TERRIBLE INDICTMENT OF CRIMINAL PARENT IN TILLAMOOK COUNTY

A MAN IN COUNTY JAIL WAS A HERO

PRISONER DOTY WHO TOOK ONE OF THE DAVIS GIRLS AWAY FROM HOME TO SAVE HER FROM A WORSE FATE THAN DEATH DESERVES A REWARD.

C. E. Doty has been doing time in the Marion county jail unable to give $250 bail, bound over to the grand jury on a charge of enticing a female under 18 years of age away from her home. The facts are about as follows: Doty and Agnes Davis fell in love ,or at least he made the girl think they were, and she eloped with him. They were married at Salem last August, the clerk issuing the marriage license in regular form, to which Felix La Branch swore as a witness, that the girl was 18 and over. If it were not a fact that La Branch, who has property, merely acted as witness and swore to the license on the theory that he was merely attesting to the fac tthat he knew Doty, he might be liable to perjury. Rev. Selleck made Doty and the girl man and wife in regular form, as a pastor of the Methodist church, and all went merry as a marriage bell, until the father of the girl, C. S. Davis, swore out a warrant against Doty for enticing his daughter away from home. He was the principal witness at the trial and the girl seemed completely under his hypnotic control, and let him swear the crime onto Doty, while it is well known, Mrs. Davis approved of Doty taking the girl away from the home over which Davis has exercised a terrorizing influence.

Doty's Story Now True.

By the arrest of Davis last week it appears that what Doty told in court at Salem was true. There was an infernal relation exisiting between the unnatural father and the girl he married and took away from that home in the mountains where far from the protection of society this brute of a father was debauching his own daughters. Following account of the immoral relations exisiting in the Davis family are revealed by the arrest and trial of Davis at Tillamook. The worst details of the story are omitted, but enough is told to brand Davis as a fit man for the asylum or state prison, and Doty is shown up in the light of something of a hero in getting at least one of the girls away from the fiendish parent.

(From the Tillamook Headlight.)

A Revolting Crime.

Another disgusiting and revolting case was probed into last week by Deputy District Attorney W. H. Cooper and Sheriff H. Crenshaw, who went to the south part of the county to investigate the sensational stories which had leaked out about C. E. Davis failing to provide for his wife and family, and it was also intimated that Davis had been ravaging his eldest daughter, Bertha Davis, a girl between 15 and 16 years of age. The ugly reports turned out to be correct and the officers placed Davis under arrest on a charge of neglect in providing for his wife and children. He was brought to the city on Saturday and placed in the county jail.

Charged With Rape.

On Monday Davis was confronted with a most serious charge, which, if he is found guilty, is liable to spend a long term in the penitentiary, 20 years to a life sentence being the penalty for a statutory offence of the nature which Davis will have to stand trial. The charge is rape, committed upon his daughter. He was brought before Justice of the Peace A. T. White, and District Deputy Attorney Cooper read the complaint, which was as follows:

On the 6th of August, C. E. Davis did willfully, unlawfully and forcibly and against her will ravish and carnally know one, Bertha Davis, a female child of the age of 15 years, she, the said Bertha Davis, being then and there the daughter of Emma Jane Davis, the wife of him, the said C. E. Davis, contrary to statute in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the stateof Oregon.

Davis waived examination and was bound over to the circuit court, the bail being placed at $2500. He was locked up in the county jail and he will be tried ,probably, at the circuit court which convenes in this city on February 3 .

From what can be gathered, the state has a strong case against Davis, and as some of the facts have reached this office, which are too disgusting to publish, all that is necessary to say is that it is a nasty dirty case.

Family Is Destitute and Without Support.

As the county officials found that Mrs. Davis and her family were without support and were in destitute circumstances and depending upon the neighbors for a living, Davis having failed to provide the necessary food and clothing, a petition was presented to County Judge H. F. Goodspeed on Monday asking the court to take some action for the care and maintenance of the family. The petition was sworn to by J. F. Stichler, brother of Mrs. Davis. Deputy District Attorney Cooper read the petition to the court, which was as follows:

