

BAD CRIMINAL RECORD OF MARTHA MAXWELL

Fiction Furnishes No Female Character To Equal Her True Story

ESCAPED BY HER WIT

Arrested Many Times But Never Convicted—Ruined Lives of Score of Dupes—Life in Sacramento.

The career of the woman, Martha Maxwell Henderson, who was shot by her husband, Wm. M. Henderson, who also killed his father-in-law and himself, in the Wilhelm Tell house in this city two weeks ago, is told as follows in a recent issue of the Sacramento Bee:

A dispatch printed in Saturday's Bee, to the effect that William M. Henderson had killed his wife in a hotel at Oregon City, Or., shot her father, Joseph D. Maxwell of Latrobe, Cal., and then ended his own life, recalls the life history of one of the most noted female adventurists and bunco steers of the Coast, whose victims were numbered by the score and who met a fitting fate at the hands of one of them.

As far as can be learned the woman began her career of crime in this city and figured in almost every grade of human degradation, from the picking of a pocket to murder. She first became known to the police in 1895 when her father, Joseph D. Maxwell, killed her husband, Daniel McManus, and escaped punishment for the killing, although the woman herself used every endeavor to secure her father's conviction, for the reason that had he been sent to the gallows she would have had free control of a number of small mines in which he was interested.

Some two years before this killing, the woman, known as Martha E. Maxwell, was earning her living as a nurse and housekeeper in this city. About this time she married Dan McManus, an expressman, whose stand was at the corner of Second and J streets, in front of the bank of D. O. Mills. The couple engaged a building at the northeast corner of Seventh and M streets, where they conducted a lodging house until they removed to a small ranch near Latrobe, just over the El Dorado line.

After the killing of Dan McManus, which was done at the instance of the woman, who hoped to get rid of husband and father at one swoop, so that she could gain control of the mines they had located, she took up with a Charles Browhart, a bunco steerer and three-card monte man, a former member of a "big mit" gang who were driven out of Council Bluffs.

The couple went to San Francisco and were located for a time at 417 Mission street; later they came to Sacramento and secured quarters at 628 I street, opposite the county jail where they operated a so-called mining and employment office that was used as a cloak for their schemes to fleece the unwary.

The woman caused an advertisement to be inserted in the San Francisco Examiner and in Eastern papers to the effect that a rich young widow without incumbrances, who owned productive mines, desired to meet an honorable man with some capital who would develop the mines, etc.

Her first victim was a well to do man named James Watts, who hung around the I street establishment for a couple of months like a moth around a candle and then disappeared. He was last seen alive in the company of Mrs. Browhart, and when Watt's lifeless body was found some weeks later lying at the edge of a slough north of Jibboom street attention was drawn to the woman and her husband, who were taken into custody on suspicion by the sheriff.

The body of Watts was found by some boys. His skull had been crushed in by a heavy piece of metallic slag that lay near the body. A heavy gold watch and chain belonging to Watts

was discovered in a local pawn shop and eventually the murder of Watts was traced to the hands of William Westlake another dupe of this notorious woman, and he was convicted and is now serving a life sentence at Folsom prison for the crime.

It was supposed by the authorities that the killing of Watts was instigated by the woman, but she was so shrewd that they were unable to connect her directly with the crime and eventually she and Browhart were discharged from custody.

This close escape frightened Browhart, who took to drink, lost his nerve and refused to be any longer an accomplice to the woman in fleeing the unwary. Eventually he straightened up and obtained employment as a waiter in a restaurant and passed out of this remarkable woman's influence.

Another dupe of this woman made his appearance about this time, coming from Detroit, Mich., where he had seen her advertisement in a paper. He fell in love with Martha and Browhart being out of the way, they were married and Martha became Mrs. Frank O'Dell, but still kept her advertisement about the rich young widow.

Her next victim was a young telegraph operator from Phoenix, Arizona. When the advertisement met his eye, he was about to be married to an estimable young woman of that place, and they were preparing their future home. He came to Sacramento, fell under the wiles of Martha, broke his engagement, and was about to place the few thousand he possessed in Martha's hands, when his eyes were opened.

Calling at her apartments one morning, he caught a glimpse of the woman, who was in another room, by aid of a mirror, in the arms of another man. This incident took place in a fashionable boarding house where Mrs. O'Dell had secured apartments by means of forged references. Finding that his supposed rich young widow was not all that he pictured, this man went to the police, made inquiries, and had his eyes opened.

He left for San Francisco with the intent to return and right the wrong he had done his former lover in breaking their engagement. He fell in bad company, however, lost his money, and when he arrived in Phoenix found that his betrothed had died of a broken heart. He ended his life with a pistol shot on the green mound that covered her remains.

After Mrs. O'Dell succeeded in getting all of O'Dell's money, she dropped him and disappeared for a time from Sacramento, and the next that was known of her was that she was brought to trial in the Federal Courts for jumping mining claims. She was so shrewd, however, that she kept just within the limit of the law and escaped conviction.

