

GENERAL DENIAL MADE BY PROMOTOR DAVIDOR

Admits Arrest in Chicago and That He Was Connected With the Alleged Assault Case in San Francisco. Charges That Attacks Are Made by Enemies.

Sanford V. Davidor in a lengthy statement printed herewith, makes a general denial of the charges brought against him by his business associates in the Washington Home Telephone company and other enterprises published in yesterday's Journal.

Since the publication of the charges, cross charges and allegations have been flying back and forth. Mr. Davidor admits that he was arrested in Chicago and that he was concerned in the alleged assault case in San Francisco, but although he writes at some length, does not furnish any specific denial of his past history as detailed by the chief of police of Milwaukee in a letter to the Grinnacher of Portland.

He claims that the charges of mismanagement of the various industrial enterprises with which he has been connected in Oregon are made by his enemies and says that he will stay in Portland and face the matter. He still retains his rooms in the Portland hotel. The handsome suite of offices occupied by him and his associate companies in the Corbett building were filled with anxious investors this morning. Mr. Davidor did not see many of his callers. His statement follows:

Davidor's Statement.
Referring to the letter from the chief of police of Milwaukee, accusing Mr. Davidor of having served a term in jail there and of having been connected with several shady transactions, he says:

"While I was in Milwaukee I took an active part in political affairs. Chief Janssen was aligned with the opposing faction and naturally made all the trouble he possibly could for the leaders of the opposition. His official position placed in his hands a powerful weapon, which he did not hesitate to wield vigorously every opportunity which presented itself. Seizing upon a technical violation of the laws governing the mails as a pretext, he for a time made me considerable trouble in common with others who had the temerity to identify themselves with the opposing political faction, but these things in due season straightened themselves out, and when I left Milwaukee I was with the same freedom and the same social and political standing which attaches to the majority of American citizens. It is urged against me that I was once unaccountably enough to be forced through bankruptcy. This was not my fault but my misfortune and my assets were not only much larger than represented but my liabilities were a great deal smaller. Bankruptcy laws were designed as an honorable way for a man to pursue when forced to the wall financially by a combination of circumstances over which he has no control.

"As regards the charge of public indignity, I have been guilty of many shady transactions of any nature in my part of the United States. Those who make these allegations do so either out of desire for revenge or because they have axes to grind. As regards persons who give voice to these diatribes, I think I shall bring the ax out for public inspection.

Denies Assault on Woman.
The allegation that I assaulted a Mrs. S. Houston in her apartment in Van Ness avenue, San Francisco, is a willful, deliberate, unqualified and malicious falsehood. An attempt was made by a woman who numbered that name among her many aliases to make me the victim of a badger game while I was in San Francisco. I resisted the unprovoked efforts of herself and a male accomplice to blackmail me, and she attempted to intimidate me by endeavor-

ing to make a tool of the police department. An investigation by the police soon satisfied them of the character of the woman and her pal, and the affair was dropped after they had been warned that their room in San Francisco was deemed more desirable than their company. I came to Portland from San Francisco. At no time have I made any effort to conceal my movements, or my whereabouts. The San Francisco authorities doubtless have known where I have been, and if they had desired for any reason to make me trouble, could easily have laid hands on me. The fact that they have made no charges and have never tried to molest me speaks for itself. It remains for those who desired to profit by my downfall to hurl these baseless fabrications at me through the columns of a daily paper.

"This brings us down to the conduct of corporate affairs since I have been a resident of Portland. As a general proposition I may state that the allegations made in print against me relative to the Washington Home Telephone & Telegraph company, the Champion Group Mining company, the St. Johns Gas Light & Heat company, and other corporations, are part and parcel of a two-fold plot engineered by political schemers and competitors in the telephone business on the one hand and by co-workers and employes on the other, who hope to cause my financial downfall in the expectation that the general crash they will avoid the settlement of their obligations to me. It is a well-known fact that every possible scheme has finally been employed to interfere with the progress of the Washington Home Telephone & Telegraph company. Certain action looking to the carrying out of definite operations by that company was begun as recently as yesterday. No doubt the competitive company has finally been forced to a realization that we mean business, and knifing us in print is the desperate measure which he employed in his endeavor to destroy us if possible, and if that should be found beyond the power of their attainment, to handicap us in every way with the belief that we might grow discouraged and dispose of our holdings at an absurdly low figure.

