

## CARDS, THEN DEATH

A DOOMED DESERTER WHO PLAYED POKER AND WON.

As a Preliminary to His Execution He Had His Winnings Distributed Among the Members of the Squad That Shot Him to Death.

"It is a curious fact," said a member of Company A, Third Maryland, "that military execution had a peculiar fascination for men who were daily accustomed to see hundreds slain in battle. Men who shovel a breastwork in on a trench full of slain comrades and chew hardtack or eat salt pork while at the job with a callousness which only such frequent scenes or occurrences would make possible in the human heart became peculiarly sensitive and alive to the solemn parade and formalities of a military execution.

"In our regiment we had a private soldier sentenced to be shot for deserting to the enemy. His name was Thompson, and he belonged to Company K. This man Thompson had deserted off vedette post one night and some two months afterward came into our lines, where members of his own company happened to be on picket duty. Thompson did not calculate on this. His idea in coming in was to surrender as a Confederate soldier and be sent north. It happened near to the Weldon railroad, where our division of the Ninth corps was then posted. Of course, on being recognized, he was taken to headquarters, and a court martial was immediately convened. It leaked out somehow that Thompson was not the humble soldier he seemed, but a Confederate officer and spy. He had been an officer in the United States navy before the war. He resigned and went south, where he secured the commission of colonel of infantry.

"Being a Marylander of family, efforts were made to save his life, but in a quiet way, as his relatives feared to disclose his real identity for fear he would be hanged as a spy instead of shot as a deserter. Friday, the day set for execution in the Army of the Potomac, came around too soon for Thompson and his relatives. The night previous he had been informed that all efforts had failed at Washington. I was on guard duty over him, and my brother was one of the detail of twelve men selected as the firing squad. My brother didn't like the job, and came to the tent where I was on guard to consult with me how to get out of it. Thompson overheard our conversation, and, knowing my brother by name, he broke in: 'Say, Tip, you must not back out. I want you in the squad, as I know you are a dead shot and will save me from the sergeant.'

"It was the practice for the sergeant if the firing squad failed to kill the doomed man with a volley to place the muzzle of his rifle against the temple of the prisoner and blow out his brains. 'After Tip had consented the officer of the guard permitted us to play cards with the prisoner. He had a roll of bills, and we were soon in a stiff poker game. Two guards, including myself, my brother Tip and Thompson, composed the quartet. We played until gray daylight, and Thompson skinned the party of every dollar. He had phenomenal luck and watched the game closely.

"In the afternoon he was to die, and about noon he asked to see the lieutenant of the firing squad. Handing the officer \$500, he asked him to divide it equally among the men detailed to shoot him. 'The division was drawn up and formed three sides of a square, the fourth side being open, where the grave of Thompson was freshly dug. The band played the dead march in 'Saul,' and Thompson, at the head of the firing squad, marched around the three sides of the square, with the coffin in which he was to be inclosed carried immediately behind him. Reaching the open space, the coffin was set down. Thompson sent himself on the end of it, facing the firing squad, about twelve paces distant. The death warrant was read, and the chaplain tied his handkerchief over the prisoner's eyes. I watched Thompson, curious to note if he would hear the reports of the muskets that killed him. Presently I heard the lieutenant's low voice: 'Ready! Aim! Fire!'

"In the next instant Thompson toppled back into his coffin a dead man. The reports of the muskets he never heard, as I saw him swiftly fall over before I heard the guns crack, and so I settled this disputed point to my own satisfaction, and to that extent the execution of Thompson interested me and no more."—Washington Post.

To Thread a Hair Through a Walnut. To pass a hair through a walnut without boring a hole seems an impossibility, but the feat has often been done. The hull of the walnut when examined with a strong glass is seen to have innumerable small openings, some of which lead entirely through the nut. The trick consists in using a very fine hair and an infinite amount of patience. Pass the hair into one of these minute crevices and urge it gently along. Sometimes it will appear on the other side at the first trial, but if it comes out at the hundred and first you will be very lucky.

He Had Learned It. "I heard a good story the other day," began the grocery man, "about a certain politician."

"That will do," interrupted the disappointed officeholder. "In the first place, there are no certain politicians."—Chicago News.

And One of Them Went Wrong. Adam was lucky in another way. He had no friends to come around telling him how he ought to bring up his boys. Record-Herald.

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## NOTICE IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District, at Ardmore. In the matter of A. G. Cranfill, bankrupt, in bankruptcy.

To the creditors of A. G. Cranfill in the Southern district, in the Indian Territory, at Ardmore, a bankrupt: Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of November, 1902, the said A. G. Cranfill was duly adjudged bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office at the courthouse in the city of Ardmore, on the 22d day of November, 1902, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may come before said meeting.

JOHN HINKLE, Referee in Bankruptcy. First published Nov. 10, 1902.

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## NOTICE IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the United States Court for the Southern District of the Indian Territory, at Ardmore. In the matter of Abram & Parks, bankrupts, in bankruptcy. To the Hon. Hosea Townsend, judge of said court:

Abram & Park of Troy, Southern district of the Indian Territory, respectfully represents that they were on the 17th day of July last past, duly adjudged bankrupts under the acts of congress relating to bankruptcy; that said firm was composed of J. U. Abram and J. D. Park at the time of said adjudication, but that since that time J. U. Abram of said firm has departed this life; that they have duly surrendered all their property and rights of property, and have fully complied with all requirements of said acts, and of the orders of court touching their bankruptcy.

Wherefore, the estate of J. U. Abram and J. D. Park pray that they may be decreed by the court to have full discharge from all debts provable against estate, either partnership or individual, under said bankruptcy acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this the 10th day of November, A. D. 1902.

ABRAM & PARKS, Bankrupts.

## Order of Notice Thereon.

Indian Territory, Southern District. On this 10th day of November, A. D. 1902, on reading the foregoing petition it is ordered by the court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1902, before the said court at Ardmore, in said district at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Ardmoreite, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the court that the clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Hon. Hosea Townsend, judge of the said court, and seal thereof, at Ardmore, in said district, on the 10th day of Nov. A. D. 1902. Seal.) HOSEA TOWNSEND, Judge. First published Nov. 10.

## NOTICE IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the United States Court for the Territory, at Ardmore. In the matter of S. T. Lindsey, bankrupt, in bankruptcy. To the Hon. Hosea Townsend, judge of said court:

S. T. Lindsey of Ardmore, in the Southern district of the Indian Territory, respectfully represents that on the 18th day of January, 1902, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the act of congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore, he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

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