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OLD & KING

HE IS A NOTED FORGER

COLLECTOR OF BANK CHECKS IS A BAD MAN

Police Captured Better Than They Knew When They Arrested H. W. W. Dwight.

The capture of one of the most noted and clever bank-check forgers in the country was made by the police Saturday, and the merchants of Portland are saved from being extensively victimized. The man is a most daring and successful operator who floods a place with his worthless paper when once he begins, and business men can feel relieved to know that he is safe under lock and key.

He came here a week ago from California and going to the office of a printer represented himself to be J. C. Coggins, of the Coggins Bros. Lumber Company, of Siskiyou County, Cal. He delivered to the printer an electricity bearing the name of this company, together with a quantity of bankers' safety paper, and requested some drafts printed. The printer, thinking the order a suspicious one, reported the case to Chief of Police McLaughlin, with the result that the Chief made arrangements to arrest the man when he called for the drafts on Saturday morning, and the plan was accomplished.

On visiting the police headquarters and examining the man, and afterwards comparing notes with his gallery of noted criminals, James Nevins, superintendent of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency in this city, found that he is H. W. Dwight, alias W. H. Geer, sentenced at St. Paul about 10 years ago to eight years for forgery. He was pardoned after serving a portion of his term in Stillman prison. Soon after his liberation Dwight was again heard from at his old tricks, and in November, 1897, the Pinkerton Agency in New York issued a circular of caution in the interest of the American Bank Association and others, that Dwight, alias Geer, was swindling banks, hotels, merchants and individuals with bogus checks under the aliases of J. E. Bowman, R. A. Myers, J. R. Mott, and Edward Lyon. The information was conveyed that he had operated in several sections, and merchants had suffered severely. He claimed to be a manufacturer of manufacturing concern, and would present a letter purporting to be from the firm and then request the cashing of a check.

By means of this circular, Dwight was picked up and sentenced to 16 months' imprisonment at Richmond, Va. After serving this sentence he was rearrested and brought to Salt Lake, and was again sentenced in March, 1899, to a term of three years. How he got out of the penitentiary before the expiration of his term is not known.

In searching his room here, a number of blank checks were discovered for different parts of the United States, among them Cheyenne checks, and Victor, Colo., the latter having a lithograph print on one corner, Gold, Colo. Mining & Lumber Company. Checks were also found for the First National Bank and Wells, Fargo & Co., and in his memorandum-book was written, "John W. Newkirk, Cashier, First National Bank, Denver."

Superintendent Nevins at once wrote to the different Pinkerton agencies, giving details of the capture, and a full list of the checks and property found upon Dwight, and also his description, with the result that the following telegram was received here last night from James McFarland, superintendent of the Pinkerton Western division, at Denver:

"James Nevins, Superintendent Pinkerton Agency, Portland: Hold Coggins. He is charged with passing forged checks of Block Growers' National Bank, Cheyenne, for \$100, on H. M. Elliott, Cripple Creek; also with passing forged counterfeit check of Gold Colo. Mining & Lumber Company, Victor, Colo., on H. Shaw Worthington, this city, for \$25. He has flooded country with worthless checks. I think he is the man who passed counterfeit checks of United Verde Copper Company, Jerome, Ariz., in Arizona and California."

It will be noticed that two of these checks conform to blank checks obtained in the room here, and establishes conclusive evidence against the man. Chief McLaughlin was shown this dispatch, and recognizing that a most important capture of a very dangerous criminal had been effected, he will hold the man at all hazards until the officer with the requisition papers arrives from Denver.

Dwight is a well-dressed man of good appearance, and is about 45 years old.

LAZINESS WAS HIS RUIN.

Insurance Man, Well Known in Portland, Again Under Arrest.

J. F. Bard, the insurance man who was arrested and committed to jail at North Yakima, Wash., a few days ago, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was a resident of Portland some 10 years ago, and is more or less known to the insurance men of the city. He remained here several years during which time he was connected with a number of well-known insurance companies as general agent and manager, and was a respected and active member of the Christian Church. He had more than average natural ability, and was looked upon as a very successful insurance man, both in the field and in the office. He had a touch of indolence in his make-up, however, and as he grew older, work became more and more distasteful to him, and he gradually lost his prestige in business circles. Five or six years ago he left Portland, and was next heard of in Baker City, where he was taken in custody by the police on a charge of forging the name of J. Frank Porter, an insurance man of that place, to a check for \$10, and secured his release by refunding the amount and paying the costs of the case. His defense was that intemperance and insanity had made him irresponsible. His record in the vicinity of Baker City was bad, and he did not remain there long.

