

A RUINED LIFE.

A Young Man Goes Wrong and Betrays His Friends.

The people of Oregon City were shocked last Tuesday morning to hear that Edward E. Martin, a young man who had heretofore borne an irreproachable character, had become a defaulter, embezzler and a forger and had thereby paved the way for an almost certain incarceration in the penitentiary with the consequent ruin to his own life and the degradation and sorrow which he had brought upon his wife and family.

It appears, so far as the facts in the case can be learned from the admissions made by Martin that he had become seriously involved by reason of heavy losses sustained through the millinery and notion store which he and his wife had conducted in this city for the past three years, which for several reasons had been unprofitable, and in the effort to sustain the business he had resorted to forgery and embezzlement to raise the necessary funds.

The beginning of the end of his career in Oregon City occurred on Monday, July 19, when his store was closed by a chattel mortgage on behalf of his creditors. With the closing of his store the Fidelity Savings and Loan Association of Denver, Colorado, became alarmed about the non-payment of assessments due them from Martin, who had been acting as their collector from the Oregon City stockholders, he being in arrears in his remittances to the company to the amount of \$400, representing collections for the past five months, and the company had given him until 9 a. m. Tuesday, August 3, to make a settlement or they would commence action against him for embezzlement.

It became evident to Martin that he could not raise this money by any honorable means in so short a time, though subsequent events show that he made an effort to do so and succeeded in getting \$100 from relatives in Canby and paid it over on the day promised, with the agreement that he should make up whatever deficiency might remain with well secured notes. That he had little hopes of raising this money by honorable means was proven by the fact that he proceeded to add the crimes of forgery and theft to that of embezzlement, which he had already committed. Martin, since the incoming of the populist administration last year, has been acting as deputy in County Clerk Dixon's office, and this position gave him access to the county records and the warrant book, which he proceeded to use as a means to tide himself over his financial difficulties. The method he employed was to take warrants of small denominations, drawn in favor of parties who had not called for them, raise the figures on them so they would call for large sums and then place the endorsement of County Treasurer Shade on the back of them, stating that they had been presented and not paid for want of funds as provided by law. It appears he raised three warrants, one from \$1.50 to \$21; one from \$2.50 to \$92.50; and one from \$1.70 to \$301.70. He also sold two small warrants that were not changed in any manner. These he took to Portland last Saturday and sold to C. F. Blythe, the well-known capitalist of that city, who is a large purchaser of Clackamas county warrants and who had no thought but that they were all right as he had bought warrants before from Martin and other county officials.

The following day Mrs. Blythe was looking over the warrants and noticed that one of them was issued in 1892 and bore the endorsement of Jacob Shade a month before he took charge of the office. She immediately called her husband's attention to the discrepancy in the dates, which aroused his fears as to their genuineness and the next day he came to Oregon City and presented the warrants to Treasurer Shade for verification, when it was discovered that that official had no record of them as they had never been presented for endorsement and that the signature of the treasurer on the back was a forgery, though so cleverly done that under ordinary circumstances it would have passed unnoticed. Deputy Treasurer May at once took the warrants into the county clerk's office to ascertain how the treasurer's endorsement happened to appear on warrants that had never been presented to that officer and Deputy Clerk Martin was called upon to explain as he has always had charge of the warrant books and the records pertaining to them. Martin then tried to bluff Mr. May by assuring him that the warrants were all right and that the treasurer had made an oversight in not recording them. May insisted that no mistake had been made in the treasurer's office and forced Martin so hard that he broke down and confessed to Mr. May that he had raised the figures on the face of the warrants, altering their value and had forged the endorsement of the treasurer on the back and implored him to help him out of the scrape, assuring him that he would repay Mr. Blythe his money if allowed to do so. May told him that he could not do anything for him, that he had got into the trouble

himself and must get out of it the best way he could.

May then returned to the office and reported to Mr. Blythe the result of the investigation and stated to him that if pressed Martin would probably pay the money back. Blythe went out into the hallway and saw Martin, who promised to return the money. He went down the street and returned in a few minutes with the entire amount, which he paid to Mr. Blythe, who immediately returned to Portland, letting the matter drop.

It was evident that Martin intended to use this money received from the sale of the warrants to Blythe to cancel his indebtedness to the loan association. Failing in this he evidently confided to his wife the straight he was in and she took the evening train for Canby to see if she could raise the amount among her relatives there and was to telephone her husband if she was successful, which she did and he borrowed a lantern and walked to Canby, leaving here about 9 o'clock, promising County Clerk Dixon to return the next morning. Mr. Dixon as yet knew nothing about the warrant forgeries but knew of his shortage to the loan association by reason of himself and J. W. Grout being sureties for the association.

The next morning Martin failing to put in an appearance and the key to the safe being gone Clerk Dixon concluded that he had skipped the country and went before Justice Schuebel and swore out a warrant for his arrest, charging him with embezzlement. Deputy Sheriff Isom was sent to make the arrest and had only got a short distance beyond Canemah on the Canby road when he met Martin in company with his wife and her brother, W. E. Bissell, driving into the city. The deputy returned at once with his prisoner, Martin explaining to Mr. Dixon that his non arrival was due to the lateness of the overland and he had concluded to drive down rather than wait for the train.

Martin was taken before Justice Schuebel and his hearing set for Tuesday, August 17, George C. Brownell appearing as his attorney. His bonds were fixed at \$20, which he furnished with W. E. Bissell and Otto Ohlson as sureties.

