

BIG ABSCONDER A PORTLAND VISITOR

William F. Walker, Who Stole \$380,000, Passed One Night in This City.

TRACED BY HANDWRITING

Pinkerton Detectives Find That He Was at Hotel Portland February 18—Embezzled From New Britain, Conn., Savings Bank.

TRACED TO PORTLAND

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A local detective agency was called to trace William F. Walker, the missing bank cashier of New Britain, Conn., announced today that Walker stopped at the Portland Hotel, Portland, Or., the night of February 18, giving the name of W. D. Sether. He left the next morning and further trace of him was lost.

William F. Walker, the absconding treasurer of the Savings Bank of New Britain, Conn., who made away with securities valued at \$380,000, was a guest at the Hotel Portland the night of February 18. He traveled under the name of W. D. Sether, of Boston, and when he was in Portland the local newspapers were printing accounts of his theft of \$15,000 of Portland's water bonds which are among the missing securities. Detectives in all parts of the United States are searching for Walker, as \$500 reward is offered for his apprehension, and as pictures of him have been spread broadcast, it is believed that he was disguised when he was in this city.

Four days ago two Pinkerton detectives called at the hotel and carefully went through the pages of the register. They picked out the name of Sether and the detectives questioned nearly all of the employees at the hotel, but were not able to learn much regarding his short stay here. Sether did not register until the night of the 18th, and he occupied one of the best rooms in the house with a bath in connection. No one remembered having seen him.

It is believed that the detectives picked out the name of Sether by the handwriting, as it has since been learned that he has a different name for every town he visits. The detectives when going through the register were seen to make comparisons with writing on paper.

When it was first learned that Walker had been in Portland it was believed that perhaps he had come here intent upon collecting interest on the Portland water bonds that he had stolen. City Auditor Devlin declared last night that the interest was paid some weeks ago. Mr. Devlin and City Treasurer Werlein received notice of the interest on the bonds before Walker registered at the Hotel Portland, that the bonds had been stolen.

The bonds bear 5 per cent interest, payable every six months. They are negotiable and as they are not registered can be transferred the same as currency.

Detectives do not think that Walker would take any more risk of being caught for \$35, which is all the interest on the \$15,000 worth of bonds amounts to for six months.

The detectives believe that Walker came to Portland with the intention of embarking in a steamer here for the Orient. Publication of the news of his flight, it is thought, caused him to change his plans, and the Pinkertons believe he is now either in British Columbia or California.

Walker lost \$250,000 on the races in New York, being taken in by a pool shark. He plunged deep in an attempt to recoup losses on Wall Street, where he dabbled in copper.

Slack luncheon found Walker an easy victim. They advised him that the local manager of the Western Union would hold the results of the races long enough to allow bets to be placed in the poolrooms on the winning horses. The innocent banker was allowed to win \$20,000, which drove away all caution and discretion, and almost before he had time to realize what had happened the poolroom sharks possessed nearly \$20,000 of his money, or rather that which belonged to the depositors of the Savings Bank of New Britain.

On Saturday, February 9, he obtained a short vacation and went to New York again. Several days later his employers received a telegram which said that Mr. Walker had been killed by a street-car. A fictitious name was signed to the telegram, but there is every reason to believe that Walker was the sender and that he was merely playing for time.

Nothing could be learned of the accident other than the information contained in the telegram and accountants were set to work on the books of the bank. They soon discovered the shortage of \$380,000.

Pinkerton detectives have traced Walker across the continent from New York to Chicago, thence to an interior town in Nebraska, where he took a train for the Coast, coming to Portland via Billings, Mont., and Puget Sound.

Watch Docks for Walker. SEATTLE, Feb. 27.—Docks in Seattle from which vessels sail for the Orient are watched by police who believe that William F. Walker, the missing cashier of the New Britain, Conn., savings bank, is in the city, coming to Portland via Billings, Mont., and Puget Sound.

