

Counterfeit Coins, Notes Easily Detected, Federal Secret Service Man Declares in Lecture Here

Although the average counterfeit note can be easily detected by its lack of sharp lines, and smudgy appearance, such bills pass through countless hands before being discovered because the ordinary merchant or moneyhandler sees nothing more than the numeral in the corner, William McSwain, federal secret service agent in charge of the Oregon district, told chamber of commerce members at their dinner meeting Monday evening.

Describing briefly the processes by which coins and notes are manufactured, the federal agent drew sharp contrasts between the spurious and genuine units of exchange. Modern photo-engraving has done away with the "skilled craftsman" counterfeiters of olden days and put in his place a man who works with less dexterity and more speed.

Differences Explained

Government manufacture of bills and coins is characterized by precision processes which bring out fine details, he said, whereas the counterfeiters use a general rule, using a smudgy printing process in faulty printing plate, a cheaper paper and sometimes even has the serial letters and numbers in impossible combinations.

Genuine notes are printed on a special paper made exclusively for the government by a New England paper concern, it was stated. This paper is 75 per cent linen, tough, with more body than the average expensive paper and shows tiny red and blue silk threads woven into the fabric. Some counterfeiters attempt to duplicate this effect with a fine pen and red and blue ink, others by printing opposite faces of a bill on separate sheets of thin paper and placing the tiny threads between the two when they are glued together, but many do not bother to copy the originals so precisely, he said, because the public is so careless in accepting them.

Life Nine Months

Government notes, which are produced at an average cost of one cent each no matter the denomination, are inspected and checked 75 times before being placed in circulation. The average life of a bank note after issuance is about nine months, he said.

Touching upon what are called "raisers," or hand artists who make a ten dollar bill of a one by adding a cypher in each corner after the ones, McSwain said, "No sympathy should be extended to anyone who will accept a raised note because anyone should be able to detect the denomination false by the portrait on the note's face."

"Washington's figure is on a one, Jefferson's on a two, Lincoln's on a five, Hamilton's on a ten, Jackson's on a twenty, Grant's on a fifty, Franklin's on a hundred," he said, "and beyond that, most of us don't have to worry."

Layoff Not Costly

"Two dollars will set the average coin counterfeiter up in business," the secret service man said. Materials needed are a chunk of rabbit, some plaster for making molds and a source of heat to melt the metal, he declared.

Illustrating McSwain's comments were two immense photographic reproductions of five dollar bills, one real and the other spurious. The magnification brought out for easy recognition the points of difference between the two.

Counterfeiting on Wane

Counterfeiting is not so prevalent now as it was in the bootlegging days, he recounted, because many bootleggers turned to counterfeiting after being handed a bundle of the bad notes in payment for illegal liquor. The advent of pinball machines, he said, flooded the country with counterfeit nickels, many of them cast on one side only for playing the machines.

Lead dollars are no longer in favor with counterfeiters, some of whom are producing "good" duplicates of real dollars and halves by silverplating the rabbit casts, the officer said. "Phoney" silver pieces can be detected by their irregularity and crudeness of cast, softness, lack of ring and light weight.

McSwain has been in government service for 33 years and in the treasury department secret service since 1917. He was introduced by Deputy Sheriff Dick Busch. Mrs. McSwain accompanied him.

Weight Cited
An average silver dollar weighs 412 grams, he said, while a rabbit dollar will weigh 75 grams less than

Cooper Mountain P-T. A. to Meet

(By Mrs. W. E. Crocker)

COOPER MOUNTAIN—P-T. A. will meet Friday evening in keeping with the date the evening entertainment will be built around a St. Patrick's Day program. A special meeting of the P-T. A. executive committee was held Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crocker. Plans were made to present a program and basket social to be given sometime in April.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Riley are having some interior changes made in their new home, which they purchased recently from L. Simons. A Nyland and son Ellis are doing the work.

E. W. Livermore has just completed the construction of a new garage. Building was done by Charles Weaver.

Cooper Mountain Community Sewing club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. F. Gindhart with 18 members present. The afternoon was spent by sewing quilt blocks. Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Pete Piluso.

Celebrate Birthdays

A surprise birthday party was given by the upper grade room last week honoring the birthday anniversaries of Miss Evelyn Day, Nela Beard and Robert Moore.

Plant Shrubs

The school children and teachers took advantage of fair weather for a half day last week planting shrubs and cleaning up the school grounds.

Birthdays Observed

A birthday party was given Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Riley, honoring the birthday anniversary of Mrs. W. E. Crocker and Mrs. Sadie Sundman.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. Livermore, Mr. and Mrs. Ves Barry, Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson, Oliver Taylor and W. Crocker.

Wed 60 Years

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Livermore motored to Milwaukee to attend a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Schulz.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Riley celebrated a number of guests at a dinner party Sunday evening.

Frank Smith, who has been a visitor at the G. F. Ferguson home, left for Eastern Oregon Monday.

Miss Jean Ann Barron, who has been ill at her home for the past week, is reported much better.

West Side Group Elects Officers

WEST SLOPE—The West Slope Improvement club met Friday evening, March 10, in the auditorium of the Sylvan school for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Arthur Jones was elected chairman, Gordon Murray, vice-chairman, and Eva Davis, secretary-treasurer. The telephone committee gave a favorable report in regard to the rates.

MRS. CARRIE MAY FOSTER

Mrs. Carrie May Foster, 76, died at Forest Grove Saturday after an extended illness. Funeral services were held at the Forest Grove Undertaking company chapel Tuesday afternoon with Rev. J. H. Jeffrey officiating. Interment was in Forest View cemetery.

Mrs. Foster was born in Wisconsin, August 14, 1862, and came to Oregon in 1919. Deceased is survived by two daughters and two sons: Mrs. Mary Vachal, Portland; Mrs. Maude Witte, Klamath Falls; William C. Foster and James C. Foster Jr., of Forest Grove.

She was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Picture Sunday
"The Call of the Cross," a talking picture which sets forth the historical background of the Saxon immigration, will be shown in the Lutheran church Sunday at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Anna Kempf Passes Saturday

Mrs. Anna Kempf, 79, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Thomas Beaumont, in Portland Saturday morning and funeral services were held at Young's Funeral Home here Tuesday afternoon. Final services were in Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland.

Mrs. Kempf, a native of Germany, came to Hillsboro 28 years ago and remained here until the death two years ago of her husband, Ludwig Kempf, who for 26 years engaged in the shoe repairing business on Main street.

Births

Haley—To Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Haley, March 13, a girl, at Wilcox maternity hospital, Portland.

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