

RANK FRAUDS OPERATING HERE

District Attorney Manning Investigating "Get-Rich-Quick" Concern.

ITS VICTIMS ARE NUMEROUS

Concern Agrees to Repay to Patrons Two Dollars for Every One Invested and Northwest Furnishes Many Lambs.

A rank fraud operating at present under the name of the Prudential Investment & Security Company is being investigated by District Attorney Manning's agents. Head offices of the concern are supposed to be located in San Francisco, although it is not known just where they are. There is a branch in Seattle, and it is believed that from there the scheme is being worked throughout the Northwest.

If there is found a possible way of getting at the officers of the fraud, District Attorney Manning states he will cause arrests to be made, and will prosecute most vigorously all those charged. Ernest Brand has been investigating the case, at the direction of District Attorney Manning, and has secured considerable evidence against the concern, which is a diamond-contrast or get-rich-quick scheme of the most transparent kind.

Roan and Emerson are heralded as the Seattle agents of the company, with offices in the Arcade building of that city. Circumstances by the concern being the name of H. B. Hayden as president and treasurer; Charles Wilson as first vice-president; W. D. Ayres, second vice-president; H. M. Smith, secretary; and L. Godchaux, the latter not being designated officially.

Seattle Officials to Aid.
Mr. Brand wrote to prosecuting Attorney McIntosh, at Seattle, asking for information regarding the standing of President-Treasurer Hayden, and also requesting that the Prudential Investment & Security Company's operations there be investigated. A reply was received, stating that the prosecuting attorney's office had investigated the matter on one complaint, and on a similar complaint had won a conviction in the Superior Court recently. A promise to cooperate in that state, although it was contained in the reply, and it is probable both offices will take the matter in hand jointly, soon.

F. W. Witt, residing at 255 Seventeenth street south, Portland, has been acting as local agent for the company. He was summoned before Mr. Brand and questioned, his main defense being that he was not criminally responsible for the operations of the company here, and also declared he had lost some money himself in the concern.

A letter to the treasurer of California brought a reply that the company had never deposited the necessary \$5000 to do business in that state, although they sent out circulars informing the public they had done so. Just now an effort is being made to locate the San Francisco office.

Has Fake Contracts.

The company contracts to pay \$150 or \$5 for each dollar paid in. Holders of certificates must pay the weekly. Failure to pay forfeits the certificate and all moneys paid in by the holder. Alice Waller, of Portland, holds two contracts and has paid in some \$100 on one, and the other, John Anderson, of Dayton, Wash., has paid \$50 on one, later transferred to Peter Allison, of Seattle.

Other cases in hand, and all stand willing to prosecute if called upon. There are dupes of the company scattered all over the Northwest and through California and into the states where it is thought, received a cent for all their investments.

The company was first organized in San Francisco under the name of the Empire Diamond Company, and later taken over by the Fidelity Funding Company. Both concerns were investigated by the United States Postal authorities and found the use of the name on the ground that they were fraudulent.

City Offenders Before Municipal Judge Hogue

"Oh, this, you can arrest me, if you want to, but you can't make it stick," said E. C. McLean, a hotel-runner, when taken into custody late Saturday afternoon by Patrolman Carlson, charged with obstructing the streets in the vicinity of the Union Depot.

McLean evidently knew what he was talking about, for he was discharged by Judge Hogue in the Municipal Court yesterday, as was also Ide Cowell, a "runner" for the Deutsche House, 42 1/2 North Sixth street. The latter was arrested by Carlson, Sunday afternoon, for breaking police regulations at the depot, which prohibit interference with passengers by "runners."

Patrolman Carlson took the stand and made a clear statement of the two arrests, declaring emphatically that each defendant violated the sidewalk ordinances. He said that McLean especially was very ugly, and told the officer he would not just sit in the jail at the depot.

Both defendants denied their guilt, and their employers also took the stand and testified. Judge Hogue remarked that the case of Cowell was worse than that of McLean, inasmuch as Cowell was shown to have followed an aged couple several blocks, attempting to take their mite and make them come to his hotel.

Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald launched into a hot argument, calling Judge Hogue's attention to the previous release of two "runners," and stating that the hands of the police must be upheld if any semblance of order is to be maintained at the depot. Mr. Fitzgerald's remarks were so obviously directed at the court that the latter stopped him three times, but he continued to rant.

"Well, I'm going to dismiss these cases, anyway," said Judge Hogue, angrily. "If the evidence was such as to convince me, I would take pleasure in convicting the defendants."

Captain Frank Burke, of Rose No. 2, was taken in by Robert Kirkwood, a get-rich-quick agent, and when pressed for the payment of a \$5 bill, assaulted the man and suffered arrest and conviction as a result. He was fined \$20 at the conclusion of the case, which was heard yesterday before Judge Hogue.

Kirkwood's testimony was that he tried to collect the bill from Burke, who refused and ordered him from the yard of the Burke home, 266 East Stevens street. Kirkwood said he needed the money badly to buy medicine for ill members of his family, and implored a moment to make another proposition to Burke. Then the latter assaulted him, knocked him down and beat him until pulled off by one of his mates of the fire company. Two women corroborated Kirkwood's story.

Captain Burke denied striking Kirkwood.

wood first, saying that Kirkwood first struck him. He denied beating him while he had his victim down, but Judge Hogue was not long in rendering a decision.

On a charge of the larceny of E. J. B. Moore, proprietor of the Cosmopolitan saloon, was yesterday fined \$20 by Judge Hogue.

Moore was represented by Attorney W. M. Davis, who, in order to save time, permitted the court to use the testimony given the previous day in the assault and battery case as evidence in the larceny case.

Judge Hogue did so, and immediately fined Moore \$20.

Moore was originally drawn into the trouble when he refused to disclose the name of the man who struck Paul Paulson in the Cosmopolitan saloon recently. Moore was given 48 hours in which to tell who did it, and refused to do so when the time came. He was fined \$10 on charge of assault and battery Tuesday, a fine which he paid.

CALL HAS BEEN ISSUED

Trans-Mississippi Congress Is to Gather in Portland.

The call has gone out for the 16th Annual Trans-Mississippi Congress to take place in Portland, August 16, 17, 18 and 19. The executive committee has sent out word to Governors of states and territories, Mayors of cities, Boards of County Commissioners, Chambers of Commerce and trade organizations to appoint their delegates and send them to take part. And this they will surely do, for the Trans-Mississippi Congress, being, as its name implies, of peculiar interest to those states this side of the Mississippi River, has become an event of particular significance. Moreover, there are certain matters of high importance to come before the body.

The Pacific Trade will be the chief topic of conference, as the official call points out. Though this has come before the congress previously, the force of it has never been brought out as it will here on account of the centennial of Portland to the Orient. Trade relations with the Far East will be explicated to the end that the best methods may be adopted.

The executive committee also points out the increasing demand for a Department of Mines and Mining, with its head a member of the President's Cabinet. An effort will be made to secure action from the National Congress towards the establishment of such a department.

Other subjects for discussion and the securing of ultimate action from the proper sources are the improvement of rivers and harbors, the establishing of a union of interests between Pacific Coast ports and the Gulf of Mexico, the Isthmian Canal, the merchant marine, the Consular Service, the necessity for differential favoring Pacific Coast ports in the building of naval vessels, good roads, irrigation and a dozen other leading matters of vital interest.

TO ASK FOR FIRE ENGINE

Residents South of Division Street Want Protection.

Residents south of Division street on the East Side will make a vigorous effort to get fire protection through the creation of an engine house and location of an engine on the corner of Powell and Milwaukee streets, where the city owns three acres. The territory which will be covered by an engine located at this point is very large, reaching up to Sellwood on the South and the city limits on the East. In the district are three large schoolhouses and the Inman-Pooler building, an extensive insurance business are very high in that territory because of the want of fire protection.

As the city owns the land on Powell and Milwaukee streets, where the engine will be located if built, only the cost of the building and engine will have to be met. An engine house will cost about \$2000 at the least. The one being built in South Portland will cost this amount when completed. Streets have been generally improved in this territory, so that an engine may be taken anywhere there. The petition for this additional fire protection will be gotten out and presented to the new city administration.

