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NOTED FORGER IS CAPTURED IN PORTLAND

Hamlin, Alias Hunt, Day and Parker, Once Operated in Eugene

Portland, Aug. 23.—By the arrest of J. E. Hamlin, said to have a dozen aliases, known to his neighbors in the vicinity of 436 Marguerite street as J. H. Johnson, Superintendent Henry E. Von Groenewald, of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency, and Deputy Sheriff Archie Leonard Saturday stopped the criminal work of a man who, the authorities say, is the master bank swindler of the age.

Though Hamlin has a record of two terms in the penitentiary and the number of his alleged crimes are legion, his unlawful operations covering several states, he owns a home valued at \$4000, rides in his own automobile and possesses a large amount of property in Portland, Eastern Oregon, Idaho and California.

Though out of the penitentiary only a year or two Hamlin, as alleged, has robbed two or three banks in Washington, and even had the hardihood to perpetrate other crimes in Oregon, in which state he has served time in the penitentiary. He was married only ten months ago, to a pretty young woman named Leonard, whose father is a prosperous farmer living near Shearer's bridge, Grass Valley, Or., who is said to have been entirely ignorant that her husband was other than what he represented himself to be—a really dealer and capitalist. She is heartbroken over the disillusionment to which she has been subjected and is now at the residence occupied by her husband and herself, inconsolable because of the wreck of her dream of happiness.

For months and months the Pinkertons have clung to Hamlin's trail with the tenacity of bloodhounds, although they did not know until after his arrest that the man they wanted for a few crimes committed in Washington and Oregon was the noted "Jack" Hamlin, of penitentiary record. This fact, was discovered after he had been taken into custody. Deputy Sheriff Leonard recognizing the prisoner from his photograph. The identification of the prisoner as the man for whom the detectives were searching was established by A. B. Cheney, president of the bank at Winlock, Wash., who was summoned to Portland by Superintendent von Groenewald as soon as it was prae-

timely determined that the search was at an end.

Long List of Forgeries
The description showed the detective agency that the criminal was the same man who swindled the First National Bank of Pullman out of \$200 in March. In this instance he used the name of G. W. Watson, and forged the name of Napoleon Burbonie as indorser.

It is also charged that Hamlin, under the name of J. A. Batts, procured \$200 in the same manner from the Security State Bank of Palouse, Wash., forging the name of B. R. Turnbow to a promissory note.

Under the name of J. H. Gray he is accused of swindling the Citizens State Bank of Nampa, Idaho, out of \$200 September 24, 1908. To the note given in this instance he forged the name of R. H. Harrison.

At the bank of the First Trust Co. of Moscow, Idaho, August 17, 1908, he procured \$200 on a 90-day note. The indorsement of D. Cameron was forged to this piece of paper.

Hamlin appeared at the McMinnville National Bank at McMinnville, Or., February 17, 1909, and endeavored to secure a loan on a promissory note signed by himself as J. Graves. He said he could get Fred Hauser to sign the paper as surety. He was also turned down on the same proposition by the First National Bank of McMinnville. Both banks refused to loan money without collateral as security.

The First National Bank of Albany is reported to have lost \$500 on May 10, 1909, to Hamlin, giving him that amount on a check made payable to Charles H. Sylvester and signed "Geo. H. Beck." He drew the check on a bank outside the state, and by his smooth manner and general appearance had no trouble in getting it cashed. The Bank of Oregon at Bend, Or., is said to have lost \$500 in the same manner through Hamlin.

The prisoner is also said to be the man who beat the German-American Bank of Portland out of \$150 February 9, 1909, under the name of W. W. Passmore. His check on the German-American Bank was drawn on the Hamilton National Bank, of Chicago.

Among the crimes further charged against him are the illegal obtaining of \$126.50 from a bank at Oregon City December 21, 1907.

Auto Attached

Under the name of Jack Hamlin (said to be his right name), alias J. F. Hunt, alias C. H. Parker, the prisoner is said to have served two years in the Oregon penitentiary for forgery, committed at Eugene. He was arrested by City Detectives Day, Welner and Church May 24, 1909, and was discharged from custody April 16, 1901. His arrest at the time was due to the Pinkerton agency.

He is said also to have served six years in the same institution for a forgery perpetrated at Forest Grove, Or., August 31, 1903, being sentenced December 5, 1903, under the name of J. H. Burk, alias J. E. Hamlin, alias J. E. Brown.

The prisoner once lived at Troutdale. He is an expert bicyclist, and is said to have traveled from San

Francisco to Eugene, Or., on a wheel in four or five days. His automobile has been attached by Deputy Sheriff Leonard on behalf of the bank at Winlock, Wash.

Hamlin is said in addition to owning his residence property, worth \$4,000, to own considerable realty near Nampa, Idaho, at Baker City and Pendleton, Or., and in Eureka, Cal., as well as several valuable lots in Sunnyside, this city. He had just begun the construction of a \$500 automobile garage when arrested.

According to the records at the sheriff's office in Eugene, Hamlin was put in the county jail here on May 28, 1909, and sent to the penitentiary on June 30 for forgery. The record does not state the length of his term.

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Portland, Aug. 23.—An examination to fill vacancies in the ranger force on all National forests in District 6 will be held October 25 and 26. From this examination it is expected that 75 appointments will be made on National forests in this district.

The examination will be held at the headquarters of each National forest in the district, at the following places: Ketchikan, Alaska; Eugene, Grants Pass, Heppner, John Day, Lakeview, Medford, Prineville, Portland, Roseburg, Sumpter and Willows, Oregon; Bellingham, Chelan, Leavenworth, Newport, Olympia, Orting, Republic, Seattle and Walla Walla, Washington.

While the examination is entirely along practical lines, and knowledge of field conditions rather than book learning is considered essential, the opportunities for those applicants with educational advantages are considerably increased. The rapid development of the National forests is making continual demands upon those engaged in their management, and men with ability to assume responsibility and serve in supervisory capacities are in demand. These more responsible positions on National forests are filled by promotion from lower grades, so that any one entering as a ranger is eligible for promotion to any of the more responsible and higher paid places, including that of forest supervisor.

Only those men who are at least 21 years of age, not more than 40, of good character, temperate, and in good physical condition, are eligible to take this examination. The salary paid to beginners is \$900 a year.

Applicants can secure information concerning the examination from the district forester at Portland, forest supervisors, or the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

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