Frank Raiff, an insurance man of Seattle, who had been on his trail for some time, says Bard swindled many victims in Oregon, under the names of Wolf, Baker, Wood and other aliases.

HE LIKES "ALABAMA."

Colonel Moberly is a Favorite Character With James Neill.

Being a native Georgian, and having been educated at the University of Georgia, James Neill is particularly fitted for the portrayal of Southern character, and it is for this reason that he delights to play the part of Colonel Moberly in Augustus Thomas' beautiful play, "Alabama," which will be presented by the Neill company at the Midway Thursday afternoon.

"I have always liked to play 'Alabama,'" said Mr. Neill to an Oregonian man last night. The play seems to fit our audience in the drama, that a splendid Captain Davenport, and a sweet and pure woman that played by Julia Dean cannot be imagined. The play is one which never fails to draw an audience no matter where we play it. We put it on frequently purely from the love of it, for it appeals to an actor as well as to an audience, and we always find our audience in sympathy with it. When Augustus Thomas wrote it he was a young man without great reputation, and the play was so entirely unconventional, so different from anything that had ever been put on the stage, that it was an instantaneous success. Since then no manager who had a company capable of producing it has ever had any fear that it would not be well received.

Mr. Neill's interpretation of the character of Colonel Moberly, the typical Southern soldier, chivalrous and warm-hearted, will be one of the finest pieces of acting that has ever been presented in Portland, while the remainder of his company are cast for parts that suit them exactly, and will give him their usual faithful support.

Already there has been an excellent demand for seats for the matinee tomorrow afternoon, and the house is sure to be crowded to the doors with lovers of good, wholesome drama played by a capable company.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Contractors Reported Delinquent—Applicants for City Hall Job.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Public Works, Mr. Woodman, who formerly had charge of the old crematory grounds at Rocky Point, was present and stated that he had formerly obtained permission from the city to erect a small cottage on the city land, and the recent purchaser refused to permit him to remove it. He was referred to the Council.

Mr. Bodman, deputy city engineer, was present before the Board, and answered numerous questions relative to the improvement of streets on the East Side. The Board is determined to compel a stricter compliance with the ordinances in the manner of improving streets.

A request to have crosswalks in the Eleventh Ward cleaned was referred to the city engineer.

Mr. MacMaster, of the committee on supplies, reported the sale of one horse, 15 years old, from the street cleaning department, for \$35, and the same was approved.

The former engineer of the City Hall having found more profitable employment will not return this year, and numerous applications were presented for this place. They were referred to the committee on City Hall and public buildings.

City Engineer Chase reported A. J. Donaldson, contractor for the improvement of Tillamook street, to be 15 days delinquent, and J. W. Swenson, contractor on Eugene street, to be 68 days delinquent. Action was deferred until the acceptance of the streets would come before the Board.

The Board authorized the clerk to advertise for bids for improvement of Mason street and for the construction of sewer in Union avenue, Read street, Eighth street and X street, as provided by ordinances passed at the last meeting of the Council.

THROUGH TOURIST EXCURSION CARS TO THE EAST.

Are operated from Portland over the Oregon Short Line Railroad in connection with the Union Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande lines, giving choice of routes. These tourist sleeping cars run through to Chicago and the East without change, and are personally conducted excursions, which means that a special conductor is in charge to look after the convenience of passengers. For berth reservations and further information, apply to City Ticket Office or address W. E. Conant, general agent Oregon Short Line Railroad, 143 Third street, Portland.

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THE OPTICAL DEPARTMENT

Dr. Dallas, who has full charge of our optical department, has just returned from Detroit, where he attended the Convention of the American Association of Opticians. This prominent and conservative body consists of the prominent oculists and opticians of America and members are only accepted who are of high standing in their profession. Each state had two members present and Dr. Dallas was one of the two selected from Oregon.

ROGERS 1847 TABLEWARE

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IN THE SEVERAL COURTS

TWO MEN INDICTED FOR CRIME OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Both Were Officers Who Held Positions of Trust—Notes of Various Litigation.

The grand jury yesterday returned an indictment against Robert Gilbert, longshoreman, charging him with larceny by embezzlement March 4, 1900, of \$175 from the Willamette River Opposition Stevedores Company, while acting as treasurer of the company. John Covogue, David L. Forbes, John Forbes and James J. Driscoll testified before the grand jury as witnesses.

