe into the alleged school land steals.

HENRY S. ROWE FOR MAYOR

LEADING REPUBLICAN CANDI-DATE HAS WARM SUPPORT.

He Was Mayor in 1900-02 and His Friends Expect Him to Be Again in 1905-07.

Henry S. Rowe is the leading candidate for the Republican nomination for Mayor of Portland. He is and has been for three years the general agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and has charge of the business of that railway in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montans, Alaska and British Columbia.

For 30 years Mr. Rowe was in charge of important railroad work before he was elected Mayor of Portland in 1900. He has demonstrated that he is a successful business man, with large executive abil-ity. Mr. Rowe has lived in Portland 25 years, and has all his interests in Port-land. He resides at 442 Holladay avenue. Mr. Rowe has been an active Repub-lican all his life. He was Fire Commis-sioner of Portland for four years heforsioner of Portland for four years before he was Mayor of Portland, and has an intimate knowledge of the needs and ef-ficiency of the Portland Fire Depart-

In 1900 Mr. Rowe was elected Mayor of Portland and gave the city the most ef-fective and economical administration it fective and economical administration it ever had. What Mr. Rowe has done as Mayor of Portland in the past he can and

will do again in the future.

The people of Portland want an effective Mayor of this city, and they are supporting Henry S. Rowe for Mayor because he was a good, effective executive head of the city from July 1. 1890, to July 1. 1992, and will be again. Mr. Rowe, as Mayor, will see that the Police Department enforces all the laws of the city without fear or favor. As Mayor, he will appoint a vigorous, capable man as Chief of Police and have a Police Department in Portland that will protect both the citizens and visitors to the Fair from the lawless class.

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The citizens of Portland are heartily supporting Mr. Rowe for the Republican

supporting Mr. Rowe for the Republican nomination for Mayor, because Mr. Rowe is a man that all Republicans can support with enthu h enthusiasm. ROWE REPUBLICAN CLUB.

COLEMAN IN FOR MURDER

Waives Preliminary Examination and Bound Over to Grand Jury.

Pale and thin from the trying exper-tences through which he has passed, and from illness. John T. Coleman was ar-raigned before Municipal Judge Hogue-yesterday morning by Deputy District Attorney Haney. The prisoner was in charge of Sheriff Tom Word. Through Attorney Roger H. Sinnott, Coleman waived the reading of the com-plaint, charging murder in the first de-gree, and also waived preliminary hear-

praint, charging murder in the first de-gree, and also walved proliminary hear-ing. Judge Hogue immediately bound the prisoner over to the grand jury, with-out bonds.

coleman is charged with the murder of Edna Hoftman, in a room above the notorious Favorite saloon, Fourth and Couch streets. He was jealous of her, it is alleged, and killed her for revenge.

Coleman fled from the scene, and for 24 hours could not be located. He was finally discovered on board a passenger train, bound for Tacoma, Wash. The Sheriff at Chehalis was notified, and took the accused man to the County Jall. While on the way there, Coleman suddenly drew a razor from his shoe and slashed his throat. He was returned to Portland the following day by Detectives Kerigan and Snow, and has been kept under close guard ever since. For a time he hovered between life and death at Good Samaritan Hospital.

While in the County Jail, Coleman took cold and speezed. It was feared at the Coleman is charged with the murder

cold and speezed. It was feared at the time that the act might cause his death, but he is believed now to be out of dan-

the laws if 'ne's elected, and I think he will be. This question of a new Mayor doesn't have as much to do with the

whisky-question as lots of people seem to think. The people are getting dust thrown in their eyes on the saloon business, while the contractors are having a picnic with the taxpayers. You can't legislate drinking out. If a man

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We place on sale today our entire stock of high-class Tailored Hats, this season's most beautiful creations in the following famous makes, "Gage," "Burgesser," "Bendel," 'Phipps & Atchinson," "Lichtenstein," "Keith," and others. All the Popular styles in plain and fancy braids, sailors, turbans, Moxine Elliotts, Russian turbans, polo hats, etc., immense variety to select from, values up to \$4.98 \$13.50, your choice today only for, each

Trimmed Dress Hats, the largest and handsomest showing in the city-Every pretty style and trimming-Our prices will be found the lowest in the city in every instance

The Great Sale of Laces, Embroideries, and Robes Will Continue Through the Week Sale Extraordinary of Hand-Embroidered Table Linens - Grand Values in All Styles Notion Sale of Importance-Hundreds of Articles for the Sewing Basket Special Priced Great Sale of Trunks, Traveling Bags, Hammocks, Croquet Sets, Etc., on the Third Floor

A Great "May Sale" of Undermuslins

Thousands of pieces of the daintiest, Undermuslins are on sale at greatly reduced prices-Corset Covers, Gowns, Petticoats, Drawers and Short Skirts, the grandest values the season has thus far offered-You can't equal these bargains anywhere about town

Corset Covers Low Priced

3000 Corset Covers, made of fine Nainsooks and Cambries, trimmed with deinty laces, embroideries, insertions, beadings, ribbons and tueks; immense, variety, all sizes.

