

CREDIT MEN SENDS WARNING OF NEW SWINDLE

When J. H. Tregoe, executive secretary of the National Association of Credit Men, sent recent warnings to 22,000 members of the association, a new form of swindle of a wholesale nature that has been operated successfully in various parts of the United States, and which, unless checked by unusual care upon the part of credit men in wholesale and manufacturing houses bids fair to spread with loss of millions of dollars to wholesalers, jobbers and manufacturers.

C. D. West, manager of the investigation-prosecution department of the association states that over \$500,000 has been misappropriated from the unsuspecting dealers. The very boldness of the scheme has carried it to success for trade crooks making false pretenses to credit.

The system is just this. The swindlers do business with a letterhead, appearing as near as possible like that of a reputable local firm with well established credit of a high grade in both Dunn's and Bradstreet's books of credit rating.

The letterhead falls to carry a street address, whereas reputable firms use a street address on all stationery, because they are anxious for everybody to know where they are.

A goodly bill of goods is ordered, sent to the name which is nearly like the genuine, and if the credit man of the firm to whom the order is sent is not extremely wary, the deception will not be noted, and with inward congratulations the order will be shipped.

The crooks are on the watch with the shipment, claim it upon arrival, load it on a truck and are gone many miles before the bill arrives through the mail.

Getting no response to the first statement, a second, and some times a third statement is sent before an investigation discloses the startling fact that the genuine concern had not ordered the goods at all and did not receive them.

It is not until then that the difference in the names used is noted, and in the meantime the swindlers have had an opportunity to place many miles between themselves and the scene of their operations. It is claimed that the band working the game tackle everything from dry goods to automobiles, but due caution upon the part of credit men and sales departments will trap the gang as well as detect the deception.

ARKANSAS AGILITY (By International News Service) Calico, Ark., July 29.—Amos Wyatt, local City Marshal, combines the ability of a steepjack with his other abilities for capturing elusive gamblers.

Recently he spied three young men retreating to a cave on the banks of White River. To approach the mouth of the cave meant to arrest. He scaled the surrounding cliffs and "dropped in on the poker game," arrested the three men. They were fined following conviction.

FOUR-LEGGED CHICKEN HATCHED Malden, Mass., July 29.—A four-legged chicken has been hatched here. All of the legs are perfectly formed. The chicken appears to be healthy.

FOR SICK HEADACHES BEECHAM'S PILLS

THE RED-HEADED LEAGUE

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(Continued.) "You may place considerable confidence in Mr. Holmes, sir," said the police agent. "I have seen his own little methods, which are, if he won't mind my saying so, just a little too theoretical and fantastic, but he has the makings of a detective in him. It is not too much to say that once or twice, as in that business of the Sholto murder and the Agra treasure, he has been more nearly correct than the official force."

"Oh, if you say so, Mr. Jones, it is all right," said the stranger, with a deference. "Still, I confess, that I miss my rubber. It is the first Saturday night for seven-and-twenty years that I have not had my rubber."

"I think you will find," said Sherlock Holmes, "that you will play for a higher stake tonight than you have ever done yet, and that the play will be more exciting. For you, Mr. Merryweather, the stake will be some £30,000; and for you, Jones, it will be the man upon whom you wish to lay your hands."

"John Clay, the murderer, thief, smasher, and forger. He's a young man, Mr. Merryweather, but he is at the head of his profession, and I would rather have my bullets on him than on any criminal in London. He's a remarkable man, is young John Clay. His great strength is a royal duke, and he himself has been to Eton and Oxford. His brain is as cunning as his fingers, and though we meet signs of him at every turn, we never know where to find the man himself. He'll crack a crib in Scotland one week, and be raising money to build an orphan in Cornwall the next. I've been on his track for years, and have never set eyes on him yet."

"I trust that I am not more dense than my neighbors, but I was always oppressed with a sense of my own stupidity in my dealings with Sherlock Holmes. Here I have heard what he had heard, I had seen what he had seen, and yet from his words it was evident that he saw clearly not only about to happen, while to me the whole business was still confused and grotesque. As I drove home to my house in Kensington I thought over it all, from the extraordinary story of the red-headed leaguer to the visit to Saxe-Coburg Square, and the ominous words with which he had parted from me. What was this nocturnal expedition, and why should I go armed? Where were we going, and what were we to do? I had the hint from Holmes that this smooth-faced peddler's assistant was a forger, and I thought, 'If that is so, I should bring an explanation.'"

