## MRS. TODD WAS TO WED STEELE

Two Had Agreed to Meet in Walla Walla in July Next.

LETTER EXPOSES PLANS

Hoquiam People Puzzied Over Actions of Woman Who Maintained Silence When Aware Who Murdered Her Husbaud.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Nov. 18,—(Special.)—
The text of the supposed last letter written by Ralph W. Steele, the murderer of Frank Todd, to the widow of the murdered man his now been made public and throws considerable light on the relations existing between the two. The letter, which was found under the carpet in the soon occurred by Steele, is as follows: roam occupied by Steele, is as follows: Saturday, Nov. 9.—I have been thinking today that you may watch for me tonight, and come out to give me a lotter and have decided to write a few lines more so it i see you to give them to you.

Sizele here enters into a long explana-tion of the existing financial conditions. and in an advisory strain outlines what he thinks is best for Mrs. Todd to do with her money in the bank.

Now if you decide that you will meet me at Walls Walls on the 15th of July, that is, at walls walls on the later of July, that is, and if I have no chance so see you any more, and make any other are agements, you can do as you please about recognitaing me in the postoffice there. I can watch and if you seem not to want to speak to me there I will turn and walk out and you can follow the at a safe distance behind and I will so to some place where we can talk and surely by that thee you can have everything set-tled set that you can tell see exactly what you will do and we can make all final ac-

Now I am gaing to make a confession to you: I have not sent my mother any money yet. When I went to Puyaliup I thought I would send some from up there and took enough along so that I could send some, but I bought that stock and that took the money that I had with me, and since I came back I haven't sent any, purity because I don't want to send it from here and partly because I am arraid I will owe the tailor gift of that bext week, so you see if I should get out of work I would only have \$40 to get out of the country on and when times are me hard as they will be this Winter and a man unit' get work I can tell you that \$40 Now I am gaing to make a confession to man't get work I can tell you that \$40 of very much money.

is not very much money.

Now I want to say here and now and for all time that I will never, never give you up and live. If ever the time comes that I make up my mind that I must give you up, then life will be very short. I love you to madness, to manning, I suppose, but I can't belp it: I love you just the same with all the heart and soul that is in me. I know that I have said and written some nwful mean things to you, but the truth is that I love you so and want wou so had that when I get to worrying about you it drives me mad. Cautions Woman in Detective Work.

that I can have a long talk with you. But, of course, I don't want you to do anything in that direction without a statement from him made out to your atterney and signed by at least one witness. Tell him that if you do hie work for him you must have pro-

Lead him to believe that you are anxious to find out for your own millsfaction and that you would gladly do everything in your power to do so, only that it will place you in an awful position in the eyes of the people until they know the truth. That is until they know that you are working as a detective under the direction of the officers, and tall McKinney that you must have such a statement for your flust vinification. But impress upon bin that if he wants you to do anything it must be done soon, for you think I am going to leave the country and If I do it will be all off. If I should get out of work I won't be here more than one week.

Well, for fear this may be my last word,

Officers' Statements Conflict. Mre Todd's first statement, made at the time of the murder, was, in brief, that she had retired early on Saturday night, leaving her husband sitting up; that she awoke about 5 o'clock in the morning, and, finding her husband missing, she called, and, receiving no answer, went to look for him and found him lying mur-dered. Upon the arrest of Steele the offi-cers gave it out that, suspecting Steele cers gave it out that, suspecting Steele had committed the crime though his pashad committed the crime though his pas-sion of love for her, they had induced Mrs. Todd to meet him and lead him on to a confession by a pretense of love for him. This statement, however, hardly prepared the public for the later confes-sion that Mrs. Todd had been on the scene of the murder, had under fear of her life aided the murderer to escape de-tection, and that under the same fear she had refused to raveal her knowledge. had refused to reveal her knowledge. Walle in many quarters there was a constant belief that Mrs. Todd knew more about the murder than she had admitted. about the murder than she had admitted, it was not believed that, being a woman, she could have taken the unfluehing part she has played both during the murder and the following period, nor is it now generally believed that her rejuctance to tell the story was altogether due to fear for her own life.