San Francisco Police Seek Walker. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The police and private detectives are searching the city for William F. Walker, the missing bank cashier of New Britain, Conn., they believe he is here.

PERSONAL MENTION. Leo Hartstein has returned from a six weeks' business and pleasure trip in the South and East.

G. P. Murray a prominent sawmill man, and his family have returned from Wintlock, Wash., to reside in Portland.

Mrs. Matt E. Daniel, wife of ex-Deputy Sheriff Daniel, is ill of appendicitis at the North Pacific Sanitarium and an operation is thought to be necessary.

'Count' Morris Senosky has left on a three weeks' trip to California, on business and pleasure mixed. He will make his headquarters at Los Angeles.

Fred Lockley has removed from Pendleton to Portland to take a position as associate editor of the Pacific Monthly Magazine. Mr. Lockley is well known as a descriptive writer and has had some success as a writer of short stories for various magazines.

EX-UNITED STATES SENATOR JOSEPH SIMON RETURNED TUESDAY NIGHT FROM WASHINGTON, D. C., WHERE HE WAS SUMMONED AS A WITNESS TO IDENTIFY SOME DOCUMENTS IN THE TRIAL OF EX-CONGRESSMAN BINGER HERMANN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Northwest people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland—J. B. Roberts at the St. Denis; F. R. Chamberlain, Jr., at the Hotel Astor.

From Seattle—Miss O. E. Weymouth at the Broadway; Central, H. S. Richards, at the Park Avenue; C. A. Case, at the Westminster; A. E. Murphy, J. Joslyn, at the Grand; S. P. Weston, at the Wolcott.

From Tacoma—J. McCormack at the Hoffman. From Spokane—H. H. Herbert at the Hotel Astor; L. P. Weber, at the Park Avenue.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Oregon people registered at Chicago hotels as follows: From Portland—H. J. Gilman, at the Palmer House; S. Chapman, at the Auditorium.

From Baker City—Kenneth O. McEwen, at the Brevoort.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland—J. B. Hammond, at the Murray Hill; J. E. Bryan, at the Imperial.

From Tacoma—J. J. McKone, at the Westminster. From Seattle—S. P. Weston, at the Wolcott; C. Case, at the New Amsterdam; W. A. Bussel, at the Astor; S. Madgett and E. B. Duncan, at the Breslin.

From Spokane—J. Cronin, at the Fifth Avenue. CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—The following Oregon people registered at the hotel today: From Portland—J. W. Crabtree, at the Stratford; S. Chapman, at the Auditorium.

From Oregon—J. L. Schaffer, at the Morrison.

DIVE CLOSED BY POLICE

BRIDGE CAREER OF THE GOLDEN WEST TERMINATED.

Inmates of Notorious House Ordered to Leave Place and Comply at Once.

The Golden West, a veritable den of vice that bade fair to rival the notorious old Paris House within a short time, was closed at 10:30 o'clock last night by Detective Sergeant Batty and a squad, after the closing of the notorious Paris House, three months ago, Inspector Bruin said no more such dens would be tolerated.

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Chief of Police Gritzmacher said last night before issuing the order to close the Golden West, that he understood the place was a lodging-house, and that it was not being used for immoral purposes, but Inspector Bruin declared he and Sergeant Batty reported to the Chief Tuesday afternoon that it was a disorderly place.

Chief of Police Gritzmacher declared that no such place will be allowed to run in Portland under this administration, and within 30 minutes he called Inspector Bruin into conference, after which the den of iniquity was closed.

Another effort was made to open a disorderly house at Second and Third streets, over a saloon, but Sergeant Batty also closed it. There were three women in the place and they were ordered to leave at once, which they did. Two women who had rooms at Sherman and First streets, in South Portland, were instructed yesterday morning to leave the place by 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and when Sergeant Batty went to investigate last night they were gone.

