

MAKES BOGUS COIN

Counterfeiter and His Outfit Are Captured

BETRAYED BY A BOY FRIEND

John Anderson Will Plead Guilty and is Glad Lead is Off His Conscience—Evidently an Old Hand at the Business.

By playing the role of detective, a Portland employment agency manager has succeeded in capturing one of the cleverest counterfeiters that ever operated on the Pacific Coast. The counterfeiter is John Anderson, a genius in mechanics, who has been manufacturing spurious coins so perfect that it is almost impossible of detection from the genuine.

Anderson first installed his counterfeit outfit in a room on the river. He operated successfully, but made a mistake that finally resulted in his capture, by taking pity on a homeless boy named Jesse Schewell and allowing him to live in the room. The lad gave the strange machine with which Anderson worked at night and also saw some of the spurious money. The boy, in searching for work, secured a place in the office of Mr. Williams, an employer who had in his possession and in the brush outside of the city his den and manufacturing paraphernalia were found and confiscated by the Federal authorities.

Outfit Hidden in Brush.

Yesterday morning the officers, guided by Williams, went to Anderson's den. It was found in the brush at the end of the Williams Heights car line, in a secluded spot. A space had been cleared away in the center of the brush patch and an entrance way to the opening was hidden under some loose brush. Within the opening was found the counterfeiting paraphernalia, which consists of an ordinary silver and gold-plating machine with an improvised mold for taking the impression of a genuine dollar. There was a plenty of evidence of the outfit having been used lately. There were signs of a fire where the metal had been melted.

The outfit was taken to the Marshall's office and Anderson readily explained how he made the counterfeit money. He admitted his guilt and signified his willingness to plead guilty in court.

Anderson explained that by means of a plaster-of-paris mold and dampened whiting, he was enabled to secure a perfect cast of a dollar, using a genuine dollar to make the cast. By filling the cast with melted rabbit metal he produced an imitation dollar. Such a coin would be easily detected and to make his work complete, Anderson explained, he hung the rabbit metal dollar on the negative electrode of a battery in an acid solution and suspended a piece of silver on the positive electrode. By means of a hand battery he silver-plated the bogus dollar by the aid of the electrolysis method. The plated dollar, when taken from the acid, is rough, but Anderson said that he uses a needle to remove the rough places, polishes the coin and then has a counterfeiter that will puzzle an expert.

The samples which Anderson had are almost perfect. They cannot be detected from the genuine without the closest examination.

Load Off His Conscience.

Anderson stated that he had been engaged in the counterfeiting business only a few months. "I got out of work," he remarked, "and the idea came into my head that I ought to make a living easy this way. I got the plating outfit from Cincinnati and went to work. I didn't know much about making money when I first started in and had to do a lot of experimenting, but I soon learned how to make good coins."

"But I'll tell you I felt awful sheepish about it all the time. I knew I was doing wrong and my conscience hurt me. I felt sheepish every time I handed a bogus dollar to a man, but not a single man has ever detected the bogusness of a coin, at least until after I was gone. I am kinder glad, though, that you caught me, because this thing was an awful load on my conscience, and I was always uneasy about getting pinched."

Although Anderson says that he has been engaged in the counterfeiting business only a month or two, the authorities believe he has been at it for years. The perfection he attains in his coins is to them a proof that he is no novice in the business.

Anderson says he can make as many as ten dollars a day with his machine, but that since he has been operating here he has been making only two or three, because he didn't want to get caught with too many bad coins for fear of detection.

Anderson was arraigned before Commissioner McKee and pleaded guilty. He was sent to the County Jail for safe keeping and will appear in court at a later time.

NOT WANTED ANYWHERE. Prisoner Made Repulsive by Disease Almost Causes Riot in Jail.

C. H. Wilson, a degraded, despised specimen of humanity, occupies the humiliating position of being an unwelcome guest even as a prisoner in the County Jail, and yesterday morning his fellow prisoners in corridor No. 2 threatened to kill him if he was not removed at once. The prisoners reviled and for a time things looked serious. Jailer Jackson called on Dudley Evans, Health Officer, for assistance, and peace was restored in the jail by sending Wilson to the County Hospital.

ILLEGAL TO PLUMB

Whole Trade Put Under Ban by Blundering Law.

