

CONVICT NO. 5390 IS A GROSS FAKE

LOCAL MEN DUPED BY SWINDLERS WHO PLAY UPON KIND HEARTS BY PITIFUL STORIES.

MYTHICAL PRISONER WHO WISHES TO BECOME GOOD

Letter Sent Broadcast Throughout the Country Must Have Brought Not Less Than \$7,000 Profit to Slick Firm Who Make the Cane Alleged to Be the Work of Innocent Man in the Pen.

Harry O'Gorman, secretary of the Butte lodge of Elks, and several other kind-hearted gentlemen of this city, were recently the victims of a new and unique humbug. It came about because of their disposition to help a fellow being in distress and is altogether creditable to them, although it is probable that after they learn the whole truth they will be more careful in their efforts to do a kindness to one whom they do not know and have never seen.

June 16, Mr. O'Gorman, secretary, received a letter addressed to the secretary of the B. P. O. E. and dated Canon City, Colorado. The letter purports to come from the Colorado state prison and starts out with an apology for sending "a nice purple walking cane" and requesting that it be disposed of in some way. It is explained that the cane is made of 8,000 pieces of paper and while the letter does not say the impression is given that it is hand made.

It then proceeds: "I am serving a sentence here for some trouble I had with a Chinaman and as I am innocent, I am trying to get a new trial and could I dispose of a few canes I make in my leisure here, it would help me greatly." The request is then made that if the cane is not disposed of to return it to T. J. Gordon, No. 5390, Canon City, Colorado.

It struck Mr. O'Gorman that here was an opportunity to do a kindness and perhaps save a man, who, if he was as straightforward and honest as his letter, was never guilty of crime and should be released. He promptly took steps to raise some money on the cane and to that end put it up at raffle. It was but a matter of displaying the cane and reading the letter to a few gentlemen who came into his place of business on East Broadway, to secure other sympathizers and in a few hours he had \$1,250 to send to the erring man at Canon City.

A Rare Curiosity.

The cane was won by J. F. Cullaton, cashier at the Hennessy Mercantile company, and he considers it one of his most rare and valued collections. It is really a pretty stick and if made by hand would represent months of labor. It is of paper, well polished and has a bone handle. Near the top is an elk head with the usual and familiar lettering under it.

Immediately after receiving the money for the cane, "Convict No. 5390," sent another letter, profusely thanking Mr. O'Gorman for his helpfulness. Mr. O'Gorman had ordered another cane exactly like the one received and in the return letter the supposed convict explained that he had made only two of the purple canes, one of which was sent to John D. Lynn, chairman of the Elk grand trustees, and that he was unable to procure any more of the purple paper, but he adds:

"I will send you one with an Elk head on it made of mining journals, in every way as nice as the other and you can see what you can do with it. I would like to make you one for your trouble and sympathy for me so kindly expressed in your letter, but I would have to ask you to send me the purple paper as in my position it is a hard matter to get it."

The kind-hearted O'Gorman hurried to the nearest store and purchasing several reams of purple paper promptly sent it to Canon City and is now daily expecting the mate to the cane won at the raffle by Mr. Cullaton.

No. 5390 Is a Myth.

The stick said to have been made of mining journals has not yet been raffled off and today it was learned that the alleged Colorado convict was a myth and that the canes were made at a factory at a cost of about 25 cents each. Moreover, it is known that the same scheme has been worked in many other cities and the probabilities are that the schemer has made many thousands of dollars. Eastern newspapers, notably the Baltimore Sun, have recently exposed the swindle and investigation proves there is no convict No. 5390.

All of the letters are cleverly written and they impress one as the honest, heart-felt declaration of a person who had made up his mind to live a better life. But the name of the warden is not on the printed heading and besides it is well known that the Colorado prison does not contain 5390 convicts. The prison authorities say that a gang of swindlers have worked the cane game successfully and won sympathy and liberal cash from scores of budding philanthropists.

