

ROBERT G. SMITH ACCUSED OF FRAUD

Action Started in Supreme Court Charges Misappropriation of Funds.

AMOUNT PLACED AT \$4825

Defendant Mayor of Grants Pass and Prominent Oregon Lawyer. Money Held to Be Due for Services Rendered.

Robert Glenn Smith, Mayor of Grants Pass, a prominent Southern Oregon lawyer and receiver candidate for the nomination for Representative from the First Congressional District, is charged with the misappropriation of \$4825 of the funds of the Cleopatra Development Company, in a complaint that has been received by the Oregon Supreme Court from Earle & Steiner, of Seattle, attorneys for the complainant company.

The charges allege that in October, 1905, the Cleopatra Development Company, with offices in Seattle, through James D. Lacey, its attorney and stockholder in the corporation, retained the services of Smith as its attorney to secure patents to a group of mining claims located in Del Norte County, California, and known as the Cleopatra mining claim.

Large Sum Paid Over.

"Thereafter," continues the complaint, "the said Lacey paid over to the said Smith for the said purpose large sums of money, aggregating \$6525 or more. That because of the fraud, misconduct, negligence and willful deceit of said Smith, as hereinafter set forth, the patents have been secured by him for the complainant herein, and nothing of service or any value has been done or rendered by said Smith with reference to said patents. That whatever was done by said Smith in said patent proceedings was so fraudulently and negligently done that the complainants herein have been greatly damaged thereby, and have been compelled to hire other attorneys to do the work for which said Smith was hired and paid to do."

The complaint then proceeds to recite specifically the various amounts of money received by Smith from the company's agent and which, it is complained, were not applied for the purposes for which they were advanced. The first allegation charged that on or about September 5, 1906, the company on the representations of Smith paid to him \$250 as a fee for filing the necessary application for patents to the lands, when the actual filing fee required and paid was only \$10 and it was not paid until February 4, 1909.

On the same date it is further alleged the company advanced to Smith \$275 for advertising the notice of application which, according to the complaint, cost only \$50, which also was paid in February, 1909. Another specific sum alleged in this sum, and which have been wrongfully converted by Smith to his own use was that of \$275. This money, it is charged, was paid to Smith November 23, 1906, for representations to Lacey that it would be needed for paying the purchase price of the claims to the Government. It is asserted that neither this sum, nor any part of it has been paid to the Government.

Other paragraphs in the complaint allege that Smith issued receipts to the complainant for the sum of \$375, which he represented he paid for advertising the notice of application to purchase the claims from the Government; that Smith professed to have received from the Land Office on the payment of the purchase price, which was to be exchanged for a final receipt, when that error was discovered, but was never in the possession of Smith, who had not "nor has he since made any such payment to the Land Office for the complainants herein."

MONEY KEPT FOR SERVICE

Major Smith Explains His Connection With Mining Suit.

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 1.—(Special.)

Mayor Robert Glenn Smith was much surprised on being told that disbarment proceedings had been instituted against him in the Supreme Court, and that grounds alleged there were for fraudulent and felonious misappropriation of funds of the Cleopatra Development Company. So far Smith has had no intimation that such proceedings had been started by the development company or its present attorneys.

"Several years ago," said Mr. Smith "the Cleopatra Development Company was interested in some mines in Northern California, titles to which were contested. I procured a settlement of conflicting interests in the mines and proceeded to apply for patents for claims, involving 25 claims in all. I was furnished money by one of the stockholders of the company for the purpose of paying expenses and for my services."

"There were adverse claims against the property for which the holders thereof wanted \$20,000. I carried on the business of the company so the adverse claims became worthless. I paid out about \$2000 for the company in Land Office fees and for the services of an attorney in California. "On account of failure to perform necessary work," some Seattle attorneys were employed to take it after everything had been about completed by me. At that time I had in my hands part of this money received by me, which I retained for services. This was about two years ago. Intimation came to me through a local attorney that mining would be allowed me for my services. This is over a year ago. At that time I rendered a bill to the stockholders who had furnished me money, showing them the services I had performed, and in a letter I stated that if the same

were not satisfactory I would leave the matter in dispute to any reputable attorney. I never received any answer and supposed the matter would be taken up further if there were any real objections.