An indictment was also found against John W. Hayman, a longshoreman, charging him with larceny by embezzlement of \$185, June 6, 1900, while acting as treasurer of the Longshoremen & Riggers' Union. The witnesses in this case were William A. Gille, P. J. Sullivan and Charles Martret.

F. A. Johnson and Harry C. Smith were indicted for burglary entering the residence of Mrs. B. L. Brown.

CONCERNING A STREET LINE.

Referee's Report Filed After Eight Years' Wait.

R. W. Montague, as referee, has filed a report in the suit of Angelina Berry, Donald McBride and Sarah J. Banfield against the City of Portland, brought to restrain the city from altering the street line from Twelfth to Sixteenth street by grading and macadamizing. Mrs. Berry is the owner of property in block 321, Burnett's Addition, fronting on the street, and the other plaintiffs also own lots having a frontage on East Oak street. The complaint of plaintiffs is that the survey made by the City Surveyor brings the south line seven feet south upon the property of the plaintiffs and would deprive them each of a strip of land seven feet in width on the north side of their property, for which they will receive no compensation, and further that they are compelled to move their houses, fences and shade trees. They contend that the northern boundary of the street as it now is, is on a line parallel with the base line of United States street, and that the same as fixed by the City of East Portland in 1884, when the street was improved.

The suit was filed March 23, 1892, and has for several years not reached a final determination. It still bids fair to be delayed, as the City Attorney has filed a motion objecting to the report of the referee.

The referee decides in favor of Mrs. Berry, and against the other two. He states that in the original surveys of Burnett's Addition, the true location of the base line was not known, nor recorded, and that the south line of blocks 321 and 321, where plaintiffs' property is situated, as actually located on the ground, was but 23 feet north thereof, and 39 feet north of the center line of what is now East Stark street.

In 1884 the City of East Portland opened J. now East Oak street. The south line between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets was established on the north line of East Stark street, and approximately to the line which Mrs. Berry now occupies. As to the property of McBride and Banfield, the testimony is otherwise, and their north line, as alleged by defendant, 223 feet north of the base line, and this line is the south line of East Oak street, as actually surveyed and opened by the City of East Portland in 1884.

It follows that as to the plaintiffs, McBride and Banfield, the suit must be dismissed. As to the plaintiff, Mrs. Berry, the establishment of this street in front of her property and the subsequent improvement by her is to be treated as an estoppel against the city, or, as the referee says, he should prefer to hold the opening and trying out of the street amounted to an authoritative determination of its place, and the city cannot now change its street line except in the manner provided by the charter, and Mrs. Berry is entitled to a decree restraining the city from encroaching upon the line mentioned, 203 feet north of the north line of East Stark street.

Court Notes.

Resolutions in regard to the late Judge E. D. Shattuck were ordered entered on the journal of the United States Court by Judge Bellinger yesterday.

In the case of the United States ex rel. E. G. McKee vs. J. G. Steffen et al., Judge Bellinger yesterday ordered \$2000 in the registry of the court, to be distributed among the judgment creditors.

Not a true bill was returned in the case of Jacob Towne, accused of burglary in breaking into a dwelling-house at 255 Fourteenth street. Towne is an old man of clerical appearance, and according to reports was employed in the East as a church sexton.

A hearing was had before Judge Gilbert, in the United States Circuit Court yesterday, in the case of C. M. Patterson vs. D. P. Thompson et al., on a motion filed by the defendant, to set aside the verdict of R. M. Wade. The matter was argued and taken under advisement.

The suit of W. J. Haight against Mrs. Anna J. Galaska, to recover \$250 and foreclose a chattel mortgage on some furniture, which Mrs. Galaska alleged was obtained by false pretenses, was dismissed in Judge Cleland's court yesterday by agreement of both parties. An amicable settlement appears to have been consummated.

John Kaplain, arrested as a deserter from the ship Orealla, was up for examination before United States Commissioner E. D. McKee yesterday. He admitted that he was a deserter from that ship, and in accordance with the treaty with England in regard to such matters, he was sent to jail to remain till his ship is ready to sail.

Laura, Clara and Henry Broughton, milliners, were surrendered to the custody of the Boys' & Girls' Aid Society by the County Court yesterday. They were first taken possession of by the society in September, 1897, on the ground that they were abused and neglected by the father. Recently he asked for a rehearing of the case, alleging that he was prevented from being present on the former occasion, but also failed to attend at the rehearing. The society, however, submitted further evidence to show that the father was unfit to have his children, and the case will not again be reopened.

