CHARGED WITH BRIBING MAYOR

Asphalt Paving Company Manager Placed Under Arrest at Tacoma.

OTHER ARRESTS TO FOLLOW

Rumor Says That the "Committee of Twelve" Has an Affidavit From F. T. Sherman That City

Official Took Money.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 26.—(Special.)-Fred T. Sherman, a member of the In-dependent Asphalt Paving Company, was urrested today, charged with bribing Mayor George P. Wright, of Tacoma. The complaint was sworn to by C. O. Bates, County Prosecuting Attorney, and Sherman is specifically charged with hav-ing bribed Mayor Wright in the sum of North Yakima avenue from Division ave- he also denies this story.

herman was released on \$2500 ball fursished by his partners in the paving com-sany. The hearing was postponed until-next Thursday at the request of defend-ent's attorney. Other arrests are likely to ollow that of Sherman, it is said, all cal-ulated to bring to light certain facts in connection with the alleged "graft" which the self-appointed committee of 12 citi-zens has charged exists among "certain

Sherman was district manager for the Sarber Asphalt Company at the time of the alleged bribery, and had been sent to the Puget Sound country to open up business here for his company. Later in the sesson he left the Barber company and hought an interest in the Independent. It has been common rumor that the "committee of 12" has an affidavit from Sherman in which he observed Merce Wester. man in which he charges Mayor Wright with accepting a bribe, but the committee sed to submit any evidence before the

of rumors of graft on the part of city officials have been current, and now the "committee of it" will have to produce its evidence or admit it has none, as sub-penus have been issued and served on all of them. them and a huge sensation is likely to

No one believes Mayor Wright accepted the bribe, and it is generally accepted that the work of the "committee of 12" was dominated by a Republican politician for the purpose of casting odium on the present city administration, which is Democratic, and in the interest of a Republican candidate for Mayor at the election pays April Mayor Wright says: n next April. Mayor Wright says:
"There is no reason in the world why
erman or any other paving contractor

sould attempt to bribe the Mayor. Un-r our system of bids it is absolutely im-solute for any city official to render

behalf, prior to the fiasco, Mesers. Rust and Hellar, of the committee of twelve were before County Attorney Bates and Judge Snell, of the Superior Court, and asked that Sherman be promised immunity for testifying, which request was granted.

BATES IS PLAYING POLITICS

Reply of Manager Sherman to the Charge of Bribery.

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SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 28.-(Special.)at he is being used as a tool in a political move on the part of Prosecuting At-torney Rates, designed to put the commit-tee of tweive, who forced the twelve, who forced the the grand jury, in a bad light, is the ex-planation that Fred T. Sherman, general manager of the Independent Asphalt Com-pany gave this afternoon of his arrest on a charge of giving Mayor Wright, of Ta-coma, a bribe of \$500. He said:

I am satisfied that my arrest upon a harge of giving Mayor Wright, of Tacoma. \$6000 bribe is a political more charge of giving Mayor Wright, of Tacoma, a \$6000 bribe is a political move. I believe that I have been used to call the blur of the committee of 12. They have made frequent charges of graft in connection with street work and I lay Prosecuting Attorney Bates action in causing my arrest simply to an attempt to compet the committee of 12 to admit in open court under each that they do not know what they are talking about.

about.

I can account for it only on one hypothesis. The Prosecuting Attorney wishes to show the public that there is no truth in the multitude of charges made against Mayor Wright in regard to city improvements. All of the committee of 12 are indocred as witnesses on the complaint and have been subpenaged by the prosecution. I know that when they get on the witness stand, unless they wish to perjute themselves, they will have to admit they do not know of a single instance of my being directly or indirectly connected with any bribery in Tacoma.

It can account for it only on one hypothesis. A naturally approach in the Cantella Printing plant. The greater number of the officers mentioned are entirely unknown to the constitution, for they are not mentioned in the constitution and their duties are into there prescribed if this were adopted, the constitution would prescribe salaries for officers for whose evition to express provision had been made.