Woman Showed No Fear.

It is called to mind that never since the murder has Mrs. Todd borne the appearance of being in fear of any one. On the contrary, comment has been passed on the cool, quiet and unemotional manthe cool, quiet and unemotional manner in which see has gone through the trying orden. She has talked feedy and dispassionately of the murder of her husband, and in an unconcerned manner has stated to friends that, although some people thought Steele had killed Frank Todd, she didn't think so, for ahe couldn't see why he would want to do that or what motive he might have.

Many of her other former statements are also refuted by the letter and her own confession, particularly the fact that there had been no previous intimacy between her and Steele Mrs. Todd has now admitted that Steele had been ordered out

mitted that Steele had been ordered out of the Todd home by her husband only a short time before the murder.

Guilty in Eyes of the Law.

The generally accepted theory now is that in the eyes of the law Mrs. Todd is equally suitty with the suicide Steele in the murder of Frank Todd, and that the price for her aid in the apprehension of Steele is immunity from punishment. It is believed that she played both ends of the officials of the officials. is believed that she played both ends of the string first throwing off the officials to protect Steele, and, after being broken alown under a constant "sweating," turned upon her lover to save herzelf. Steele's suicide is attributed to his discovering that she had betrayed him and the knowledge that in such event his fate was decreed.

the Southern Pacific Company. The pawas satisfactory. It is being unanim

MAN SHOOTS AT SCHOOLBOY

Grays Harbor Lad Receives Painful Wound From Insane Man.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 19 -- (Special.)-William Landers. 11 years old was brought here today from the Upper Wishkap River country with one of his hands shattered by a bullet from a gun which a strange man discharged at the boy as he was playing with other children in front of a schoolhouse. Although the man who did the shooting was described by the boy, he has not been apprehended. He is thought to be insane. The injured boy is the son of a well-known rancher who formerly lived in Aberdeen. It is feared the boy's hand will be permanently disabled.

BURIES DIRK IN HIS NECK

Enraged Finn Makes Murderous Assault on Charles Fern.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 19 .- (Special.) -Charles Fern was brought to Tacoms today mortally wounded in the neck. He had a fight with a Finn last evening at the depot at Gate City, Thurston County, over a trivial matter. Following a heated discussion and a few blows, the Finn drew a longbladed dirk and slashed repeatedly at

Two pedestrians attempted to stop the assault, but were not successful until the blows had been struck. There is little probability Fern will recover

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST

Joseph Stalger.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 19.-(Special.) The funeral of Joseph Staeger was held yesterday at Dryad. Mr. Staeger was born at St. Agatha, Ont., Christmas morning, 1856. He was married at Milyerton, Ont., to Miss Catherine Gingrich, September 9, 1873. The family moved to Michigan in 1882 and in 1821 came to Dryad Mr. Stager leaves a wife, a married daughter

N. H. Boley.

CANYON CITY, Or., Nov. 12.-N. H. Boley, who crossed the plains in 1852 in the "white mule" train, has died at John Day. He was a native of Iowa, born in 1844. He had been Treasurer several times, an Grant County. times, and also County Judge of

Salvage Against the Otter.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 19.-James Duns owner of the tug Pilot, has issued a for \$5000 salvage against the Canadian Pacific Rallroad river steamer Otter on account of services rendered by the steamer Pilot in pulling the Otter from Danger Reef about six weeks ago.

Bandon's Population 2500.

BANDON, Or., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—Ac-vording to a non-official census prepared by the Commercial Club of this place, the population of Bandon is placed at 2500, an increase of nearly 2000 since the las federal census was taken.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES.

Bandon, Or. -Bandon's electric light plant has been finished, after five months' work. Albany, Or.—The heavy rains which began in this part of the valley early this morning have continued all day.