Sale of Bonds.
"Regarding the sale of the bonds of the Washington Home Telephone & Telegraph company, I defy any person to show any irregularity or to demonstrate that the sale has been effected without the full authority of the meeting of the board of directors full authorization for the sale was given by the execution of a supplementary contract one of the signers being W. W. McCredie, who was elected president. That document authorized myself to act upon the sale of bonds below their quoted price, and in accordance with this provision an offer which was subsequently accepted.

"So far as I am personally concerned, I have absolutely no connection with the corporation except to act as its fiscal agent. The sale of bonds has been effected for the good of the corporation at the best obtainable price. Negotiations were in progress for several days. The contract for the sale of the bonds was approved by others as well as myself. A supplementary contract in connection with the business of this corporation is that at the time the Washington Home Telephone & Telegraph company was formed, various promises were made by individuals to one another without my knowledge. Captain Meagher, who cuts a prominent figure in print for instance, has promised, I understand, a life position at a large salary and has since been disappointed in his expectations. In fact I have been forced to cancel his subscription to a \$100 bond, for non-payment. This action was taken March 26, 1908, for a payment of \$5 to carry his contract with this corporation and since cancellation his resignation has been demanded. In fact, under the laws he could not serve as an officer of this company without holding stock. The stock certificates issued to Captain Meagher were never signed by myself, and therefore, as the books of the corporation show, Meagher is not a stockholder.

"As regards the resignation of Messrs. McCredie and Phillips, I have no personal knowledge.

"I resigned my office as treasurer of this corporation in favor of Mr. Phillips for the good of all persons concerned, in the belief that the affairs of the company would rest in the hands of men who would protect the individual investor.

Long Distance Connections.
"Relative to long distance connections, I will say that there is no truth in the statement that we have no long distance connections with the Northwestern. We have a signed and sealed contract running for 25 years with the Northwestern Long Distance company out of Vancouver, and in addition thereto we have an oral agreement in the part of that company, far made in the presence of three witnesses.

to give us similar contracts for long distance service out of Centralia and Chehalis when we shall be ready for same. Since this verbal contract was made, I have been informed repeatedly by Mr. Clements that C. C. Craig, general manager of the Northwestern Long Distance company, has been trying to secure from him a \$4,000 payment, for what, I am not aware. However, since that was declined by Mr. Clements, a man of the name of Marsh has been endeavoring to secure franchises in blanket form. Members of the city council demanded that he segregate the franchises in these franchises to one particular grant, and he named a telephone grant.

"It is rather unusual for a long distance corporation to give contracts for long distance connections before receiving assurance that it would be given a franchise. This was done only for the purpose of interfering with the plans of the Washington Home Telephone & Telegraph company as far as possible. These filibustering tactics began when they became satisfied that we meant business, having started crews of men to work in Centralia, Chehalis and Vancouver for the construction of our plants in compliance with every detail of our franchises as late as April 1. In a letter to Mr. Clements under date of March 1908, Robert Tucker, secretary of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company, intimates that when our work had progressed far enough we need not expect trouble in

securing long distance connections out of Centralia and Chehalis. "I have personally filed a \$1,000 certified check with the city of Vancouver as a required bond, in compliance with franchise provisions, and the requirements of the franchises in Centralia and Chehalis have been fully met to date, so that we may safely say that no corporation has franchises more fully complied with in their conditions than the Washington Home Telephone & Telegraph company.