RESPECT PUBLIC MANDATE

Majority of Councilmen Oppose Liquor Licenses in St. Johns.

There are four members of the St. Johns Council who will refuse to vote to grant licenses to sell liquor in St. Johns until the people say by majority vote that they want them granted. C. D. Edwards, one of the members of the Council, who votes with the four against liquor licenses, says:

"The people here, by majority vote, declared against the issuing of liquor licenses, and I don't see how we can go back on that verdict. I am not a crank on the subject of saloons. I take a drink of beer when it makes it stick," when a vote of the people is against the saloons it settles it as far as I am concerned.

"Where the revenue is to come from to meet expenses I don't know, but those things work out. I have an idea that the charter will furnish the relief. All know cities have to meet the same condition we now face. Our taxable valuation was small at the start, and hence our income was limited, but next year it will be much larger and we will get more revenue."

HEBREW WAIFS' MATINEE

Barney Bernard Will Play for Them Saturday Afternoon.

Next Saturday afternoon the Hebrew waifs of Portland will be entertained at the matinee of "The Phenician" at the Marquon. Barney Bernard, the brilliant young Jewish actor, now appearing at the theater, yesterday wrote a letter to Rev. R. Abrahamson, of Congregation Ahavai Sholom, extending an invitation to all orphan Hebrew children in the city to be present and witness his performance Saturday afternoon. Rabbi Abrahamson accepted the courtesy, and will have charge of all arrangements for giving the treat.

CANADIAN NATIONAL PARK

The Canadian Pacific has made a round-trip rate of \$5 to Banff and return, good for stopover privileges. Visitors to the Exposition should not fail to visit the famous resort, situated in the very heart of the Rocky Mountains, less than 48 hours' ride from Portland. For descriptive literature and full particulars call on or address F. R. Johnson, P. & P. A., 142 Third street, Portland, Or.

COLUMBIA RIVER EXCURSIONS.

Very Low Rates Via the O. R. & N. to Upper River Points.

No visitor to Portland should miss viewing the matches Columbia River scenery between Portland and The Dalles. The new train from the O. R. & N. trains The Chicago-Portland special leaves the Union Station every morning at 2:11, giving a daylight ride along the Columbia, stopping 4 minutes at the very foot of Multnomah Falls. Every mile of the trip there is something new and fascinating. If desired, the return trip may be made by boat from Cascade Locks or The Dalles. Very low rates this summer. Particulars and Summer Book by asking C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent, O. R. & N. Co., Third and Washington streets.

Meier & Frank's 810th Friday Surprise Sale
2000 Women's Shirtwaists Values to \$1.75 for 98c Each
Meier & Frank's 810th Friday Surprise Sale
1500 Women's Vests 9c Each

Tomorrow's 810th Friday Surprise Sale is made up of an immense lot of women's desirable Shirtwaists—A special purchase of 2000 of them from a leading manufacturer to be sold at a price about one-half their real value—Six styles, lawns, lins, cambrics and ginghams; tucked, lace trimmed, embroidery trimmed, American eyelets, square yokes and surplice effects—Button front or back—White and colors in grand assortment. All sizes—The great majority of the lot are regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 values—Your choice tomorrow at the phenomenal low price of, each..... **98c
See 5th st. window display. Plan your housework so you can come early**

Mill "seconds" of Women's Summer Vests at a fraction of their worth—The clean-up of the largest mill in the famous Mohawk valley in New York state—The section that produces 90 per cent of all the knit underwear made in America—The imperfections in this lot of underwear are so small that they could easily pass muster as perfect garments, but that is not this manufacturer's or our way of doing business—1500 vests in the lot—Plain white cotton ribbed, low neck and sleeveless, nicely finished, tape around the neck—Sizes 4, 5, 6 and 8—Just the weight vest you want for hot weather wear—Your choice tomorrow at the **9c** ridiculously low price of, each.....
See Fifth street window display

\$5 and \$6 Chemise \$3.97
Great special lot of Women's Fine French Chemise; hand-made and hand-embroidered; beautiful styles; regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 values in all sizes; greatest values ever offered at this low price..... **\$3.97**