Centralia, Wash.—M. U. Poyns brought into Centralia this afternoon 18 boxes of straw-berries saised on his ranch just east of town. The berries said for 35 cents a box. Mr. Poyns has made about \$25 on his second grop of strawberries in the last two months. One farmer brought in some second-crop raspherries this month.

Oregon City, Or.—The proposed excise or-dinance ask the three charter amendments that will come before the voters at the city election December 2 are now in press and will be in the hands of the electors by next Mon-



Herbert Norman, Alias Ralph W. Steele, Murderer of Frank Todd.

star. All of the matter and arguments is contained in one pamphlet of about 70 pages. This is the first time that local measures have been submitted through the initiative in Oregon City.

Greeks Robbed of Earnings.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 19 .- Seven armed robbers entered the quarters of Greek laborers in the Rock Island yards

Ask That Whites Be Re-employed.

EUGENE, Or. Nov. 19.—(Special.)—A petition has been circulated among the citizens here today asking that the white members of the section gang recently distance of the section gang recently distance.

St. Louis.—Edward G. Lewis, who is on trial on the charge of having used the mails to defraud, continued his testimenty. The control of the section gang recently distance in the charge of having used the mails to defraud, continued his testimenty and the trying moments. Lewis looked steadily at his wife as he carefully answered questions.

Adams Mixes Details on the the local smelter. Cross-Examination.

WITNESS' VOICE IS WEAK

Defendant Follows Along Lines of Confession and Admits He Got Money From Pettibone as Detailed by Harry Orchard.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 19.—A special to he Spokesman-Review from Rathdrum, daho, says:

Orientals.

The condition of the Hindus is regarded as serious, and it is feared they Steve Adams was on the stand almost | will perish of hunger and cold unless

on account of the fine showing made by the mine itself and the ore the Imperial has shown with depth. There is sufficient ore in sight in the mine which can be shipped at once to the Sumpter smelter to pay the new ewners the purchase price. The owners will at once begin developing the mine and shipping over to eveloping the mine and shipping ore to

HINDUS STARVE IN SEATTLE

Charitable Associations Appealed to for Assistance to Orientals.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 19.—Hounded out of Bellingham, Wash., and Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., some 290 Hindus are terrorizing the residents of Rainler Valley. They are starving and their hunger has made them so bold that housewives are daily appliested to inousewives are daily subjected to in-

sults and threats.

British Vice-Consul Bernard Pelly has taken the matter up with Humane Society, and with the Organized Char-itles Association, and at a meeting of the former body tonight it was decided to give such a sum as might be necessary to relieve the suffering of the



FRANK TODD, WHO WAS MURDERED BY RALPH W. STEELE. 

vancouver. Wash—An ordinance is under consideration by the City Council for licensing entiriogeness offices, which have come to be looked upon as public parasites.

Forest Grove, Or.—Arrangements are being made so that the bank of Senator E. Williade so that the place, which has been closed Forest Grove, Or.—Arrangements are being hade so that the bank of Senator E. W. Hattnee, at this place, which has been closed for several days, will resume business shortly.

Payette, Idaho—Development work on the oil wells has been suspended, awaiting the arrival of machinery from Pittsburg. A 14 inch hole, will then he bored down 2000 feet or more.

North Powder, Or.—The Farmers & Merchants Sinte Bank started yesterday under North Powder, Or.—The Farmers & Merchants Sinte Bank started yesterday under new management. The bank is to be reorganized as a National bank the first of the year.

James H. Hawley, leading counsel for the state, had finished with him on cross-camination at 5 o'clock and court had adjourned, the defendant had become year.

Somewhat mixed in details. In the main, however, he must have made a good impurpose of placing in nomination a ticket for the coming municipal election unanimously named C. E. Gouty for Mayor, A. L. Callow for Treasurer and John Dodge, William Loveli and Edward Persens for Councilmen.