Your petitioner, J. F. Stichler, a reputable person and a resident of the above named county and state, respectfully represents to your honor that Bertha Davis, of the age of 15 years; Agnes Davis, of the age of 14 years; Ollie Davis, of the age of 13 years; Elmer Davis, of the age of 11 years; Byon Davis, of the age of 10 years; Owen Davis, of the age of 9 years; Lester Davis, of the age of 8 years; Norman Davis, of the age of 6 years; Alfred Davis, of the age of 5 years; Marshall Davis, 3 years; Richard Davis, of the age of 2 years; and Orvil Davis, of the age of 5 months, all of whom are now living within Tillamook county, without any means of support and who are at this time in destitute circumstances and dependent upon the charity of the public for their support; and that C. E. Davis is their father, but he had not only failed to support them and their mother but is at this time under indictment for a most serious and unnatural crime committed against one of his daughters, showing him to be unfit to be the guardian of his children; that the mother is at this time totally unfit to provide for the family, as she is entirely without means.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays this honorable court to enquire into the alleged condition of said children, and into the truth of the matters contained herein and in pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided, and to make such order in the premises as to this honorable court may seem meet and proper an as in duty bound.

The deputy district attorney called two witnesses, who testified as follows:

J. F. Stichler said he was a brother-in-law to Davis and had known him for 18 years. He had 12 children, the oldest being 15 years and the youngest only five months, the only clothes that some of the boys had consisted of a shirt and a pair of overalls. Davis had not been a good provider and showed no willingness to work, although work was offered him a twages from $3 to $4 a day by those who needed carpentering work done on buildings. He did take one job, but quit after three days. Mrs. Davis had no means of support for herself and the family was not able to support itself, and Mrs. Davis was unable to do so. The neighbors had been furnishing the family with provisions. Davis did not raise a garden to help the family, yet he had plenty of opportunities of doing so. He was a good worker and provided for his family for several years, but he became worthless. A good deal of support for the family came from Davis' mother and step father?

Frank Yach said he knew the family was in poor circumstances, without proper food and clothing. Yach co-oberated Stichler with regard to Davis' indolence in not working when it was offered him and not providing for the family. Witness said that the place would keep 14 cows, but Davis kept selling his cows off and only had one left. He also testified that Davis was not industrious and that the people were supporting the family.

County Judge oodspeed asked the witnesses a number of questions, and as Davis wanted an attorney and as it was also necessary to have the children in court, he continued the matter until next Saturday morning.

Another Bad Case.

Some of our readers may remember an account in the Headlight of an elopement which took place at Dolph about two months ago, in which a married man by the name of C. E. Doty induced Agnes Davis, the second daughter to elope with him and get married, which they did. Agnes Davis was but 14 years of age, but Doty promised her new dresses, and the girl , no doubt thinking that she would be no worse off, left the degrading environment of her own home, and conscious of her father's immoral conduct, took a step which was short lived. So that thy could get married Doty induced the girl to write a letter and sign her mother's name, consenting to the marriage. Doty wrote a similar letter purporting to be the father's consent, to which he forged the name of C. E. Davis. When questioned about the woman whom he had been living with, Doty declared that she was not his wife and he had not been married. Doty and his second wife went to Klamath, Wash., where they lived together for about two weeks. The matter being reported to District Attroney McNary, who had Doty arrested ,charged with a statutory offence, and taken to Marion county for trial, the date of which is set for January 6, and C. E. Davis and his wife are summoned as witnesses at the trial. After Doty was arrested Agnes Davis returned to her home.

Davis a Chicken Thief.

It is reported that while Davis lived in Yamhill county he was arrested for chicken stealing, and being tried at Newberg on that charge was found guilty and was fined $25.

Doing the Baby Act.

Dav' appeared in court on Monday with a white towel tied around his head, and when he had to navigate would place his hands on anything near him, wanting to convey the impression that he was so sick that he was liable to fall. When sitting in a chair in court he held his head on one side resting on his right hand. It seems to be an old dodge of Davis to place a towel around his head and play sick. Dr. Smith, the county physician, examined him, finding nothing the matter with him except playing the baby act, which won't work, for the sheriff had some experience with Arctill along that line.

Is a Lazy Man.

Davis is a new settler in this county, coming here last May from Washington county, buying a place on the Little Nestucca river, upon which there is $300 owing. When first married Davis was industrious and made a good living, but he became indolent and a good deal of the support for the family came from relatives. Last summer he refused to work when he could have obtained $3 and $4 a day.

Mr. Gardner of the Boys' and Girls' home, will be in Saturday to take charge of the Davis children should the county judge decide to send them to that institution.

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Mrs. Frederick Gwynne Dead.

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