Great lot of Women's Fine Corset Covers; made of lawns and nainsooks; trimmed in very fine Valenciennes Laces and fine embroideries; tucks, beading, ribbon and insertion; blouse fronts; regular \$3.50 and \$3.75 values, on sale at **\$2.89**

75c CORSETS Women's Batiste Corsets; white ground with lavender figure; straight front; Princess hip; all sizes; 75c value; pair..... **39c**

"Vudor" Shades
For the Porch
We are sole Portland agents for "Vudor," the practical porch shade, made of linden fiber. Keeps out the sun, still permits the air to circulate. Complete, with pulleys and ropes:
4 ft. by 8 feet, each..... **\$2.75**
6 ft. by 8 ft., each..... **\$3.50**
8 ft. by 8 ft., each..... **\$4.50**
10 ft. by 8 ft., each..... **\$6.50**
50c each less if you hang them yourself.

Stationery Specials for Today
50c Fancy Box Papers; every box includes a Gibson Head and Group; pen sketch paper and envelopes are of the very best quality..... **39c**
Best-grade Crepe Paper Napkins; all fancy patterns; regular 30c and 35c value, on sale for, hundred..... **25c**
Colored Tissue Napkins for restaurants, etc., per 1000..... **65c**
Lewis and Clark Souvenir Paper; 50c value, per box..... **25c**
Pen and Pencil Holders; great special value, each..... **5c**
Higgins Waterproof Drawing Ink; all colors, bottle..... **19c**
Stafford's Indelible Ink, for marking linen, per bottle..... **19c**
Complete line of Fountain Pens; every pen guaranteed satisfactory or your money cheerfully refunded; **\$1.00 to \$8.00.**

Silk Suits Greatly Reduced

\$16.50 Values for... \$11.45 **\$18.50 Values for... \$13.25**
\$21.00 Values for... \$14.25 **\$22.50 Values for... \$14.85**
\$28.00 Values for... \$21.25 **\$32.00 Values for... \$23.45**

Take your choice from six immense lines of Silk Shirtwaist Suits at a saving of one-quarter and one-third on their real value. This season's leading styles in navy, green, brown, black, check, plain, changeable and striped silks—Waists tucked or lace yoke—Skirts pleated, shirred or flounce effects. Prettily made—Plain tailored or fancy styles—The greatest Silk Shirtwaist Suit bargains in town—Investigate.

\$18.00 Tailored Suits \$11.85
\$48.00-\$52.00 Tailored Suits \$38.45

Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits in Blouse or Jacket styles, fancy gimp or button trimmed. Cheviots, fancy mixtures, worsteds, broadcloth, tweeds, homespun and Sicilians—Brown, green, black, gray, tan, navy, check, and fancy mixtures. Skirts are pleated or flounce effects; all sizes for women and misses. Every suit **\$11.85**, \$18.00 value; your choice for this sale at.....

Women's Tailored Suits in Eton, Jacket and Blouse styles, with shirred or flounce skirts. High class garments in Panama cloth, voile, Sicilians, worsteds, chevots, broadcloth, shepherd plaids, green, brown, navy, black and checks. This season's handsomest styles **\$38.45** in all sizes. \$48 to \$52 values, for this sale.....



Renaissance and Cluny Curtains
Beautiful Net Curtains with Renaissance, Cluny and Braid Insertions and Edges. Some with motifs in the corners—Others plain effects; 45 inches wide, 3 yards long; our best \$2.50 values are on sale at this low price, per pair..... **\$1.85**

\$2.90 Eton Net Curtains, Renaissance borders, with motifs in corners; plain braid effects, also Cluny inserting and edges; 45 inches wide, 3 1/2 and 3-yard lengths; values extraordinary at this special **\$2.15** low price, per pair.....

\$3.50 White and Eton Net Curtains, with Cluny inserting and edges; also Eton Renaissance Curtains with motif in corners; 45 inches wide by 3 yards long; great values at, per pair..... **\$2.68**

\$4.95 Eton Net Curtains with Renaissance border and motif in corners; also plain braid effects; 45 inches wide by 3 yards long; the grandest values ever offered at this low price, per pair..... **\$3.15**

\$4.50 Eton and White Net Curtains with Cluny inserting and edges; made on best French net; 45 inches wide by 3 yards long; beautiful styles; grand special values at this remarkably low **\$3.68** price, per pair.....