"I had never heard of any complaint being made before the bar association of any proceedings before the Supreme Court up to this time. The proceeding is one which I will meet as soon as possible. During the time I was employed by the company I charged an annual retainer of \$500 per year.

"My charges for services in addition to this, under an agreed price for getting patents on mining claims, had I been allowed to complete the work, would have been \$3000. Considerable time was put in and I gave valuable services in settling claims to several, all of which were completed several years ago.

COMPLAINT NOT FILED YET

Judge Moreland Awaits Action of Grievance Committee.

SALEM, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—Complaint in disbarment proceedings against R. G. Smith, Mayor of Grants Pass, while it has been received by J. C. Moreland, Clerk of the State Supreme Court, has not been filed. Disbarment proceedings are in the nature of an ex rel action, in which either the District Attorney or the Attorney-General brings the action in the name of the state, the official bringing it acting as relator.

Judge Moreland sent a letter to information to what action the grievance committee has taken, Judge Pipes is ex-president of the State Bar Association. After ascertaining that the grievance committee has done, if there is no action by that committee in view, Judge Moreland will refer the question to the Attorney-General and call upon the Washington attorneys to submit proof as to the complaint. If the proof is sufficient in the opinion of the Attorney-General, the proceedings will probably be continued before the Supreme Court.

EXHIBIT FUND GROWING

COUNTY COURT PROVIDES FOR PERMANENT DISPLAYS.

Many Articles to Be Shown at State Fair at Salem Later Will Be Returned to Gresham.

GRESHAM, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—Information has been received by the board of directors of the Multnomah County Fair Association that the sum of \$385 has been appropriated by the County Court, in addition to the \$2000 appropriated for the purpose of providing and maintaining a permanent exhibit of the resources of the county.

That the notice of application for the disposal of the State Fair Association, however, but it is intended to assist in securing the exhibit which will go to Salem and then be returned here for exhibition and safe keeping.

The fair directors will begin securing portions of the display as soon as early fruits begin to grow ripe, and endeavor to make a creditable showing of all the agricultural and horticultural resources of the county.

The committee having in charge the revision of the premium list for this year has doubled nearly every prize offered since the donation of \$2000 has been made by the county, and expects to have the most creditable showing ever made when the fair opens next October.

A special prize of \$100 will be awarded the best grade of receipts to the exhibitors, and there will be several competitors.

It is intended to build another stock shed and a machine hall and establish a few garden in the vacant field in front of the pavilion. Other improvements are also contemplated.

YOUNG BURGLARS CAUGHT

School Copies Give Away Youthful "Blackhand" Agents.

By examining specimens of handwriting of every pupil in the Highland school, Detective Hawley captured three bold, bad, black hand burglars yesterday, all about 16 years of age. Their betrayal came through leaving behind a note at a store they rifled a threatening note, pronouncing death upon him who informed upon them.

The alleged culprits are Robert Short, 722 Holman street; Otto Reininger, 1213 North Fourteenth street, and Amie Cantan, 728 Highland street. It was the last-named who was convicted of having written the note, and with this evidence presented, he confessed and led the detective to the other two.

The three boys, according to Canadian broke into the store of R. Rutter, 553 Holman street, and stole \$2 and a quantity of cigars and chocolates. They left a note which said: "If this is reported and I had it out, which I store will be blown or burned and every fool be killed."

MONSTER PRE-EASTER MERCHANDISING EVENT



A Pictorial Demonstration of Values That Make This Dept. Talked About

Look at the pictures! Look at the prices! What news could we print so close to Easter that would have greater significance? We herald this as a great sale to attract you to the marvelous money-saving opportunities we present in this one week sale. Every garment we offer is absolutely new and not an accumulation of years past. We want you to come and see for yourself why it is advantageous for you to buy your ready-to-wear apparel at the Emporium.