This ended Martin's troubles for the time being, but on Wednesday morning he was again placed under arrest, the warrant being sworn out by County Treasurer Shade, charging him with forgery in using his (Shade's) name on county warrants he had raised. Martin was immediately arraigned before Justice Schuebel, waived examination and was bound over to appear before the grand jury at the November term of circuit court, his bonds being fixed at \$1000, which he furnished with L. C. Caples, Otto F. Ohlson, E. J. Eddy and Robert Schuebel as sureties. Martin was allowed by the justice to go out among his friends in company with acting constable Malcomb McCown and during the afternoon he succeeded in securing bondsmen.

This closes Martin's legal difficulties for the present, or until the 17th inst., when he will probably again waive examination with the expectation of giving bonds and retaining his liberty until the sitting of circuit court in November.

Martin admits that he has done wrong but claims restitution was made when the money was returned. Since his arrest and he has had time to reflect he feels his disgrace keenly, a condition of mind that a week ago would have saved him. Truly the world does not lack illustration of the truth of the saying that the way of the transgressor is hard. Some truths are apt if they are old.

Martin's successor in office has not been named and Mr. Dixon says he probably will not be before September.

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A VOLCANIC ERUPTION.

Flying Sticks of Stovewood, Hairpulling, etc., Enliven A Justice Court.

Wednesday was a red letter day in Justice Otto Ginglebauch's court at Clackamas. The case, which for the time being demoralized the court, convulsed the spectators, imperiled the heads and limbs of the legal representatives present and bid fair to leave the defendant in the case minus hair and eyes was a complaint brought by E. Rounds and Mrs. Crookshank against Hermann Terwadow charging him with threatening to destroy their property and to do them bodily harm. The prosecution on behalf of the state was represented by Attorney G. B. Dimick and he had submitted his evidence, when Mr. Brownell, who was conducting the defence, called the defendant to the stand to testify in his own behalf, who proceeded to testify to all the circumstances pertaining to the merits of the case as he saw them. He also testified that he was an unfortunate son-in-law of Mrs. Crookshank and that he had had the pleasure of living in the same house with her until about a year ago, experiencing at the same time all and singular the troubles incident to living with a mother-in-law. At this stage of the proceedings Mrs. Crookshank's daughter, defendant's wife, appeared on the scene and began to promiscuously bombard the audience with sticks of stove wood accompanying her efforts with a job lot of superlative epithets of vileness and obscenity, completely nonpulsing and terrorizing Mr. Brownell and his client. The court soon mastered the situation and had the fusillade of wood and oaths stopped, to the manifest joy to both Mr. Brownell and his client. In the meantime Mrs. Crookshank grasped the opportunity of satisfying a long accumulated grudge on the person of the son-in-law aforesaid and she then joined in the fray by pouncing upon the luckless fellow and by choking and scratching him to wreak her vengeance at the same time showering upon him a malediction of diabolical adjectives in the euphatic brogue of the German dialect, emphasizing her remarks by fairly and impartially raising her well beloved son-in-law toward the heavens by the disheveled hair of his head. Attorney Dimick, at this stage of the excitement, lent timely aid to the son-in-law and well sustained the dignity of the "blessed peacemaker" between them. Order then being restored after a fashion, the defendant was discharged by order of the court and it was further ordered that he never again be seen upon Mrs. Crookshank's premises. Court then adjourned sine die and the defendant hid himself to more peaceful surroundings while the war-like Amazons retired to meditate upon the frailty of man and his vulnerability to stovewood and profanity.

Knew Kansas "Border Ruffians."

Mr. D. L. Grace arrived in Oregon City Wednesday for a visit with his son, Sheriff G. W. Grace. Mr. Grace is an editor of over 40 years experience. The last 12 years he has resided at Burns, where he is conducting the Harney County News. Prior to that he resided in Kansas and as a newspaper man went through all the exciting adventures incident to the life of a republican editor in those stirring times prior to the war when the "border ruffians" made life for such men as Mr. Grace very tropical.

Of Mr. Grace's life in Kansas the following extract is taken from an old historical work published in Topeka: Major D. L. Grace, a Western pioneer from Virginia in the '40s, has seen much of the frontier life, having been in Alabama in the days of the removal of the Cherokees to their Western reservation, the Indian territory, when he acted as interpreter for the United States soldiers in charge of the rebellious Cherokees. He resided on the border during the lively bouts between the Missourians and Kansans, and was serving under the Buchanan administration as sub-agent for Indians returned on the incompetent list at the time of the organization of Kansas territory. The talk of these Indians were at Wyandotte, and life among them, especially those scattered along the Missouri and Kansas line, furnished many an interesting incident. At one time, while in command of a company guarding a United States train to Santa Fe, an attack was made upon it near Pawnee Fork, by Kiowas and Comanches, who had killed the head of a government ranch at that place. His position as sub-agent having been continued under the Lincoln administration, led to a duel between him and Deputy Marshall Russel, who branded him a black republican, for which Captain Grace publicly declared he would horse-whip Russel. This insult called out a challenge, which was accepted because of the feather weight of the challenger, and resulted in Uncle Sam's too hasty marshaling off the field with a wound in the shoulder and his adversary untouched, although he was noted as a dead-shot duellist. Mr. Grace also served a four-year campaign in the civil war, attaining to the rank of major in the regiment organized and originally commanded by General Jo Shelby."

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