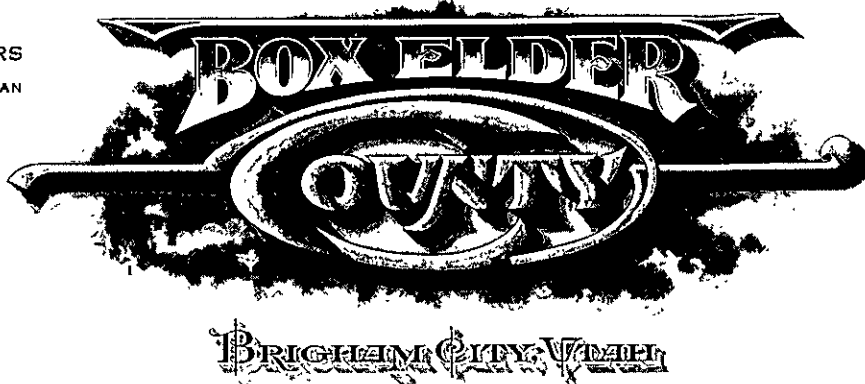


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I have been through the criminal files of this office, and I find that this young man was frequently haled into Court. He gave the Juvenile Court here no end of trouble.

On the first day of June, A.D. 1923, just about a year ago, this same Lawrence Johnson was brought in on another charge which should have been a felony. He forged the name of a friend to a number of checks, which he cashed at the store of R. L. Fishburn & Sons in this city. I have the checks before me at this time. At that time, I learn, there was pressure brought to be lenient with the boy, and that charge was reduced to one of issuing fraudulent checks, a misdemeanor; and he was given a small fine. Those checks have never been paid by him.

This makes twice within the space of one year he has committed a felony, both times the charge was reduced to a misdemeanor, a small fine imposed first and the short space of five months for the second offense, and now he is asking to have that commuted.

In addition to that, Johnson has continuously issued checks without so much as having an account with the banks upon which they were drawn. The only thing which seemed to limit his activity in this regard was his inability to pass them. His father has taken up a number of them, and I have right now in my office six checks drawn on a variety of banks by Johnson with no funds to cover them. One widow who runs a bakery at Garland, Utah, brought in two checks last week, one of them being for over twenty dollars, upon which payment was refused because there was no account. She advised me that she had held a number of his checks which had been refused, and when she pressed him for the money, he advised her that he had changed his account and gave her a check on another bank to cover the others. This one came back also.