It is not yet known how many canes were sent out, but it is not improbable that the number was 10,000. On this number the swindler would average \$2.50, for which would give him a gross return of \$25,000 for an expenditure of not more than \$3,500.

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MOTHER WINS CASE BUT LAD IS MINUS

Where is Camille Kelly? The interrogation is seriously disturbing the peace of mind of Attorney Jesse B. Root and the attaches of Judge McClernan's court.

Attorney Root is disturbed because after winning his case in the famous litigation over the possession of the child, and this morning securing a decree from the court awarding its custody to Mrs. Mae Kelly, the mother and Mr. Root's client, the attorney hasn't as yet been able to find the physical subject of the decree in order to place thereon the judicial stamp of possession.

This morning Mrs. Kelly's attorney appeared in court to present the decree,

child had stolen a march on the complainants and had taken the long chance of sending the lad away from the jurisdiction of the court.

This was the statement made unofficially and it was announced that papers asking for an order against H. L. Haupt and his wife to produce the child in court would be made out and filed this afternoon.

"I don't know where Camille is," said Henry L. Haupt this afternoon. "The boy has been kidnaped. He was kidnaped yesterday from my house by his father, Clarence Keyh.

"Kelly came to the house yesterday and asked Mrs. Haupt if he could take the boy downtown and buy him some presents.

CAMILLE KELLEY,



Five-Year-Old Boy Who Has Seemingly Been Taken Beyond the Jurisdiction of the District Court.

which was signed by Judge McClernan over the objection of Attorney Hall, who represented H. L. Haupt and his wife, the custodians of the child.

"Have you any objections to offer, Mr. Hall?" asked the court. "Well, I saw the decree, judge, but I do not wish to consent to the entry."

"But you don't object," interrupted the judge. "I haven't anything to do with it you know," murmured the attorney softly as he glanced in the direction of his clients who were all there with the exception of the disputed minor.

Later Mr. Hall entered an objection to the decree, but the same had already been signed.

All of the parties left the court room. Half an hour later Attorney Root rushed in with the information that there wasn't any child to be found and that, like one Charles Ross of kidnaped fame, Camille Kelly had disappeared.

To all appearances the custodians of the

She consented and that is the last we saw of Camille. I have no knowledge of the boy's whereabouts and I am unable to produce him in court."

Attorney Root is up in Judge McClernan's court this afternoon awaiting an opportunity to file an application for a warrant of attachment calling for the arrest of Henry L. Haupt and Ellen Haupt. The affidavit sets forth that the boy has been spirited away through a conspiracy between the Haupt's and other persons unknown and the court is asked to bring the defendants into court to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt.

"It's a conspiracy," declared Mr. Root. "I have seen a telegram asking Kelly to come here and take charge of the boy. I am going to prosecute this case to the bitter end and there are going to be some sensational developments. I intend to go before County Attorney Breen and have an information filed in a criminal action against Haupt and his wife."

BERT HARDING.



Pullman conductor in charge of the Grand Lodge Train from Chicago to Salt Lake, who came to Butte to take charge of the Montana Elks' special. He has a collection of badges given him by visiting Elks. Mr. Harding is himself an Elk, a member of Buffalo lodge.

Minstrels.

The coming of Beach & Bowers' minstrels, under canvas, on Friday and Saturday evenings, August 15 and 16, corner Jackson and Diamond streets, is heralded with pleasure. It's now the oldest minstrel company on the road under one continuous management and we are very fortunate in getting a performance from them. It will furnish more fun and entertainment than any show of its kind. This season is all new original and funny.