\$5.00 White and Eton Net Curtains, Cluny Insertions and edges; also Marie Antoinette with braid effects; 45 inches wide by 3 yards long; wonderful special values at, per pair—(Mail orders for the above items will be promptly filled.)..... **\$3.89**

Great Values in Women's Neckwear

Five lines of Women's Neckwear at great reductions for today's shoppers
Dainty, narrow Lace Collar Protectors, in assorted designs; 35c values for, each..... **18c**
White Moire Silk Stocks, trimmed with crochet rings; also a line of heavy linen turnovers; eyelets effects; regular 35c and 50c values on sale for..... **26c**
Tucked Mull, Embroidery and Val Lace Cuff and Turnover Sets in ruffling effects; great special values at..... **24c**
White Lawn Yokes and Collars combined, made of feather stitching and lace; regular \$1.50 values..... **98c**
New Silk Windsor's; scrolls and dot effects; each, 25c to..... **50c**
New Chemisettes, with cuff and undersleeves; each 35c to..... **\$5.00**



"Peninsular" Stove Specials--Basem't

"Peninsular" Plinished Steel Range, with high warming oven; full-nickel trimmed; asbestos lined; 50 per cent more heating and cooking capacity than any other make; fully guaranteed for ten years—Basement.
Reg. \$30.50 Model \$27.75 Reg. \$32.50 Model \$28.75
Easy payments to parties of good credit.
"Peninsular" Cook Stoves; full nickel trimmed; steel base and square oven; wood burner; fully guaranteed for ten years.
\$15.50 Model for \$12.75 \$18.00 Model for \$15.75

Women's \$3.00 Tan Oxfords \$1.98

300 pairs Women's Russia Tan Oxfords, chocolate kid Oxfords, patent colt Oxfords and violet kid, patent tip Oxfords; this season's very best styles; all sizes and width; regular \$3.00 values every pair; your choice, per pair..... **\$1.98**

Misses' and Children's white Canvas Shoes; lace and button styles; best values in the city at 5 to 8, **\$1.25** per pair; 9 to 11, **\$1.75** per pair; 12 to 3, **\$2.00** per pair.

Women's 35c, 40c Tan Hosiery 25c Pair

Every Woman wants Tan Hose. That's why we offer:
1000 pairs of Women's Tan Hose in plain gauge lisle and medium-weight cotton; lace boot and all-over lace effects; big variety; all sizes; **25c** regular 35c and 40c values on sale at this low price, per pair.....

Women's Tan Lace Lisle Hose in boot and all-over lace patterns; **39c** all sizes; best 50c values, per pair.....

Women's Black Lace Lisle Hose; very best patterns, in great assortment; regular 50c values; 3 pairs..... **\$1.00**

Children's "No Mend" Hose; medium weight; knees and feet reinforced with stout linen thread; sizes 6 to 10 years; best 25c values on sale..... **18c** at, per pair.....

Boys' High Grade Cotton Hose; triple knee and double sole; sizes 6 to 10 years; best 35c values on sale, per pair..... **26c**

Great June Clean-Up Sale of Laces and Embroideries

45-inch Figured Chiffon Cloths in brown, navy and green effects. Pretty styles for waists and gowns.
\$2 Values for \$1.39 Yard \$3 Values for \$1.69 Yard
Magnificent Linen Robes—All this season's novelties. Prettiest styles in the city at great reductions.
\$14.00 Robes \$10 \$32.50 Robes \$25 \$50.00 Robes \$36

All our black, white and colored Spangled Robes in beautiful styles, at greatly reduced prices.

Valenciennes Laces, Insertions and Beadings; daintiest patterns; marvelous values at this price—Per dozen yds. **25c**

45-inch Flowered Chiffons; \$1.50 values, per yard..... **58c**

Beautiful all-over Embroideries for Waists and Suits; magnificent patterns; great variety; \$1.25 to \$1.50 val. **85c**

Swiss Embroideries and Insertions; values up to 40c **15c** yard, for, per yard.....

