

AN IMPORTANT CAPTURE

EASTERN OREGON MAKERS OF BAD MONEY HAD COMPLETE OUTFIT.

Leader is a Man With a Record for the Work—He Confesses His Guilt.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 28.—The outfit for making counterfeit money which was seized at Huntington yesterday was one of the most complete of its kind in this state.

E. E. Coon, the head of the party, was captured while in the very act of repairing his tools. An accomplice, a young man named Bud Butts, was also taken. The men and outfit were brought to Baker City last night.

Coon is a jeweler by trade, and a fine mechanic. His tools, including a fine mill and a reed machine, are perfect, and the \$5 gold coins he turned out would pass anywhere.

Coon served two years in the penitentiary in the Baker City jail. He is in Wasco County. He has made a confession to the officers, and he doubts less he would be tried in the United States court.

Coon had run a jewelry and repair shop for several years in the Baker City jail, and was known to all the farmers in the region.

The officers say if he had had a good hydraulic press, he could have turned out 50 coins a day out of a coin press of the absolutely baffled detection. The secret service agent and Marshal Roberts say it is the most daring counterfeit that has ever been made in this state.

Coon and Butts did not have their preliminary hearing today, owing to the absence of United States Commissioner Moore, and will probably be given it tomorrow.

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PRUNES ARE RIPENING FAST. Picking Will Commence in a Marion County District Next Week.

SALEM, Aug. 28.—Charles L. Dalley, a prunerowner of the Liberty neighborhood, says he expects to begin gathering his prune crop about September 1. This is the earliest he has ever seen the crop to mature, and if the prunes in all orchards should be ready at that time, prunepicking and hop-picking will come together, which is expected to be the best hop crop would be pretty well out of the way before the prunes were ready, and that the same force of workers could be employed for both crops.

The continued warm, dry weather has probably shortened the growing season for fruit and hastened the ripening. Unless there should yet be heavy rains, the fruit will contain less water than usual and will dry rapidly in the evaporators. Growers everywhere have made early preparations for handling their crops, and probably the entire crop will be saved. While the trees are, as a rule, heavily loaded, the prunes are not so large as last year, and this will also aid rapid handling.

Growers generally have shown but little disposition to make contracts. It was only after the extent of the damage to the fruit crop in the East had become known that growers received inquiries which made them desire to buy. Prunes, however, were not up to what the growers expected, in view of the short crops in the East, and but few contracts have been made. Two well-known growers are reliably reported to have sold their prunes at 4 cents per bushel, with a half-cent off for each smaller quantity. The Willamette Valley Prune Association has received orders for select prunes of the 20-40 size in 5-pound boxes at 6 cents, but as there will be but few prunes of this size and the bulk of the crop will be sold in bags, this price does not indicate what the grower can get for his crop.

Most of the growers will make no deals at present, excepting the few who have cured their fruit, and nearly all expect a slightly better price by that time. At their last meeting the directors of the prune association proposed a 2-cent basis, which would be 4 cents for 40-50s. But while growers are not anxious to contract their fruit in advance of drying, many prominent growers have expressed the intention of selling at the best price they can get as soon as their product is ready for market. Those who sold early last year fared the best, and there will consequently be less disposition to contract to hold for higher prices than are offered at the opening.

Weston Wheat Yields. The Athens Press has the following wheat reports from that district: Brown and Hodgens had 215 acres of wheat per acre. A field of 110 acres on the reservation, owned by Charles McLean, yielded 45 bushels to the acre.

JOHN L. WILSON DENIES IT

HE SAYS HE IS NOT FIGHTING HOPKINS FOR MARSHAL.

