

FORGER BIGAMIST, JUST OUT OF PEN, BACK AT OLD GAME

Harry Cooper Believed to Be "Dr. Abraham" Who Tried to Marry Nurse and Cash Forged Draft in Oakland.

(United Press Special Wire.)
San Francisco, Feb. 15.—Declaring that under a score of aliases he is notorious on two continents as a forger and bigamist, the police of this city and Oakland have put out a dragnet for Dr. Milton Abraham, accused of having tried to cash a \$15,000 forged draft on the Central National bank of Oakland. The police declare Dr. Abraham is not other than "Dr." Harry Westwood Cooper, who was paroled from San Quentin in September, 1911, on the completion of a three year term for forgery in San Francisco.

Paraphrasing his exploits in other cities all over the world, Abraham, or Cooper, is said to have sought to marry Miss Daisy Klim, superintendent of nurses at St. Anthony's hospital in Oakland, which he offered to buy for her to secure her affections. Miss Klim, escaped, but if the police believe in true she would have been but one of many women who fell victims to the forger's wiles.

Was Long Bad Record.
San Francisco police claim that Abraham or Cooper is one of the most notorious crooks of the day. They say that he arrived in Sydney, Australia, from England, in 1889. In 1891, they allege, he was arrested in Sydney under the name of Charles Ernest Chadwick and tried on two charges of obtaining money under false pretenses, having represented himself as heir to a vast estate in England. The charges, however, were dismissed.

In 1892, the police say, he, as Ernest Chadwick, was sentenced to prison for 18 months for obtaining money under false pretenses. June 17, 1895, it is charged, he was married in Sydney to Helen Scott under the name of Henry Westwood Cooper. He deserted her in 1896 and fled to Brisbane, Australia.

According to the police, the man then married Bertha Ethel Young, in Brisbane, on June 13, 1896. August 22, 1896, he left with his wife for England, saying he was going to London to claim an estate. He left England, it is charged, in 1898, under the name of Dr. Cooper.

Takes Place in Pulpit.
Abraham, as Cooper, according to the police, arrived in Philadelphia in 1898 and was tried there for depositing a worthless draft for \$50,000. A short time later, it is said, Abraham went to Toronto, where he occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church. He is then alleged to have married Maud Van Faign in Toronto under the name of Henry Westwood Cooper, and went to Chicago. In June, 1897, it is alleged, he had fleeced his Chicago landlady out of \$2000 by forged drafts, and then leaving for San Francisco.

Arriving in San Francisco, the police say, Abraham gave the name of Sir Henry Westwood Cooper, deserted his latest wife and planned to elope to Portland with a Miss Fanning. In August, 1897, he is charged with having deposited a worthless draft for \$700 in the Crocker-Woolworth National bank here.

Under the name of Harry Westwood Cooper, Abraham was arrested here on charges of forgery and sentenced to three years in San Quentin. There he conspired with other prisoners to murder the night guards and escape. He was forced to spend the balance of his term—about a year—in solitary confinement. He was discharged January 15, 1901.

**KIMMEL'S SISTER SAYS
WHITE NOT BROTHER**
(United Press Special Wire.)
St. Louis, Feb. 15.—Reputation of the claims of A. J. White, who asserts that he is George A. Kimmel, the missing bank cashier, was made here today by Mrs. Edna Bonfigt, Kimmel's sister. White, she declared, does not bear the slightest resemblance to her brother. The third trial of the case in which the life insurance of Kimmel is involved is being expedited with here before Judge Amidon.

The insurance companies contend that White is Kimmel. Relatives of Kimmel say that White is an imposter, claiming that the real Kimmel was killed in an Oregon forest in 1898 by J. A. Johnson, and that Johnson was killed by John Swinney.

**STEAMER BAYOCEAN
SUPPLIES LIGHT FOR
NEW BEACH RESORT**

(Special to The Journal.)
Bayocean, Or., Feb. 15.—The entire town of Bayocean, including the streets, the hotel, stores and residences, is being lighted by the electric light plant on board the steamer Bayocean at its winter dock. The city has its own light plant but it is not in use this winter. The innovation of using a direct current from a steamship covering a circuit of nearly four miles is considered most unique from an engineering standpoint.