White, Cream and Eton Net Top Laces and Galoons; 75c values. **39c** value, per yard.....

Great clean-up of broken lines of fine Embroideries, Sets, Edgings, Insertions, Beadings, etc.; daintiest patterns; immense variety.
\$.60 Values for the low price of..... 39c Yard
\$1.50 Values for the low price of..... 69c Yard
\$3.00 Values for the low price of..... 98c Yard

Men's Fancy Hose 18c Pair

Great special offering of 2000 pairs of men's fancy half hose. The styles and quality sold every day in the year at 25c and 35c a pair—Tans, blacks, grays, fancy embroidered, fancy jacquards, immense variety of patterns in all sizes—Every man should stock up at this exceptionally low **18c** price, pair.....
Buy all you want of them. See Morrison st. window display

40 "La Belle" Refrigerators \$10.75
20 "Gurney" Refrigerators \$12.60

Patent Cherry Sanders..... **\$6.90**
2-qt. Ice Cream Freezers..... **\$5.10**
8-qt. tin Sprinkle..... **33c**
Grass Hooks, special..... **25c**
1-burner Lamp Stoves..... **85c**
Screen Doors and Windows in all sizes and at lowest prices.....
14-oz nickel 5-O'clock Tea for..... **\$3.14**
11.98 nickel Coffee..... **\$7.94**
Machines for.....
12.50 silver Bon Bon Dishes for..... **\$2.13**

40 handsome "La Belle" Refrigerators; charcoal lined; golden oak finish; an economical ice consumer; the best refrigerator for the money in the city..... **\$10.75**

20 of our famous "Gurney" Refrigerators; asbestos and mineral wool lined; portable; ice compartment; golden oak finish; adjustable shelves; regular \$15.00 value..... **\$12.60**

30 3-quart Ice Cream Freezers; best model; great special value at this low price..... **\$2.10**

Men's Clothing Sale

Outing Suits for \$7.85
Men's Outing Suits in fancy tweeds and fancy homespun; all new, up-to-date styles; the quality the exclusive clothier asks you \$12.50 suit for; our sale price..... **\$7.85**

Men's \$15.00 Black Suits, in all wool clay and unfinished worsted; Italian Serge lining; splendidly tailored; the exclusive clothier would ask \$18.00 for equal grade..... **\$12.65**

Men's fine grade Fancy Cheviot, Tweed, Worsted and Cassimere Suits; styles and materials the best of the season; suits the exclusive clothier asks you \$22.50 for; our price is..... **\$15.85**

Men's Wash Vests, **\$1.00 to \$4.00.**
Men's Alpaca Coats, **\$1.50 to \$6.00.**
Men's Panama Hats, **\$3.65 to \$15.00.**



Men's Clothing Rightly Priced

3 bars Bon Ami for..... **\$1.25**
Gal. Log Cabin Syrup..... **\$1.35**
3 cans Van Camp's Pork and Beans..... **30c**
1 lb. Ceylon Tea..... **50c**
12-oz. Jar Pickles or Chow..... **30c**
3 cans Roche's Sardines..... **25c**
Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate..... **25c**
1 lb. can Sliced Pineapple..... **25c**
3 cans all-Over..... **25c**
3 cans Corn for..... **25c**
3 cans Alamo Tomatoes..... **25c**
Nabisco Wafers, all flavors..... **25c**
Champagne Wafers, can..... **25c**
2 pkgs. Oatmeal Crackers..... **25c**
3 cans MacLaren's Cheese..... **25c**
Tostitos can..... **25c**
3 pkgs. Saratoga Chips..... **25c**
1-lb. can All-Over..... **25c**
10 lbs. Yellow Corn Meal..... **25c**
3 pkgs. Sealed Raisins..... **25c**
3 pkgs. Washed Raisins..... **25c**
1-lb. can Royal Baking Powder..... **25c**
10-lb. sack Graham Flour..... **25c**
10-lb. sack Washed Flax..... **25c**
Sappalo, bar..... **7c**
7 bars McLaren's Cheese..... **25c**
10 Electro Silicon..... **7c**

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