CONFESS CRIME

Six Involved in the Scheme to Make Bogus Money at Bastian Ranch.

CRIMINAL CAREER OF FIVE

Outfit Which the Gang Possessed and the Method Used to Make the Spurious Five-Dollar Pieces.

CRIMINAL RECORDS OF THE COUNTERFEITERS.

JOHN H. WILLIAMS (right name three years for burglary, Canon City, Colo., Penitentiary; 1886, seven years for safeblowing, Canon City, Colo.; 1802, two years for bill-raising, Oregon State Prison; 1895, three years for bill-raising, McNeill's Island; 1898, eight years for bill-raising, McNeill's Island.

Is now past 70 years of age. ELSA R. COON—Arrested July 31, 1801, Grant's Pass, Or., together with his brother, Fey Coon, and the Nutt brothers, Alonzo and Henry, charged with counterfeiting. Escaped from jall August 21, 1801. Arrested August 27, 1901, on Speak Ranch, near Huntington, Or , for counterfeiting a \$20 gold piece; served a term on McNeill's Island for crime. In 39 years old.

HANS JOHANSEN-Served a term on McNetil's Island for counter-ELMER AND A. J. TURNER-Have

served terms in Idaho prisons for cattle "rustling." C. K. MILLS-So far as known, has

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Under the "sweating" process, four Under the "sweating" process, four members of the counterfeiting gang now in custody, out of the six arrested by the secret service officers, yesterday made practical confessions of guilt, and it is thought the remaining two will follow suit some time today. Those who have made damaging admissions, which not only involve themselves in a conspiracy to manufacture bogus money, but implicate others in the transactions as well, are Elsa R. Coon, the alleged leader of the gang; C. K. Mills and his brother-in-law, Elmer, and A. J. Turner. John H. Williams, known to be one of the worst of the lot, with an established record of terms in prison aggregating 28 years, and Hans Johansen, heretofore referred to as "Joe Hansen," have thus far refrained from making confessions, although the Government officers are in possession of abundant evidence of their

United States Secret Service Director B. W. Bell, accompanied by Secret Ser-vice Operative Foster, arrived on train No. 5 early yesterday morning, having in charge Mills and the Turner brothers, the three Weiser (Idaho) suspects, who had been arrested there the day before, and they were taken before Commissioner Sladen, who bound them over to the grand Smagen, who bound them over to the grains jury after all three had waived examina-tions. Their ball was fixed as follows: Mills \$1000, and Elmer and A. J. Turner, \$2000 each, in default of which they were locked up. Williams and Johansen will have their hearing before Captain Sladen at 10 o'clock this morning.

Five Have Criminal Records

Of the six men now under arrest for complicity in the counterfeiting opera-tions that were to have been conducted on the Bastlan ranch, Mills is the only one without a criminal record, so far as known. He is a saloonkeeper at the little town of Weiser, in Idaho, and his chief connection with the gang existed in the fact that he supplied the money for the purchase of material. It is also claimed that a part of the counterfeiting outfit, consisting of a press weighing 900 pounds. was sent to Weiser and stored in Mills house. One night it disappeared, and it developed later that Carl Bastlan, son o Mrs. Minnie Bastian, the widow who owns the ranch of that name, had spirited it away from Mills' place and hauled it t where it is now supposed to

According to the secret service men, the whole counterfeiting scheme was con-cocted in the Government prison at Mc-Neill's Island while Coon, Williams and Johansen were confined there about three years ago. After they were released from McNelli's Island they undertook to carry out their conspiracy to manufacture spulous coin, and in furtherence of the game, so it is claimed, enlisted the two Turner brothers, who were Idaho stockraisers with alleged criminal records as cattle "rustlers." Mills was probably taken in as an easy mark

operations of the crowd were evidently nipped in the bud, as it does not appear that they had dene anything out-side of making preparations before the officers pounced down on them. As it is, they will probably be indicted by the next Federal grand jury under occion 5400 of the Revised Statutes, charging them with

Capture the Outfit.

Captain Bell and Secret Service Agent Foster secured a lot of the paraphernalia belonging to the counterfeiters on the Bastian ranch, and in discussing the mat-ter after their arrival with the prisoners yesterday morning the officers stated that Coon and his associates were undoubtedly prepared to manufacture spurlous to pieces by what is known as the hot-die process. The coin is made from a composition, one-half of which is pure The rest is an alloy, composed of er and copper. The resulting com-ad is of a value which leaves a profit of about \$2.40 on each \$5 gold piece.

Method of Manufacture.

