DEALERS ARE FOILED BY "C. O. D." THIEF

Kent R. Cochrane, With Modern Method, Confesses to Obtaining Big Loot.

LAUNDRY MARK IS UNDOING

By Ordering Valuable Shipments "Collect," Swindler Gets Goods Sent to Railway Stations Which He Later Robs.

The laundry mark on a handkerchief, which had been placed with other goods in a packing box to conceal the theft of goods from the box led to the arrest yesterday at Woodburn, Or., of Kent R. Cochran, alias Jack W. Du Fur, of good family in Illinois, temporarily station agent at Woodburn, and the detection of a long list of thefts or attempted thefts. Under the grilling of Cornelius Cain, special agent of Wells, Fargo & Co.; E. B. Wood, chief special agent of the O.-W. R. & N. Company; Sheriff R. L. Stevens and Deputy Sheriff Archie Leonard, Cochran confessed to the series last night in Portland.

Thefts or attempted thefts involving Meier & Frank, Olds, Wortman & King, Honeyman Hardware Company, Columbia Hardware Company, Parkhurst, the tailor, Rosenthal's and others are revealed by the confession, as well as the looting of the depot at Knight's Landing, in Yolo County, California, in March and the theft from it of goods which he had ordered from San Francisco merchants. A bicycle, so fixed that it could be used in riding the rails of a track system, a clever system of thievery and smoothness with which the agents have not coped in a long time, is told of in the story of Cochran.

Clever Scheme Is Worked.

Cochran, who has a dozen aliases, one of which, Du Fur, was coined from the name of a horse on which he won money betting in Louisiana, told that he ordered February 25 goods to the value of about $150 from San Francisco firms, paid a small deposit, and ordered that they be sent C. O. D. to Knights Landing. They were sent. The afternoon of March 4 a slim suave stranger asked the station agent if he might leave his suit cases in the depot that night. The suit cases were stuffed with discarded clothing and sacks. That night, the "stranger," Cochran, broke into the station, opened the packages from San Francisco, which had been sent via Wells-Fargo & Company, and transferred their contents to the suitcases. The stuff in the grips he put in the packages, making them weigh as much as before, then tied them up carefully. In the morning the stranger asked the station agent if he might take away his suit cases, and did so. About March 10 it was found that the unclaimed packages were empty of the original goods. In the stuffing of the cases was the unlucky handkerchief.

The laundry mark was traced to a laundry in Sacramento and the man's name was found. Special Agent Cain was put on the case.

Valuable Orders Placed.

Cochran came to Portland and went to work on the Western Union wire, being an expert telegrapher. Securing goods from local houses, he ordered a package, valued at $120, sent to Fairview, Multnomah County, one of $500 worth sent to Canby, in Clackamas County, and one of $400 value sent to Washougal, Wash. Fairview is on the O.-W. R. & N. lines, Canby on the Southern Pacific, and Washougal on the North Bank, interesting thus the agents of these lines. July 16 he went to Fairview to look over the ground preparatory to making burglary there, and his trail was crossed by Woods and Leonard, who had been in communication with Cain and had located Cochran. He went to Canby shortly after shipping his goods in April, broke into the depot, opened one package, and was scared away by the night mail man, bringing mail to the depot. He had checked an empty trunk to the place, to get away with the goods. He walked to Oregon City that night and took the electric train to Portland.

At Washougal he was frightened by the belief that someone was watching the station and never got his goods which had been shipped there.

He is believed to have a long record in the Middle West and this will be looked into. At Woodburn he was posing as a real estate man and lived in a hotel in the outskirts of the town. Cochran will be taken back to Knight's Landing, in charge of the Sheriff of Yolo County, and will be tried for burglary.

FROST LEADS IN LEWIS

No Democratic Returns Available but Vote Is Light.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Owing to confusion over figures on first and second-choice voting, and the fact that in but three or four out of 64 Lewis County precincts were any returns made on the bulk of the state or Congressional ticket, it is wholly impossible to give any idea as to figures on those offices in yesterday's primary. About one-third of the precincts furnished returns on Governor, these showing Hay to have 489 and Billings 192.

