

CHECK ARTIST IS CAPTURED

EDWARD J. ADAMS IS
ARRESTED IN PORTLAND

Operated All Over the Pacific North-
west and Fleeced Many People—
Was About to Get Married and Set-
tle Down.

Portland, Sept. 5.—Two days before he had planned to quit his criminal career in Portland, go to San Francisco and marry the young girl with whom he fell in love almost as soon as he reached this city. Edward G. Adams, a man of many aliases, was arrested last night and is now in the county jail awaiting the action of the grand jury.

Adams' mode of obtaining a living was simple—bluff, with a capital B. When Detective John Price accosted him at Fourth and Alder late yesterday afternoon he pretended deep indignation. "I am a real estate broker as you will see by this card. My office is in the Concord building, room 22. Here are my bank references. I think it is a wonder if I can't go about my business in this city without being molested by an officer."

Finally Confesses.

But Adams' bluff did him no good with Price, and soon afterward he confessed and declared he is willing to begin sentence as soon as possible. According to his check book he has cashed a total of \$217 worth of bad checks here.

Adams' young sweetheart, a pretty young girl in a big sailor hat, visited him in the detention cell of the municipal court this morning, and after a private conversation there sat with him in the courtroom while he was undergoing the formality of waiving examination and being held to appear before the grand jury under \$1,000 bonds. They were to have gone to San Francisco tomorrow, and there they were to be married. Both the girl and Adams declare marriage was their intention.

With tears streaming from her eyes the girl who lost her fiancé at the last moment left the court. She was still crying when she turned into the crowd on Third street.

Adams, otherwise known as Ferree

and Ferry, and probably other aliases as well, made a specialty of gun stores. He has been in the city one month, according to his own statements. He obtained a check book of the Merchants' National bank, and made it a practice to buy a shotgun or rifle, give a check in payment and then pawn the weapon. He kept his check book right up to time, making out each stub as he wrote the checks.

Work Easily Traced.

In this way his bank book was in the hands of the detectives. He never had an account in the Merchants' bank, according to its officers.

Though Adams has been operating in Portland for a month the matter was not placed before the detectives until this week. Detective Price notified every gun store in the city to be on the lookout for a man of Adams' description Monday night, and yesterday he was informed by H. Beal that Adams had been in his store but a few moments before, trying to pass a check on the Merchants' bank.

Price saw a man who answered the description going into Olds, Wortman & King's department store. He left by the Sixth street entrance, going at once into Meier & Frank's to hide his trail again. Price stuck to the trail despite all of Adams' turnings, and stopped him as he was about to enter the Honeyman Hardware company's store. A fountain pen with gold bands and extraordinarily long fingers were the means of identification. Patrolman Hyde and Price escorted him to headquarters where a confession was soon forthcoming.

In Adams' pocket was a check book of the Seattle National bank, almost used up, and it is therefore believed he played a similar game in Seattle. He will tell nothing of his history.

A number of the stubs in Adams' bank book showed checks made out for "cash." On these he obtained over \$100. Among those who cashed worthless checks for the clever sharpener are McAllen & McDonnell, Burroughs — Gault, Hudson Arms company, National Wine company, Roberts Bros., Owl Drug company, P. L. Thompson and the Portland Gun & Bicycle company.

KIDNAPPER NEARLY MOBBED.

Women of Portland Surround Prisoner and Officers Require Reinforcements.

Portland, Sept. 5.—One of the most exciting chases for a child thief which ever stirred the fathers and mothers

of Portland to indignation occurred yesterday afternoon in the southern part of the city. It ended in the arrest of John Gleese, a woodchopper 45 years old, who was positively identified as the man who had led little Ida Fendel, 4 years old, from her home at Front and Hall streets.

Gleese was captured because after outrunning his pursuers he ambled along Front street near Curry to watch a fire engine climb the hill in answer to an alarm. He did not see Patrol Driver Gruber with the police vehicle on the other side of the fire apparatus, but Gruber saw and recognized Gleese as the man wanted, and he was at once arrested.

Gleese was bundled into the patrol wagon despite his protestations of innocence, and F. M. Rowe, a concrete worker on Corbett street, who had been in the chase but dropped out, overtook the wagon and got in to guard the prisoner.

When the foreign colony on South Front street learned that the man who had tried to kidnap the little Fendel girl was in the wagon in front of the Fendel home, a score of angry women surrounded the wagon in an instant, and had it not been for the timely arrival of other officers it is probable that Gleese would have been dragged out and beaten.

Gleese was today charged with child-stealing. He is heavy and brutal-looking. He will appear in court tomorrow.

Gleese promised the little girl candy if she would walk with him. From Front and Hall he led her near the Luckel, King & Calk soap factory, but here some of the boys who had started in pursuit overtook him and he was forced to flee. He ran through Terwilliger park and over the hills for a long distance.

Finally circling back toward the center of the city, he collided with Gruber and the patrol wagon. Officers Evans, Wilson and Rudolph had been in pursuit over an hour. Before the policemen were near enough to stop him, Gleese had forced his pursuers to pause by throwing rocks straight at the crowd at his heels.

Mrs. Anna Fendel, mother of the little girl, swore out a complaint, charging Gleese with child-stealing this morning. He has been identified by the little girl. To stop her from screaming she put a piece of chewing tobacco in her mouth, but aside from her fright and the stains of the tobacco juice the child was uninjured.

Health—how many
would give fortunes to enjoy
the greatest of nature's gifts and to be
able to give

A Smile All the While

Ailing tots cause pity—fretful young people cause wonderment—irritable men and women cause surprise.
To enjoy perfect health the body must be built up
and the mind invigorated by perfect food.

Ghirardelli's Cocoa

is the perfect food drink—its use will bring quiet to
breaking nerves—strength to the weak—and
contentment to the strong—besides it is
delicious and appetizing.

30 cups of a delicious drink
25c

COOPER S.F.



Glass of Beer Killed Him.

W. H. Sisson, a former saloon keeper of Hope, Idaho, after spending the evening in the Nagel saloon, Stevens and Front avenue, accepted the invitation of a friend to have a glass of beer and after drinking it sat down in a chair and a few minutes later died.

Sisson was about 60 years of age. He had been staying in the Nagel hotel for about three weeks, being

father-in-law to Chris Nagel, proprietor of the hotel. He had been troubled with dropsy and rheumatism. He is said to have a son who is a saloon man in Spirit Lake, Idaho, and several other children. Coroner Witter, who went to the scene of the death and ordered the removal of the body, said that death was due to dropsy and kidney trouble.

Otto Nagel, son of the proprietor, who was tending bar at the time of

the death, said: "Mr. Sisson had taken only that one drink as far as I know. Shortly afterward he sat down in a chair and I noticed he was sick. Before we could get to him his body had begun to grow stiff and he was dead when we reached him."

The body was taken to Buchanan's undertaking rooms.

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