The Suits at \$15.50 The Dresses at \$8.95 The Coats at \$12.85

Regular \$19.50 and \$22.50 Regular to \$12.50 Regular \$14.75 to \$16.50

Every suit is new, every suit is distinctive and a wonder at the price. An assemblage of over 150 suits in the plain tailored and novelty styles that we have sold this season at \$19.50 and \$22.50. Splendidly tailored in pretty novelty mixtures, in tans and grays, and serges in the popular navy and tans. The illustration pictures three very smart styles. You must see them to appreciate the rareness of this sale at \$15.50.

Undoubtedly this lot of dresses will prove the greatest value-giving Portland women have witnessed in many seasons. Every dress a gem; smart, clever styles reflecting the latest ideas of fashion; beautifully made in white, navy, brown or tan serges; pretty striped worsteds and foulard silks in navy, brown or green. Out show three of the styles included in this group. Needless to say, the early buyers get the plums. A bargain at \$8.95.

Three styles just as pictured; one made of fine navy serge, with white serge collar and cuffs, handsomely braided; a stunning coat; other styles of pretty tan or gray homespun and novelty stripes, with satin trimmed, large collar, with bag on cord; another of serge in navy or tan, with black and white check trimming. All unusually well tailored, and values that are the making of merchandise history at the low price of \$12.85.

Waists at Savings

\$5.00 Silk Waists at \$2.45

A specially grouped lot of Waists in messalines, taffetas and chiffons in black, navy, browns and cream. About eight distinct styles. Sold regularly at \$5.00, sale price \$2.45.

\$1.75 Lingerie and Tailored Waists

\$1.75 Lingerie and tailored Waists; soft, sheer, dainty styles, and lineas, madras and percales. Sale price only 95c



Messaline Petticoats

\$1.98 Thousands Bought Them

at \$2.95 and \$3.35

No Color Restrictions

Just 200, so be on hand early. Very well made, colors black, navy, emerald green, tan, gray, brown, red, sky, pink—every shade that is desirable. No petticoat of this quality and workmanship has ever been offered at this low price. See for yourself.

Portland's Emporium

Cloak and Suit Dept. 126 Sixth St. Near Washington

Two Specials

House Dresses

\$1.95 A very pretty assortment of House Dresses, made of percales, ginghams and heavy lawns in very dainty styles, dark or light colors. Well worth \$2.75, special at only \$1.95.

\$2.25

A select variety of very finely made House Dresses of excellent quality ginghams, heavy lawns, chambrays and percales; all colors. A regular \$3.25 Dress, special \$2.25.

Middy Blouses

Made of heavy drill and galatea, white and colors. Splendid value at \$1.25

SMELT RUN NOW ON

Millions of Small Fish Enter the Sandy River.

SUNDAY CROWDS ACTIVE

Hundreds Use Nets, Oil Cans and Even Bird Cages in Making Hauls—Suggested Troutdale Be Called Smeltdale.

TROUTDALE, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—This thriving little city should have been named Smeltdale, as there isn't a trout anywhere near it. But the dainty little smelt is just now the attraction that has made the town the rendezvous of thousands who are returning home laden down with all the fish they care to take away with them.

The great run of smelt from the Columbia River began on Thursday last and was at its greatest yesterday. An ideal day and the prospect of unlimited catches, together with the exciting sport of taking them, brought people from every direction. The banks were lined with teams from all over the county and automobiles from the city, and the entire day was spent in a vain effort to deplete the Sandy River of its finny denizens.

Thousands were caught but millions got away, only to swim against the strong current for a few days longer and then float back dead, dying or exhausted, when the greatest run known will all be over.

Nine years ago there was a similar run of smelt in the Sandy. This is the only river excepting the Cowlitz that is ever entered by them from the Columbia. No one can ever predict when they are coming. It is only when the water is seen to be fairly alive with them that the word goes out and for a few days all other business is suspended while the people from far and near lay in a big supply.

