

SPURIOUS BONDS.

Several Counterfeiters Bagged.

Portland's "Crooked" Man in Trouble Again.

The sensation of the week among our people has been the unearthing of a scheme of villainy more or less connected with our town, or rather one of the characters of our town. On Tuesday evening C. H. Wintermute, who has lately figured in several scrapes in this community, was arrested by three detectives of the Secret Service and taken by the night line to Philadelphia. The charge upon which he was arrested was that of being one of a gang of counterfeiters. From such information as we can gather it appears that sometime during last August a man by the name of George G. Winans was in Portland and sole to Wintermute some kind of a machine for the sum of \$500 or \$600. Wintermute, it appears, had not the necessary funds, but gave a note with the name of one of our citizens as its security. This was known at the time but nothing was thought of it until he (Wintermute) was arrested on last Tuesday. One of the detectives who arrested him had been stopping at Heistand's for a week previous to the arrest, one of them came on Monday and the other on Tuesday at noon. Quite a number of rumors are afloat respecting the case and it is difficult to get reliable information. The following, taken from the Philadelphia Press of the 10th inst. is perhaps as near correct as can be ascertained at the present time:

Assistant Chief Benson, of the United States Secret Service, yesterday made some most astounding discoveries of the perfection to which the art of counterfeiting has been brought, and at the same time succeeded in bagging several of the most dangerous "crooked money men" in the country, if not the most dangerous in the world. Several weeks ago one of the agents of the Secret Service succeeded in buying a \$1,000 \$20 gold bearing bond which he had reason to believe, from the character of the possessor, must be a counterfeit. Although even the closest inspection by experts failed to establish the fact that it was not genuine, Chief Washburn, of the Secret Service, believing from knowledge gained of its possessor that the paper was spurious, determined to probe the case to the bottom, and this, with the assistance of Mr. Benson, he has been enabled to do. The bond was purchased of a man named Wintermute, who afterwards admitted that he had paid \$500 for the secret of producing fac-similes. By unremitting exertions Assistant Chief Benson finally succeeded in finding that the art was invented and being practiced by one, George H. Winans, who had two offices, one at No. 225 South Third St. (Philadelphia) and the other at No. 222 Lackawanna avenue, Scranton. A detective was immediately detached to Scranton; another was sent to Portland, Pa., where Wintermute was sojourning, and yesterday a pull was made simultaneously at the three headquarters. In order to facilitate matters warrants were obtained from Magistrate Carpenter for the arrest of the crooked Philadelphia, and late in the afternoon Assistant Chief Benson, accompanied by Detective Wood paid a most unexpected visit to the South Third street office, and unceremoniously "collected" Randolph Winans, a brother of George and a man named Charles Allen. The rooms were searched, and several strange looking plates, a number of the impressions of the "lath work" of bonds, a battery, and other evidences were secured. Among the articles obtained were half a dozen productions of old engravings so perfect in every particular that had it not been for a difference in the paper experts could not have separated the copies from the originals. Randolph Winans protested his innocence of all charges in regard to counterfeiting, and said that though his art was a secret, he had only used it in the reproduction of engravings. The process, he said, consisted of first making a peculiar composition, which is for a few moments of the consistency of paste. On this the engraving to be reproduced is immediately placed, when an exact impression is made. The plate quickly dries. It is then electrolyzed and ready for printing any number of fac-similes of the original. Winans admitted that bonds could be so perfectly reproduced that the copies would defy the scrutiny of an expert, but he added, to his knowledge had not been done. He further stated that greenbacks could not be copied, as they, unlike the bonds, are subjected to such severe hydraulic pressure after being printed that not even the coarse lines would leave an impression. The prisoner, however, failed to account for the presence of electrolytes of the "lath work" on United States bonds, and it is needless to say his protestations of innocence were accepted *con gravo salis* (with some allowance). Both he and Allen were locked up to await further developments. About an hour later Mr. Benson received dispatches from Scranton and Portland advising him of the arrest of George Winans and Wintermute, the detective at the first named place adding that he had secured a \$500 counterfeit bond, several composition plates, battery, a number of impressions, and other evidences. The two prisoners from the country were brought to this city last night and the "crooked" quartette will probably have a hearing to-day before the United States Commissioner. This is regarded as by far the most important "hoax" yet made, for the process is such a dangerous imitation that a few months' delay would have been sufficient to have flooded not only this country, but the whole civilized world with spurious, so perfectly reproduced from the originals that detection would have been almost impossible. It should also be remembered that had not one of the United States detectives found the \$1,000 bond in the possession of a dealer in counterfeits, the existence of such a dangerous art would not have been for a moment suspected.

