

SWIFT CAREER OF DIAMOND JACK.

Three Times Sentenced to Be Hung And Now a Goldfield Millionaire.

Three times condemned to be hanged for a double murder and now a free man, a mine owner, with every prospect of becoming a millionaire—much, in brief, is the transition that fate has brought in the fortunes of John Davis, known as "Diamondfield Jack," according to the New York Herald. Riches have come to him as the fairylike climax to a life story as picturesque, as dramatic and spectacular, as any in the romantic history of the far west.

Newsboy, jewel hunter, border fighter and miner, Jack Davis has had a career that might furnish material for a dozen dime novels. It has been little more than a year since this man was released from the Idaho penitentiary, by Grace of Governor Hunt; today he is joint owner with two others of a rich gold mine in Nevada, a mine that has already disclosed a fourteen feet ledge of \$20 rock.

Mining men from Goldfield, the new camp near Tonopah, declare that Davis and his partners will be millionaires before two years more have rolled away. Davis has been mining ever since he was snatched from the shadow of the scaffold, when death was so near that he could almost feel the tightening of the noose about his neck. He and his associates are now owners of the Daisy group of mines, in one of which the strike referred to was made.

"Diamondfield Jack" Davis was one of the leading actors in the bitter range war of 1869, and, so far as popular interest was concerned, he held the center of the stage until December, 1902, when he was released from the Idaho state prison. Davis was in the employ of the Sparks-Harrel Cattle company, the biggest stock raising concern in Nevada, whose cattle fattened on the ranges of that state and Idaho.

The senior member of the firm was John Sparks, "Honest John," now governor of the silver state. The possessions of the ranges had long been disputed between the cattle raisers and the sheep men. Intensely bitter feuds have been sacrificed to the hatred between the two classes.

In the spring of '96 two sheepherders were found dead and he was arrested, charged with their murder, was tried, convicted and then three times sentenced to be hung.

When the last legal resource had been exhausted and when it seemed that Davis was doomed to die, the influence of Governor Sparks resulted in restoring "Jack" Davis to freedom. A temporary reprieve a day or two before the date set for the execution was followed by a full pardon and restoration to citizenship, which was issued December 17, 1902.

After spending six years in prison, "Diamondfield Jack" was free to go his way. He chose to go to Nevada, to the new mining camps surrounding Tonopah, and there he found the fortune that has set every human tongue in the cattle country to wag-

ging about his phenomenal luck.

Jack Davis began life for himself as a newsboy in London. Later he stowed away to a sailing ship bound for South Africa. He went to the diamond fields of the interior and met with varying fortune until he attracted the attention of Cecil Rhodes, then just beginning his consolidation of the diamond interests.

Davis became a confidential detective for the empire builder. Several years of this life satisfied Davis, and he came to this country, seeking the fare west as affording the excitement and danger he had learned to love. He drifted about the border for several years and then became a cowboy on the Nevada-Idaho ranges.

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NOTICE

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, March 3, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that E. B. Perrin, whose postoffice address is Williams, Arizona, by Henry Hewitt, Jr., whose Postoffice address is Tacoma, Washington, did, on the 3rd day of March, 1904, make application to select, under the Act of June 4, 1897 (30 Stat., 36), the following described tracts: The S E 1/4 of section 1 and the S 1/2 of the N E 1/4 and Lots 1 and 2 of section 2, T. 10 south, range 35 E W. M., in Baker county, Oregon.

That the purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the selected lands under the mining laws, or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file objections to such selection with the officers of the U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, within thirty days after the first day of publication hereof, so as to establish their interest therein or the mineral character thereof.

E. W. DAVIS, Register
First publication dated March 9, 1904.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, March 2, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892,

WILLIAM A. GREEN,

of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2882, for the purchase of the N 1/2 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and Lot 1 of Section No. 30 in Township No. 11 S. Range No. 38 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, on Thursday, the 10th day of May, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Ralph Mead, Van Rensselaer Mead, Andrew J. Denny, and Stephen Jackson, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of May, 1904.

E. W. DAVIS, Register.

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WALTER L. SPARKS,

of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2880 for the purchase of the W 1/2 N E 1/4, N W 1/4 S E 1/4 and NE 1/4 S W 1/4 of section No. 11 in township No. 10 south, range No. 38 E W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, on Thursday, the 10th day of May, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, Ralph Mead, William A. Green and Charles L. Ferry, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of May, 1904.

E. W. DAVIS, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, February 26, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

HENRY A. CARRIS

of Canyon City, County of Grant State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2908, for the purchase of the S W 1/4 S E 1/4 section No. 6; NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and N 1/2 N E 1/4 of section No. 7 T. P. No. 12 south R. No. 37 E W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 9th day of May, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, Ralph Mead, Lemuel King, Lemuel Barnett of Andrus, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of May, 1904.

E. W. DAVIS, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon,
February 15th, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land states by act of August 4, 1892,

ARCHIBALD T. VEDDER,

of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2905, for the purchase of the S 1/2 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4 and S 1/2 NW 1/4 of section No. 25 in township No. 11 south, range No. 37 E W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 20th day of April, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Peter J. Soar, William Keely, Robert Patterson, Robert W. Riley, all of Sumpter, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 20th day of April, 1904.

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