

INSURANCE AGENT HELD FOR THEFT.

*Inquiry Following Cashing
of Bad Claim Checks Leads
to Embezzlement Charge.*

Charged with having embezzled a considerable sum of money from the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, by which he was employed, Thomas S. Brown, an insurance agent, was arrested at Fourth and Main streets late yesterday afternoon by Police Sergt. McCann and Pinkerton detectives. He is held in the City Jail, charged with felony embezzlement.

Supt. Loennecker of the Pinkerton agency stated last night that the arrest is the outgrowth of an investigation of a number of forged checks which were cashed at a local bank. He said the checks were the kind issued by the Pacific Mutual in payment of claims and that they had apparently been stolen by someone in the company's office before they were completely filled out. Indorsements were then forged and the checks cashed, said Mr. Loennecker.

A similarity between the forged indorsements and Brown's handwriting caused suspicion to fall on him and the Pinkerton detectives asked Auditor Thomas of the insurance company to check up the agent's accounts. As a result, Auditor Thomas swore to the complaint charging Brown with embezzlement. He is specifically accused of having appropriated the company's checks to his own use.