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gard to a battery he had his possession last fall. He asked me if I thought that counterfeit plates could be manufactured by the process; he asked me to go to his house in Portland; I went to his house and he showed me the battery; he explained the greater part of the working process; showed me some impressions of cards; also a plate of one side of a ten-cent currency, telling me the other side was in the battery; some time after this he requested me to tell him where I could get a printing press; as I was going to Scranton he asked me to see a party to get him paper and ink to be used for printing counterfeit money; after I returned from Scranton he asked me if I saw the party; said I had, and the party wouldn't give me any satisfaction whether they would furnish the paper or not. On cross examination he stated that the defendant had requested him not to speak of the matter to any one; we had a misunderstanding in regard to a promissory note; no one was present at any of our conversation in regard to the plate; I told Winans that Wintermute had asked me to see him in reference to getting paper and ink to manufacture counterfeit notes, and he said he had fulfilled the agreement with Wintermute, but did not agree to furnish paper and ink. A United States secret-service detective, John J. Grumman, was next sworn. He stated that he never saw the defendant until he deputy marshal arrested him in Portland; we went with him to his house, and searched it, finding part of an electrolyzing battery; also found two pieces of copper, which he said he had tried to make an imprint on; Wintermute told me that a man by the name of George Winans had said he could transfer the imprint from United States currency or anything else by the use of this battery. On cross-examination he denied having used the words "from United States currency," but he said "fifty cent notes or anything else," all he knew about the instrument captured was from what defendant had told him; did not know what it could be used for unless told; found nothing like counterfeit currency in the house.

While the hearing was in progress the commissioner received a despatch from Scranton that stated that George G. Winans, an accomplice of the defendant, had been held in \$6,000 bail. The commissioner thereupon held Wintermute in \$4,000 bail for court.—Portland Enterprise.

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Decker's Column! Old Kriss Kingle

After going around Monroe county, creeping slyly down the chimneys on Christmas and New Year's and filling the stockings of the little urchins, make them and their Mammas dance for joy, has gone back again to his Cottage in the mountains of "Paradise" where he keeps his good things, there to stay until next Christmas:

BUT DECKER OF THE WONDERFUL CHEAP AUCTION STORE

IS STILL AROUND TO PUT THE DOLLARS INTO THE POCKETS OF HIS CUSTOMERS.

He wants to SELL off all his Goods, from the finest French Merino, down to the last Shoe-String. He wants to SELL every yard of Calico, every yard of Dress Goods, every yard of Musin, every yard of Flannel, every yard of Beaver Cloth, every yard of Cassimer and Satinet, and every Boot & Shoe, every Coat, Pants & Vest, and every Hat & Cap.

In fact he wants to sell every thing he has now in the Store, so that he may fill it up early in the Spring with the cheapest and most beautiful Goods ever sold in Stroudsburg.