In article 7 mention is made of the

You can say for me that at the preliminary hearing it will be shown that there is absolutely nothing in the charge made against me. The thing is footish. The complaint shows that it amounts to nothing on its face. It is true that while acting as general manager for the Barber Asphalt Company I did obtain the contract for improving Takima avenue. My employers bid \$85,000 and the only other bid was that of the Warren Construction Company for \$86,000. Mayor Wright had nothing to do with awarding my company the contract was awarded in July, 1904, and the work was completed some time in August. The letting of contracts rests spitiely with Commissioner Welch, Mayor Wright had nothing to do with the letting of contracts. After the work was done in compliance with the contract it would have been can say for me that at the preliminary

pliance with the contract it would have been a waste of money to pay any graft money to anyone. We were entitled to our pay and could have forced it through the

pay and could nave long to the charge is apparent from an examination of the complaint. I cannot see what object I or anyone else could have in offering or giving the Mayor a bribe aimost three months after my company had performed its work under the contract. The Mayor had to sign the improvement bonds paying us. If he had not our attorneys could have gone into court and very easily forced payment.

MORE CARS THAN TRACKS.

Business of Centralia Taxes Northern Pacific Switching Facilities.

CENTRALIA. Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The Northern Pacific tracks at Centralia have been so crowded recently with loaded cars that the railroad company will soon have to extend its side-tracking facilities in this city. During the past week, all of the sidetracks at Centralia have been overcrowded and much congestion of freight has resulted. About 50 cars of humber are billed out of Centralia every day, and as locomotives are very scarce, the Northern Pacific has at the asylum would meet the same fate, but about 100 employes who are now receiving about \$25 a month and board would get \$45 a month and board, and it would cost \$2000 a month more to run the institution.

Milwaukie Country Club.

Eastern and California races. Take Sellwood and Oregon City cars. First and aider.

out. At one time during the past week at least 200 loaded freight-cars were standing on the Centralia sidetracks. This was from the South Bend branch and Centralia. Much of this freight has been moved out since, but it clent for the needs of the shippers The railroad company has plenty of land

FIRST TRAIN ON NEW LINE Right of Way Suits Holds Up Con-

struction on Yakima Road.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 30.-Yakima & Valley Rallway was run on the new line this morning. One-quarter of a mile of the track was completed at noon today, connection was made with the Northern Pacific and a trainlead of rails was taken from the main line of

tion proceedings over a right of way are settled in court. The matter of such for the assessment of damages. As soo as this is adjusted the track will be com-

George Donald today negotiated for 40 acres of land for a townsite 14 miles up the Naches Valley. He will also buy a site near this city for his machin The new road will be completed will be running at that time. This supposed to be a part of the St 60, intended to influence the Mayer's system, although this is denied by Mr. tion in connection with his approval of Donald, the builder. It is said to be a branch line of the Northern Pacific, but

BILL FOR REFERENDUM THAT IS FULL OF AMBIGUITIES.

From the Wording It Is Impossible to Tell for What Length of Time Sums Are Intended.

proposed was launched here today in refused to submit any evidence before the grand jury two weeks ago, which was called at their own request.

Bince the discharge of the jury all sorts of rumors of graft on the part of city officials have been current, and now the officials have been current, and now the "committee of it" will have to produce its no relation to salaries, or if it be con-strued as an addition to the constitu-tion, it would leave the present salary clause undisturbed, except by impli-

The ridiculous features of the proposed amendments are clearly seen at a glance. If it should be adopted by the people, the amendment would read the people, the amendment would read as follows:

Art. I. sec. I. Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney-General, State Printer, Judges Suprems Court, each,

value received for a bribe. The bids must be let in open competition to the lowest bidder. As everybody knows, the Mayor has nothing to do with the letting of any contract or with the inspection of the work.