\$.35-40c Corset Covers \$.27 \$.50 Corset Covers for \$.39 \$1.25 Corset Covers for \$.98 \$1.50 Corset Covers for \$1.29 \$2.00 Corset Covers for \$1.69 \$2.50 Corset Covers for \$1.98

Bargains in Drawers

Women's fine Cambric and Nainsook Drawers, trimmed in fine embroidery, laces, clusters of tucks and insertions; regular \$2.00 values 98¢ Special lot of Cambrie Drawers, lace and embroidery trimmed, also wide tucked flounces trimmed in embroidery, insertion or plain hemstitched; great values at-

\$.50 Drawers 39c Pair \$.75 Drawers 47c Pair \$1.00 Drawers 69c Pair

25,000 yards of 15e White Curtain

Swiss, enormous variety of styles, dots, stripes and figures; our en-

tire stock of 15c Swiss materials,

lines, new patterns and

today; your choice, yard 10¢ 10,000 yards of the best quality silko-

Gowns Greatly Reduced

Women's fine Cambric and Nainsook Gowns, low, round, square and high necks, trimmed in fine laces, embroideries, tucks, insertions, beadings and rib bons. Full lengths and widths. Grand "May Sale"

\$.75 Night Gowns for \$.57 \$1.00 Night Gowns for \$.77 \$1.25 Night Gowns for \$.96 \$1.50 Night Gowns for \$1.22 \$1.75 Night Gowns for \$1.32 \$2.00 Night Gowns for \$1.67 \$2.50 Night Gowns for \$1.97

Women's fine White Cambrie Petticoats, trimmed in good quality wide embroidery and clusters tucks and insertion; separate dust \$2.39 ruffles, \$3.25 and \$3.50 values for... Fine Cambric Petticoats, wide flounces, laces, embroidery, edging and insertions; separate dust ruffles; great values, \$1.50 and \$1.75 \$1.29 values for, each....

Bargains in Short White Petticoats. Bargains in French Lingerie.

Curtain Swiss 10c "May Sale" of White Goods

36-INCH INDIA LINONS grade, yd....20c 30c grade, yd... grade, yd....30c 40c grade, yd... quality, for this sale, yad, 50-INCH FRENCH LAWNS.

grade, yd... Me Tie grade, yd... 45c grade, yd... 44c 85c grade, yd... 55c grade, yd... 55c fl.09 grade, yd.. 59c Batiste Mulls, Zie to 69c value, 25c to 53c yard.

36-inch Sateens, the best for making handsome and serviceable comforts; new designs and colorings grounds; floral designs; pretty material for Summer draperies, pillow price of,

Great lot of remnants of Curtain materials, Swiss, Nets, Cretonnes, Burlaps, Tapestries, etc.; all the best styles, all lengths; choose while they last 1/2 Price Third Floor.

WHITE ORGANDUS-68-INCH.

40c grade, yd. 35c Sc grade, yd. 35c Sc grade, yd. 45c Sc grade, yd. 55c grade, yd. 55c St.06 grade, yd. 55c St.05 grade, yd. 55c St.05 grade, yd. 51c St.05 grade, yd. 50c St.05

Great Specials in Wash Goods

Venetian Veiling Voiles; our best selling light-weight wash 17c material, all colors; great value at this price, yard 50c Knotted Pongees and Chiffon de Soies, beautiful line of new Summer materials; looks like silk, wears better, yard . . . 40c-45c Silk-Stripe Voiles, all colors, pretty, sheer, servicea-31c ble waist and suit material; special value for this sale..... 50e fancy mercerized white Waistings, 40 patterns in dots, figures, small and large patterns; great "May Sale" 32c

Portland's Leading Cloak Store

is offering "May Sale" bargains in women's ready-to-wear apparel that are worthy your careful investigation-Tailored Suits, Silk Suits, Covert Coats, Waists, Silk Petticoats are all included in the money-saving list-Second Floor



\$11 Covert Coats \$6.85

Women's Tan Covert and Black Cheviot Jackets, silk lined, fly front nicely stitched, a great special purchase being offered at half value; all the very best styles, perfect fitting, \$11.00 values, while they last \$6.85

TAILORED SUITS REDUCED

This season's handsomest Tailored Suits in jacket, blouse, tight-fitting and Eton 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-

\$15.00 Suits \$12.25 \$25.00 Suits \$19.25 \$34.00 Suits \$24.85 \$36.00 Suits \$28.75 \$45.00 Suits \$33.50 \$46.00 Suits \$34.90

Silk Shirtwaist Suits Reduced

Beautiful Silk Shirtwaist Suits, this season's most attractive styles in im mense 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, shirtwaist styles, with plaited or shirred skirts; green, navy, brown, black, fancy stripes and colors; all sizes—Silk Suits to please every fancy.

\$22.50 Silk Suits, each ... \$17.45 \$34.00 Silk Suits, each ... \$28.25 \$28.00 Silk Suits, each ... \$23.55 \$52.00 Silk Suits, each ... \$42.25 \$38.00 Silk Suits, each ... \$24.75 The best display in town.