Bird Cages Used as Nets.

Yesterday's sport was exciting enough. It was attended with many mishaps. One man, while working on the fishing appliances consisted of nets tied to long poles and every scoop into the water brought up fish.

In place of the regulation net there were to be seen improvised scoops made of wire gauze, coal-oil cans and even bird cages. A motion picture outfit made films and every picture of a

water craft did a rushing business all day long. The great run will cease as suddenly as it began.

Mrs. J. W. Baty Passes.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. W. Baty, aged 68, a resident of the state for the past 20 years, died at her home here Saturday. She had been in this city for only a year, having come from The Dalles. She is survived by a husband and by four sons and a daughter living in Portland. They are: A. E. Baty, C. E. Baty, D. J. Baty and Z. E. Baty and Mrs. L. Shank. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon.

March Day in Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—The records in local Weather Observer Gilmore's office show that the month of

HAD HEMORRHOIDS FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

Had Awful Time, Bleeding and Sharp Pains, Cuticura Ointment Gave Immediate Relief, After 2 Boxes Cured Permanently.

835 Octavia St., San Francisco, Calif.—"I suffered with piles [hemorrhoids] for fifteen years—bleeding piles. I surely did have an awful time. I was distressed continually and nervous at night, with sharp pains at intervals, and it worried me as the bleeding caused a weak and faint feeling.

"I used ——— which seemed to irritate, used a dozen of their boxes, but it did no good. I also used ——— and without results. Then I saw Cuticura Ointment advertised. I got some and it gave immediate relief. After using it two times, it stopped the bleeding, and after two boxes I was cured permanently with no more bleeding. I always keep a box of Cuticura Ointment on hand for family uses, such as chapped hands, pimples, etc. It is worth its weight in gold." (Signed) John Tansman, Nov. 23, '11.

ECZEMA HEALED IN 4 DAYS

Formed Hard Crust on Scalp. Very Itchy.

Mariborn, N. Y.—"My little girl had eczema on the scalp. First a small mattingy pimple appeared. The pimple broke and a watery substance ran on the skin, forming a hard crust which was very itchy. It was on the top of her head, and the crust became as large as the palm of my hand. A friend recommended Cuticura Soap and Ointment. In four days the scalp was all healed, no sign of crust or scabs could be seen. She has not had a sign of eczema since Cuticura Soap and Ointment cured her." (Signed) Mrs. H. B. Cooley, April 3, 1911.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold everywhere. Sample of each mailed free, with 32-p. book. Address, "Cuticura," Dept. T, Boston. Tender-hearted men should shave with Cuticura Shaving Stick.

March was an unusually dry one in Astoria, the total precipitation being 3.2 inches, or 3.67 inches below the average for the corresponding month of previous years. The greatest amount of rainfall during any 24 hours was .84 inch. There were 13 days on which rain fell, 14 days were clear, and the corresponding month of 9 partly cloudy and 9 were cloudy. The highest temperature was 64 degrees on March 21 and the lowest temperature was 29 degrees on March 2.

GEVURTZ

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

Magnificent Birdseye Maple Bedroom Set



There are five pieces in this set, each one of which is a work of art. It includes a bed, dresser, chair and rocker. The bed is of a Napoleon design, with polish finish, and has been regularly sold for \$150. For any purpose of this sale it is \$39.95. The chair and dresser are of the same material, the former having five drawers and the latter a mirror, both with French bevel-plate mirrors, and a decorative seat. The chair is a delicate and elegant to any chamber. The set is gracefully and handsomely finished. The rocker is an exact match. The prices we offer below show the extent to which we have reduced each article, for the proportion of reduction is the same in each as in the bed.

Birdseye Napoleon Bed \$59.95
Birdseye Chair 19.95
Birdseye Dresser 16.95
Birdseye Bedroom Chair 3.95
Birdseye Rocker 3.95

THE ENTIRE OUTFIT ON TERMS FOR **\$82.50**

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