The police do not deny that there are a number of disorderly houses in operation in the city, but the policy of the administration, it is explained at headquarters, forbids the opening of new establishments or the continuance of large houses that become notorious or obnoxious to the public.

NOTED SPIRITUALIST HERE

President Barrett, of National Association Will Make Addresses.

Harrison D. Barrett, the president of the National Spiritualists' Association, of Washington, D. C., is in Portland for a short visit. He may attend the first Congress and Confederation of the Spiritualists of Mexico, to be held in the near future. A handsome magazine, "The Spirit of the Spirit (The Spiritual Cycle)" is especially published by the Central Junta, acting for the coming work of the congress.

The growth of spiritualism in Latin and Latin-American countries is phenomenal. Six spiritualists' papers are published in San Paulo, Brazil, alone. Allen Kardec is the Andrew Jackson Davis of the Spanish-speaking races," said President Barrett.

President Barrett will give two addresses next Sunday before the First Spiritual Society, in the Abington building.

Special Service at St. David's. A special service will be held at St. David's Episcopal Church tonight at 8 o'clock, this being the eve of the feast of St. David of Wales, C. in Portland for a short visit. The rector will officiate and the sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Scadding. The following is the order of services: Organ prelude, "Angelus" (Scenes Pittorresques); "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"; "Whitney Psalms 148, 149 and 150 will be chanted. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D.

What Are These? J. T. Field, author of "The Hallelujah Chorus" will be sung for the offertory, followed by a "Benediction of the Eucharist" and "Woodward in D. Hymns, 'For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest' and 'Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart.'" "Marche Pastorale."

Tomorrow being St. David's day there will be a choral celebration of holy communion in St. David's Church at 10 A. M.

AMATEUR BOXERS TO MEET

Spokane Boxers and Wrestlers vs. Multnomah Men.

CONTESTS FRIDAY NIGHT

Great Interest Is Aroused by Approaching Bouts in Which Clever Youngsters Will Compete for Athletic Honors.

The Spokane Athletic Club and Multnomah boxing and wrestling meet, which will be held here Friday night in the local club's gymnasium is attracting more attention than any meet ever before held between the two institutions. The fact that a number of heavy men who give promise of future greatness in the athletic world will be tried out is one of the drawing features. Walsh, Dranga, Edgar Frank and other crack performers who have been so long before the public, will not appear, but will give the younger men a chance.

Spokane named the weights and it is noticeable that particular pains were taken to exclude such men as Dranga and Frank, but even had the weights been named to include both, neither would have appeared, as it is the policy of the club to give every member of promise a try-out.

While the Northwest meet is held at Spokane, March 20, the best mat artists and knights of the squared circle that Multnomah can produce will be sent forth to fight for the local institution. Edgar Frank will not be able to participate in the Northwest meet, as he will leave for Newark, N. J., March 15, to represent Multnomah in the International meet.

Friday night's performance will largely determine the representatives who will be sent to Spokane and it is predicted that some surprises will be sprung on the visitors from the Evergreen States, regardless of the fact that Multnomah's boxers and wrestlers are all new men.

At Friday night's performance two preliminary boxing matches will take place before the main events. Leon Hughes and Thomas Duggan will go on for the first round in an order issued to Inspector Bruin by Chief of Police Gritzmacher. The 35 women inmates were ordered to leave the place immediately, which they did, and the manager was told the authorities would not tolerate further operation of the resort for unlawful purposes.

The fact that the Golden West, which is located at Seventh and Everett streets, was being conducted as a disorderly house in the guise of a family hotel was published in The Oregonian yesterday, and caused great surprise in official circles, because the police had declared they would not permit such a place to open.

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PORTLAND DOGS WIN FIRSTS

Frank E. Watkins Captures Prizes at the Denver Bench Show.

Frank E. Watkins, secretary of the Portland Kennel Club, received a letter yesterday telling of the success of the recent bench show at Denver, Colo. There was a large exhibit of dogs from various parts of the United States, the Pacific Coast States being particularly well represented.