One city precinct only is included in this, and Chehalis and Centralia will increase the Hay majority several hundred. Figures from the same precincts are available for Insurance Commissioner, indicating 578 for Fishback to 369 for Schively. The cities will increase Fishback's majority heavily. Howell, Meath, Clausen, Tanner and Mrs. Preston are reported to lead generally so far as can be learned.

No data on Land Commissioner or Lieutenant-Governor is available, owing to lack of first and second-choice figures. Frost will carry Lewis County for Representative-at-Large in Congress, while Dewey, Shaw and Fay will contest for second place in finals. Albert Johnson has a big lead over any others in his race, but actual figures cannot be given.

Interest of election officers in the country precincts seems to have centered almost wholly in giving figures on local candidates when sending in returns, owing to the long and tiresome count.

No Democratic returns are available, but it is known their vote was light. On the Lewis County ticket the State Senatorship is the only one now in doubt, the contest between Representative Leonard and ex-Senator Jack Veness being close, with the former in the lead by about 50 votes. The precincts out will likely break about even. County officers nominated by the Republicans are as follows:

Representatives—W. E. Arnold, Morton; L. W. Field, Adna; J. S. Siler, Randle. Sheriff—Tom Foster, Chehalis. Clerk—Mrs. Bertha Gage, Chehalis. Assessor—S. C. Davis—Attorney—C. D. Cunningham. Superintendent—M. L. Carrier. Coroner—W. M. Newell, all of Centralia. Auditor—David Monfort, Chehalis. Treasurer—B. F. Arnold, Chehalis. Engineer—John Ward, Centralia.

Thomas Gray is renominated Commissioner in the third district. In the Second District, M. C. Lowry defeated John O. Harms for renomination.

CLARK COUNTY RETURNS IN

Dewey Leads for Congressman-at-Large in Vancouver Community.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Thirty-four out of 36 precincts in Clark County, complete, but unofficial, give Governor Hay a big lead for renomination; State Insurance Commissioner, Fishback 1331, Schively 1010; Lieutenant-Governor, McMaster 806, Hart 428, Fawcett 273, Brown 263, Coon 82, Piller.

Republican Representative in Congress—Warburton, 741; Johnson, 581; Van Eaton, 350; Richards, 240.

Congressman-at-large—Dewey, 881; Shaw, 775; Frost, 766; Fay, 535; Hammond, 437; Simmons, 86; Rosenhaupt, 266.

State Treasurer—Cox, 1362; Meath, 866.

Secretary of State—Howell, 1143; Fish, 626; Kline, 542.

State Auditor—Cromwell, 1249; Clausen, 966.

Attorney-General—Tanner, 1474; Dore, 697.

Commissioner of Public Lands—Savidge, 750; Blinn, 391; Niles, 371; Tamblin, 185; Upright, 258.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Preston, 1215; Burrows, 1088.

In the county returns show that O. B. Aagard and George McCoy have been nominated as State Representatives from this county. E. L. French was nominated as Senate Senator. Other nominations are: Treasurer, W. R. Fletcher; County Attorney, P. J. Kirwin; Assessor, Walter Horton; Superintendent of Schools, Jay V. Fike; County Coroner, Victor H. Limber; Judge, Roscius H. Back; County Commissioners, D. W. Wright and A. M. Blaker; Justice of the Peace for Vancouver, G. L. Davis.

SKAMANIA CONTESTS CLOSE

Bitter Fight for Nominations Ends With Ties in Some Precincts.

STEVENSON, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The hardest-fought county election ever held in Skamania County has been just added to the records. For Representative the contest was bitter, each side working until the closing of the polls. In the returns it showed Cape Horn Precinct a tie of 37-37, Underwood, 23-22, and Cascades, 26-20, J. M. Stevenson winning by a majority of 60 in the county.

For Sheriff there were seven candidates in the field, Nisson leading by four votes, and the St. Helens Precinct to hear from.

A. Fleischhauer, the "Old Wheel Horse," defeated R. D. Scales by a small majority. R. C. Sly defeated R. M. Wright by 41 for Prosecuting Attorney. S. L. Knox defeated C. O. Williams by a large majority. For Commissioner of the Second District J. Boyd defeated S. Samson. The Democratic vote was light, only three candidates being in the field.

