

# FORGER IS IN JAIL

FINCH AND OMANS RE-FUSE TO TALK.

**Crooked Career Has Led a Young Man to Face Prison Bars—List of Crimes.**

V. E. Finch, the forger and Loss Omans, his companion, are now behind the bars in the Umatilla county jail awaiting the action of the district attorney in their cases.

Sheriff Till D. Taylor arrived home with the boys last evening and as it had been announced that the young men would arrive on the Portland train quite a curious crowd was at the depot to see them. Finch is well known by all the young people and many of the older ones and while they do not countenance his acts they feel a deep concern in the misfortune he has brought upon himself.

Omans is not so well known, but he is also a Pendleton boy, whose parents reside here. Just what disposition will be made with him is not known and will not be determined until District Attorney Halley returns from Portland. While he did not assist in passing the checks he was with young Finch at the time the checks were cashed and it is thought that proof may be brought against him which will implicate him just as deeply as Finch.

The boys will say nothing of their crimes. They are close-mouthed and refuse to utter a word about themselves. Omans is not known to have been mixed in any crookedness in the past, but as stated before Finch has been in various little stealing scrapes which will make the law look at his last offense in a much different light than if his record had been clean up to the last criminal act. Finch is accused of stealing a set of harness from Louis Gurdarian which was recovered. In addition to this he stole a calf belonging to Peter West and sold it to a man named Porter.

Finch had been employed by Mr. West to drive the calf home from a pasture, but instead he drove the calf to Porter's place and sold it for \$12. Then he went to West and told him that the calf could not be found. Later Mr. West located the calf and Finch was compelled to pay Porter \$5 for his trouble and refund the \$12 to the purchaser and return the calf to its owner. It is also claimed that he has robbed several different men and in one instance took something near \$200 worth of goods from a Pendleton firm. When found he returned the goods and the matter was dropped. His young friends also state that he had frequently approached them and asked them to join with him in various crimes. When remonstrated with and told that he would get himself into trouble he would reply, "they will have to catch me before they can do anything with me."

He has probably concluded by this time that he is not so smooth as he thought and he can really be caught. Considering his past record, Finch has a serious case before him.

## COAL NEAR PENDLETON.

**O. R. & N. Timber and Coal Expert Recently Investigates Coal Mines in Blue Mountains.**

George A. Wells, timber and coal expert for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, who has recently been making an investigation of the Blue Mountain coal mines, found near Pendleton, is said to be one of the best experts in coal and timber there is in the country. "I have cruised over more timber than any 10 men in this state," said Mr. Wells, at the Imperial hotel Wednesday.

Mr. Wells is a modest, retiring man, and dislikes to tell anything about himself. But those who know him say that his 37 years of life do not put him out of the active class by any means, and that but few young men could start out on a mountain tramp today and keep up with him. He has preceded the surveyors of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads from East to West, and it is said he has actually walked across the continent three times, and crossed the Cascade Mountains seven times on foot. He has examined nearly every section of timber bordering on these lines, and knows the country by heart.

He has lately been up to the Pendleton country to make a report on the coal mines there, and the possibilities of railroad connections. He returns with his head and note-book full of valuable information, but says he is not at liberty to divulge it at this time. He brought back samples of the coal and pronounces it good, but beyond stating that there was coal there, would not make any predictions as to the extent of the mine. He has superintended the putting in of some diamond drills, but he thinks the experimental stage has now gone far enough.—Telegram.

## Tennessee River Improvement.

Florence, Ala., Nov. 5.—Pursuant to the call of President Thomas R. Roubac, of Sheffield, the members of the Tennessee River Improvement Association assembled in annual session here today. The efforts of the association, it is agreed, shall be directed during the coming year toward securing an appropriation from congress for the improvement of the upper Tennessee.

## STATE BAR MEETING.

To be Held in Portland November 18 and 19; Special Rates on Railroads.

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Bar Association will be held in the United States circuit court room in Portland, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18 and 19, on which dates there will also be held in Portland the convention of the Oregon Irrigation Association, on which occasion the railroads will grant very low rates covering five days, Tuesday, November 18, to Saturday, November 22, inclusive, from all points in Oregon to Portland.

In the hope of arousing a more general interest the executive committee of the Bar Association will limit addresses and papers to be presented to four, two for each day, and will offer for discussion certain changes in the code governing the rules of practice, taking up six leading subjects, which have been largely discussed by members of the bar, and among whom various opinions prevail as to the wisdom of adopting the same.

Hon. R. P. Boise, of Salem, for more than 50 years a member of the Oregon bar, and almost continuously a member of the supreme court, will deliver an address on "Fifty Years' Recollection of the Bench and Bar of Oregon." The president's address will be delivered by Judge John B. Cleland the president of the association. Papers will be read by Hon. A. C. Woodcock, of the Eugene bar, and by Hon. Alfred B. Sears, jr., judge of the circuit court of the Fourth circuit. Subjects to be announced later.

## Code Changes.

The changes in the code proposed for discussion are the following:

First—An amendment permitting the use of the general denial.

Second—An amendment permitting the commencement of an action or suit by the service of summons.

Third—An amendment permitting the service of summons by any person over 21 years of age, not a party to the suit or action.

Fourth—An amendment reforming the attachment law.

Fifth—An amendment making personal service of summons out of the state equivalent to service by publication, and when personal service out of the state can be had, doing away with the necessity of an affidavit for an order of publication.

Sixth—An amendment permitting a majority of the jury to return a verdict.

These subjects will be introduced by leading members of the bar.

## ROBBER OF \$1,050.

Dr. Wall, of Lyle, Washington, Held Up by Four Robbers.

The Dalles, Ore., Nov. 5.—Dr. H. A. Wall, surgeon for the Columbia River & Northern Railroad, and a druggist at Lyle, Wash., reports to the Wasco county authorities of the hold-up of himself and robbery of his drug store by four masked men Sunday night. Dr. Wall states that about 10 o'clock he was in his store making up cash, preparatory to closing, when a knock was heard on the back door. Thinking it was his assistant, whom he was expecting in from the line of the road, the doctor unlocked the door and was confronted by four masked men, each covering him with a gun. He was told to stand back out of the way, whereupon the robbers entered and proceeded to rob the store and Dr. Wall's pockets of about \$1050. His watch and revolver were also taken. After making a clean sweep the highwaymen retired as they had come. Three of the men were dressed in canvass suits, the fourth wearing dark clothes.

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