

# SWINDLERS THREATEN TO KILL VICTIM

Arthur Schubach Marched Through Street Before Muzzles of Revolvers— Forced to Open Store and Hand Over Valuables.

Two Crooks Had Previously Duped Him Out of \$85— Advanced Money on Rented Furniture—One Arrested in Seattle.

Tricked into paying \$85 to G. C. Pierce for a piano rented from the Reed-French company, later called from his home at night, marched through the streets to his store, and at the muzzles of two revolvers forced to open his place of business and return the security taken for the money advanced, then turned loose with the warning that his life would pay the penalty should he divulge the affair, this is the tale told by Arthur Schubach, and brought to light by the arrest in Seattle of a man giving the name of Farrell.

Schubach is the proprietor of the Portland Auction rooms 211 First street, and resides at 130 Fifth street. The story he told the district attorney and the police of the wrongs suffered by him at the hands of Pierce and an unknown companion designated John Doe in the complaint reads like a melodrama of the Diamond Dick variety. Pierce, his wife, and the unknown man rented a furnished flat in the city a little more than a month ago. Soon after taking the flat they rented a piano of the Reed-French company paying \$5 a month. In November Pierce visited the loan office conducted by R. I. Eckerson in the Washington building and asked for a loan on the furniture, including the piano. Eckerson made an investigation and finding that both the furniture and the piano were rented refused to advance money.

Pierce, nothing daunted, visited the Portland Auction room and entered into negotiation with Schubach for the sale of the piano. After some discussion Schubach agreed to purchase the piano giving \$85 for the instrument. Having closed the deal Schubach sent his man to the flat for the instrument and upon the request of Pierce, sent the payment in money. Just as the piano was being placed in the moving van a representative of the piano house happened along and ordered the instrument taken to the Reed-French warehouse. Schubach in the meantime, learning of the turn affairs had taken, hastened to the Pierce flat to recover the payment. Pierce seeing him coming, jumped through a rear window and made his escape, taking the money with him. The auctioneer then turned his attention to Mrs. Pierce and the John Doe man, who were still in the house, and insisted on the return of the \$85. The matter was taken to the police court and the woman said she would find her husband and he would return the money. Accordingly the two were sent out in the custody of a police officer, and spent most of the day searching for the vanished husband but were unable to locate him.

**Woman Puts Up Security.** As evening approached Mrs. Pierce said she would give security for the amount and gave Schubach her gold watch, two grips, a trunk and a Boston terrier said to be a prize animal and worth \$500. Schubach took the securities and locked them in his store on First street. While the auctioneer was entertaining a party of friends at his home that evening, so the story runs, he was interrupted by a knock at the door and went out to find the John Doe who informed him that Mr. Pierce had re-



## CITY DADS' BOUQUET HITS STREET VENDORS

License Rates in Proposed Ordinance Will Put Hawkers Out of Business.

Members of the license committee of the city council recommended at its meeting yesterday afternoon the passage of the hawkers ordinance which has been before the committee for several months. The ordinance aims a body blow at the peanut, popcorn, candy and flower vendors, raising their licenses to almost prohibitive fees. This is especially true in the case of the vendor of flowers, whose license is raised from \$6 a year to \$400. This class of vendors have no rent to pay, are provided with fuel, light, stationery and other office and store essentials and are thus easily able to undersell the regular florists. Candy, popcorn and peanut vendors will have to pay \$100 a quarter instead of \$50 if the new measure becomes a law. Candy stands will be taxed \$150 instead of \$100. A fight is likely to come up over the passage of the ordinance when it is presented to the council. Councilmen Kellner and Baker are expected to defend the ordinance and Councilman Vaughn will probably attack it. The latter brought out the fact at yesterday's committee meeting that the public received the benefit of the low prices made by the flower hawkers, although other members defended the measure by saying that the florists who conduct their business in stores and buildings represent the stability of the city.

When you think about filling the stockings of the little ones, remember we have the stockings as well as a lot of useful, enjoyable presents to fill them.

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are the most nutritious food made from flour.

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## GREAT ORIENTAL AUCTION SALE

We have just received from the Custom-House and are now unpacking about 400 cases of latest novelties for the holiday trade, consisting of fine Satsuma, bronze, silver, Cloisonne, new brass jardinières, fine decorated Shoffu and Kutana tea sets, silk kimonos, mandarin coats, silk embroidered screens, fine hand carved ebony and teak furniture, etc.

