

BUYS A FAST AUTO

But Young Grayson's Check for \$2250 is Worthless.

ORDERED TO LEAVE HIS HOTEL

Son of Colonel John T. Grayson Cuts Wide Swath in San Francisco, and Draws \$1000 Draft on Portland, Which is Refused.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—When he returned to his room in the Palace Hotel yesterday John T. Grayson, Jr., son of a wealthy miningman of Portland, found the door locked. His protest elicited the information that until he made good the amount of a check drawn on a local bank and cashed by the hotel he could not be received as a guest.

Grayson has got himself into a whole lot of trouble during his brief stay in this city. After the hotel had received the check from the bank, marked "No funds," it developed that other checks signed by him were held by other persons.

Grayson arrived here three days ago from Portland and at once began to cut a wide swath about town. He had considerable money at the start, and floundered in a reckless manner. He developed a sudden liking for automobiles and began hiring machines to carry him around the circuit of frolic and fun.

Finally, he concluded that it would be cheaper for him to purchase an automobile outright than to pay the price of hire. Accordingly he visited the Mobile Company and there selected a machine and handed Manager Hartman a check on Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Bank for \$2250, the price settled upon between them for the vehicle.

As Grayson is a novice at automobilism, the manager of the concern suggested that before undertaking to run the machine himself he should make a few trial trips under the direction of a chauffeur, a proposition the young man readily accepted, and ten minutes later Grayson and a man were parked bound on a trial trip.

Returning to the city, Grayson ordered the chauffeur to take him to his hotel, and the machine was sent back to the automobile repository, arriving there just as a clerk returned from the bank with Grayson's check marked, "No funds."

While the automobile people were deliberating over what action they should take, Grayson was having trouble at the Palace over the check he had cashed there, and was finally compelled to seek lodgings elsewhere. When the automobile representative sought Grayson at the Palace the young man had disappeared.

Grayson has obtained temporary quarters at the Windsor Hotel.

HIS PORTLAND RECORD.

Grayson, Jr., Known as High-Roller and Half Fellow Well Met.

John T. Grayson, Jr., son of Colonel John T. Grayson, of 255 Sixth street, has only made two journeys of short duration each in Portland, but he succeeded in making himself very well known. He arrived one day last Spring, and in three weeks he had covered Portland, completely and returned to New York, where he came from. He left behind a highly-colored remembrance of a young man who had made things howl for a time. He did not appear to be a high roller, but he was, and arrived unheralded and demurely went to the various daily newspapers seeking employment as a reporter. He said he had worked on the New York Journal, and was employed by an evening newspaper until he went to San Francisco a week ago.

He had apparently come to Portland with the intention of settling down to work and giving up the flighty life that he had lived. Everything went well until Christmas time, and apparently everything was going to be short. His father was presented with a bill for \$150 from Lipman, Wolfe & Co. for goods that Colonel Grayson or his wife could not account for. Investigation showed that Grayson, Jr., had been the purchaser. The goods were found later in a pawnshop, where funds enough to have a good time had been raised. When questioned as to his using his father's name without his consent, young Grayson said he had not done so, as his name was John T. Grayson, also. However, that bill was squandered up and Grayson was again on his feet.

Grayson is a high-roller, however, and debts began to pile up behind him, as usual, as soon as he was on his feet. Trouble. They became so persistent and increased in number so rapidly that they were soon piling over his shoulder once more and crowded him out of town. In appearance Grayson is a big, loose-jointed, light-haired boy of 22, with an open face, showing none of the signs of dissipation to which his monetary troubles are supposed to be due. He is a pleasant fellow to meet, and won the good will of many people during the few weeks he was in Portland. Any one would accuse him of carelessness on sight, but it is hard to believe him capable of deliberate villainy.

His father, it appears, has obtained him from trouble on many occasions. A mile taken notice as to methods of obtaining money for what are to him the mere expenses of living is his failing. He was a cadet at Annapolis when a boy, and, according to his father's statement, was dishonorably dismissed from that institution on account of money troubles. Later he was at Cornell, but most of the time for several years he has been in New York, associating with the "addled youth," wasting a generous inheritance. This dissipated space before the gait he set, and his father, who is a wealthy man, has often had to settle his accounts. Buying automobiles is a fad of his, and his father has paid for a number of them. Finally paternal leniency to a wayward son wore out with overuse, and the boy was cut off. His money was all spent, and he had exhausted his father's patience. So he came West, where he could be near his source of supplies. But Portland could not hold him long, and he went to California.

The first message received from him since his departure was delivered by a messenger of the Wells, Fargo & Co. Bank with a check for \$100 drawn by him. Colonel Grayson is in at his home with plenty, when this draft was presented to him. Since it was unendorsed, payment was refused. Colonel Grayson, however, doubts that he has made any statement or threats of discharging his son.

ONE DEAD, THE OTHER DYING.

Result of Spree of Two Men in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Charles Keller was found dead and John Harvey in a dying condition this morning in a bunkroom of the Alaska Cofish Company's depot, plant off Hunter's Point. They were discovered lying on the floor in a nude state. None of the officials of the company can account for the death of the one and the precarious condition of the other.

Keller was a German, aged 40 years, who had recently been operated on in a hospital, where he was cautioned to avoid strong drink. Harvey is 30 years of age.

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