FROST AND DEWEY IN LEAD

Whatcom County Returns Show Vote in All but 14 Precincts.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Sept. 11.—Complete returns from Bellingham and Whatcom County except 14 scattering country precincts, indicate that J. E. Frost and H. D. Dewey have been indorsed for Congressmen-at-Large on the Republican ticket. Clark Savidge led on first choice votes for Land Commissioner and P. H. Niles on second choice votes.

A. V. Fawcett is in the lead for Lieutenant-Governor on first choice and L. F. Hart on second choice votes. Incomplete returns on the Democratic ticket indicate that the race for Governor in this county will be between E. C. Million and W. W. Black.

Mrs. Francis W. Axtell and J. D. Demattos, ex-Mayor, were nominated on the Republican ticket for the Legislature from Bellingham.

REBELS WANT AGUA PRIETA

Effort Concentrated to Obtain Port of Entry There.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Sept. 12.—Agua Prieta, the little Mexican town across the border from Douglas, which figured prominently in the Madero revolution, appears tonight to be the center upon which Mexican rebels in Northern Sonora will concentrate in the effort to secure a port of entry. Despite the ultimatum sent up by Antonio Rojas early today that he would attack the town unless it was surrendered by 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, federal officials were on the alert tonight, believing that an effort would be made to take the town before the time limit stipulated in the ultimatum expired.

Lieutenant-Colonel Begne, in command of the small garrison at Agua Prieta, said he could successfully defend the town if the command of 400 Yaqui Indians under General Sanjines arrived tonight from Juarez, as expected. Begne's command numbers few more than 100. Late today the soldiers received 56 rounds of ammunition each. At nightfall there was no sign of the advancing rebels.

All official records were removed from Agua Prieta and brought across to Douglas today and many women and children also were sent to this side of the line.

The combined rebel forces of Inez Salazar, Antonio Rojas and Rafael Campa are reported advancing toward the international line from three directions. Salazar, whose movements have been paralleled by United States cavalry on the American side of the line, reached a point about 18 miles southeast of Douglas at noon today.

The first troop train of the Ninth United States Cavalry, en route here from Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., is scheduled to arrive at 2 A. M.

TRAIN IS PARTLY DESTROYED

Campa Sends Word He Will Take Hermosillo September 16.

NOGALES, Ariz., Sept. 11.—A Southern Pacific passenger train en route to west coast points was held up today by rebels under Emilio Campa at Quitjano, 40 miles south of Nogales, and partly destroyed. The train was halted by a volley of shots fired at the engine. Campa himself boarded the train and politely explained to the passengers that they would not be molested. After the rebels had taken what few arms and cartridges there were on the train, the engineer was compelled to proceed to Aguaxarca. The mail, baggage and second-class cars were placed on a bridge and set on fire. Only the first-class coach and sleeping car escaped destruction.

A switch engine was sent from here to bring back the passengers and coaches not burned. All of the baggage of the passengers was burned.

Campa sent word by the returning train crew that he intended to continue south and take possession of Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora, on September 16. This is Mexican Independence day. He notified the Southern Pacific officials he would burn every bridge and station and every piece of equipment unless the company refused to transport federal troops.

Oil of lavender, sprinkled about book shelves, will prevent their contents mildewing.

AGED COUPLE END UNHAPPY EXISTENCE

Parents of A. F. Keil and Charles Hyle, of Portland, Enter Suicide Pact.

PATHETIC NOTES ARE LEFT

Husband Shoots Wife and Then Prepares Her for Burial Before Taking Own Life—Family Woes Given as Cause.

WALLACE, Idaho, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Charles Keil, aged 74, formerly a wealthy Minneapolis merchant, and Friederick Keil, his wife, met death at his hands in an isolated mountain cabin six miles north of Murray today. The murder and suicide were the results of a pact apparently drawn when the aged couple believed themselves abandoned by their sons, rich Portland broom manufacturers.

Letters to A. F. Keil and Charles Hyle, of the Standard Broom Company, in Portland, told of the slow death which the couple were approaching in the wilderness. A third pathetic letter, written by the two, told of their plans for relief. All of the notes were written in German.