How many more victims the woman obtained is unknown, but it is believed that they numbered scores, for as soon as she obtained their money she dropped them. Her last victim was the man who killed her. He was a railroad man from the East, who came in answer to her advertisement, and who proved to be the hardest one to handle of all that fell within her wiles. Time after time he broke away from her influences.

Eventually she married him and got control of some \$3000, all he had, when she dropped him as she had the others, and in company with her father, Joseph D. Maxwell, disappeared. For a time they lived in Stockton, but learning that Henderson was on her trail, they again disappeared.

Henderson went to Spokane, where he resumed railroading, spending all he made in endeavoring to gain trace of the woman who had ruined his life. He found her Saturday, and the tragedy in the Oregon hotel ends the story.

Hard Times in Kansas. The old days of grasshoppers and drouth are almost forgotten in the prosperous Kansas of today; although a citizen of Codell, Earl Shamburg, has not yet forgotten a hard time he encountered. He says: "I was worn out and discouraged by coughing night and day, and could find no relief till I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. It took less than one bottle to completely cure me." The safest and most reliable cough and cold cure and lung and throat healer ever discovered. Guaranteed by Howell & Jones' drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

EASTHAM WINNER AT BASKET BALL

DEFEATS BARCLAY TEAM IN EXCITING GAME FRIDAY BY SCORE OF 13 TO 4.

An exciting game of basket ball was played at the Barclay gymnasium Friday afternoon between the Sixth and Seventh grades of the Barclay school and the eighth grade of the Eastham school. At the end of the game the score stood 13 to 4 in favor of the Eastham aggregation.

Both sides played good ball, the playing being of a faster order than the score would indicate. McClure and Green played the best game for Barclay, each throwing one basket. Charters threw seven baskets for Eastham, and Brown threw the remaining six; but Andrews at center played the best all around game for that side.

Superintendent M. C. McKee acted as referee and time-keeper.

The lineup:
Eastham forward Barclay McClure
Charters forward Green
Brown forward Green
Andrews Center Harris
Howell guard Wolfert
Caulfield guard Jackson
*Vonderahe guard *Aldredge
*Played in second half.

Liquor License.

Notice is hereby given that I will apply at the next regular meeting of the Oregon City Council for a renewal of my liquor license at my present place of business, The Planet, 619 Main street. 17-2

L. RUCONICH.

A DEEP MYSTERY SOLVED.

Women Blinded by Science.

The Doctor writes his prescription in Latin and the patient shuts her eyes to what she is swallowing. She takes that much on faith. If it should cure her she doesn't know what cured her. If the prescription injures her she doesn't know why. The physician, the experimenter with different prescriptions all the time. Sometimes his medicine is successful in the case but often not. This mystery of a concealed prescription is intended to mystify and to blind the patient. One physician of wide experience and national reputation does not believe in mystifying the public, nor does he grasp at the stars, but believes that Nature provides that which is necessary for our health and happiness.

When the womanly system is deranged beyond the stage where it will respond to sunshine, good air, cheerfulness, and proper rest; when the balance of health is seriously disturbed this doctor believes that Nature has placed at your hand the balance of power for good. Hidden in our American forests are many plants which correct and cure those distressing ailments which cause women to suffer with headache, bearing-down pains, pain in the back or front of the head, nervousness and lassitude. Most all women who love Nature, who like to wander through the woods, have at one time or another picked the beautiful blossom of the Lady's Slipper (Cypripedium). This is not only a beautiful but a very useful plant. The root of this plant when treated properly with glycerine to extract its medicinal virtue is "rich in all cases of nervous excitability or irritability," says Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D. Another authority, Prof. F. Ellingwood, M. D., says of this plant: "Exercises special influence upon nervous conditions depending upon the disorders of the female organs." Another plant which is frequently found in our American forests is Helonias, or Unicorn root. The AMERICAN DISPENSARY says of this plant, that it "possesses a decidedly beneficial influence in an enfeebled condition of the general system, with the same dull pain in the renal, or humo-sacral (small of the back) region. In diseases of the womanly organs, it is one of our most valuable agents, acting as a uterine tonic, and gradually removing abnormal conditions, with the same time it imparts tone and vigor to the organs." Hence, it is much used in esternal, pelvic drains, irregularities and painful periods. Prof. King further says of Unicorn root: "A particular phase removed by its irritability and dependency that often attends those troubles referring to the ailments just mentioned. It has been found especially adapted to those cases in which pelvic fullness, and the aching, bearing-down organs, as if they would fall out of the body."

Dr. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute of Buffalo, N. Y., says, that a combination of the active principles of these two native plants together with Golden Seal, Black Cohosh and Blue Cohosh roots when extracted by the use of pure triple-refined glycerine of proper strength (which is used instead of alcohol), will almost invariably cure those peculiar weaknesses and maladies incident to women. That is why Dr. Pierce, nearly forty years ago, decided to put up in a ready-to-use form, a "Prescription" which he had found so useful in his large practice.