"I regard the charge as absolutely absurd, and think that all that is necessary is for events to develop to prove that that is the case. There is absolutely nothing in the story, and developments will so prove when the time comes."

Sherman is one of two witnesses in whose behalf, prior to the grand increase in the case of the case of

Superintendent Penitentiary, 1230; Superintendent Deafmute School, 1180; Superintendent Reform School, 1180; Superintendent Blind School, 1180; Superintendent Blind School, 1180; Superintendent Soldiers Home, 1180.

The boards named in article 7 simil each receive 12 per day while in service:
Art. 7, sec. 1. Child Labor, Pilot Commissioner, Military Commissioner, Health Officer, Agriculture, Horticulture, Immigration.

and construe these amounts to be an-nual salaries, several other imperfec-tions are disclosed. A flat salary is pro-

In article 9 it is provided that members of the Boards of Regents of schools at Eugene. Corvaills, Monmouth, Ashland. Weston and Drain shall receive \$3 per day and not to exceed \$1296 a year, but it is not stated whether the schools referred to are common schools, high schools, colleges or universities. It does not say \$3 a day for the time served, but \$3 a day up to \$1200 a year. If the public and public officials could again draw on their imaginations to supply these defects. lic officials could again draw on their imaginations to supply these defects, the state would be presented with the pensation, but the present rates are willing to pay any reasonable compensation, but the present rates are

Under section 2 of article 2, all appointees would receive \$3 without board, which may be presumed to be \$3 a day, and this would include appointees of all sorts, such as men appointed to represent Oregon at congresses and conventions of various sorts. Every man with a commission from the Governor would be an appointed.

BRIDGE-BUILDERS ARE READY

pointee.

The provision, "appointees \$1.56 with board," would play have at the prison and asylum. The first warden at the prison would be an appointee and his salary would be cut from \$1500 a year to about \$547 a year. The physicians at the asylum would meet the same fate, but about 100 employes who are now receiving about \$55.

the Northern Pacific to the Valley road.
Work of laying the rails will be pushed rapidly, and by the middle of next week nearly three miles will be completed. The work will then be stopped until condemna-

at the Painted Rocks.

PETIT!ONFORFLATSALARIES

SALEM, Or., Jan. 23 .- (Special.) - One of the most preposterous measures ever salary clause of the constitution, As written, it would amend the first nine articles of the constitution, which have

Article I, section 1. Governor, \$5660; Secretary of State, \$4600; State Treasurer.

gration.

Art. 8, sec. 1. Circuit Judges, \$2000; Prosecuting Attorneys, \$1500.

Art. 9, sec. 1. Board of regents of the following schools, each \$5 per day, not to exceed \$1200 per annum, viz.; Eugene, Corvallis, Monmouth, Ashland, Weston and Drain.

Drain.
All other elective employes, \$2 per day.
Sec. 2. Appointees, \$2, without board;
appointees, \$1.20, with board.
Sec. 2. And the Legislature shall not
employ more than 20 clerks, 20 for House,
10 for Senate, nor more than 10 pages, six
for House and 4 for Senate.
The State Board shall serve without extra pay on board committees.
The same to take offect and be in operation on and after the adoption of the peopie at June election, 1966.

If will be noticed that in the first

It will be noticed that in the first

ix articles there is nothing to show whether the amounts after the names of the different offices are salaries, or what they are, or whether they are to be paid annually or monthly or bien-nially. If the public could draw upon its imagination to supply these defects.

In article 7 mention is made of the

necessity of paying salaries to some 50 members of Boards of Regents.
Under section 2 of article 2, all ap-

upon which to build more track, an only a matter of need with them they will be built.

PRICE CONCESSIONS THAT MEAN MONEY SAVING

HIGH-CLASS CLOTHING AT ECONOMICAL PRICES

Men's Suits

\$35 Suits, SALE PRICE . . \$29.85 \$30 Suits, SALE PRICE . \$24.85 \$25 Suits, SALE PRICE . \$19.85 \$20 Suits, SALE PRICE . \$16.85 \$15 Suits, SALE PRICE . . \$12.85

FULL DRESS SUITS and BLACKS and BLUES at SPE-CIAL SALE PRICES.