Keil came to the Coeur d' Alenes a number of years ago following a legal difficulty which members of the family are said to have considered a disgrace. He found a residence in a secluded place, and, as a hermit, made himself a really beautiful little cabin home with immense gardens of plants and flowers.

Children Pleaded With.

Recently his wife, a woman well in the sixties, was sent to join the outcast. From the day of her arrival three weeks ago her whole thought has been of a return to the home which she believed she had been forced to leave. The bleak mountain scenery and rainy weather played on her mind until, as the two concluded, she was going insane. In a letter to Hyle, believed to be a son-in-law, written Saturday but unmailed, the old man pleads with his children to take back their mother that she might die in her old home.

"A cubby hole in the old home will be acceptable to her," he writes. "If she has said or done anything in her illness that was wrong she asks that she be forgiven.

"Your mother is so weak now that she can scarcely walk and it will be necessary for me to accompany her, but I promise you that I will not come beyond the gate, and that no one shall recognize."

This letter, he says, is the third one written without an answer. Friends say that he received a reply to the first two Sunday. Apparently in despair, the aged couple agreed on death. He was to be the murderer and then he was to kill himself. The act was calmly planned and the notes written on the eve of death were without a trace of nervousness.

After placing two bullets in her brain, he carefully washed her wounds and laid her body in a freshly made bed. He folded her arms and placed flowers gathered in their garden in her hands. Her head rested on a pillow of blossoms and he laid more flowers by her side. Then he apparently kneeled by the bed and, with the third bullet, ended his own life.

Pathetic Notes Left.

With notes attached to articles about their house the couple bequeathed their trinkets to their friends. His note says:

"To save my poor sick wife from going to an asylum and to a nameless misery I took this terrible step and have become a murderer and suicide With a bleeding heart I resorted to this last remedy in order to bring her rest forever. After doing so I could not live longer, for the law stamps me a murderer. Although it was with a heavy heart, I relieved her for all the time.

"I myself have not slept for 14 nights and have done everything in my power to bring sleep to her. After what I have done I could not longer find rest in this life so follow her to death and rest forever."

To the woman were attached notes explaining her life sleep and concluding with, "I am so happy, for soon I am to find rest."

Charles Hyle, 235 East Eighty-first street, North, president of the Standard Broom Company, Portland, is the son of Mrs. Keil and stepson of Mr. Keil. Last night he attributed the deed to insanity. "My mother left Portland from our home in Montavilla two weeks ago to join my stepfather," said Mr. Hyle. "I have no details but we have arranged to have them buried near their home in Idaho. A. F. Keil is now in Oklahoma and has been advised. We are all broken up over the affair and have only meager details."

IDAHO WOMEN ARE FIRM

Tendency of Men Candidates to Lean to T. R. Cause of Action.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 12.—The expected call for a woman's state convention to nominate state, county and Congressional tickets, composed entirely of women, was not made yesterday. The women, however, are firm in their declaration to separate from the men.

It developed today that the action of the women in planning to nominate a straight women's Republican ticket was brought about primarilly because certain nominees expressed themselves in favor of Roosevelt, after they had been nominated on the regular Republican ticket.

TURKS CAPTURE AIRSHIP

Italian Aviator Falls at Tripoli and Enemy Takes Aeroplane.

TRIPOLI, Sept. 12.—The Turks, who on several occasions have tried vainly to smuggle into Tripoli an aeroplane for scouting purposes, are at last in possession of a machine through a mishap of Captain Moizo, of the Italian Army.

Captain Moizo was making a flight from Zouara to Tripoli when the motor of his machine stopped and he was obliged to descend in a hostile country. He was captured.

Brick Falls on McCracken's Head.

Wesley McCracken, assistant manager of the Portland Woodpipe Company, Twenty-fifth and York streets, was slightly cut about the head last night when someone kicked a brick from the top of the boiler-room of the plant. The brick landed on McCracken. McCracken was aiding in putting out a small blaze in the boiler-room and sawdust pile of the plant. The fire started in the boiler-room and did about $200 damage, insured.

