

# SHERRETT'S TALE OF THE BRIBES

### Accuses Automatic Telephone Company Agents of Felony.

## GRAND JURY HEARS HIM

### Frank H. Stow and John Lamont Declare That His Story Is False and That He Was Offered Nothing.

Like Fred Merrill, Councilman Dan T. Sherrett has told his bribery story to the grand jury. Councilman Sherrett proclaimed in an open Council meeting that agents of the Automatic Telephone Company had offered to bribe him; that they at first offered to pay all of his campaign expenses, stock in the company, give him the plumbing done by the firm and last, and not least, \$1000, if he would vote in favor of granting this company a franchise. This scream of bribery was very promptly taken up by District Attorney John Manning and he was hauled before that body of men yesterday.

Mr. Sherrett told his story. He testified that he had been offered bribes by people interested in the Automatic company and that he was hounded almost to the point of persecution by John Lamont and Frank H. Stow. Councilman Sherrett told his woe-tale of bribe-offering, and between his recital and the still more and more animated he underwent a very busy two hours. Sherrett told the grand jury that, in all the time he has been a member of the City Council, he had never discussed with any member of the body any of the countless matters that came up before the Council in the nature of contracts or franchises. Rather a remarkable statement to make, when it is remembered that Sherrett is a Councilman and supposed to be interested in all matters pertaining to the letting of contracts and the granting of franchises.

### Sherrett's Tale of Bribes.

Sherrett did tell the grand jury that a certain brother Councilman had asked him if he was going to vote for the Automatic franchise, and he told him that he would not. This Councilman told him that it was none of his business, how he, Sherrett, was going to vote. Sherrett admitted that he had always been, and was now, in favor of granting this franchise. This seems to have been a bit of puzzle for the grand jurors, so the story goes for they could not quite understand, if the Councilman was in favor of granting the franchise, why it was necessary for a bribe to be offered him. From all accounts Sherrett's testimony was not at all satisfactory and he will be called again some time next week to explain still further about the bribes that were offered him.

In addition to offering him bribes, Councilman Sherrett is credited with having said that the men who had tried to bribe him and failed had made his refusal the basis of a fight against him politically. He says that the representatives of the company who were circulating petitions around the city, asking that the Council grant the franchise, boasted in his ward that they were out to defeat him. He also stated that the people working for the Automatic company had circulated the story around that he was receiving telephone service free from the Pacific States Telephone Company because he was opposing the granting of the franchise to the new company. Councilman Sherrett brands this story as false. He says that if he is to be believed because he is honest, he is willing to take his medicine.

### His Story Is Denied.

Councilman Sherrett's allegations of bribery have met prompt and emphatic denials from both Frank H. Stow and John Lamont. Both, of course, will be called before the grand jury. District Attorney Manning is being called in calling everybody that has made charges of bribery before the grand jury. He is as anxious to sift to the bottom the ugly stories that have been heaped about in connection with the telephone scandals as he is to get down to bed rock in the front-street bridge deal. The grand jury adjourned yesterday until Monday morning, after it had listened to Councilman Sherrett. On reconvening, in all probability, Sherrett will be the first called in, and after the grand jury gets through with him, Lamont and Stow will be subpoenaed.

"Sherrett's charges are all rot," is the way that Frank H. Stow, representing the Automatic company, characterizes the story of bribery as told by Councilman Sherrett. "I deny in toto all of the statements that Councilman Sherrett has made. My company has never offered a bribe to any one. It does not handle its business in that way. Sherrett says he was in favor of granting the franchise. In that event it was not necessary even to solicit his vote in our behalf. I am sure that he never was offered money, and I am confident that he cannot prove one single word of any of the statements he has made."

John Lamont also came back at Sherrett with a strong denial. "I am perfectly willing to go before the grand jury to tell what I know. That is the place to tell it. I don't fear Sherrett or any other man."

### City Offenders Before Municipal Judge Hogue.

"I THINK I have a right to drink a little without being arrested and charged with disorderly conduct," said K. C. Klop, when arraigned before Judge Hogue yesterday morning.

"How many drinks did you have the night of the trouble?" asked Judge Hogue.