Men's Overcoats \$35 OVERCOATS\$27.85 \$30 OVERCOATS \$23.85 \$25 OVERCOATS \$17.85 \$20 OVERCOATS\$14.85

Raincoats and Topcoats \$35 VALUES \$30 VALUES ... \$25 VALUES ... \$20 VALUES ... \$15 VALUES ...

Boys' School Suits \$2.50 Suits, SALE PRICE \$1.78 \$2.95 Suits, SALE PRICE . \$2.38

\$3.45 Suits, SALE PRICE . \$2.98 \$3.95 Suits, SALE PRICE . \$3.38 \$5.00 Suits, SALE PRICE \$3.98 \$7.50 Suits, SALE PRICE . \$5.98 \$10 Suits, SALE PRICE. \$7.98 Boys' Overcoats and Raincoats

\$3.95 OVERCOATS\$2.48 \$3.95 OVERCOATS\$2.98 \$6.00 OVERCOATS\$3.98 \$5.00 RAINCOATS\$3.98 \$10 RAINCOATS\$7.85

SPRING STYLES MISSES' COATS-TAILOR MADE-ARE IN

BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

Arouses the Country.

OUTSIDE AID IS ASKED

Business Men Willing to Pay the Freight, but They Object Most Strongly to Paying Tribute to Carriers.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 20 .- (Special.) scows. The Chamber of Commerce at Douglas has been reorganized with a good nembership and is now asking the o-operation of the Chambers of Com merce of Southeastern Alaska, Port Townsend, Bellingham, Tacoma and Portland for aid and assistance in securing lower freight rates from the steamship companies which have re-cently raised the rates from Seattle.

The officers of the new Chamber of comperce are Frank Bach, president; liam Stubbins and John Henson were appointed as a committee to draw up resolutions and send them to the dif-ferent Chambers of Commerce asking for ald in securing just treatment from

the steamship companies.
It was also decided by the members of the Douglas Chamber of Commerce that the shippers of that district would pay 25 per cent less than the existing freight rates only.

The entire country is aroused over excessive freight rates now asked Military Commissioner and Health Officer, which offices are not mentioned in cither the constitution or the statutes.

pensation, but the present rates, especially since the recent advance, have driven the great majority of the business men into open revolt. They are now beginning the agitation for lower rates and will continue until their demands are granted or until a new commands are granted or until a new commands are granted or until a new com-

Machinery and Men Being Collected for Vancouver Structure.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 30.-(Spe VANCOUVER, Wash. Jan. 20.—(Special.)—A crew of about 20 men are busily engaged in unloading and taking care of the machinery at the site of the bridge across the Columbia and building sheds and coverings for protection from the weather. Several of the head men are located here looking after the work. The charge of the entire work is under the direction of Mr. Crosby, who is said to be the engineer who will superintend the construction of the bridge. Also there is a superintendent of the machinery, and several other assistants of Mr. Crosby's stone is of Barre marble.

pany mill which, it is said, will be Advance in Steamship Rates cement and for other work. They are

also getting some large used for building derricks. The report that there were several new men started to work and that a large crew of carpenters were soon to be put to work cannot be verified. It is stated, however, that there are more men at work than can be kept busy, as the shipments of material have been slow.
It is said that the old pier which was

erected several years ago by the North-ern Pacific is to be the starting point and will be of considerable value in the con-struction of this bridge. Yesterday several carloads of new ma-hinery arrived. Also several large bottom. Work has been started . Just upstream from the old Eighth-street dock to tear away the bank and make a place for building scows and sand boats and boats for floating the huge steam cement mixers which have already been shipped

CONDON CLUB HAS ELECTION

New Commercial Organization Lays Plans for the Future.