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M'CUSKER'S RETORT TO ROOSEVELT HOT

Letter Addressed to Colonel Teems With Charges and Uncomplimentary Epithets.

"JUDAS" QUIP TOSSED BACK

Reference to Rumors of Excessive Drinking and Specific Case of Double-Dealing Cited by La Follette Follower.

Thomas McCusker, independent Republican candidate for Congress, who was attacked by Colonel Roosevelt at the Multnomah Hotel yesterday at noon, last night directed an open letter to the Colonel. Mr. McCusker declared he was sent to the Republican National Convention by the La Follette voters of Oregon and that he was not in duty bound to submit to Colonel Roosevelt's dictation, although he carried out the will of the voters of Oregon and voted for Colonel Roosevelt at the Chicago convention.

Mr. McCusker's letter follows:

Venerable sir: My attention has just been called to the scurrilous attack you made on me at the Multnomah Hotel today. Neither myself nor the citizens of Portland are surprised at this, however, for the reason that you have been so busy defending yourself and explaining things lately that it is possible you are not accountable for your actions.

Some are so charitable as to say that you are crazy, while others who are more or less lenient say that you have been drinking to excess, and that these outbursts are merely the result of a disordered liver. If I were not a gentlemen, I might reply to you in kind, but I do not care to put myself in your class, so refrain.

Coe and McHarg Attacked.

You say that I voted to seat 90 crooks, when, as a matter of fact, you abandoned all but 72 out of 258 contests, and your credentials committee voted with the National committee in a majority of the cases left, showing that you deliberately tried to steal the convention for yourself. Speaking of crooks, I know of no man who surrounds himself with more of them than you do. Your friend, Dr. Coe, who induced you to make this attack on me, has an unenviable reputation here, and Ormsby McHarg, another of your friends, four years ago attempted to corrupt our Legislature and induce our Representatives to violate their obligations to the people, and have them defeat the Oregon system, which you claim to admire, and this also during the time that you were President. And while you may not be responsible for McHarg's acts, in the light of recent events many of us have our suspicions.

McCusker Says He Voted Right.

If your standing in Oregon is to be gauged by the men leading your cause, I feel confident there will be no electors instructed for you. Speaking of that Judas kiss—and it was more distasteful to me than it was to you—, and your statement that I voted for you, after you had asked the delegates instructed for you not to do so, I desire to say that I voted in accordance with the instruction of the people of Oregon, and that I do not consider that your instructions take precedence over them, as you are not yet the dictator of this or any other state. I did not vote for McGovern, for the reason that you abandoned Borah, who was your candidate for temporary chairman, purposely to discredit La Follette and prevent his nomination by the convention. I was not sent to the convention by Roosevelt supporters, but by La Follette votes—22,000 of our citizens having voted for him—and I certainly would have been a Judas had I listened to you and assisted you to discredit him.

Your people tried to have me bolt the convention and offered all kinds of inducements to have me do so, which from your point of view no doubt is honorable, and, at one of the meetings of the delegates in the Congress Hotel, advocated this and would have done so except that you were prevented by Borah.

Chicago Letter Recalled.

You claim to have come in the race for President after the alleged collapse of Senator La Follette in Philadelphia, but you know that you sent the letter which I wrote you to the seven Governors in Chicago, who had opened headquarters for you prior to this collapse, and I received a letter from your headquarters there asking me to come to Chicago to confer with them and take charge of your campaign there, showing that you were at that time seeking to undermine La Follette, and that the alleged collapse of the Senator was merely a pretext on your part to get into the game.

Your people have my letter, in which I said that I had pledged my word to Senator La Follette, and that I had an unfortunate habit of keeping my word, which you may know, as I refused to play your game, either then or at the convention. I also have your letter, which is marked confidential and not for publication, in which you profess to know of these things, so it comes with very bad grace from you to speak of anybody being a traitor.

Another Head Hit.

I am a candidate for Congress from this district, and, while you did not speak of my opponent openly, everyone knows why you made the attack on me, as the gentleman in question has been openly advocating your election, notwithstanding he was opposed to you in the primaries, and it is well known that you are in the habit of tickling those who tickle you.