"Not more than 40," coolly replied Klop.

"What?" exclaimed Judge Hogue. "You didn't understand my question, I guess. I asked you how many drinks of whiskey you had the night of the trouble."

"Not more than 40," came the reply.

"Did you really have 40 drinks of whiskey?"

"Well, I didn't keep an itemized account, but I think I had as many."

"You can drink more than Casey," said Judge Hogue.

"I've got him skinned a mile," replied Klop.

Proprietor Smith of the Hoffman, who complained against Klop, then produced a revolver that resembled a gaffing gun, and a long pocket knife. He said he thought they were peculiar things for Klop to be carrying around. He said they were the property of Klop.

Judge Hogue finally sentenced Klop to the City Jail for 30 days.

Paul Jones, who says he is no relation to the late Admiral Jones, was up for disorderly conduct. Policeman Hunt, who arrested the lad, said the defendant had caused much trouble in Fulton by

using vile language and perpetrating tricks on defenseless people.

Paul is of slender build, quite tall and stoop-shouldered.

"Can't you stand up straight?" asked Judge Hogue of Paul.

"Who-me?" inquired Paul.

"I wasn't talking to Chief Hunt, was I?" asked Judge Hogue.

Still Paul stood with the arch in his spine.

"Balliff Goltz, see if you can straighten this boy's back a little," ordered Judge Hogue. "Show him how to stand so as to please even General Beebe."

Balliff Goltz did his best, but the kink remained in Paul's vertebrae and the task was abandoned.

Paul's father was subpoenaed and will be in court today to tell the court about the boy.

"This is the most peculiar case I have ever known," said Judge Hogue, after an hour's inquisition into the case of Mrs. Jennie Blood. "The poor woman can't control herself. She can't keep away from liquor, although she wishes to do so. County Physician Geary says she is a very peculiar patient."

"I'm awfully sorry to be here," spoke up Mrs. Blood.

"You are in a very delicate physical condition," said Judge Hogue to her. "You must assist yourself, for no one else can do it for you. You have got to bring your mind to such a position that you will never touch another drop of liquor as long as you live."

Judge Hogue continued his lecture, but the gist of it is given here. He decided to let Mrs. Blood remain with Police Matron Simmons for a week, at the end of which time she is supposed to have herself in the frame of mind ordered by Judge Hogue.

### SELIGMANS WANT THE ROAD

Will the stockholders of the Portland Consolidated Street Railway sell the property to Eastern capitalists for \$6,000,000.

For some time it has been hinted that negotiations were pending for the sale of the recently consolidated street railway system to the Bellman banking interests of New York. No one seemed to know whether the rumor was true, but it was daily assumed more and more of an air of definiteness. The story had it that a representative of the bankers was to start West in a very short time for the purpose of making a personal investigation of the property here with a view to purchase and that there was good ground for the belief that the deal would be carried through and the property sold.

When asked yesterday afternoon concerning the rumor, General Manager Fuller, of the railway company, stated that there was foundation for the story, and that it was supposed the investigator would be in Portland the first part of the week to open negotiations for the purchase of the property. It was also stated by Mr. Fuller that while no definite estimate had been put on the value of the property, a valuation of approximately \$6,000,000 would be about the sum that would be expected.

### AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

#### "The Red Feather."

One may expect to hear the best of music beautifully sung when "The Red Feather" is presented at the Marquam Grand Theater next Thursday, Friday, Saturday matinee and night, May 11, 12, 13. The explanation is simple. Grace Van Studdford, the star of "Red Feather," selected personally every voice, both chorus and principals, engaged for the production of the opera. The result is one of the best singing companies in light opera now touring the country. It is so very seldom that a comic opera organization can boast of a combination of handsome women and fine voices. "Red Feather," we believe, has set the pace in this particular.

#### "Our Boys" Tomorrow.

People who attend the Empire at either tomorrow afternoon's or tomorrow evening's performance will have the pleasure of witnessing one of the greatest comedies ever written. Full of bright and original fun, clever character creations and comical situations. As a laugh-producer, "Our Boys" has few equals, and the Empire at large will be the principal place of amusement, light and airy in the city. The pretty little love story that runs all through the play adds greatly to the interest in the plot. Daily matinees at the Empire at 2:15.