**POSSIBILITY OF U. S.
TAKING HAND DISCUSSED**

(United Press Special Wire.)
Chicago, Feb. 15.—Possibility of United States intervention in the Harrison "shopmen's" federation strike was the principal topic of discussion today at the annual meeting of the federated boards of the eastern and western divisions of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen. It was stated that President Taft and officials of the postoffice department had promised President Johnson of the International Union of Machinists that delays in transmission of the mails due to the crippled condition of the roads involved would be investigated.

Attempt to Rob Falls.
(Special to The Journal.)
Silverton, Or., Feb. 15.—An attempt to rob the grocery store of C. W. Rogers Tuesday shortly before midnight was frustrated by the approach of Rogers, who was returning from a party. The front door had been forced but the intruder was frightened away.

LEBANON'S MAYOR QUITS, SAYING HE CAN'T STAND GRAFT

City Has \$60,000 on Which He Insists Bank Interest Should Be Paid; Treasurer, He Says, Will Not Assent.

(Special to The Journal.)
Lebanon, Or., Feb. 15.—At a special meeting of the city council Wednesday night, Mayor Albert F. Wilson, who has filled the office of mayor less than a month and a half, tendered his resignation, to take effect at once. The trouble, to take effect at once. The trouble is over the deposit of \$60,000 of borrowed money, for which the city bonded to put in a sewage system. This money after a long procedure came some time in December. It was then too late to commence work before next summer. The mayor thinks the city should have interest on this \$60,000. Following is a copy of the mayor's letter:

"Gentlemen of the Council:—When the people chose me for their mayor, I promised them I would be against all kind of graft, and would try to save the city all the money I could. The city recently sold its bonds, and during the latter part of December, 1911, \$60,000 was paid to the city treasurer.

Portland Bank Offers Interest.
"On Jan. 15, 1912, I received a letter from one of the strongest banks in Portland, offering to pay the city interest on the bond money. I waited several days, thinking the city treasurer would make known to the council all about the letter. He said nothing to me or to any of the councilmen as far as I know."

"I then called a special meeting of the council and laid the matter before it, telling the council that I thought the city was entitled to receive any interest that would be paid on all this money. I knew the council had no right to require the city treasurer to put the money in any particular bank, but I thought the council could very well use its moral influence to have the city treasurer demand of the bank the usual rate of interest on time deposits, for the city treasurer knew as well as anybody knew that the money would not be used for six months or more and would have to stay in some bank all that time. The council did not think proper to do anything."

Intercedes With Treasurer.
"I then had several talks with the city treasurer. I reminded him that he was an officer of the Lebanon State bank where he had deposited this money, that this bank paid interest on money left for six months to anybody, and that he could just as well arrange it so this city money could be earning something for the taxpayers. He claimed he was entitled to whatever he could make off the money, and that he might as well take a part of it, and he might as well resign."

"I reminded him how much the city was in debt and how we all owed it to the city to keep down taxes, and that this was a good chance to earn \$100 a month for the city, but I could not get him to do anything. This is bad business for the city and the taxpayers have the right to know why the Lebanon State bank does not pay the city interest just like it pays its other depositors. Somebody is getting the benefit of this money and the city is losing \$100 a month."

Has Done His Best; Resigns.
"I have tried my best to protect the taxpayers and keep down graft. Having done my best, I feel that I can do no more and I would rather resign than to be mayor when this kind of thing is going on right under my nose."

"I hope the publicity given in this matter will force the responsible parties to return to the city the money that honestly belongs to the taxpayers."

"I therefore resign as mayor from this time and the council can now fill the vacancy."

**FOREST GROVE WILL
ENFORCE CURFEW LAW**

(Special to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 15.—The city council has passed an ordinance, which prohibits the loitering of children under 15 years of age upon the streets.