OFFICIAL NOTICE. We Will Sell off at Auction Prices,

Commencing at 8 o'clock in the morning and close at the same time in the evening, at the following: Smash Down Auction Prices. Best Shoe-Strings, 5cts dozen. Best Needles, 5cts a paper. Pins all sizes, 5cts a paper. 12 Dozen Shirt Buttons, all for 5cts. Ladies' made Callers, 2 and 3cts. Men's heavy mixt 1/2 Hose, only 10cts. Children's & Misses Fancy Hose, 8 and 12cts. Ladies' Fancy Hose, only 20cts. Ladies' Merino Hose, only 15cts. Splendid Calicoes, 64 and 7cts. Fine Musins, 1 yd. wide, 8 and 10cts. Beautiful Alpaca Lustrus, only 20cts. Black Alpaca, only 25cts. Plaid Dress Goods, only 12 1/2cts. Fine Delains, only 15cts. Very fine French Merinos, 76 to 90cts. Bedtick and Denims, 12 to 15cts. Very fine Wool Flannels, 20 to 25cts. Heavy Cotton Flannel, only 9cts. Heavy fine Rose Blankets, only \$3.00 to \$4.00 a pair. Fine Black Beaver Cloth, only \$2.00 a yard. Black, Blue & Gold mixed, Cloaking Cloth, 75cts upward. Ladies' Sacks, ready made only \$1.00. Good heavy Cassimers, only 50 to 75cts. Kentucky Jean, only 15cts. Cotton Bats (good) only 14cts. Cotton Carpet Warp (fine) 25cts. Men's Boots, (fine & heavy) \$3.00 to \$3.75 a pair. Youths' & Boy's Kip Boots, only \$1.25 to \$1.75. Ladies' fine Laced Shoes, only \$1.50 to \$2.00. Ladies' fine Button Shoes, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Ladies' & Misses Rubbers, only 50cts. Men's Rubber Boots, \$3.15, Shoes 75cts. Men's Coats \$3.50, Pants \$2.50, Vest \$1.25. Boy's whole Cassimer Suits, \$4.00 to \$6.00. Men's Cassimer Suits, \$8 to \$10. Men's Black Broadcloth Suits, \$12 to \$16. Men's Soft fashionable Hats \$1.25 to \$1.75. Boy's Soft Hats, 50 to 90cts. Ladies' Velvet Hats Trimmed, \$1.50 to \$2.00. Ladies' & Children's Furs, nearly as possible half price. Besides lots of things too numerous to mention here. Now we are bound to sell these Goods at these Auction prices every day and night during the winter. The past year has been a hard one, and money scarce, but thanks to our customers it has been a busy year with us, for we have sold more goods the past year than any year previous, since we have been doing business in Stroudsburg, and we trust that in the year to come we shall make goods of all description so cheap that our customers and sales will be largely increased.

MISSING FROM STRODSBURG.

A tall-complexioned YOUNG MAN, aged 5 ft. 6 in., height 150 lbs. Had on, when last seen two pairs of swallow-tailed waistcoat trousers, fashionable mutton cutlet waistcoat, with delirium trimmings; double-barrelled frock coat, with horse collar and sausage lining; patient leather-bottom top shoes, laced up at the sole, and buttoned inside. He is deaf and dumb of one eye and hard of hearing with the other, with a slight sprain in his eye; stoops very up right with a loud impediment in his loak, big upon an upper lip with whiskers bitten off short inside; mouth like a torn pocket; hair of a deep scarlet blue and parted from ear to yonder; Calves of legs rising 4 years, to be sold cheap on account of the dearthness of milk; very liberal with other peoples' money, and well known to a good temple, having been eleven years a member of the I. O. G. T. (I Often Get Tight Society).

Empire Clothing Store, where he will find the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTMENT OF Men and Boy's Clothing; Hats and Caps, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Trunks, Valices, &c. &c.

kept in this vicinity, and which we will sell at the LOWEST PANIC PRICES! If you want to save money—don't fail to examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere. If you want GOOD GOODS at low prices, there is no place in Monroe County to compare with the EMPIRE CLOTHING STORE. Our new stock is complete in every particular. Please call and examine for yourselves.

SIMON FRIED, at EMPIRE CLOTHING STORE. Stroudsburg, March 23, 1876.—If.

NOTICE. In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In the matter of SAMUEL S. GOWER, Bankrupt. A meeting of creditors will be held on the 30th day of March, 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M., before Wm. E. Doster, Esq., Register, at Bethlehem, Northampton county, Pa., upon the petition of the said bankrupt for his discharge, and a further hearing upon said petition will be held on Wednesday, the 12th day of April, A. D. 1876, before the said Court, at Philadelphia, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all creditors and other persons in interest may appear and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should be granted. W. E. DOSTER, Register. April 15, 1876.—1y.