Owing to the recent financial situation, which made it difficult for us to realize money with which to pay the Custom-House duties, these goods should have been unpacked and on exhibition long ago. So now we have hired extra hands to unpack these goods. We must sell them during the next 10 days before Christmas. These goods will be sold at auction at 131 Fifth street and at private sale between auction hours. Auction sales commence daily at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. The public are cordially invited to attend these great bargain sales.

Private sale also at our other store, 287 Morrison street.

Two Stores: **Andrew Kan & Co.**  
131 Fifth Street  
287 Morrison Street

turned and would pay back the money provided Schubach would go to the store and return the securities. Schubach put on his hat and joined his visitors, eager to get the coin. Suddenly so Schubach, says, the demeanor of the two men changed. Each of them drew very business-like black revolvers and jabbing them against him, one on each side, told him to march along and to be quick and quiet about it. In this manner they took him to his store, forced him to open the place and deliver out of the safe the watch, and from the store room the other things left during the afternoon. Having moved the things out of the store, Pierce took charge of the property while the unknown man escorted Schubach home. Before leaving the store, however, the two men discussed what disposition to make of their captive. One was in favor of tying him in the store, but the other was afraid that the watchman would find him and make their escape uncertain. Accordingly, Schubach was told that if he would be very quiet about the affair they might pay the money back. On the other hand, if he made any trouble for them they would "come back and get him." They explained that they had been doing a good deal of the "night work" about town and meant what they said. Schubach promised to be good, and in fact did allow several days to elapse before he made complaint. Since then the police have been working on the case, and the arrest in Seattle of the man giving his name as Farrell is the sequel. The complaint against the two men was signed by A. I. Gall, Schubach's partner in the Portland Auction rooms. An officer has been sent after the man Farrell, who is supposed to be either Pierce himself or his companion.

## Your Money Goes Farthest Here--All Profits Cast to the Winds

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20c and 25c values..... **5c**

No need to wait until after the holidays to buy a Coat or Suit or anything in Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Apparel. We are sacrificing everything to raise money, which we need and must have before January 1. Every article in this store is reduced.

**These Extra Specials Are for Friday and Saturday Only**

**FLANNELETTE NIGHT GOWNS**

\$1.75 and \$2 val., Fri. and Sat. only. **75c**

## Coats

\$10.00 Coats, in loose fitted, semi-fitted, full lined and body lined, Friday and Saturday,

**\$17.75**

\$20.00 Coats ..... **\$7.75**  
\$12.50 Raincoats ..... **\$7.50**

## Gloves for Christmas Gifts

All Gloves, none excluded, Friday and Saturday only

**HALF PRICE**

Shopping Bags, Belts, Buckles and Neckwear, Friday and Saturday,

**HALF PRICE**

## FURS! FURS! FURS!

At challenge prices, including Ties, Boas, Muffs, etc.

\$2.75 Furs ..... **95¢**  
\$5.00 Furs ..... **\$1.95**  
\$8.50 Furs ..... **\$3.95**  
\$10.00 Furs ..... **\$4.75**  
\$15.00 Furs ..... **\$6.75**  
\$20.00 Furs ..... **\$8.50**  
\$30.00 Furs ..... **\$12.50**  
\$50.00 Furs ..... **\$22.50**  
\$75.00 Furs ..... **\$32.50**  
\$100.00 Furs ..... **\$42.50**

## Wool Waists

Values up to \$1.50, Friday and Saturday. **\$1.75**

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## Bath Robes

\$5.00, \$7.50 and \$8.00 values..... **\$2.75**

## UMBRELLAS.

\$1.25 values ..... **75¢**  
\$2.00 values ..... **\$1.25**  
\$5.00 values ..... **\$2.25**  
\$6.50 values ..... **\$3.00**

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\$15, \$17.50 and \$20 values ..... **\$8.75**

## Silk Petticoats

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**\$20**

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All of our Buckrim Frames, choice..... **10c**  
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Including French Hand-Made Sets, Friday and Saturday, **HALF PRICE**

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\$23.50 Solid Oak Buffet, weathered finish ..... **\$16.00**  
\$10.00 Blue, Green or White Full-Size Iron Bed ..... **\$6.75**  
\$22.00 Fine Birdseye Maple Dresser, swell front, large French glass ..... **\$15.50**

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