#### "The Marble Heart."

The last two performances of the great melodrama which has been crowding the Empire all week will take place this afternoon and tonight. "The Marble Heart," with its original and stirring plot, rich and beautiful stage settings and bright comedy, has proved a very strong attraction at the Empire all week. These two last performances are the only opportunities left and should not be missed.

### MERRILL'S FRIENDS.

Take no stock in the tricks of my enemies today. Have made no compact with anyone. Will not withdraw. Will have no sack in the North End, but will receive the nomination, just the same.

### JOSEPH W. BEVERIDGE,

Candidate for the Republican nomination of City Treasurer.

### Life Pence Calls on Park Board.

Laf Pence, who is building a ditch to carry water from Balch Creek to Wulamette Heights yesterday, appeared before the Park Board and asked permission to run his flume through a portion of Macleay Park. He requested that the Board come to the site with him and see if his request were not reasonable.

The Park Board decided that small boys must no longer play baseball on the plaza block given over for that purpose between Burnside and Couch. The residents of that vicinity have complained of the noise, so the Board has decided to lay cement crosswalks through the Park in such directions that it will spoil all chances of making a diamond.

### File Incorporation Articles.

Articles of Incorporation of the Official Photograph Company, the objects of which are to make and sell photographs of the exhibits of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by David M. Stevens, G. L. Boomer and Fred L. Kiser. Capital stock, \$5,000.

## WELCOME O. R. C. WELCOME O. R. C. WELCOME O. R. C.

# The Meier & Frank Store Open Tonight Until 9:30

## Big Bargains in Men's Wear

This week's bargain bulletin from the Men's Furnishing Goods Store bristles with rare money-saving chances—Reasonable furnishings of every description marked at exceptionally interesting prices—You can't go wrong in taking advantage of these splendid values

100 dozen Men's new Spring and Summer Neckwear—Four-in-Hands in all widths, English Squares, English Foulards; immense assortment of the very best patterns and colorings; Neckwear we sell by the thousands at 50c each; your choice..... **39c**

25c Midget Ties, stripes and figures, all colors, each..... **18c**

Men's Mercerized lisle thread Underwear, Summer-weight, tan, blue and pink; shirts and drawers, all sizes; our best \$1.25 values, today only at this low price..... **95c**

Men's heavy twilled Muslin Night Shirts, made full size and extra long, great value at..... **65c**

Men's pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, our best 25c values, on sale today only at, each..... **16c**

### Men's Golf Shirts 89c Each

1000 Men's white Oxford and plaited Golf Shirts, all sizes, this season's very best styles, big variety; Shirts being sold at other stores for \$1.25 each; choice today only at..... **89c**

### Men's Fancy Hose 11c Pr.

Great special sale of 2000 pairs of Men's fancy embroidered black Half-Hose, all sizes; great variety of patterns; value extraordinary for today only at this low price, pr..... **11c**

Boys' fancy striped Golf Shirts with two collars to match, all sizes, 12½ to 14, variety of patterns, fast color; great value today at, each..... **39c**

Boys' Overshirts in Madras, Oxford, Chambrays and Percales, each..... **63c**

New "Monarch" and "Cluett" Shirts, in beautiful patterns and colorings; the greatest display of \$1.00 and \$1.50 Shirts in the city.

## \$13.50 Tailored Hats \$4.98

"Gage," "Phipps & Atchinson," "Burgesser," "Bendel" Take your choice today from our entire stock of high-class tailored hats—values up to \$13.50 each for \$4.98—all the newest creations from such prominent makers as "Gage," "Phipps & Atchinson," "Lichtenstein," "Keith" and "Bendel"—Rich, nobby hats in plain and fancy braids—Polo Hats, Turbans, Russian Turbans, Maxine Elliotts and Sailors—Our entire stock for your choosing—**\$4.98**

## Women's Neckwear Specials Today

Women's white Silk Stocks, embroidered in Persian and pastel shades, grape designs. Regular 25c values on sale at, each..... **11c**