Mr. Watkins had the good fortune to capture two prizes on his fine black terrier and bitch. His dog Champ of Edgewood Peer took first in the open and winners' classes and the special prize for best bull terrier bitch in the bitch irish took first in the limit undergraduate open and winners' classes, and the special prize for best bull terrier bitch in the show.

There were exhibited 500 dogs in all. The show was the largest of the kind ever held in Denver, and was a financial success as well.

LEAGUE TO SOLVE PROBLEM

Meeting Saturday to Determine Number of Component Teams.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—There will be a meeting of the Pacific Coast League Saturday afternoon for the purpose of deciding once for all whether the league shall consist of four, five or six, and who is to be elected to the presidency. The meeting was scheduled for Thursday afternoon, but owing to the fact that Cal Evening has been called unexpectedly to Sacramento and Cory Pendleton is also engaged in the capital, the meeting will take an adjournment until the last day of the week.

Either Judge McCredie the acting president, or Walter McCredie, the manager of the Portland team, is expected to arrive this morning from the north, and much will depend on the report the judge has to make in regard to conditions in Seattle as to what course will be pursued.

THE DAY'S HORSE RACES.

At Oakland. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Results of races at Emeryville: Four furlongs—Albia won, Pajarita second. Cardinal third; time, 1:02 1/2.

Six and a half furlongs—Pat won, Dr. Sherman second, Lord Nelson third; time, 1:21 1/2.

Two miles, selling—Tras won, Inflammable second, Greater third; time, 3:39 4/5.

Mile and an eighth, the Aloha handicap—Dusty Miller won, Edwin Gum second, Ramus third; time, 1:56 2/5.

Six furlongs—Pontotoc won, Dollie Dollars second, Neptune third; time, 1:18 3/5.

Seven furlongs—Northwest won, Anna Gibson second, Sahara third; time, 1:29 3/5.

At Los Angeles. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—Ascot race results: Five furlongs—O'Haver won, Talavera second, Barlow third; time, 1:02 1/2.

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At New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27.—Fair Grounds race results: Six furlongs, selling—No Quarter won, Alton second, Bert Ostr third; time, 1:16.

At Hot Springs. HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 27.—Results of races: Four furlongs—Ruehle won, Flarney second, Waatagua third; time, 0:49 1/5.

Pontoons Are Recovered. The pontoons and house of the Portland swimming baths, which were swept down the river during the late freshet below the railroad bridge, have been returned to their anchorage at the foot of East Yamhill. Only the tank was destroyed. It will cost about \$250 to replace it.

Aberdeen to Sign Hollingsworth. ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Manager Brown will probably sign W. O. Hollingsworth, a shortstop who played with the Coast League last season. Hollingsworth is in New York and has accepted the offer of Aberdeen.

Touring Board of Autoists. NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The touring board of the American Automobile Association for the current year was announced yesterday by President

For the Certain Relief of Coughs and Colds. The formula as printed here was given out by a prominent doctor who has made a national reputation for his wonderful skill in the cure of throat and lung diseases. For this purpose he uses almost exclusively the new form of pine product known to physicians and druggists as Concentrated oil of pine. The formula is as follows: Half ounce Concentrated oil of pine, two ounces of glycerine, half pint of good whiskey; mix these by shaking them thoroughly and use in tablespoon doses every four hours.

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\$40 Chiffonier to match; sale price \$27.50
\$49.00 Dresser; sale price \$37.50
\$60.00 Dresser; sale price \$44.00
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Wright Feasts Japanese Admiral. TOKIO, Feb. 27.—Ambassador Luke E. Wright gave a luncheon today in honor of Admiral Ijima, in command of the naval squadron which will start tomorrow for Jamestown, Va. Vice-Admiral Togo was also invited and the most cordial feeling prevailed.

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