It was a quarter past nine when I started for home and made my way across the Park, and so through Oxford Street to Baker Street. Two hansom men were standing at the door, and as I entered the passage, I heard the sound of voices from above. On entering his room I found Holmes in animated conversation with two men, one of whom I recognized as Peter Jones, the official police agent, while the other was a long, thin, sad-faced man, with a very shiny hat and

oppressively respectable frock-coat. "Hal our party is complete," said Holmes, buttoning up his pea-jacket, and taking his heavy hunting crop from the rack. "Watson, I think you know Mr. Jones of Scotland Yard? Let me introduce you to Mr. Merryweather, who is to be our companion in tonight's adventure."

"We're hunting the couples again, doctor, you see," said Jones, in his consequential way. "Our friend here is a wonderful man for starting a chase. All he wants is an old dog to help him to do the running down."

"I hope a wild goose may not prove to be the end of our chase," observed Mr. Merryweather, gloomily. (To be Continued.)

Oakland Six Makes 20.1 Miles Per Gal. in 48-Hr. Non-Stop Run

Covering 1709 miles in a 48-hour non-stop run, and averaging 20.1 miles per gallon of gasoline is the most recent achievement of an Oakland Six stock car on the Pacific Coast.

The test was made on the famous Sunnyvale-Los Altos highway south of San Francisco, where both road and traffic are typical of the average California highway.

Five drivers alternated at the wheel, starting at 5 p. m. on Wednesday, May 25th, and continuing the grueling task 5 p. m. Friday, May 27th. During the test the motor of the Oakland Six was not stopped once, and no change of tires was necessary.

The Oakland Six used in creating this Pacific Coast record was a stock model, taken from the floor of the Oakland (Cal.) distributor. Only a week previous to this economy test the famous Duncan Street Hill, San Francisco, in second gear, set a new record for this test.

Oakland dealers are highly elated over the fact that within a period of one week the Oakland Six not only demonstrated its remarkable power by its performance on Duncan Street Hill, but in addition set a new mark for miles per gallon when it completed the Sunnyvale-Los Altos economy run with a mark of 20.1 miles to the gallon.

NO WORD ON HEARING. No word has been received as yet from the Public Utilities Commission in regard to the petition recently sent to ask a rehearing on some of the jitney routes, according to Ralph T. Beers, of the mayors special jitney committee. It is expected, however, that the commission will set its hearing about the middle of September.

A member of the lettuce family cultivated in Upper Egypt is a new source of edible oil. It can be grown with profit in the Sudan, the seeds yielding under pressure from 37 to 38 per cent oil. The oil is of a beautiful light yellow color, odorless, and is set the matter aside until night should bring an explanation.

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REDDING

Redding, July 29.—For the second time since early spring the Barnett farm of 300 acres in the Lonetown section has changed ownership, having just been sold by Emory E. Sanford to a wealthy Greenwich resident named Chamberlain. The latter purchased it for his son, who graduated this year from Storrs Agricultural College. He was married in April. Mr. Sanford bought the property from a Bridgeport man who, after an ownership of only a few weeks, accepted a loss of \$800 or \$10,000 on the transaction because his wife refused to live there although the house is spacious and attractive and equipped with modern conveniences. While Mr. Sanford would not say what he paid for the property, report placed the figure at approximately \$18,000. The consideration in the present transaction is reported to have been about \$5,000. Mr. Sanford's purchase included about 30 head of pure bred Aberdeen cattle, the ownership of which he retains. Among the products of the farm last year were sixty tons of alfalfa hay and the yield this year with the first cutting already harvested promises to be equally large.

