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FORGED CHECK ARTISTS

Sheriff Fenton Has Received Numerous Descriptions.

OPERATED AT EUGENE

Officers Believe That the "Forged Check" Artists Will Show Up in Roseburg Sooner or Later—Play Game With Success.

That Oregon, and especially the western section of the state, is now in the clutches of a forged check epidemic could be no better illustrated than by the numerous circulars received by Sheriff Fenton during the past few days.

From Sheriff Brown, of Eugene, Sheriff Fenton has received three detailed descriptions, each of which asks for the arrest of forged check artists who played their game in that city recently. Among those wanted at Eugene appear the names of Elmer Ray and wife. These parties, like the shady couple who recently fleeced a number of local merchants, work their game in co-operation, the man preparing the paper, while the wife passes it upon the unsuspecting.

Another fellow wanted for forgery at Eugene is an "unknown." This man worked in the guise of a logger and succeeded in securing in the neighborhood of \$100.

The Eugene Register has the following to say regarding the late forgers:

A fellow who used his wit and his nerve in good shape last Friday afternoon, succeeded in getting about \$100 out of Eugene merchants very easily. The Register might have given this story yesterday morning for it was pretty well known Monday, but in deference to Sheriff Brown's wishes, we did not publish the news, hoping he might be better able to catch the sick man artist, but he now has no hope of doing so, as the fellow has succeeded in getting away nicely.

He evidently has been in the neighborhood for some time and perhaps worked on the Mohawk as his knowledge of names indicates and he put his plans into execution in the most opportune time.

He was dressed in the guise of a woodsman and represented that he lived at Donna and worked for the Mohawk Lumber company of which R. H. Martin is manager. He got hold of some blank checks of the First National bank of Eugene where the company does its business and probably took his time in writing out a number of checks to Ross Hill, four of which were for \$32.50, and forged the name of R. M. Martin to them.

With absolute nonchalance and playing his part like a veteran he went to each of four stores in the city and bought a small bill of goods, representing that he lived at Macrola and worked for the Mohawk Lumber company and wanted the goods shipped out to that place and tendered his pay check in payment. At George T. Hall's store he bought a bill of groceries amounting to between \$10 and \$11 and endorsed his check and got the change back. At Manville & Homy's store he purchased a large and small rocking chair for \$8, for Christmas presents for his wife and daughter and got \$24.50 in coin of the realm. He made the same purchase exactly at Flint & McLaughlin's and got the same change. At the Ax Billy store he bought a bill of groceries amounting to \$10.30 and got his coin again. At Munroe's furniture store he attempted to use another of these checks, after buying a heating stove and chair, but Mrs. Munroe, who was attending store while her husband was at supper, would not cash the check and the fellow said he would go out and get the check cashed elsewhere and come back and pay for the goods, but he

did not show up, and this is probably where he got leary and quit. It is also stated that he worked the Hoffman House with a \$13 check when paying his hotel bill.

Most of the merchants packed up their sales and some sent them to the depot to be shipped, but on Monday morning learning that the checks were forgeries, they were hauled back to their stores again.

The fellow had timed his acts in the afternoon of the busiest day of the year, when merchants were off their guard and when the checks could not be taken to the bank for two days to determine their genuineness, and he was thus able to get clear out of the country before the forgeries were discovered. Sheriff Brown has sent circulars describing the fellow to points all over the country, but he has no hope of catching him.

Mr. Martin always signs his checks in the name of the Mohawk Lumber company by himself as manager, but the forged checks were made in his individual name and were not a good counterfeit of his signature either.

If merchants would use the same precautions in accepting checks from a stranger that banks do, requiring absolute identification before paying them, there would be less of this work done.

TAFT'S NIECE WEDS SEATTLE LUMBERMAN

(Special to The Evening News.) New York, Dec. 30.—A wedding at which was represented the upper social life of the country occurred today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters Taft, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Louise Taft, a niece of the president, to Mr. George Hogg Snowden, a wealthy lumberman of Seattle, Washington. Among the notable guests present at the ceremony was President Taft, Mr. Robert and Miss Helen Taft, son and daughter of the president. On account of illness Mrs. Taft was unable to attend. There were also present many prominent persons in the government service. Mr. and Mrs. Snowden will spend their honeymoon in Europe and Egypt, and on their return to America will make their residence in Seattle.

BUTTE STRIKERS BACK TO WORK

(Special to The Evening News.) Butte, Mont., Dec. 30.—All striking Northern Pacific switchmen in this city returned to work in the local yards today and their action practically breaks the strike in this locality, since the Great Northern employees have already gone to work.

INDIANA HAS BLIZZARD WEATHER

(Special to The Evening News.) Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—A blizzard is sweeping the state and everybody is shivering from the extreme cold that has hung over the county for the past week. Many telegraph and telephone wires have snapped on account of the cold, and wire communication is seriously interrupted.

ZELAYA CALLS ON PRESIDENT DIAZ

(Special to The Evening News.) Mexico City, Dec. 30.—Former President Zelaya called unofficially upon President Diaz. The event was purely social, and the statement was given out after Zelaya's departure that political matters nor the Nicaraguan question were not discussed.