Interview Will Be Welcome News to Senator Foster, Who Has Accused Wilson of Doing So.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 28.—Both the Daily Ledger, of this city, and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer today published a long dispatch from Spokane containing an interview with ex-Senator John L. Wilson, in which he makes specific denial of the story recently published in the Oregonian to the effect that he (Wilson) is holding up the appointment of C. B. Hopkins as United States Marshal to succeed C. W. Ide. Mr. Wilson says both Hopkins and Ide are long-time friends of his, and he has refused to interfere. Mr. Wilson's interview will be welcome

connection with the wreck of the steamer Islander, which are to be instituted for damages, for loss of life, loss of property and injury to health. The matter is being put into shape for proper presentation in the United States court, which is presumed to have jurisdiction. Cases only of those who were citizens or natives of the United States were taken.

IDAHO CROP BULLETIN. The Yield of "Dry-Farm" Grain Will Be Light.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 28.—Throughout the northern and western portions of the state the weather for the week ending last night was warm, with only a few light showers at scattered points. In the southwestern valleys the temperature reached 100 degrees on the 26th. Over the eastern counties the weather was cooler and beneficial rains occurred early in the week. Some heavy winds are reported from Bingham County, but no damage resulted.

Fruit and melons—Warm weather has caused fruit to ripen rapidly, though in some northern localities its growth has been retarded by drought. Early apples are ripe in northern and eastern districts.

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HOPKICKING BEGINS. Josephine County Yards Were Never Free From Lice.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Aug. 28.—Hopkicking began today in a favorable circumstances. For about a week the roads have been full of pickers in all sorts of conveyances, and they are now quartered in various yards. There is a great number of pickers. Hopkickers say that the yards will be in full swing in a week.

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NEW PRINCIPAL OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF GRANT'S PASS.

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Professor F. E. Young, recently from Pawnee Academy, Pawnee City, Mo., will fill the position of principal. He has held similar positions in the high schools at Midland, Hart and Flint City, Mich. His record is the best, and it was principally due to the climate of Oregon that induced the appointment. Mr. Young is a gentleman at that time, so it is alleged, that Wilson was making a heroic fight for Ide, and Mr. Hanna was helping him out.

One of Mr. Wilson's statements convinces a slight element of truth. He says Ide was originally a candidate for the Collectorship of Customs, desiring to be appointed to that office from the Marshall, and that he was promised the appointment. Mr. Wilson does not say who promised it to him, but Ide's friends have frequently asserted that Senator Foster made the promise. Senator Foster has never paid any attention to this story, but his friends have denied it with great vehemence. There is no doubt that Foster was for a short time a candidate for Collector.

The Foster people are unanimous in their charge that Wilson's influence with the Administration is holding up the Hopkins appointment, and up to today Wilson has never denied the charge. It is believed, however, that he sees a chance, or thinks he does, to woo Hopkins back to his first love, and for that reason he is now attempting to disclaim responsibility for keeping Hopkins out of the office to which he aspires.

STATE SCHOOL OPENS TODAY. Large Attendance Expected at the Institution for Defective Youth.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 28.—About 90 deaf-mute and blind children arrived today from different parts of the state for the opening of the Fall term, tomorrow, of the Washington School for Defective Youth. This is a good showing for the first arrivals and indicates a full attendance from the beginning of the term.

Professor James Watson, superintendent of the institution, says that from information at hand, the attendance is among the best in the history of the school, and that the feeble-minded will considerably exceed that of last year.

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Several Washington School Boards Have Authorized New Books and Brought on a Legal Battle.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 28.—As heretofore forecasted, the courts will be called upon to decide the validity of the contracts made in May, 1900, with various publishers throughout the United States to furnish this state with school text-books for a period of five years thereafter. The Olympia School Board recently adopted supplemental text-books for use in the public schools, alleging as its defense that the contracts awarded were invalid, as the publishers have refused to print text-books now in use in excess of the statutory limitations. Similar action, it is said, has been taken in other counties on the same grounds.

D. H. Hendricksen and T. N. Henry today instituted an action in the Superior Court of Thurston County to restrain the Olympia School Board from changing the text-books, and to compel it, by a judicial order, to retain in use the old books, which have been universally thought by pupils throughout the state to be the best. It has been in use for a little over one year. County Superintendent Henry, who is bringing this action individually, said today:

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