Women's Black Silk Coats, fancy trimmed, large collar and \$6.55 stole effects, all new styles; \$11.00 values for ... Best Silk Petticoat Bargains in town; all grades-Second Floor.

"May Sale" Lace Curtains

White Madrass weave Lace Curtains, plain and detached-figure centers with dainty borders, 45 in. wide by 3 yds. long; the \$1.32 best lot of \$2 Curtains we ever offered at this low price...\$ best lot of \$2 Curtains we ever offered at this low price... Arabian Colored Curtains, novelty weaves, plain centers with narrow borders, 50 inches wide, 3½ yards long; our regular \$1.79 \$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, 3½ yards long; \$4.78 regular \$8.50 values, at the low price of, pair. \$4.78 White and eern 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, pair. \$1.98

Silk Specials

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Free Embroidery Lessons Daily, 2 to 5 P. M. 2d Floor Lewis and Clark Official Flags, Silk or Wool, All Sizes Artistic Picture Framing to Your Order at Low Prices

The "May Sale" of Corsets

Two great special lots of Corsets at wonderfully low prices-All are of desirable model and by far the best corset value offered for many months-Second Floor

Women's Batiste Corsets; white ground and colored figures; straight front, Princess hip; sizes 18 to 23; great May sale, Women's White Brocaded Tape Girdles, in sizes 18 to 23; very best styles; wonderful 39c

Children's Knit Underwaists; strongly taped; buttons sewed on so they won't come off; ages 1 to 10 years; matchless value 15c



"May Sale" in the Picture Departm't

The "Christy" Pictures, in colors; size 20x24 in.; framed in wide black frame, with gilt liner; regular \$3.00 values; \$1.98 on sale for....

Matted Pictures in colors, with appropriate verses accompanying them; size 14x17 inches; regular 25e values; on sale for . 10¢ All our 25e Matted Pietures; size 17x28 in., 22x28 in., 20x24 in.; New line of Copley Prints just received.

1200 \$2.00 Comforters \$1.49 Ea.

We place on sale today a great special purchase of 1200 white cotton-filled Comforters, silkoline covered, in very best patterns and colors, a grade of

comforter that sells in most stores around town at \$2.50 \$1.49 Limited Quantity to Each Purchaser Gray and White Goose Feather Pillows;

fancy ticking covered; good size and quality; regular \$1.50 values 98¢ Beds, Bedding, Mattresses, Springs, Blankets, Comforters, etc., at the lowest prices. Sole agents for Ostermoor Elastic Felt Mattresses.

"May Sale" in the Bookstore

Sole Agents "Vudor" Porch Shades

The 1905 shipment of PORCH SHADES "Vudor" Porch Shades are now ready - Every family wants to enjoy the porch this summer-"Vudors" keep the sun out and allow the air to circulate-Being attractively stained they are an ornament to the house-Complete with pulleys, rope,



etc., ready for hanging-All sizes-Third floor 4 feet x 8 feet\$2.75 6 feet x 8 feet 8 feet x 8 feet\$4.50 10 feet x 8 feet 50 cents each less if you hang them yourself

"Willamette" Flyers \$3.98, \$5.98 The "Willamette" Flyer; the best handear made; rubber-tired;

every boy wants one; gives health and strength to the weak two sizes; special low-priced at, each......\$3.98, \$5.98 Agents for Ansco Cameras, films and cyko paper. Photo Supplies-complete stock, at lowest prices. Printing and developing done as it should be done,

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\$3.50 Low Shoes Only \$2.42 Pair

Women's and misses' oxfords and shoes of the best styles and leathers are being sold at the lowest prices ever known on footwear of quality-Shoes of standard manufacture in all sizes and widths-Anticipate your Summer needs

Women's \$3.50 Low Shoes, in tans, patent colt, Bluchers and Oxfords and patent colt Ribbon Ties, plain toes; all this season's footwear, all sizes, \$3.50 value; pr.\$2.42 Women's \$3.00 Low Shoes, in tan patent leather and viei kid, patent tip, light or heavy soles, Cuban heels, all sizes; Johnson Bros.' best \$3.00 values; pair. \$2.12 Women's \$2.50 Low Shoes ,in dark tan, patent leather and vici kid; all sizes; all our regular \$2.50 values; pair...... \$1.62 Women's patent colt, vici kid, box calf and velour calf Shoes, heavy and light soles, Cuhan heel, all sizes and widths; this sea-

son's best \$3.00 footwear, pair ... \$2.12 Misses' Low Shoes, low heels, vici kid Blucher and lace Oxford light and heavy soles; patent colt Blucher and lace \$1.98 Oxfords; pair

Women's patent colt and patent kid lace Blueher and button Shees, welt sole, vici kid, patent tip lace Shoes, turn and welt soles, all sizes; regular \$3.50 values, on sale for, pair. ... \$2.65.

Men's and Boys' Oxfords—A complete stock in all leathers, ans, patent, velour and box calf. All grades, lowest prices.