A DESPERADO GANG

Starts Panic in Theatre and Then Robs.

FIVE KILLED IN MIX-UP

Exits to Building Were Jammed and Children Were Trampled Upon—Dozens Badly Hurt—The Plunderers Escape.

(Special to The Evening News.)

Lomburg, Austria, Dec. 30.—A gang of pickpockets and sneak thieves who did not hesitate to jeopardize the lives of hundreds of people, are being hunted for by the police today. These men entered a theater where moving pictures were being shown and while the performance was under way exploded fireworks and caused a panic. The hundreds in the audience became stricken with fear and a rush for the exits was made, and in the jam of frenzied people to escape, dozens were trampled upon and injured, some perhaps fatally, and five were killed. Taking advantage of the confusion which prevailed the thieves robbed scores of people and their work was scarcely noticed by the crazed mob fighting to escape from what was thought to be a burning building, and to add to the realism of the situation the cry of fire was given by confederates, who also continued to throw lighted fuses into the room. The exits were blocked with a struggling mass of humanity, and children were trampled to death during the wild disorder which followed the explosions. It is not possible to ascertain the amount of plunder that was secured by the gang who originated and carried to successful conclusion this remarkable piece of criminality, but the total value must be very large. A vast quantity of jewelry was secured in addition to the cash that was taken from the pockets and hand bags of the people in attendance at the theater. Officers are combing the city today in the endeavor to locate the desperadoes.

SKULL FRACTURED IN FOOTBALL GAME

(Special to The Evening News.) Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—Another victim of football lies unconscious in the city hospital as a result of a game at the park in this city yesterday. Basil Sawyers, the star fullback of the Vancouver rugby team, sustained a fractured skull in the match with Berkeley for the Keefe cup and championship of the Pacific coast. The injured man was operated upon this morning, and it is announced that he stands a good show for recovery.

FOUR DEAD FROM COLD IN CHICAGO

(Special to The Evening News.) Chicago, Dec. 30.—The intense cold that has prevailed throughout the Middle West for the last few days has resulted in four deaths in this city, which all occurred last night, according to the police reports this morning. One of the victims was a boy only twelve years of age, Henry Jolly, and the little fellow tramped about the city for hours, with apparently no home to go for shelter, and finally becoming exhausted the lad fell in the street where his frozen body was discovered this morning. Chas. A. Johnson, another victim of the cold wave, fell to the pavement

within a short distance of his home sometime during the night and being unable to rise soon froze to death. The third party slipped on the walk and in falling fractured his skull, and it was from this injury and the cold combined that caused his death. An unidentified man was the fourth victim and was found dead on the sidewalk. The mercury registered six degrees below zero here this morning, and many trains are delayed on account of the cold and storm.

AEROPLANE FLIES A NEW RECORD

Jurvis, France, Dec. 30.—Leon de LaGrange has established a new record for aeroplanes by the performance of his machine this morning, having sailed 127 miles in two hours and thirty minutes. The previous record was held by Bleriot, who crossed the English channel.

GALVESTON HAS \$300,000 FIRE

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 30.—Fire which started yesterday and has already caused damage amounting \$225,000 is still raging among the wharves along the city water front. Great quantities of cotton are stored in the warehouses there, and unless the department gains control of the flames before they reach the buildings where the product is housed, incalculable damage will result. Late this afternoon the fire had crowded so close to the warehouses as to make heroic action necessary, and the buildings intervening were blown up with dynamite. By this means the department gained control of the conflagration.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Is Held at Baptist Church Yesterday.

REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED

Church is Apparently in Very Good Financial Condition—Evening Program Listened to by a Large Audience.

The Baptist church of Roseburg held its annual rally and business meeting yesterday. The afternoon session was devoted to receiving reports from the various departments of the church work, and to the roll call.

These reports showed splendid progress in all the church activities during the year. Nearly \$2,400 have been received and disbursed during the year in the current expense of the church, a considerably larger amount than has ever been handled before in current expense.

The clerk's report showed a total present membership of 340, a net gain of 46 members during the year. The recess between the afternoon and evening session was greatly enjoyed in social fellowship and in partaking of the fine supper spread in the church basement by the ladies.

The evening program consisted in three addresses, interspersed with three solos, and the election of officers for the new year.

Hon. O. P. Coshaw gave an inspiring address on "Is It Worth While," dwelling on the opportunities and re-

wards of service. B. W. Strong spoke for the official board of the church and clearly outlined the business plans of the church for the year.

Rev. Dr. F. C. W. Parker, of Portland, general secretary of the Oregon Baptist convention, gave a splendid address on "The Laymen's Movement."

No feature of the whole program was more delightful than the musical numbers by three members of the choir. Miss Black sang "The Holy City," Miss Lucy Bridges rendered "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," and Miss Arrie Black's number was "The Great White Throne." Altogether the occasion was inspiring and thoroughly enjoyable, and the whole church rejoices in its prosperity and promising future.

TELEGRAPH STRIKE AMICABLY SETTLED

(Special to The Evening News.) Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—It is announced today that the differences existing between the train dispatchers employed on the Big Four railroad and the officials of the system had been amicably settled, and that the proposed strike of the telegraphers would be dropped.

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