"Concerning C. R. Wagner, I shall in all charity say as little as possible. The life history of the man is unfortunate. We employed him on the representation that he had made good with the Portland Home Telephone company, but he has never complied with instructions or fulfilled the terms of his contract. His account with this company is overdrawn \$63.82. Since he was ordered out of our service he signed the indorsement of the corporation without authority to a check for \$75, which was cashed by the First National bank of Wallace, Idaho. The check was given him by O. D. Jones, and without authorization on the indorsement of my name. The check in question was forwarded by the Wallace bank to Portland for our inspection, and is now in possession of E. J. McAllister, the attorney for this corporation. Mr. Jones has since been advised that he must remit \$10 to this office before his subscription for the \$1,000 bond could be honored. He has been notified of the fact commensurate with the matter is now up to Mr. Jones.

Just a Duplicate.
"In relation to the Washington Home Telephone & Telegraph company's building, which is being erected under lease for a term of 25 years by Glen Rank, this structure is practically a duplicate of one of the buildings of the Portland Home Telephone company. Goodrich, the architect, has a print of the latter company's building, in order to make a copy, and it was duplicates of this print which were sent out from this office.

"We now come to the affairs of the Champion Group Mining company, March 4, 1908. I drew a check against my personal account—check No. 18—for \$4,212.33, in order to take care of an overdraft on the Champion Group Mining company, on the Siskiyou County bank, Freka, California, which I had personally guaranteed. The check I may say that the Champion Group Mining company is this day indebted to me in the sum of \$1,762.95 on notes and accounts, and I certainly will not hesitate to assert my rights in the premises at the proper time.

"The main trouble in the affairs of the Champion Group Mining company has been due to the machinations of one Hayes. I picked this man up when he was penniless and placed him on my payroll, gave him employment and an interest in the affairs of the company. I sent him to Mexico to look out for my individual interest in mine there. He repaid me by misrepresenting me to others interested in the mine, boasted himself into the presidency of the company, threw me down in every way possible, and then returned to Portland to give a further exhibition of his ingratitude. He evidently believes that by producing telephonic state affairs in this company he and his cronies will avoid settlement of their obligations to me that will richly feather his own nest. Developments will show whether he has been as shrewd as he thinks or not.

"During his sojourn in Mexico Hayes was sent approximately \$2,700 by me. Of this amount he has failed to account for about \$1,700 and has made false reports as to purchases. His operations while in Mexico are now under investigation and subsequent developments may take another form than exploring him in the public print. His work at all stages of the game has been marked by underhanded methods, and I am prepared to make good the truth of every assertion bearing upon him or his connection with these mining companies. He was discharged by me upon his return from Mexico, and allying himself with certain disreputable characters merely continued the policy he inaugurated in Mexico.

"As to the matter alleged in the article concerning Mr. Bloch and his relations with Mr. Wilde, I know

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nothing and therefore I have nothing to say. I have absolute confidence in Mr. Bloch's integrity and financial standing, and he is amply able to defend himself against the attacks of Mr. Wilde or any other person.

"In conclusion, I wish merely to say that the affairs of my office are conducted on strict business principles and the stock and bond deals that have been made and are being made through my office are fair and legitimate business investments. In my safe I have the documentary proof of the assertions made by me in this communication."

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Charles J. Schnabel appeared for Caviness and as he had just been brought into the case asked time to read the indictment, which covers 20 typewritten pages.

Dorsey and Sheehan were given until Monday owing to the illness of their attorney.

These men were all indicted for using the mails to defraud, the postal inspectors charging that they had made a practice of passing defunct state bank notes of the Merchants and Planters Bank of Georgia on the unsuspecting public.

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SAYLOR SAYS HE IS NOT GUILTY

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Frank Caviness, J. A. Sheehan, alias Doc Sheehan, and M. J. Dorsey were given until Monday to enter their pleas.

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