You doubtless are laboring under the impression that, on account of your great popularity, your contemptible attack on me would crush me out of existence, as it is well known that you have never hesitated to besmirch anyone—man, woman or child—who stood between you and your ambition. I must modify this in a way by saying that you have never hesitated to openly do so except in one instance, viz., you have never, with all your boasted courage, dared to openly assail Robert La Follette, as he is the one man in the United States of whom you are in deadly fear.

"Booze" Is Blamed.

I gave you credit for being too adroit a politician to attack me, as in this state I have the great honor to represent that incomparable statesman, Hon. Robert M. La Follette, and you no doubt know that he has many followers here, but I fear you have been ill-advised, and your esteemed friend, Dr. Coe, got you in wrong, or is it possible that there is some truth in the rumor that you have been hitting the booze too heavily and have lost your political cunning?

I assure you that it will have the very opposite effect, for I will be elected and you will not carry Oregon. Notwithstanding that at one time you were the popular idol, and I myself placed you on a pedestal above the ordinary human being, but we have seen the cloven hoof, and, strange as it may seem to you, your popularity is waning, as you may have noticed by the lack of cheers when you passed along our streets. It must be a sad blow to you, and I feel pity for you on account of what you were, or rather on account of what we thought you were.

I trust, my dear Colonel, it will not be necessary for you to secure the services of an interpreter to get the meaning of my letter, and further, that should you ever return again to Oregon that you will be in a better humor and be in a condition to use more dignified language, as becomes a man in your position. Very truly yours,

THOMAS M'CUSKER.

PROGRESSIVE CALL ISSUED

Mass Meeting to Be Held at Salem Sept. 17 to Name State Ticket.

George Arthur Brown and L. M. Lepper, chairman and secretary of the Roosevelt Progressive party state central committee, have issued a call for a mass convention of the Progressive party at Salem at 2 P. M., Tuesday, September 17. According to the call the convention is for the purpose "of officially nominating candidates for the various state offices and to transact such other business as might properly come before such convention."

At the same time a mass convention of the members of the new party in the First Congressional District will also be held at Salem for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Representative in Congress from that district, if it is deemed advisable.

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Guaranty and Standard Trust Companies to Be United.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—It was said yesterday that a merger of the Guaranty and the Standard Trust Companies, whose assets total $263,000,000, will be approved today.

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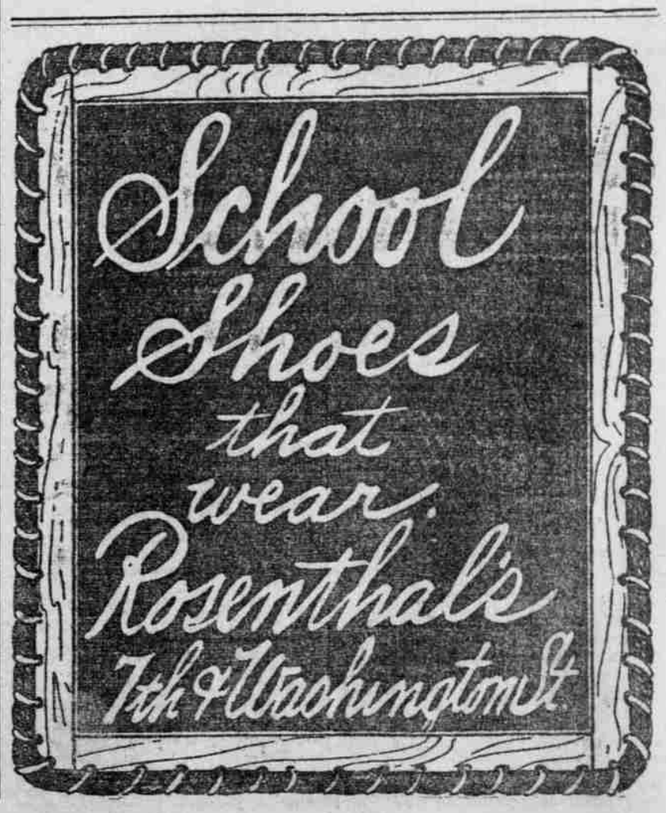
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