

MEMBERS OF MISSOURI UNIVERSITY PHI DELTA PHI.



TRIEDMAN CHAPTER, PHI DELTA PHI, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, MO.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Columbia, Mo., May 31.—Among the societies awarding scholarship at the Missouri State University is the one in connection with the law department—the Phi Delta Phi Fraternity. The law school now numbers over 150 men, having a three years' regular course, with a post-graduate outline of study.

The organization is a national one and Triedman Chapter at Columbia is one of the most prosperous of the brotherhood. Its membership at present consists of twenty-eight men; two of them are post-graduate, seventeen are members of the graduating class and nine men have just been taken from the lower classes. The fraternity is really a senior organization, only enough juniors being honored at the close of the year to preserve the chapter.

HOW SECRET SERVICE MEN RUN DOWN COUNTERFEITERS.

John E. Murphy, Superintendent of the Department for Missouri and Kansas, Tells Republic Readers of the Methods of Detecting and Breaking Up Gangs of Men Who Imitate Uncle Sam's Coins and Currency.

On the second floor of the Post Office building, at Eighth and Olive streets, is the local headquarters of one of the most interesting and important branches of the Government, the Secret Service Department. Here John E. Murphy, the superintendent of the service for Missouri and Kansas, looks out for counterfeiters of all kinds and can detect a bad coin or bill almost at a glance, and during his connection with the service, since 1893, has been the means of sending about sixty counterfeiters a year to the Penitentiary.

BY JOHN E. MURPHY, Superintendent United States Secret Service Department for Missouri and Kansas. Established at a time when the country was overrun with spurious coins and counterfeiters of all kinds of Government obligations, the United States Secret Service Department more than had its hands full in ferreting out wrong doing and bringing the offenders to a speedy justice, but at present the system is so perfect, and the agents of the Government are so scattered throughout the country, that it is almost impossible for a crime to be long without detection.

Representatives of this department, all working under John E. Wilkie at Washington, D. C., the chief of the service, are located in every city where there is a Sub-treasury and in many other large towns. They constitute the bureau of the departments and under their names are numerous official papers who are assigned to regular territories.

All complaints are thoroughly investigated and if the evidence warrants, arrests are made and the accused vigorously prosecuted in the United States Courts. Assuming the role of detectives we shadow the supposed counterfeiters until conditions are such that we feel confident of their arrest and prosecution follows.

Since 1893 I have been in the time Missouri has ranked among the States having the highest number of counterfeiters. The average number convicted a year is about sixty and the number who are acquitted is hardly worth mentioning.

Motto of the Department. The motto of the department is: "Do your duty and then go home." It is considered of much more importance to arrest an entire gang at once, even taking the chance of one or more of them escaping, than to arrest them singly on different days, and meantime permit the other members of the gang to escape and destroy all evidence of their crime. For the reason the officers of the department, with tireless energy, must watch suspects for months at a time, and are suddenly swooped down upon the rendezvous and, surprising the inmates, arrest them in the very act of breaking the law. Under these conditions counterfeiters are absolutely sure.

In the time that I have been connected with the service it has been my fortune to be connected with some of the most important cases that have come before the department. Daily accustomed to hearing reports of counterfeiters and called upon to examine every coin and fraudulent representations of Government paper of all kinds, we soon become experts in this line of investigation, and can tell at a glance almost good from bad money.

There are many ways of detecting counterfeit money, and in the history of the department there has been a considerable length of time before it was detected by the officers of the Government. It may be that the offenders were not arrested until some time later, but that was due to caution on our part, for it was desired to arrest the entire gang and not a few members of it. To stamp it out entirely and not merely check operations for the time being.

smooth place on the milling of the coin, and this milling must be filed in. One accused in examining coins will be able to see the place where the milling was filed in. That is one way of detecting a counterfeit coin. Another is by sense of touch. A counterfeit coin feels greasy to the touch on account of the material of manufacture. A counterfeit coin often feels light and does not ring true. The expert using one or all of these means of testing the genuineness of the coin is able to arrive at a conclusion as to whether it is a counterfeit. His fingers become so delicate in touch and his eyes accustomed to look for the marks of a counterfeit on every coin that he handles that seldom is he mistaken.

Field of Small Stores Profitable. Cashiers of large stores, as well as bank tellers, become experts in examining money, and it is not on them that the counterfeiters depend.

It is necessary for us to caution the small storekeeper and the saloon proprietor regarding receiving bad money and request him, instead of turning over the offender to the police, to give us an accurate description of him, and with this as a basis to send him to the penitentiary.

It is impossible to tell exactly what is done in all cases to learn the persons responsible for the counterfeiting. When we are reasonably satisfied that we are on the track of the right persons we resort to detective methods, but in all the time that I have been in the service, another man I have only two or three times seen disguise himself to while showing suspects. It is my opinion that disguises are worn more in the dime novel than in real life.

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and when they find themselves in possession of a counterfeit coin they do not know what to do with it. They give it to the police, and perhaps one of a gang is arrested, while, on the other hand, we had been informed in regard to the matter we would not rest till the entire company was behind the bars.