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of the city, or in public places, unless accompanied by parent or guardian. A violation of the ordinance will result in a fine, but it is provided that for the first offense, the officer taking the minor in charge shall take the young lawbreaker home, and caution those having authority over the youth that the second violation will cost them a fine.

Henry Burkhardt has been appointed night watch by the council; V. I. Fuqua has been named as light commissioner, and A. L. Richardson has been appointed engineer to establish grades in the city for the new electric line that will soon be built.

Change in Postmasters.
(Special to The Journal.)
Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 15.—Dr. Charles Hines, who was recently appointed postmaster of this city, vice W. B. Haines, resigned, took over the office last night. Dr. Hines has disposed of his drug store here and will give his entire attention to his new duties. W. B. Haines has bought an interest in a bank at McMinnville, and will divide his time between that city and Forest Grove, as he still has large property interests here.

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PROMOTERS MAKE AWAY WITH NOTES

Walla Walla People Victims of Game Worked Through Coal Mine.

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 15.—A British Columbia coal mine of alleged fabulous wealth but which turns out to be a hole in the ground of no value was the bait by which a number of local people believe they are to lose considerable sums of money.

Last spring and summer certain smooth-tongued promoters arrived in the city quietly and confidentially informed likely material that they had discovered a valuable coal mine and needed funds to develop same. It was an old story but it worked.

In their confidential conversations with local citizens, they stated that there was no question as to the fabulous value of their mine and that it

was already in operation, but needed a small railroad built into the mountains to carry the coal out to market. They never asked for cash; they didn't want to risk any money of the stockholders. Their plan was to give shares in the mine for notes of sufficient amount to be security for a borrowed sum to build the railroad with.

They stated that the road would be built and the mine in operation and paying dividends before the notes would become due and therefore the stockholders would not be out a penny. Valley residents interviewed spread the joyous news that a fortune was in sight and all clamored in secret conclaves to get a small block of the stock by giving notes in payment.

In this manner many thousands of dollars were signed for by local people. Now the notes are due and the holder, the Bank of Montreal, is demanding payment. No railroad has been built, the mine is practically dead, and several of the victims have admitted that they were fleeced.

Millionaires Dying Rapidly.
(United Press Special Wire.)
Paris, Feb. 15.—During 1911, according to statistics just published, 564 millionaires died in France. The figures are official, coming from the inheritance tax office.

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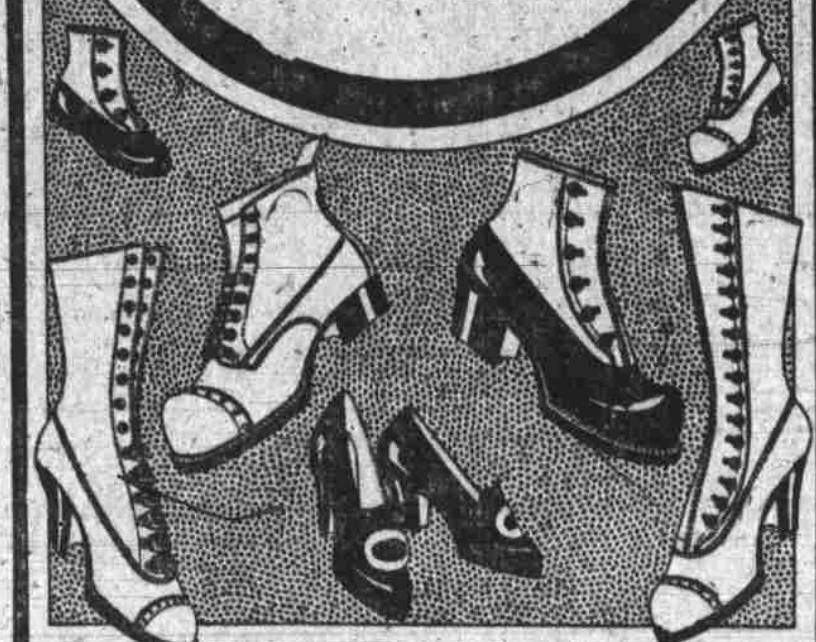
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