

DR. EDMOND'S PATIENT

Continued from first page

the life sentence.

"I've always intended to escape," muttered Gedney, "and at last came the opportunity. I grasped it. My first thought was to come home here. I arrived this evening at dusk. The place was home to me, although there remained none of my dear ones to welcome me, the black sheep of the family. Doctor, I may have been wild and foolish, but my hands are innocent of blood.

"I came afoot—I had traveled by night—and at last I reached here, gained an entrance through the pantry window and went up to my mother's room. I—I was going to pray there and ask their forgiveness—you understand," he ended brokenly.

"I had reached the upper hall when I met a man; it was Tom Collins' brother! He was carrying a candle, and he looked old and ragged and unkempt. When he saw me he gave chase, screaming madly that he would kill me. I was unarmed, and I was weak from lack of food. He pursued me up the attic stairs to this room, and there he stabbed me, leaving me for dead on the floor. It was a welcome sound indeed to hear your ring at the door! I suppose I must go back to prison, but I think I have solved the mystery. Jim Collins killed his brother. That is why he has hidden away here, a prey to his own guilty conscience. He must have lived a hermit life for several years. A fellow prisoner told me that Jim had disappeared from his usual haunts. I hope—I pray that he has left a confession of some kind that will clear my name!"

Leaving Josiah in care of the sick man, Dr. Edmonds went back to his horse and drove rapidly in the direc-

tion of the railroad station. He suspected that the fleeing Collins had in a moment of contrition telephoned from some pay station to the doctor's house so that Gedney's wound might be attended to.

Dr. Edmonds found a strange situation at the little railroad station.

A strange man had found shelter there during the thunderstorm. He was a ragged looking tramp. He had entered the wire cage where the public telephone was placed and had used the telephone. As he finished speaking there came a crackling hiss, and a bolt of lightning ruined the instrument and sent the man senseless to the floor.

The station agent had vainly tried to reach Dr. Edmonds, and his appearance now was taken as a matter of "act.

There was little he could do for Jim Collins save to take his dying statement and confession that he was his brother's murderer. He had heard that the Gedney place was deserted, and he resolved to conceal himself there with his gnawing remorse. By night he stole out and bought food and tobacco, tramping many miles to the next village.

When the sun rose over the rain swept mountains Jim Collins breathed his last.

Dr. Edmonds went back to the man in the Gedney house with freedom in his hands.

William Gedney, exonerated of the charge, took possession of his property and in the course of time married. Children play around the pleasant lawns, for the pine grove has been cut down, and sunshine enters every nook and cranny of the old house and grounds.

But nothing can give back to William Gedney the lost years spent behind prison bars.

List Your Property With Taylor Real Estate Agency

and let us hunt the buyer without expense to you until a buyer is found, and then only a reasonable commission.

If you Want to buy a ranch see us. Below will be found a few of our many ranch bargains. Call and see what we have to offer in money-making Nestucca Valley ranches.

80 acres near Meda for \$35 an acre.

Big ranch and stock, with good buildings at a bargain, now milking 30 cows and feed for 50. This is a \$20,000 ranch but will be sold for less. Tell me how much you can pay down and we will give you time on the balance.

We have one applicant who wishes to rent or will buy a good lease.

73 acre bottom land ranch, cleared and fenced, with good and barn, all stocked. Half cash, balance to suit at 6 per cent. \$6,500 required to handle this.

The best small buy in the county. 80 acres, 35 acres cleared, on main county road. \$1500 down buys this and the balance at 6 per ct. Small house and fair barn. Some stock goes with this ranch.

160 acres, 30 acres meadow land small house and good small orchard, 1½ miles to school, 5 acres good onion land, but only ½ of this is cleared, 5 cows go with ranch. Ask for particulars. \$5,000; half cash; balance 5 years at 6 per cent.

\$5000 buys a well cleared and fenced ranch close in. \$500 down, long time for balance.

We have some choice buys not listed here.

We want the exclusive right to sell your ranch and if you give us this we'll rustle for a buyer, but we cannot afford to advertise for outside buyers unless we have the exclusive sale of the property.

TAYLOR REAL ESTATE AGENCY

Cloverdale, Oregon.

PRICES ARE LOWER ON

Flour and Feed

Pure White Flour, bbl \$7.80

per sack, \$2.00

Crown Flour, per bbl 7.80

per sack, 2.00

White Loaf, per bbl 7.60

per sack 1.95

Bear Brand Flour, per bbl 7 20

per sack, 1.85

Wheat, sack, (100 lbs) \$2.50

Oats per 100 \$2.10; ton \$40.00

Rolled Oats, sack \$1.35; ton \$41.00

Process Barley, sack, \$1.45; ton \$38.00

Bran, sack, \$1.25; ton \$38.00

Shorts, sack, \$1.60; ton \$39.00

Corn per 100 lbs \$2.50

Cheat and Vetch Hay, 100 lbs 1.15;

ton, 22.00

Oat and Vetch Hay, 100 lbs \$1.20

Oat and Vetch Hay, ton \$23.00

GLOVERDALE MERCANTILE CO.