The following method was pursued in the manufacture of the bogus money: On a cylindrical block of aluminum bronze, about an inch in height and an inch or an lich and a quarter in diameter, a piece of paper was pasted. To this was pasted a genuine to piece. The paper has no part in the process, but is simply a medium by which the coin and the bronze cylinder may be fastened together.

A similar cylinder of the alternative A similar cylinder of the aluminum bronze was then heated to a white heat. The two, one cold with the coin attached, and the other at a wife beat and thereand the other at a wifte heat and there-fore in a soft condition, are then placed in a vise, the coin between the two. Pres-sure is then applied, with the result that a perfect impress of the coin is left on the heated bronze. The latter is then allowed to cool slowly, by which means it becomes nearly as hard as steel. If cooled rapidly it remains in a soft con-

bronze cylinder, which, with the impress of the coin, has now become a perfect die, is then placed in a turning lathe and turned down to the exact size

of the coin, and thus becomes ready for of the coin, and thus becomes ready for use. The process is repeated in making the reverse of the coin, and in this manner an almost perfect die is formed.

The essential part of the outfit consists of a steel knurling disc, by means of which the "reading" around the edge of the roin is produced, and some dies made of an "aluminum bronze," the formula for which is the discovery of Coon, and a powerful press of some description by means of which the proper design is imprinted on the coin.

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The officers are reticent as to the scope of the confessions alleged to have been made by Coon. Mills and the Turner brothers yesterday, but they admit that it is sufficient to convict all hands. District Attorney Bristol worked until late last night arranging the details of the confessions, and will probably resume operations in that direction the first thing this morning.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

TWO PERFORMANCES TODAY

Kendall Musical Company in "The Telephone Girl" at the Heilig.

This afternoon and tonight are the last per-formances of "The Telephone Girl" by the Kendall Musical Company at the Hellig Thea-tre, Fourteenth and Washington streets. "The Telephone Girl" is one of the liveliest and

production will be one of the finest of the year, and the whole organization included in the Baker Company will do its best to make the occasion a memorable week. There is no more beautiful and no more poetic play in existence.

NAT GOODWIN COMING.

Famous Actor to Present Two Plays at Heilig Theater July 6-7.

Nat C. Goodwin, supported by an excellent company of players, will present "The Gen-ius" at the Hellig Theater next Friday night and Saturday matinee, July 6 and 7. Saturday night, by special request, "When We Were Twenty-one." The heautiful actress, Edna Goodrich, is Mr. Goodwin's leading lady.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Grand's Best Bill.

Today and tomorrow are the last perform Today and tomorrow are the last perform-ances of the big vaudeville entertainment at the Grand. This is the best bill the Grand has given in some time. Do not overlook see-ing Yuma, the mystery, the most-talked-of censation in vaudeville. Paul Dickey has a sketch, showing various styles of plays, which cannot help making a hit.

Musical Farce at the Star.

This afternoon and tonight are the last perrmances of "The Telephone Girl" by the
endall Musical Company at the Heilig Theae, Fourteenth and Washington streets, "The
disphone Girl" is one of the livelest and
ost taking musical comedies that can be strength of the stock company. It is one of

TWO MEN ARRESTED ON COUNTERFEITING CHARGE







imagined, and it is given at the Heilig by famous principals and a heautiful, competent chorus. The gorgeous costumes are the talk of the town. Family matthee today at 2:15 and last performance tonight at 8:15. Seats

LAST PERFORMANCES.

Closing Day and Night of "Madame Sans-Gene."

This afternoon and tonight will be the last performances of "Madame Sans-Gene at the Baker Theater. The week has been characterized by large audiences and plenty of laughing, for the role of Madame Devil-May-Care has hit the public taste to a nicety. The woman, in the hands of Miss Layrence, is one of the most entertaining spectmens of strange and interesting character that one may see in a long experience of stage portraiture.

"WANG" TOMORROW NIGHT

Famous Success of De Wolf Hopper

at the Heilig Theater. Cheever Goodwin and Woolson Moore's ever "Wane" is to be the bill for the ing at the Sunday night performance tomor-row, July 1. It is to be a specially beautiful production of the great, Oriental, spirited opera in which De Wolf Hopper made his biggest success. Robert Pitkin will take the

tire week. "RIP VAN WINKLE."

Eighth Week of Baker Stock Com-

pany Opens Tomorrow.

the most lively as well as most comical plays this organization has presented. Tou

"David Garrick" a Great Success.

more than made up for by the earnestness and great skill of the cast. Seldom do you witness a better performance in stock. Crowds at each performance tell the tale.