Embroidered silk turbans in silk and mercerized cotton, also broken lines of Silk Stocks, 25c, 35c, 50c values, on sale for, each..... **9c**

Cream Venise Lace Collars for children. Extraordinary value today at this low price..... **49c**

Fancy lace and beaded Jabot Stocks, 50c and 75c values on sale at the low price of..... **49c**

## Children's Suits, Dresses and Coats

### A Great Saturday "Bargain Carnival"

Buy misses and children's apparel today if you want to effect the greatest margin of saving our juvenile department has ever offered—Economical parents will anticipate the young ladies' needs for many months to come at these prices

**\$8.50 Coats \$5.95** Little Girls' light-weight Coats, made in very fine quality Broadcloth, Chevot, Covert Cloth and Homespun materials; Peter Thompson and fancy styles, with large sleeve; light gray, brown, navy and castor, all ages, \$8.50 values,..... **\$5.95**

**\$9 Dresses \$6.85** Children's "Buster Brown" Dresses, made in French Pique, colors are white, light blue and tan; this season's most attractive styles, in ages 4 to 12 years; our best \$9.00 values, on sale today only at..... **\$6.85**

Children's Wash-Dresses, made in good quality blue Ginghams, trimmed in tucks and embroidery, insertion and edging, ages 6 to 14 years; wonderful value today at..... **\$1.22**

Misses' "Peter Thompson" Suits, made in fine navy blue Serge, hand-embroidered emblems on blouse sleeve, gored skirt, ages 14, 16, 18 years; regular \$12.50 values..... **\$9.85**

Special prices on all lines of Children's Novelty Pique Dresses, ages 6 to 14 years; all this season's prettiest styles.

## Great Saturday Shoe Sale

Extraordinary shoe bargains for women, men, misses, children and boys—The best styles and leathers—All sizes and widths—Family shoe needs can be supplied today at one-third below value—Extra salespeople to serve you

Women's \$3.00 Low Shoes, in vici kid, patent tip, Blucher and lace styles; Women's \$3.00 light and dark tan lace Oxfords, all sizes; Women's \$3.00 patent colt lace Oxfords, all sizes; this season's most desirable \$3.00 footwear, for, pair..... **\$1.99**

Women's \$3.00 High Shoes, in kid, Blucher, dull top, patent tip, patent colt, lace style, light sole, vici kid, patent tip, heavy sole, all sizes, great value, pair..... **\$1.99**

### Men's Shoe Specials

French, Shriner & Urner's famous \$5.00 and \$6.00 Shoes for Men; the best Men's Shoes produced in America; this season's leading styles in patent colt, vici kid, box calf and velour calf, light and heavy soles, all lace Shoes, all sizes, \$5.00 and \$6.00 values, on sale for

**\$4.29 the Pair**

Men's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes, Goodyear welt, in heavy and light soles, patent leather, vici kid, box calf, velour calf, lace and Bluchers; your choice, pair..... **\$2.89**

### Children's Shoe Specials

Misses' and Children's patent leather and vici kid 3-strap Slippers, all new this season's footwear: 12 to 2 sizes, regular \$1.50 value, pair..... **\$1.09**

Sizes 8½ to 11½, regular \$1.35 value, pair..... **99c**

Sizes 5 to 8, regular \$1.25 value, pair..... **89c**

Boys' medium-weight School Shoes, made of best stock, heavy soles and wire-quilted soles, every pair guaranteed to give satisfactory service: Sizes 10 to 13½, reduced to, pair..... **\$1.29**

Sizes 1 to 2, reduced to, pair..... **\$1.39**

Sizes 2½ to 5½, reduced to, pair..... **\$1.49**

### Specials in Corset Covers—Drawers

Corset Covers, made of fine Nainsooks and cambrics, trimmed with dainty laces, embroideries, insertions, beading, ribbons and tucks; 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**

Women's fine Cambric and Nainsook Drawers, trimmed in fine embroidery, laces, clusters of tucks and insertions; regular \$2.00 values,..... **98c**

Special lot of Cambric Drawers, lace and embroidery trimmed; also wide tucked flounces, trimmed in embroidery, insertion or plain hemstitched; great values at—