ITS VALIDITY IS ATTACKED

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JOHN ANDERSON



THE COUNTERFEITER.

against him. This opposition comes principally from the element headed by J. W. Lively, formerly of this city, who desire a full territorial organization and a Congressional delegate. In view of the efforts which are being made against him, Governor Brady is going to Washington to try and straighten out the kinks and persuade President Roosevelt that his administration should be continued.

ACT ON BRIDGE FARE.

Directors Conceal Action, Which is Probably Unfavorable.

The board of directors of the City & Suburban Railway held a special meeting yesterday afternoon to consider the petition of East Side people for special cars charging a 1-cent fare across the Morrison-street bridge. An answer was formulated to Mayor Williams' request for the concession, and a copy sent to the Mayor. As it could not reach him until this morning, the directors decline to tell its purport until he makes it public.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, April 20.—Maximum temperature, 54 deg.; minimum, 43. River reading, 11 A. M., 18 feet; change in 24 hours, rise 0.2 feet. Total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 8 P. M., 0.48 inch; total since September 1, 1903, 45.13 inches; normal, 40.74; excess, 4.41. Total sunshine April 19, 1904, 8 hours 51 minutes; possible, 13 hours 42 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level), at 5 P. M., 29.97.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

Table with columns for Station, Maximum, Minimum, Wind, and Remarks. Includes cities like Baker City, Bismarck, Boise, Eugene, etc.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Heavy rains fell last night in Southern Washington and Southern Idaho, and lighter amounts are reported generally in the North Pacific States and California. The weather this evening is clearing in California, Western Oregon and Western Washington.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecast made at Portland at 8 P. M. for 24 hours ending at midnight, April 21: Portland and vicinity—Probably fair; warmer; westerly winds. Western Oregon and Western Washington—Generally fair; warmer except near the coast; westerly winds. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Fair and warmer. Southern Idaho—Cloudy, with showers east portion; warmer west portion. EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.

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WOOD AND SON MUST BE TRIED

Judge Bellinger Holds There is Law to Cover Alleged Offense.

The demurrer to the indictment in the case of T. A. Wood and his son Hosea Wood, accused of conspiracy to defraud the Government on pension matters, was overruled by Judge Bellinger yesterday. The demurrer was argued at length and set forth that at the time the crime was alleged to have been committed the pension act had not been passed, consequently the accused could not be prosecuted for something done before there was a law covering it.

In Memory of L. T. Barin.

There was a meeting of the members of the Multnomah County Bar yesterday in department No. 1, State Circuit Court, to arrange for a memorial meeting out of respect to the late Louis T. Barin. Judge George appointed the following persons as a committee on resolutions to report next Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock: Joseph Simon, F. P. Mays, A. A. Tanner, W. T. Burney and S. R. Harrington.

Sues for Rent on the Flume.

E. Bryant filed an attachment suit in the State Circuit Court yesterday against the Western Cedar Company to recover \$75. Bryant avers that in 1901 he leased to the defendant the privilege of running a flume across his land at Rainier for ten years at a rental of \$75 annually. He alleges that \$75 rent became due February 1, 1904, which has not been paid.

To Foreclose Chattel Mortgage.

Dan Marx, a pawnbroker, yesterday sued S. H. Greene and L. C. Greene in the State Circuit Court to foreclose a chattel mortgage for \$750 on books, furniture and a piano. It was executed in November, 1903.

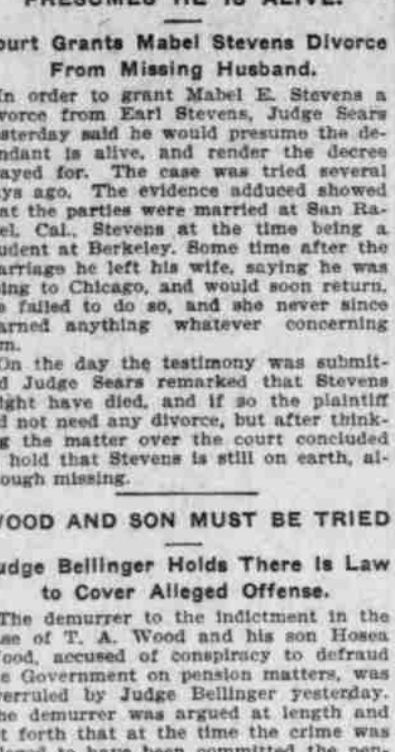
BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the gums, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

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