Miss Katherine Barnett, who graduated from Wellesley College last month, has been engaged as teacher of the lower room of the Center School for the coming year. Her engagement to Cornelius Krutz of St. Louis, was recently announced. While a theological student Mr. Krutz supplied the pulpit of the Center Congregational church here for about a year. He is a graduate of Illinois University and took a post graduate course in preparation for a professorship. For two years he was engaged in reconstruction work in France. Mrs. Lemuel Sanford has been re-engaged as principal of the Center School. Miss Jennie McDonald will continue as teacher of the Ridge school and Miss Webb of New Milford, a newcomer, will have charge of the Umpawaug school.

The road supervision committee, as the outcome of a special meeting, decided to approve the bills of the three road repair contractors which had previously been held up. The chief ground of contention was the refusal of Contractor Banks to obey the committee's order to cart gravel upon part of the hill west of the Center. Mr. Banks insisted that the other material he proposed using was good enough and told the committee that if the issue were taken to the courts he was confident of winning. Five or six members of the committee attended the meeting and First Selectman Driscoll, W. J. Sanford and Eugene Adams voted in favor of immediate payment. Dissenting votes were cast by Selectman Bart Sanford and Fred A. Judd.

On Tuesday morning the Countess Turczynowicz, accompanied by her three children, and her nephew, Rad-

ford Hoddins, the latter acting as chauffeur, left the Ridge for a transcontinental trip having Los Angeles, Cal., for its objective. They took along a complete camping outfit and tended to make them independent of hotel or other housing accommodations. The purpose of the expedition is to arouse interest and secure co-operation on the part of state and municipal officials, colleges and historical societies in the works undertaken by a new film corporation organized by wealthy New Yorkers with the aim of elevating the moving picture industry to higher standards. For the preliminary work the Countess has been commissioned as chief propagandist, a role for which her remarkable executive ability and accomplishments as a speaker and writer make her eminently fitted.

The local branch of the Laymen's Service League of the Episcopal Church will give a dinner in the Sanford school gymnasium at 7 o'clock on Thursday evening of this week. Invitations have been extended to the League branches of the six other towns comprised in this district with an attendance of about 100 is expected. The speakers are to be Congressman Merritt of Stamford, and ex-Senator Bowen of Danbury. Lieutenant Templeton has also been invited.

The Welcome Home committee are arranging for a union service to be held at Putnam Park on Aug. 14. It is expected that the soldiers memorial tablet in the new park building will be ready for unveiling at this time and if so a program suitable to the occasion will be carried out.

About 50 women, mostly members of the recently organized Woman's Civic League, met at the Mary Twain Library Monday afternoon and listened with interest to an address by Attorney S. C. Shaw explanatory of the methods obtaining at political primaries. The affair was part of the program for political education which the League has undertaken.

Miss May Burgess died at Orange, N. J., on Saturday last, aged 75. Her sister, Mrs. Edith Stimson of Redding Center had assisted in caring for her during her illness and was with her at the end.

The John Weyser place below Pin Tree Corner has been bought by a Mr. Wiley of Bridgeport, brother-in-law of John Huyber who lately bought the Gilbert place in the same locality.

The Episcopal church is having an electric lighting system installed this week by the Tucker brothers. Jesse Sanford, formerly with the Bethel bank and lately assisting his father in farming, has taken the position of assistant cashier in the City National bank of South Norwalk.

H. S. Barnes has taken a house in White Plains, N. Y., and with his family will remove there from the Ridge early in August.

The machinery for a refrigerating plant was installed this week at A. V. Frost's summer place near Five Points. Miss Clara Burr, who was lately operated upon for appendicitis at the Bridgeport Hospital where she is finishing her training as a nurse, is convalescing favorably.

The shore outing of the Men's club, scheduled for Tuesday, was a second time postponed owing to the absorption of the members with haying work.

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For 9 yearly subscribers REACH \$6.00 Tennis rackets
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A Wonderful Opportunity for Junior League Teams to Equip Themselves.

This Special Offer Runs From August 1st to September 1st only. Bring Your Entry Blank to The Bridgeport Times Office, 179 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., As None Will Be Mailed to Entries. Now is the Time for Boys to Get Busy and Equip Their Teams With Proper Reach Goods Without Paying The Times One Cent of Money. All Goods are Absolutely Free And It Is Not Necessary for You to Collect Any Money From Your Subscribers. We Verify All Subscribers Signatures. Plenty of Sporting Goods For All Contestants. Let us Tell You How.

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