Portland—C. Barnes, Martha Washing-ton; A. J. Winters, Hotel Astor; G. Nie-dermark, Broadway Central; R. Ross and

ard. Imperial: J. F. Currie, Grand Union. CHICAGO, June 29 .- (Special.)-The following persons from Oregon registered at Chicago hotels today; From Portland-O. C. Bentley, at the Morrison; G. H. Hill, at the Great North-

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It is almost wonderful how impressively the Dyric Company have put on the beautiful, romantic play of "David Garriek" at the Lyric this week. The cottumes, of course, are correct, and the complete play is given, and whatever is lacking in point of spectacular effect from the lack of space on the stage, is more than made up for by the expressives

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Anne Shannon Monroe, who spent last Summer in Portland and the North-west, where she did considerable newspaper and magazine work, reached Port-land Saturday, to make this her perma-

NEW YORK, June 29.—(Special.)—The following from the Pacific Northwest registered at New York hotels today: wife, Herald Square. Seattle—E. L. Killea, Empire; H. Pick-

ern; S. F. Coothes, at the Paimer. From Salem-J. H. Bell, at the Kaiser-

"SEE AMERICA FIRST."

pany Opens Tomorrow.

Tomorrow "Rip Van Winkle" will open the eighth week of the Raker stock season at the regular Sunday matinee, July 1. There is great interest in the way Mr. Baume will deal with the great part on which Joseph Jefferson founded his wonderful fame. Scenically, the

READY TO YIELD

Mayor and the Committee Are Still Firm in Their Positions.

FUND FOR THE STRICKEN

Lane Insists That It Shall Be Sent to San Francisco at Once, While the Finance Committee Says It Shall Not.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 29 .- (Special)-The Chamber of Commerce report shows Seattle cash collections for San Francisco relief fund \$154,-826.04. There is on hand \$7345.80. This money is held to settle final bills when balance will be remitted to San Francisco.

Oil was poured on the troubled waters yesterday in the controversy which has arisen between Mayor Lane and the orig-inal finance committee of the fund raised in Portland for the San Francisco sufferers. Both sides, however, remain firm in their positions. The committee refuses to be dissolved, and Mayor Lane insists that it has been and will not retreat one inch from his position that the funds must go immediately to San Francisco.

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Last night was the expiration of the time first set by the Mayor for the call-ing of a mass meeting in case the funds ing of a mass meeting in case the funds had not been turned over to the new finance committee which he appointed Thursday evening. This action, however, was deferred in order to give the committee further time. "I do not want to act hastily," said the Mayor last night. "I wish to give the old committee fair time to conclude the meeting had been according to the contract of the co to consider the matter, but I do not wish the sending of the money to San Fran-cisco to be delayed a single hour longer than necessary. It should have been there, where it is needed, long ago."

Waits for Committee.

The Mayor also said that he had received information late in the evening that the members of the committee would communicate with him some time today, and he did not desire to take any action until after the conference. "I shall not take any further steps until I shall have heard from them tomorrow." he said. "It is only right that I should wait until I have found out what action they will take."

The excitement of Thursday when the Mayor prorogued the old finance commit-tee and demanded that it turn over all money on hand to I. N. Fleischner, chair-man of the new committee, was followed by a calm yesterday, and the entire matby a calm yesterday, and the entire matter is now resting practically as it was yesterday morning, except that the storm of feeling has somewhat abated. In the morning Mayor Lane called upon Mr. Ladd and a long conference ensued. Mr. Hoge dropped in during the conference and the three discussed the situation. All that transpired was treated as a reliant that transpired was treated as a private matter, but it is believed that the discus-sion was in a much more calm vein than at the previous meeting.

Committee Is Firm.

"Our committee stands firmly in the noour committee stands armly in the po-sition which was set forth in a signed statement printed in The Oregonian yes-terday morning," said Mr. Hoge. "We have offered to send the pro rata of any donation to San Francisco immediately

ference in judgment between Mayor Lane and the members of the committee. We feel crtain that our position is right in retaining a portion of the funds for fu-ture use as the needs present them-selves. We are constantly finding many cases of destitution among people have come from San Francisco to Port-land. These we have been meeting as they appeared, but if the money were all forwarded to San Francisco now there would be no means of supplying such wants. Moreover, to the best of our meaning imprisonment, who will be the first our money in San Francisco now as there is "I stand just where I did," concluded

likely to be later on. I am informed that there is in the neighborhood of \$6,000.000 in the hands of the San Francisco relief committee at the present time, and if this is the case we are certainly right in re-taining the \$49,000 until it shall be needed and in the meantime working through various agencies in San Francisco to meet needy cases.

