

SEEM THAT WITH A VERY FACILE PEN A Record of Over Thirty Spurious Checks Passed Within One Week is His.

COUNTERFEIT PAPER BEARS GROCERS' NAMES Operations Extend All Over the City, and from Sellwood to Montavilla.

No forger whose name appears in the annals of the police department has executed his work on a broader plan or with a greater degree of success than has a slip of a youth whose operations have up to date completely baffled the skill of the detective force.

COUNTRESS BECOMES AVOWED SOCIALIST (Copyright, Hearst News Service, by Leased Wire to The Journal.)

Last night the countess addressed a meeting of the unemployed at Stratford, Ore., and was introduced as "our comrade."

"It is terrible that large numbers of men and women should starve because they cannot find work. I am not afraid because those who point out the present social evils are called rebels. It is time that something be done to remedy the evil."

"Workingmen must understand the necessity of organization and of backing their leaders. I agree with the chairman's resolution that under capitalism the lack of employment is a permanent condition with large masses of the working classes. This can only be remedied by the collective ownership of all means of production, distribution and exchange, and the institution of a co-operative commonwealth."

The countess' radical declaration was uproariously applauded and a crowd of workmen dragged her carriage to the hotel. The countess is a strenuous advocate of the principle that the state ought to support those children whose parents cannot.

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DESIGNED HIS POST SPEEDY ACTION FORESTALLS DISSMISSAL PROMISED BY LAND COMMISSIONER WHEN HERE.

LEFT STATION WITHOUT SUPERIOR'S PERMISSION Constant Attendant on Land Fraud Trials—Hermann Dropped Him.

Special Agent Max Pracht, stationed at Oregon City landoffice, was told by Land Commissioner Richards on the latter's recent visit to Portland that he would be dropped from the service.

Mr. Pracht displayed discretion in resigning. When Land Commissioner Richards was introduced to testify in the land fraud cases he told Mr. Pracht the first thing he would do on his return would be to dismiss him for insubordination.

PEABODY'S MEN HOLD WHIP HAND Action of Colorado Supreme Court Changes Complexion of Legislature.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) Denver, Col., Dec. 17.—By the action of the state supreme court today the complexion of the upper branch of the legislature was changed, the law-making body of the state was rendered overwhelmingly Republican and that party is now in a position to utilize its power in canvassing the ballot cases at the last election to throw out enough Democratic precincts to seat Governor Peabody, who is, on the face of the returns, beaten in Adams by a plurality of about 11,000 votes.

Now that they have been eliminated from the count, every Democratic legislative and county candidate, with the exception of Assessor Alexander and County Judge Lindsey, has been defeated. This means that the Republicans have gained three state senators and the majority of the lower house. They will be able on January 4 to organize both branches of the legislature.

CORTELYOU AND BAKER EXCHANGE BOUQUETS (Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—National Chairman Cortelyou and State Chairman Baker of Oregon had a meeting today at which they vied with each other in the exchange of bouquets which they exchanged. Baker told Cortelyou he was the greatest national chairman on record, and Cortelyou told Baker that his mastery management of Oregon politics was the most notable feature of the recent campaign.

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LEADER IN TALK ON LEADERING UNIONISM Would Rather Kill Unions Than Receive a Present of a Million Dollars.

ENGLISH OFFICER IS ASTONISHED AT CAMP Leiter Carries Revolver and Boasts that He Shoots to Kill if Molested.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) Chicago, Dec. 17.—Joseph Leiter returned today from Zeigler, where with his brother-in-law, Maj. Colin Campbell, he spent a week inspecting his mines and laying plans for conducting a long and vigorous campaign against the strikers.

PORTLAND FAVORED BY REDUCED RAIL RATES Gradually the rail rate between Portland and the sound is being lowered on heavy merchandise, and the embargo heretofore existing on trade between the two cities, ever since the rate of freight department's latest announcement is a modification by which road, hand and hoop iron and other bar products are well below the rate between Portland and Seattle and Tacoma.

BUTTS' CONSIGNMENT OF BRICKBATS IS HERE Two brickbats for which William Butts paid \$750 are lying on an ash heap back of his boarding-house in this city.

TRAVELERS DECLARE THE INCIDENT CLOSED The Travelers' Protective association of Oregon and Washington held a meeting last night in the parlors of the Hotel Portland. There were present 100 delegates from the various branches of the association.

SAW OLD HOME AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS John L. Hartman, manager of the Portland Clearing association, is pleased with the business conditions he found on a trip through the east and south.

WIFE AND SISTER SLASHED WITH RAZOR Craved with jealousy, F. A. Phillips, a colored man, stabbed his wife and her sister, Miss Stella Schaffner, at 1 o'clock this morning, both of the women being wounded in the neck by a razor.

THE WHOLE FAMILY POUNCED ON PAPA J. E. Leader is the Multnomah "Bill Bailey." He says his wife "threw him out" and because he sought a warm place by the hearth while the wind was blowing and the rain pelted him, his whole family pounced on him and beat him.

When Called to the Bench Painkiller Davis is needed to prevent blood and to ward off disease.

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