here and are ready to be put on the

CONDON, Or., Jan. 19,-(Special.)-Officers were elected Thursday night at a meeting of the board of trustees for the Condon Commercial Club as follows: Pres-John Henson, secretary, and Alex ident, J. E. Hunt; vice-president, F. M. Smallwood, treasurer, C. A. Hopp, Wil-Pliter: secretary, S. A. Pattison, and



J. E. Hunt

of Condon's new club now number \$1 and of Condon's new cita housiness and pro-comprise most of the business and pro-fessional men of the city. The club has temporary quarters in one of the new structures on Main street, where a com-fortable home for the Winter is being fortable home for the Winter is being prepared. Just as soon as the weather will admit work will be commenced on a new, modern clubhouse on property re-cently purchased by the board of man-

inated at Seattle.

ENTIRE SLATE CARRIES

'Informal' Vote Gave Mayoralty Nomination to Dow, but Leaders Brush Decision Aside and Get More Delegates.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 29.-(Special.)-The slate prepared by the advisory committees of the labor leaders and the municipal ownership faction was put through the mass convention of municipal ownership advocates today. The last nominations were made about midnight, Moores' nomination was forced and won by the Democratic State Senator on a fluke. Matthew Dow, despite the fact that he had promised to give way when pressure was brought by the municipal ownership crowd, was actually nominated on an informal ballot, but the men in charge of the convention would not al-

What the leaders called an informal baliot was taken, and on this Dow polled 157; Moore, 162. Before the announce-

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

Few People Know How Useful It Is in Pre

serving Health and Be Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose. Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking, or after eating onlons and other odorous vegetables. Charcoal effectively clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.
It absorbs the injurious gases which

collect in the stomach and bowels; it dis-infects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh. All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form or, rather, in the form of large, pleasant tasting losenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey,

tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but, on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician, in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but it cents a box at drugstores, and although in some sense a patient preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal Tablets."

the result aside with the declaration through Latah County, striking near Pot-

Moore by a vote of 180 to 188.

In a speech before the convention tonight, Dow declared he had but one regret. He stated that when summoned
before George F. Cotterill, E. D. Benson
and W. D. Wood, who have been fiandling the Municipal Ownership League.

This survey brings them through the
center of the great wheat belt of Eastern
Washington, taking in Whitman, Adams
and Douglas Counties. until election to explain away his record "And that hurt me," Dow said, plain-

Later on the union men who have been fighting for Dow's nomination forced him upon the ticket for candidate for Coun-cilman-at-Large. He has George List-man, a printing pressman, as a running George Brady, a law partner of ex-District Attorney Gay, was put onto the ticket as candidate for Corporation Counsel; Frank Rust, secretary of the Central Labor Union, for Treasurer, and John Swanson, for Controller.

Friends of Dow in the labor unions made a hard fight against wiping his name off the slate and got from him a letter promising to accept the nomi-nation if tendered him. It was on this basis that the fight was reorganized. and as matter of fact, the leadership of the special labor committee and municipal ownership crowd was actually overthrown had the ballot been

Democratic politicans are demanding an explanation from J. W. Godwin, chairman of the Democratic state com-mittee, and H. B. Drees, chairman of the county committee. Both sat in the convention as municipal ownership advocates. They took this action with-out any consultation with Democratic leaders and it is charged they usurped a power that did not belong to them when they went into the mass convention. At that the recognition given Democrats in the nominations will have a strong influence in the fight to secure an indorsement from the Democratic convention a month hence. F Municipal ownership of all public utilities; denunciation of the City Council for refusal to submit to voters at the election an amendment of the city charter calling for a provision that no franchises shall be granted beyond 1929, the date of the expiration of the Seattle Electric Company's blanket franchise, that do not call for joint use of tracks by the city and the purchase of the plant at a fair price, placing no value on the franchise; pledges, candidates if elected to sub-

mit such amendments; declares the city shall have joint user provision in all franchises granted in the future; pledges nominees to give no franchises without submission to voters for ratification; denounce subservience of City Council to Seattle Electric Company, eight-hour day and enforcement of all