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MENINGITIS SCARE HERE

There is considerable uneasiness in Oregon City households because a Portland paper named this city as one of the points in the valley where cerebral spinal meningitis had a foothold.

The facts are the only case here was that of Brackett Bernard, the 18 year old lad who died on March 26, his death being noted in the Star at that time.

Young Bernard had recently come from Missouri, where there had been a number of cases of that disease, commonly called spotted fever. He worked in the mills as usual Monday, March 25, although not feeling well. Tuesday morning he laid off and at noon Dr. Meisner was called. At that time the symptoms of meningitis had not appeared. The patient became much worse and about 8 o'clock in the evening the doctor was called but before he could reach the house the lad was dead.

The medical profession does not know whether the disease is contagious or not. Seldom is more than one of the same family attacked, although the disease may be epidemic in the community.

There is no more occasion for alarm or fear here than in any other place in the valley. Isolated cases of the disease may appear at any point, but with ordinary precautions for one's health the danger is too remote to cause apprehension.

CELEBRATE CHAMPOEG

The 64th anniversary of the Provisional Government of Oregon will be appropriately celebrated at "Old Champeog," Thursday, May 2.

Judge George H. Burnett of Salem, will be the president of the day, and Hon. Robert A. Miller of Portland, a native son of Jackson county, will make the annual address. The Parrot band will provide music for the occasion. The exercises will be held in the Provisional Government park.

The Oregon Transportation company will give special rates for the round trip, leaving Portland at 6:45 a. m., and returning, leaving Champeog at 4 p. m. This will enable those who live south of New Era to take the early northbound train to that point and intercept the boat as it goes up the river on the morning trip. All such persons will be returned to New Era or Oregon City in time to take the southbound evening train. This excursion for a day up the Willamette river and return, affords a most delightful outing, and all who can will do well to take advantage of the opportunity, particularly strangers. Meals may be secured on the boat if desired.

Hon. F. X. Matthieu of Butteville, the sole survivor of the 102 persons who voted at Champeog, on May 2, 1843, on the question of American civil government for Oregon—the first on the Pacific Coast—celebrated his 89th birthday on last Tuesday, and received the congratulations of his numerous friends. He is in robust health, and looks forward to the celebration on May 2, next, with much eagerness. His eye is scarcely dimmed, and but little of his physical and mental vigor is abated.

Saloon Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Council of Oregon City, Oregon, at its next meeting, for a renewal of his saloon license for a period of six months at his present place of business, Main and Sixth streets.

JOHN GOHRA.

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Chink Philosopher.

From Corvallis Times. Jim Sing, the Chinaman, is a philosopher. He is cook at the Occidental. He has also a 50-acre hop ranch near Wells. It is in connection with the latter that Jim manifests his philosophy. For his last season's crop he was at one time offered 13 1-2 cents. Later he was offered 15 1-2 cents. Now he can't get above 10 1-2, if that. A buyer is coming this week to see them at that figure. "Oh, all sem in 100 years," said Jim, "No sem em at 15 1-2; can't get more than 10 1-2 now. All sem gamble. Play cards, have three kings; get em beat, lose em money. All sem hops. Jes gamble, that's all." And Jim's laugh at his philosophy could have been heard a block.

Origin of influenza.

"Influenza" was originally an Italian word for "influence," and, among other things, for the "influence" of the stars, which manifested itself balefully in epidemics of disease. Hence influenza di febbre scarlattina, for instance, meant an "epidemic of scarlet fever." And so, when eighteenth-century Italy was prostrated by the sneezing, snuffling scourge, and passed it on to England, it was naturally spoken of as the "the" influenza—"the" epidemic—though on the way through France it acquired also the name of "the way of sieging its victims."

In Honor of Her Sister.

Mrs. Llewellyn Adams entertained at a bridge whist party Friday afternoon, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Howland of Grants Pass. The favors were won by Miss Alice Lewthwaite. A luncheon was served. The guests invited to meet Mrs. Howland included Mesdames E. A. Chapman, C. G. Huntley, Franklin Griffith, William Lewthwaite, Nelson Wisner, Robert McAlpin, Misses Cis Barclay Pratt, Marion and Alice Lewthwaite, Laura Pope.

Norma's Birthday.

Miss Norma Holman pleasantly entertained a few little friends in honor of her eleventh birthday anniversary, Saturday afternoon. The hours passed quickly with games, music and other amusements. A dainty luncheon was served. The party was composed of Lena Moore, Helen Ely, Lillian Robertson, Dorothy Latourette, Roberta Schuebel, Portia Turner, Helen Blackwell, Hazel Farr, Alice and Norma Holman.

Bridge Whist.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Beattie were at home to the bridge club Friday evening. A pleasant evening was spent in this fascinating game. The prizes were won by John Cook and Mrs. Linn E. Jones. Mrs. Beattie served delicious refreshments. Present were, Messrs. and Mesdames Linn E. Jones, Bruce C. Curry, John J. Cooke, Eber C. Chapman, E. A. Sommers, John Adams.

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