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HE KNEW HIS COMMANDER WHEN HE FIRST MET HER. Lieutenant Roberts, of the Regular Army, Fell in Love With Miss Lottie Pierce While on March. [SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Miles City, August 12.—The marriage of Miss Lottie Pierce, formerly a clerk in the United States land office here, and Lieutenant Roberts of the Twenty-first infantry, stationed at Fort Keogh, is announced in Miles City. It took place at Spokane last Saturday. Miss Pierce came to Miles City from Manchester, Ia., a couple of years ago. Lieutenant Roberts has recently returned from China and the Philippine wars. It is said the engagement came about through a combined assault which they, in company with others, were making on a historic hill in these parts known as Signal butte, and which it is considered quite a feat to climb. When others faltered about half way up Miss Pierce led the way to the top, and from that time on the lieutenant sought her for a commander.

JUDY SUDDENLY TAKES FANCY TO EX-SPOUSE. Sees Divorced Wife, Now Remarried, in a Buggy and Tries to Drag Her Out but Is Landed in Jail. [SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Virginia City, August 12.—Joseph I. Judy, an old resident of this place, has been sentenced by a jury in Judge Johnson's court to pay a fine of \$50 for disturbing the peace. Judy went to the Ruby valley last week, and meeting his divorced wife, who was recently married to S. J. Gaiman, a well-to-do ranchman of Ruby valley, driving with one of her children, attempted to take the latter from the vehicle. This was resisted by the mother, who drove off, but was followed by her former husband to a neighboring farm, where Judy was not permitted to enter. Mrs. Gaiman filed a complaint before Judge Johnson and Judy was arrested and tried, with the above result. Judy will serve 25 days in the county jail in default of paying the fine.

PRELIMINARIES IN CASE OF BILLINGS MAIL CLERK. Swanson Is Bound Over to United States Court Under Bond of \$1,500, Which Is Given. [SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Billings, August 12.—The preliminary examination of P. F. Swanson, mailing clerk for four years in the Billings post-office, on a charge of detaining and secreting a letter addressed to Postmaster Babcock, was held before United States Commissioner Fraser yesterday afternoon. The government was represented by Assistant District Attorney George M. Bailey and John M. Johnson appeared for the defendant. Deputy Marshal Charles F. Gage was also present. The government confined its prosecution to one letter. The defense introduced no evidence whatever, and the commissioner held Swanson to the United States court on a bond of \$1,500, which he furnished his sureties being William McCormick and H. J. Thompson.

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JOE JOHNETTI IS IN BASTILE. Italian Said to Be Handy With Gun Landed in Twin Bridges Jail. [SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Twin Bridges, August 11.—For knocking old man Dulcine down with a gun and threatening to blow his brains out Joe Johnetti of Silver Star was arrested and brought to town Sunday night by Constable Stark. According to the statements of Mr. Robinson, who was an eye witness, the provocation was slight. With the assistance of Mr. Dulcine, Mr. Robinson jumped a piece of land which Johnetti was trying to buy. This so angered him that he went gunning for Dulcine, and but for the assistance of Robinson would have killed him. Johnetti is an Italian, and it is alleged that he frequently makes gun plays. World-Wide Reputation. Maj. J. G. Pangborn, the celebrated traveler, was very much impressed with the world-wide reputation of the Milwaukee's Pioneer Limited, when he saw last year, occupying a "place of honor" on the wall in the office of one of the czar's secretaries in the palace at St. Petersburg, a fine picture of this famous train, and a map of the C. M. & St. P. road. The major, who at one time was a Westerner, felt at the sight of this familiar picture very much as every true American feels at the sight of our flag in a foreign land—thrilled. The Pioneer Limited, running every day in the year between the Twin Cities and Chicago, is the famous train of the world. Another Excursion to the Park. On August 22 the Northern Pacific will run another excursion to the Yellowstone National park at the nominal cost of \$39.00. This includes all necessary expenses for the week's trip; that is, round trip transportation on the railroad, as well as hotel accommodations and transportation in the park. Leave your name early and secure accommodations for this delightful trip. For any other information call on or address, W. H. MERRIMAN, Gen'l Agt. N. P. Ry., Cor. Park and Main Streets.

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