**50c Drawers..... 39c Pair 75c Drawers..... 47c Pair**

**\$1.00 Drawers..... 69c Pair**

### Sale of Women's Knit Underwear

Women's imported Swiss ribbed Union Suits, low neck, no sleeves, knee length, \$1.50 values..... **\$1.18**

Women's imported Swiss ribbed Vests, low neck, no sleeves, hand-embroidered yoke and edge, 65c values..... **47c**

Women's fine ribbed Silk Vests, high neck, long sleeves, "Harvard Mills" make, regular \$1.00 values, for..... **77c**

Tights to match the above, \$1.00 values, pair..... **77c**

### Saturday Specials in Drug Sundries

Tarline Bags, no trouble with moths if you have one; large size, great special value..... **59c**

25c Camels Skins, for toilet and polishing purposes..... **16c**

Spirit Gas Stoves, generate a gas and burn less alcohol than any other stove; nickel plated, each..... **53c**

"Bathasweet," a perfumed luxury for the bath; with each 25c can purchased we give free a 25c box of Pure Rice Powder, a superior powder for the toilet and infants.

Armour's Castile Soap, 2 cakes for..... **5c**

Pure Bristle Hair Brushes, great value at..... **16c**

50c Hair Brushes, assorted backs, pure white bristles..... **39c**

Breath of Violets, imparts a real violet fragrance, box..... **5c**

Colman's Water Bottle and Fountain Syringe combined, rapid-flow fixture, bottom outlet, 2 quarts, \$1.50 value; on sale today at..... **\$1.23**

10c Hand Mirrors, ring or plain, special..... **5c**

Hand Scrub Brushes and Vegetable Brushes, each..... **5c**

Torrey's Genuine Horsehair Razor Straps, each..... **4c**

Griffon Safety Razors, \$2.50 to \$5.50 values, for, set..... **\$1.50**

### Sale of Beds and Bedding

Special purchase of white enameled Iron Beds, brass top rail and spindle, full or 3 size, beds of good appearance, strong and durable; we sold thousands of them at \$7.50 regularly; your choice at the very low price of..... **\$5.45**

Cotton filled Comforters, silkoline-covered, best patterns and colors, regular \$2.00 values..... **\$1.49**

### Sale of Bed Springs

3-ply Bed Springs, \$2.25 values, for, each..... **\$1.45**

2-ply Bed Springs, \$2.25 values, for, each..... **\$2.25**

Y. T. Bed Springs, \$2.25 values, for, each..... **\$2.45**

## Men's Suit Bargains

The Men's Clothing Store joins in the great special bargain offerings throughout the store today—New, up-to-date clothing at wonderfully low prices

### Men's Suits at \$8.85

Suits the exclusive clothier asks \$15.00 for; brown and gray mixed chevrons, fancy tweeds and cassimeres; this season's garments; well made, perfect fitting, large variety of patterns; our regular \$12.50 values..... **\$8.85**

### Men's Suits at \$10.35

Suits the exclusive clothier asks \$18.00 for; all wool, fine blue serge suits, warranted fast blue, coat skeleton lined, a natty, cool, serviceable Summer suit, splendidly made and perfect fitting, regular \$15.00 value..... **\$10.35**

### Men's Suits at \$12.65

The quality the exclusive clothier asks \$22.50 for; all wool, blue unfinished worsted Suits, regular and stout cut, hand-tailored throughout; our \$20 values, for..... **\$12.65**

Men's all-wool Norfolk Suits, in fancy chevrons and home city best patterns, all grades, for the extraordinarily low price of..... **\$7.50 to \$20.00**

### Saturday Sale of Boys' Clothing

Boys' Washable Kilt Suits for little boys, 2 to 4 years of age, in blue striped chambray; small Eton collar, embroidered collar, front and cuffs; our regular \$1.50 values..... **\$1.19**

Boys' all-wool 3-piece double-breasted Suits, in good serviceable mixtures; ages 8 to 16 years; best suit bargain of the year..... **\$3.15**

Boys' all-wool Norfolk Suits, in fancy chevrons and home city best patterns, all grades, for the extraordinarily low price of..... **\$3.80**