Many cases the police notify us when counterfeit coins have been found in circulation in some section of the city, and it is natural to suppose that the person or persons passing them live in that part of the city, but in this we are often mistaken. We naturally suppose that the same gang manufactured all of them.

A shrewd counterfeit offender will manufacture coins in one part of the city and circulate them in another, and the department is much more likely to be on the course to pursue in finding those guilty. In our office we keep constantly on file a list and accurate description of many of the leading counterfeiters of the country and all those known locally. By examining the counterfeit money and then looking over our records and finding the name of the man who has manufactured a similar coin or bill we have one clue to work upon, but by no means a sure one.

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A day or two the bank became suspicious and called the attention of the Secret Service Department. The bills were found to be counterfeit.

I was called upon to investigate and arrested Wilson. They implicated Hildreth and Hubbard and was able to seize their dies, ink and paper, enough to manufacture over \$1,000,000.

Seized \$20,000 in Bills. In the George Dice case I seized \$10,000 in bills but convicted. In another case I followed a man from Missouri to Iowa, Mich., and there arrested him when he was in \$2,000 bills on a person. In Philadelphia I was thirteen months working on one case. Constantly shadowing suspects I finally was able to make arrests that broke up a big counterfeit gang.

This case was called the Jacobs case. These arrested were Elery P. Ingham, former United States District Attorney at Philadelphia; Henry K. Newitt, former Assistant United States District Attorney at Philadelphia; and Thomas Burns, Internal Revenue Collector of Lancaster, Pa.; William Jacobs of Lancaster, William F. Lutz of Lancaster, and John A. Hildreth, the forger; Arthur Taylor, expert engraver of Philadelphia, and Baldwin S. Bredel, expert engraver of Philadelphia.

There was not a move of the suspected persons during a year that we did not know of, yet when we asked them after the arrest if they had seen any of the Secret Service men, they said no. Taylor, Bredel and Jacobs were found going to Lancaster, Pa. We followed them, and there Jacobs' record was not beyond reproach. He had been connected with many schemes and we immediately suspected him when we found that he was associating with expert engravers. We timed our raid so as to catch them actually at work.

Was Columbus Chief of Police. Murphy Originated Plan of Having Outside Detectives at Big Gatherings. Before entering the Secret Service Department Mr. Murphy was for a number of years Chief of Police of Columbus, O., and was one of the best of the best in that line of business in the country. He had a wide knowledge of police characters and could remember faces that he had not seen for years.

He was the first police officer to introduce the scheme which has since grown a custom of bringing detectives from other parts of the country to big gatherings. For instance in 1888, when the U. S. R. Co. camp and Ohio Centennial was in session at Columbus, he brought detectives from nearly all large cities there. Among others Tom McGrath, now a member of Chief of Detectives, Desmond's staff went from St. Louis to assist in watching for pickpockets and confidence men.

Many of these outside detectives Mr. Murphy was able to arrest three hundred suspects and he had one hundred and seventy of these photographs and their pictures sent throughout the country. His idea was that every large city had its police characters which form a moving population, going from city to city as they see chance to pick up a few dollars without danger of arrest.

These men are known to the police of their respective cities, but not to the police of other cities. Walking along the streets of Columbus for instance Tom McGrath saw a St. Louis police character and immediately arrested him, suspecting that he was there for no good purpose. If he had been allowed to remain in liberty as he would have been if it had not been for the St. Louis detective he might have "seeded" numerous people and probably never been arrested.

REPTILE SHOWED FIGHT. Blue Racer Climbed Tree After Man Who Struck It. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Greenville, Pa., May 31.—Oro Sprink of Fairport had a thrilling experience with a snake. He was in the woods back of the house when he saw a snake crawling through a hole in the ground.

A Judge's Recovery. "PERU-NA IS ONE OF THE BEST TONICS I EVER TOOK." JUDGE FRANCIS DEAN SYRICK. "I AM NO LONGER SUBJECT TO COLDS," SAYS JUDGE SYRICK.

Judge Francis Dean Syrick, of Richmond, Va., is a prominent attorney of Washington, D. C. In a recent letter written from 1241 L Street, Washington, D. C., he says: "I have for some time been troubled with a malarial condition of the system, thus making me susceptible to colds and rheumatic conditions. I have recommended Peru-na to me some time ago and I commenced taking it and after a few days I felt the beneficial effects of the medicine. I am going to continue taking it for I can say without hesitancy that it is one of the best tonics that I ever took."

THE SECRET. How Doctors Protect Themselves From Contagious Diseases. Doctors rarely catch contagious diseases. Almost invariably know this, but few know how they know it. Many believe that the doctor has some charm or amulet which protects him. Dr. Hartman lately made a discovery which explains why he is not so often attacked by contagious diseases as other men.

FURIOUS BEAR HALF KILLS HIS PURSUER. Bruin, Cornered by Hunters, Sells His Life Very Dearly. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Bluefield, W. Va., May 31.—A huge black bear was brought to this city and sold to local butchers. Its weight was 450 pounds and in capturing it a young man sustained possibly fatal injuries.

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