Believe in Policy of Waiting.

"If we were convinced that conditions are such that the most good would result from sending this money at the present time, we certainly should do so. It would be a relief to us if we could send the be a relief to us if we could send the money at this time, but there is a responsibility on us to use the funds most advantageously, and we believe this will be done in the policy we are pursuing. I should like to have a thorough investigation to determine what is best to be done, and believe that the press is in the best position to do this.

"I regret that this controversy has arisen, and hope that it will soon be set-

arisen, and hope that it will soon be set-tled in a way satisfactory to all con-cerned. Portland has responded so nobly that it is too bad that we should get in a row among ourselves over the disposal of the funds."

"The argument of the committee re-minds me of a story of a Chinese who was on the witness-stand. The Judge wished to "All the same go to hell, and burn al-



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> the Mayor. "There is no middle ground. That money must be sent to San Francisco right away." GIVES FOLK-SONG RECITAL

Programme of Unusual Interest Is Given by Miss White.

A programme of folk songs given by Miss Villa Whitney White, at the First Congregational Church last night, under the direction of Mrs. Warren E. Thomas, was one of the unique and thoroughly delightful musical events of the season. Miss White, who comes to Portland from Boston, and who is an exponent of the Cady School, has a rich soprano voice of frametic tyre and the advantage of a company to the cady School, has a rich soprano voice of frametic tyre and the advantage of a company to the cady School. dramatic type and the advantage of a com-manding and magnetic personality. Her rendition of the quaint and simple folk songs of the Irish, English and Scotch was interspersed with graphic description lending an additional charm to her rare singing. She is endowed with an attractively rich speaking voice and graphically described the various classes of music and the sources from which the various

No Middle Ground, Says Lane.

Mayor Lane has not been moved in the of Portland's best musical circles, was donation to San Francisco immediately if the donor asks us to do so, and we make that offer in all seriousness. It seems to us that this is the best way to find out the will of the subscribers, and we are entirely willing to abide by their wishes in the matter.

"The entire controversy is simply a difference in judgment between Mayor Lane and the members of the committee. We feel crtain that our position is right in retaining a portion of the funds for fit."

It sat from his position that the money is needed in San Francisco right now, and should be remark overheard to the effect that "Miss White has not only a fine or law indication of direct it," is considered an indication of the general impression made by the singer. "I'm Wearin' Awa', Jean," proved the favorite among the Scotch collection, and called for enthusiastic applause. The Anglo-American folk songs included many old favorites and were received with marked enthusiasm.

Miss Josephine Large accompanied Miss

Miss Josephine Large accompanied Miss minds me of a story of a Chinese who was on the witness-stand. The Judge wished to impress him with the solemnity of an having a number of engagements to sing oath and asked him what would happen if at social affairs this week. The pro-

> "My Love's an Arbutus," "The Gap in the Hedge' Old Irish
> "It Was a Lover and His Lass," 'Phillida
> Flouts Me" Old English
> "The Banks of the Dalsies" Old Irish
> "Loch Lomond," "Aye Wakin', Ol", "Flow
> Gently, Sweet Afton," "Alife Bain o' the
> Gien," "Hush-a-Bye, Darling," "Tm
> Wearin' Awa', Jean" Old Scotch
> Anglo-American follows Anglo-American folksongs: Hazel Dell' George F. Root Darling Nellie Gray'' R. B. Handy Gentle Annie," "Old Black Joe," "Nellie Was a Lady," "Way Down on the Su-

SAVED BY ELEVATOR BOY

..... Stephen Foster

Clyde C. Avery Owes Life to Presence of Mind of Will McDonald.

The life of Clyde C. Avery, a salesman of the Honeymoon Hardware Company, was saved in the nick of time yesterday by the presence of mind and quick action of Will McDonald, the elevator boy in

the company's building.

Avery wanted to go down from the third floor after having waited on a customer, and looked down the shaft to see where the elevator was. The cage was just coming down from the upper floor and struck Avery on the head, causing a painful wound, and, stunned, he fell with his head and part of his body hanging over the shaft. The heavy cage was hearing down and when only within two feet of Avery the elevator here are the feet of Avery the elevator boy saw the prostrate body. Quickly reversing the power he brought the cage to a stop only a few inches from Avery. It had to be raised before Avery could be removed.

Dr. A. E. Rockey was hastily summoned and dressed the wound, which required several stitches. Avery was later able to go home to 306 Hancock street. His condition is not serious.