No. 7's New Picture.

Members of engine company, No. 7, East Third and East Pine streets, are quite proud of their new picture of the fire at the Standard Oil buildings. The picture is done in oil from a photograph taken of the fire, and is in every way correct and realistic. It was won at a raffle at No. 2's quarters, on the West Side, a short time ago, in which all the firemen were allowed a chance.

Don't spend so much money on typewriter repairs. Get the Smith Premier. New machines rented. L. M. Alexander & Co., 245 Stark street, Portland. Oregon telephone Main 574.

Persons whose occupation gives but little exercise are victims of liver trouble. Carter's Little Liver Pills will relieve you.

Probate Court.

George W. Collins, administrator of the estate of George Anslie, deceased, was authorized to distribute \$2500 in equal proportions to the heirs, George Anslie, Daphenia Anslie, Collins and Caroline Anslie, established 203 feet north of the street of the estate of his wife, Harriet C. Keck, deceased, valued at \$200. He is the sole heir.

On the petition of Anthony Mangano, in the matter of the estate of Harris Mangano, deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Our Millinery Department

Has been crowded the past two days by admiring women, viewing the many beautiful examples of the creative art displayed. Among the many lines exciting favorable comment were the ready-to-wear and tailor-made hats, from Phipps and Atchison, ladies' hatmakers of New York.

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Plaids and plain colors, from \$1.25 to \$7.50

Children's Sailor Suits

Ladies' cloth, all sizes, from \$4.00 to \$14 yards, each

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Fleece-lined cotton vests and pants, per garment, 25c, 35c and 50c

Wool-plated vests and pants, per garment, 50c and 75c

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Full lines of Ypsilanti, Munsing plated and Hohensoellern underwear.

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JOHN WILSON'S FUNERAL

DR. HILL SPEAKS OF CHRISTIAN AGNOSTICISM.

He Refers to the Deceased's Religious Life—Tribute From General German Aid Society.

Dr. Edgar P. Hill, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated at the funeral services over John Wilson yesterday afternoon. A large number of friends assembled at the family residence, where services were held. The pallbearers were: P. L. Willis, S. Penoyer, J. A. Stroubridge, B. G. Whitehouse, S. F. Lee and A. S. Frank. An interesting and well-known characteristic of Mr. Wilson, Dr. Hill said:

"I expect that we very much differ concerning the religious life of Mr. Wilson. There are those here today who are more familiar with that than I am. But there is one thing I can say, and that is, he was tremendously interested in the subject of religion. He was eagerly interested in the philosophy of religion. He always spoke to me with utmost reverence concerning religion. He talked of religion, but as the years went by and he began to investigate and his thoughts were led this way and that on these great subjects, he often found himself getting away from many things which in his childhood had been accepted without question.

"There is an agnosticism which God's work recognizes and approves. Paul shows his sense when he said, 'We know in part.' John, who by some has been called the single eye of the turning of the world, 'We know not what we shall be.' Again and again are expressions along the line, 'we see through a glass darkly.' There is such a thing as Christian agnosticism. There is a man, even though he has spent his lifetime in the study of the Scriptures, who speaks dogmatically always concerning the great things of God, simply announces and advertises his partial, very partial, knowledge. The things we know, my friends, the things we know, is the little island in the vast ocean of truth, and the difference between the agnosticism of Paul and the agnosticism of the man who turns away from the Scriptures is that Paul walks along the way feeling that the aim of life is not the possession of facts which God has held from us, but it rather is a right attitude towards the things which have been revealed; while the man who parades his agnosticism shows his ignorance by closing his eyes to things which have been revealed, and turning from known things and turning towards the unknown, and excusing his conscience for withdrawing from religious light.

"A short time before my Summer vacation I sat at the bedside of Mr. Wilson and spoke a word concerning religion, and he made this remark, speaking slowly and with much emphasis: 'I was trained very religiously, and it is difficult for a man to get away from the training of his childhood.' He knew, no doubt, that he was standing on the threshold of the unknown world, and it may be that even then out of the haze there were shining the clear rays of the sun of righteousness. And let us trust that now, face to face with him in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, he is having explained these great questions which for so many years he loved to think about."