ROUTE OF THE ST. PAUL ROAD

Through Lolo Pass to Idaho and Snoqualmie Pass to Puget Sound. GARFIELD Wash., Jan. 30.-(Special.)-

The country tributary to Garfield is alive with railroad surveyors. The Chicago. gangs of men here for several weeks. The party in charge of G. W. Knox left Garfield today and has gone into camp six miles west of town. For the past two weeks this party has been surveying di-rectly east and is now in the vicinity of the new town of Potlaten. From inforsurvey east until they meet a corps of surveyors supposed to be in the vicinity of Lolo Pass, who are coming this way. The Knox party when it arrived here, had just completed a survey through the Cascade Mountains. The party in charge of K. Kuney is campled three miles west of Garfield and is running on a direct line west towards Lind.

From high suthority it is learned that the St. Paul road will run northwest from Butte to Lolo Pass, thence through Montans, striking Idaho at Moose City, in shochone County. Thence they will go on

that, as it was an informal expression, it could not count. Men were rushed into the convention, and the leaders saved Moore by a vote of 180 to 189.

In a speech before the convention is

FOUND DEAD ON A RAFT. Polk County Boy Shoots Himself

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 29.-(Special.)-William Helmick, the 16-year-old son of James Helmick, was found dead on a raft in the Luckiamute River, six miles south of here, this morning. Young Helmick left home before breakfast on a duck hunt, not returning for breakfast, and his mother asked Clay Bush, a brother-inlaw, to make a search. At 10 o'clock Mr Bush found young Helmick's dead body

on a raft improvised to cross the Luckia-The boy's death was due to ahot from his own gun, lodged in the right side. It evidently was an accidental discharge of the gun. James Helmick is one of Poik County's most substantial

farmers, and the victim is an only

Oregon Corporations Dissolved. SALEM, Or., Jan. 20,-(Special.)-Governor Chamberlain today issued a proc-lamation, as required by law, dissolving about 5000 corporations that have not con plied with the provisions of the corpora-tion license tax law. Most of the companies have already gone out of business

The Best Guaranty of Merit Is Open Publicity.

Is Open Publicity.

Every bottle of Dr. Pierce's world-famed medicines leaving the great laboratory at Buffalo, N. Y., has printed upon its wrapper all the ingredients entering into its composition. This fact alone places Dr. Pierce's Family Medicines in a class all by themselves. They cannot be classed with patent or secret medicines because they are neither. This is why so many unprejudiced physicians prescribe them and recommend them to their patients. They know what they are composed of, and that the ingredients are those endorsed by the most eminent medical authorities.

The further fact that neither Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, the great stomach tonic, liver invigorator, heart regulator and blood purifier, nor his "Favorite Prescription" for weak, overworked, broken-down, nervous woman, contains any alcohol, also entitles them to a place all by themselves.

Many years ago, Dr. Pierce discovered that chemically pure giycerine, of proper strength, is a better solvent and preservative of the medicinal principles residing in our indigenous, or native, medicinal plants than is alcohol; and, furthermore, that is possesses valuable medicinal properties of its own, being demuloent, nutritive, antiseptic, and a most efficient antiferment.

Neither of the above medicines contains alcohol, or any harmful, habitforming drug, as will be seen from a glance at the formula printed on each bottle wrapper. They are safe to use and potent to cure.

Not only do physicians prescribe the above, non-secret medicines largely, but the most intelligent people employ them—people who would not think of using the ordinary patent, or secret medicines. Every ingredient entering into the composition of Dr. Pierce's medicines has the strongest kind of an endorsement from leading medical writers of the several schools of practice. No other medicines put up for like purposes has any such professional endorsement.

Dr. Pierce's Piessant Pelists cure contipation. Constipation is the cause and you care the disease. One "Pelist' is a