

FAKER SEEKS GAIN

E. J. Dawne Wants Share in Divorced Wife's Money.

SHAM DOCTOR - PREACHER

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SALEM, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—If E. J. Dawne returns to Oregon to claim a husband's interest in the estate of his former wife, Mrs. Frank Kellogg, he will have an opportunity to plead to grave criminal charges now hanging over him. Though his crimes were committed more than 20 years ago, prosecutions have not been barred by the statute of limitations, for the reason that indictments were filed within the time required by law, and thus the running of the statute was stopped. The forger, who was upon whom he secured loans, is the offense committed by Dawne, the resourceful doctor, lawyer, proscriber and gambler.

The publication of dispatches today announcing that Dawne is still alive and contemplates claiming a husband's interest in the \$50,000 estate left by the late Mrs. Frank Kellogg, has recalled the career of a man who came to Oregon entirely unknown, and who secured recognition and high standing in three professions, though qualified in none. Without a dollar's worth of property, he secured money in abundance, and is reported to have procured \$50,000 in all upon forged mortgages. Without any claim upon any political party, he secured a strong endorsement for appointment to Judgeship in Alaska, and was appointed by President Cleveland. It was Dawne's recommendations that called forth from Grover Cleveland one of the severest criticisms ever written by a President of the United States.

Lawyer, Doctor and Preacher.

Dawne came to Salem in the early '80s, claiming to be a graduate in law and medicine and a Methodist preacher. He claimed to hold a diploma from the medical school at Little Rock, Ark., and when the medical department of William-ette University was organized he was elected to fill two chairs. His lectures to his classes were above criticism, but it is said that he copied them from medical text books and journals and read them to the students. He practiced medicine and never got into trouble because of his ministrations of drugs. His good fortune in this respect was probably due to the fact that he was always careful not to give medicine that would injure, and if he found a case to be serious he managed to make a plausible excuse for turning the patient over to a good physician.

His Fine Sermons.

Dawne was pastor of the Methodist Church, South, in this city, and delivered sermons that were models of excellence. He always read his sermons, and it became known in the latter part of his career that he copied them from the printed sermons of a well-known Methodist bishop.

Though he practiced law here he never took the least part in the trial of cases, and, therefore, did not disclose his ignorance of the principles of jurisprudence. He was above the average as a speaker, and was in demand in Western Oregon as an orator at public celebrations.

Ben Hayden, the pioneer lawyer, Indian fighter and farmer, used to take delight in saying Dawne before juries for he could easily see through the thin disguise.

"A doctor without a patient, a lawyer without a client, a preacher without a congregation, and a broker without a dollar," was one of Ben's famous descriptions of E. J. Dawne.

Wrote Mortgages on Farms.

It was as a broker that Dawne made his great success. When he had money, or wanted it, rather, he would write out a mortgage on a farm in Yamhill County or some other prosperous locality, and get some local capitalist with the story that his client wanted to borrow \$3000 to \$5000 on it, as the case might be.

The farm, the owner and the name were all fictitious, perhaps. Dawne would not only make a mortgage, but would back it up with an abstract of title that was perfect. His client was always willing to pay usury, and he had no trouble in finding men who would yield to the tempting rate of interest, and loan money without spending a few dollars to have the title thoroughly investigated.

When the time came to pay the interest, Dawne always had it ready. When the time came to repay the principal his alleged client wanted an extension of time, and was ready to pay a bonus.

Cleveland's Denunciation.

After Hayden's election in 1882, Dawne secured a recommendation for appointment to a Judgeship in Alaska, and had on his petition the names of some of the best-known Democrats in Oregon. One of the signers wrote a personal letter to Cleveland after the appointment had been made, telling him of Dawne's incompetence, and asking that the appointment be revoked. In reply, President Cleveland wrote a long letter denouncing the treachery of the man who signed the recommendation knowing the applicant to be incompetent. The letter was published throughout the United States.

Soon after Dawne went to Alaska his forgeries were discovered, and he fled to parts unknown. His wife, who was the estimable daughter of the late William Miller, secured a divorce and later married Frank Kellogg, now deceased. Her father left her his fortune of \$80,000, and it is to secure a share of this that Dawne is now supposed to be preparing legal proceedings. It is asserted that Dawne is in Madagascar, and that he wrote a letter to his former wife after her death, when he learned that she had fallen heir to his property. Dawne alleges that the divorce proceedings are void, because there is no proof of publication of summons.

Will Respect His Claims.

The facts in the matter have come to the notice of David Gatch, executor of the Kellogg estate, and W. H. Holmes, his attorney is of the opinion that, although it is improbable Dawne will ever come back to Oregon, yet his claims are such as the executor must take into consideration in managing the property so as to protect himself.

RICH RANCHER GETS DIVORCE

Taylor Alleges Cruel Treatment, Though Married 25 Years.

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