Dr. Hill's praise for the departed emphasized his love for good books, active interest in education, business qualities and love for mankind. Among the friends present were Ludwig Levy and President John Reischer, of the General German Aid Society, bearing resolutions passed by that body, which illustrate the great benevolence of the dead man. These resolutions were as follows:

"For nearly a quarter of a century has Mr. John Wilson, the General German Aid Society in its good work by his example of usefulness, disinterested benevolence, as well as his regular contributions to the society's support, contributing nothing in return but the suffering and distress thereby proving his philanthropy as broad and liberal as his patriotism and religion.

"It is with profound sorrow that this society records the loss of such a member and friend; he it, therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. John Wilson, the General German Aid Society mourns the loss not only of a good member, but of a man exemplary in his long, useful and honorable career as a merchant, a citizen and the head of a family.

JOHN DONNERBERG, Passed by the Board of Trustees, LUDWIG LEVY.

Over 20 years ago, Mr. Wilson observed

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This week Fall business begins in earnest, and we especially emphasize the occasion by a phenomenally important Carpet and Curtain sale. A glance at the following will convince you that our prices are money-saving.

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- Nearly All-Wool 2-ply Ingrain, per yard, 57c
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 - Tapestry Brussels—7c quality, per yard, 62c
 - 8c quality, per yard, 72c
 - 9c best quality, per yard, 82c
 - Moquettes and Axminsters, choice, rich colorings, per yard, 99c
 - Velvet, heavy, per yard, \$1.07
 - Body Brussels, reliable makes, per yard, \$1.17
 - All Carpets sold at above prices sewed, laid and lined free of charge.

Lace Curtains

Figured Swiss, nicely ruffled, 49 inches wide, 2 yards long; a pair, \$1.07

Good quality Bobinet, ruffled, 49 inches wide, 2 1/2 yards long; a pair, \$1.84

Scotch Lace, Brussels effect, 49 inches wide, 2 yards long; regular price, \$1.25; a pair, \$2.17

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30 dozen All-Linen Hemstitched and Embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs, assorted patterns, slightly mussed from being displayed in window. While they last, 12c Each

For School

Children's School Umbrellas

20-inch, 25c, 40c, 50c, 60c and 75c. 22-inch, 40c, 50c, 60c and 75c. 24-inch, 45c, 55c, 75c, \$1.00 and up.

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The Military Sack Suits, the newest and swiftest men's wear, fancy chevots, \$15.00

The "Polo" Sack Suits, \$17.50

Men's Overcoats

Top Coats, \$10.00 to \$17.00. Overcoats, \$12.00 to \$25.00. Cravenette Rain Coats, \$17.00 to \$25.00.

Young Men's Suits

All-Wool Cheviots, Tweeds and Fancy Worsted, single or double-breasted vests, \$7, \$7.50, \$9 and \$10

Boys' Clothing

All-Wool Varsity Suits; sizes 2 to 8 years, \$3.75, \$4 and \$5

All-Wool School Suits, mixed tweeds and chevots, sizes 8 to 15 years, \$3, \$3.50, \$3.75 and \$4

Reefer Top Coats, tan covert and dark blue mixtures, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4 and \$4.50

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Knee Pants, with double seat and knees, just the thing for school; a pair, 34c

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New style Bicycle Capes. Men's Neckwear at 50c. Men's Giorra Umbrellas with paragon frames, at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

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some useful work of the society, and immediately became a contributing member, remaining so until his death. The body was interred in Lone Fir Cemetery.

TO CONSIDER REVISION.

Portland Presbytery to Vote on an Important Question.

The presbytery of Portland, at its next meeting, which will be held two weeks hence in the Forbes Presbyterian Church, will make an official expression of opinion on the question of the revision of the confession of faith. It is expected that the presbytery will recommend a shorter confession, although, of course, no one can foretell its action.

A vote of this kind will be taken by all the presbyteries of the state as well as all those of the country, in response to a request from a committee appointed by the last General Assembly to obtain an expression of opinion on the question of the revision of the confession of faith, which has now become a paramount issue in the church. The committee has no authority to take any action other than report to the General Assembly its findings, but that body will, of course, be influenced to a great extent by the desire of the majority of the presbyteries, and if it is the general wish to revise the confession, it will without doubt be revised.

It is understood that the greater number of Portland churches are in favor of revision, while a number of those in the smaller towns in the state are satisfied with the confession as it stands. The Portland advocates of revision are in hopes that the laic presbyteries will take action on the question until next Spring, believing that when the synod



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