PLAN VACATION NOW.

"Potter" Goes on June 30-Low Upper Co-lumbia River Rates. Iumbia River Rates.

June 30 the T. J. Potter, the popular O. R. & N. Seaside excursion steamer, makes its first trip to North Beach, touching Astoria going and returning. Very low excursion rates now in effect.

Delightful outing trips may be made to upper Columbia River points; the new local O. R. & N. train leaving Union Station at 8:15 A. M. dally and returning at 6 P. M. the same day makes it possible to spend a day at any of the points of interest along the river between Portland and The Dalles. Very low rates in effect.

For particulars about the Summer resorts and trips ask at Third and Washington streets, Portland. C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth, sure and use that old and well-tried rem-Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for chil-n teething. It soothes the child, softens gums, allays all pain, cursa wind coll-

ASK FOR DIVORCES

Unhappy Wives and Husbands Seek Decrees.

MARRIAGES WERE FAILURES

Desertion, Cruelty and Unfaithfuls ness Are the Causes for Which Legal Separations Are Granted by Court.

Lizzie DeBord, whose husband, George their child Gracie, 2 years old, was granted a divorce yesterday by Judge Sears. by the DeBord took the child to San Francisco and placed it in a home. Mrs. DeBord followed and recovered possession by means of habeas corpus proceedings. The little girl is now with her grandparents, E. F. and Mary DeBord, at Montavilla, and the mother is willing that they shall retain possession, and asked the court to order the defendant to pay alimony for the support of the child. The DeBords were married in Trenton, N. J., April 14, 1903. Mrs. DeBord testified that her hus-band abandoned her in March, 1905, and said he did not treat her well while they lived together. She gave a dra cital of the legal battle for her offspring

in the Bay City. Husband's Temper Bad.

Edith Baldwin, who was married to George Baldwin in Portland in February, 1886, was divorced by Judge Sears yester-day. There are four children as the issue of the union, aged respectively 20, 17, 14 and 12 years. Mrs. Baldwin testified that all of the children were being properly cared for. She said her husband possessed a bad temper, and they were unable to live in peace, and he rendered her life Judge Sears dissolved the bonds of mat-

Judge Sears dissolved the bonds of matrimony existing between Charles C. Naeva and Margaret Naeve because of cruel treatment. They were married at Oregon City in November. 1850. Naeve testified that his wife accused him falsely of running around with girls and of unchastity. B. S. Pague appeared as a witness in the Jennie Train testified that H. W. Train

deserted her December 25, 1904, 17 days after their marriage in this city, and went after their marriage in this city, and went to Chicago. She was granted a divorce. Lelia Dwyer, who was divorced from Richard E. Dwyer, testified that he aban-doned her without cause in 1901. They were married in Portland. November 25, 1892. Her maiden name, Lelia Dwight Wilmer, was restored to her,

Cruel Treatment Charged. Because of cruel treatment, Mary O'Hearn was granted a divorce from Ed-ward O'Hearn by Judge Sears. She told the court that he choked and beat her on numerous occasions. The couple were married at Council Bluffs in November.

Edward Wedemeyer was divorced from Bernice Wedemeyer on account of deser-tion beginning in August 1904, two years after their marriage, which took place in

Judge Sears granted Minnie McDonald Judge Sears granted Minnie McDonald a decree of divorce from Roderick William McDonald because of drunkenness and cruel treatment. They were married in Portland September 15, 1966. The plaintiff said that in February last her husband villified her in Hall's restaurant, in the presence of a large number of people. She asked for \$40 a month allmony.

Anna Belle Holdiman has sued William R Heldiman for a divorce because of de-B. Holdiman for a divorce because of de-sertion at Chicago, beginning September 15, 1964. She alleges that he has since refused to live with her. They were mar-ried in Portland in 1891, and have two

father should have their custody ENTRANCE FEE DROPPED.

The mother is willing that the

To all who join the Y. M. C. A. be-fore July 15 the entrance fee of \$9 will be remitted.



LAST CLASS TO GRADUATE FROM MOUNT TABOR SCHOOL.

Mount Tabor School District No. 5 having been merged with District No. 1 (Portland), the class that has just graduated is the last to receive diplomas under the common school law of the state. At the exercises which took place Wednesday night, State Superintendent Ackerman gave good counsel to the gradue An incident of the evening was the presentation of a cut glass nut bowl to Mrs. Singleton, the teacher who brought the class through to what Mr. Ackerman said was the highest percentage of any common school in Oregon.