

FATHER-IN-LAW AIDS IN CONLEY'S ARREST

Picture of Suspected Bank Robber Leads to Arrest.

YOUTH'S TALE IS DOUBTED

Washougal Man Starts Investigation of Son-in-Law's Trip South That Results in Capture.

How Charles Conley was revealed by his unreconciled father-in-law, F. A. Henning, of Washougal, Wash., as the man suspected as the bandit and now in custody on suspicion of having robbed the Bank of Beaverton on June 18, was told yesterday by Frank M. Riley, local manager of the Pinkerton detective agency.

It develops, from the story, that the father-in-law, when his suspicions were aroused, immediately took to Portland and Beaverton a picture of the son-in-law, which is said to have been positively identified as that of the man who held up the bank cashier and got away with more than \$3800. Mr. Henning gave other assistance in tracing Conley, whose wife was with him when he was arrested in Los Angeles Wednesday.

Conley was arrested in Los Angeles on information sent there by Riley. At the time of his apprehension he had \$2300 in his possession, \$1700 of which was in American Bankers' association checks. He is said to have denied all knowledge of the affair, although it is declared he has been positively identified as the highwayman by Lillian Evans, cashier of the bank, through a photograph furnished by the father-in-law.

According to Riley, Conley is said to have stolen an auto from the Columbia Shipbuilding company early on the morning of June 18. He is said to have driven this car to Beaverton, where he

BEAVERTON BANK BANDIT SUSPECT HELD IN LOS ANGELES.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES CONLEY.

spent some time looking over the situation. He was apparently calm throughout the whole performance, and was in no hurry about breaking into the bank. After he had forced the girl cashier at the point of his revolver to hand over \$3800, and shut her in the bank vault, together with a patron who chanced to enter while the robbery was in progress, it is said, he leisurely walked to his auto and disappeared.

He is then said to have gone to the home of F. A. Henning, his father-in-law, in Washougal, where he joined his wife. There, it is reported, they told his wife's parents that Conley's grandparents, who resided at Cottage Grove, supposedly wealthy, were taking them on a trip to California.

Henning, however, was suspicious of the tale, and later, when he received a letter from his daughter in San Francisco telling of what a delightful time they were having, and how much money they were spending, he determined to find out the truth. A trip to Cottage Grove, given as the home of Conley's grandparents, proved that no relations of his had ever lived there. With his suspicions more than ever aroused, Henning went to Beaverton with a photograph of Conley. There the photograph was recognized by Miss Evans, cashier of the bank.

Conley was apprehended by the Los Angeles branch of the Pinkerton agency, after receiving a telegram from Riley. Sheriff George Alexander of

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Washington county is waiting to hear whether Conley is going to fight extradition before taking any definite steps toward having him brought to Hillsboro for trial.

It is believed that Conley was never very high in the favor of his parents-in-law. His wife is said to have mar-

ried against their wishes, when she was quite young. Her present age is given as 17, while Conley is only 24.

It is thought that the idea of robbing the Beaverton bank came to Conley through reading of the daring hold-up at Washougal a short time ago, perpetrated by the Lewis brothers.

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ROSEBURG, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—John Kalls, a Portland jitney driver, implicated in the recent Scottsburg robbery, was today released on \$2000 bonds and returned to Portland to await

action of the grand jury. Joe Juvich, another of the trio of bandits, unable to secure bonds, is held. Mike Zelack, ringleader of the robbery, who was badly wounded by the posse, is still at the hospital under treatment. He is constantly under guard.

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