Salem, Or.—As a result of a kick in the abdomen from a horse, on the ranch of Mrs. Roberts, near Silverton, last Friday afternoon, Josee May, aged 19, died at the Salem Hospital at 4 o'clock this morning. The body will be shipped to relatives in North Dakota for burial. vague. He told Mr. Hawley that he made a trip to California in 1963 to look at the mines, but did not know whether or not they were placer or quartz. This was the time when, upon his return with "Kid" Minster, Adams was arrested at Ogden,

Minster, Adams was arrested at Ogden, Utah, and wired to Pettibone at Denver for \$15 to get back on.

"Yes, I got \$75 from Pettibone," said Adams, "I borrowed It."

Harry Orchard's story details this incident. In many instances like this Adams held to the details of his confession. He recalled that he had left Denver following the blowing up of the Independence depot, having heard that his name was mentioned as a possible participant in that mentioned as a possible participant in that crime.

ALBANY GAME ENDS IN ROW

Club Team Alleges Chemawa Official Robbed Locals of Touchdown.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—The Chemawa Indians, with the great Rube Saunders playing fullback, nosed out a victory this afternoon over the Albany Athletic football team. The game suded with a score of six for Chemawa and Albany claiming a touchdown, which referee Kirby, who is Chemawa's coach, re-fused to allow.

fused to allow.

After the first five minutes of playing Albany kept the ball in Chemswa territory. The Indians scored in the middle of the first half when McCully, aided by magnificent interference, cleared Albany's left end and ran 69 yards for a touchdown. Saunders kicked the goal. Throughout the entire second half Albany threatened the Indians' goal. Time and again they were within Chemswa's ten-yard line, but the Indians' defense, which rallied at critithe Indians' defense, which rallied at crit-ical times, aided by Referee Kirby's de-cisions, always kept them from scoring. One minute before time was up, Albany worked a successful forward pass from the 25-yard line. The ball slipped through the hands of Halfback Coates, who was standing on the goal line to receive it, and Coates fell on it behind the line. Referee Kirby claimed the pass was not made in accordance with rules and refused to allow the score, and the game broke up in a row. broke up in a row.

PORTLAND MEN BUY MINE

Pay \$20,000 in Cash for Lady Ruth Property Near Sumpter.

The game was played in a drenching

SUMPTER, Or., Nov. 19 - (Special.)-The Lady Ruth mine, situated in the Catle Cove camp near the Imperial mine, was sold today by Robert Nunn to A. Green's and John Crawford, Jr., of Portland, Or., for a consideration of \$30,000. The sale was brought about by R. H. Benedict, manager of the Imperial mine. manager of the Imperial mine.

The buyers arrived in an automobile from Baker City with the actual cash, closed the deal and returned today. The

they are taken care of. In the mean time, the residents of Rainier Valle have been given protection by the

Will Use Motor Lifeboat.

stand-

Salmon King Makes Hasty Exit From Governor's Office.

LOUD ARGUMENT IS HEARD

Exciting Scene in Executive Department When Mr. Hume Calls in Person to Argue Claim for Fish Hatchery.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—
"If you don't like it you can get out
of my office" were the startling words
overheard at the entrance to Governor
Chamberlain's office at the Capitol this
morning, and as these words, spoken
in an excited manner by Governor morning, and as these words, spoken in an excited manner by Governor Chamberlain, fell upon the ears of passers-by, there emerged from the office no less a personage than R. D. Hume, the Salmon King of Rogue River. There had been a brief but exciting scene in the Executive Department. Mr. Hume had called to present in person a plea for the payment of his claim of about \$2500 against the state for maintenance of his fish hatchery on Rogue River for several years past. The claim was disallowed by the Fishery Commission, of allowed by the Fishery Commission, of which Governor Chamberlain is chair-

When Mr. Hume appeared at the Executive office this morning Governor Chamberlain greeted him cordially and invited him to a seat. Immediately Mr. Hume made known his business and sought to argue the matter with

the Governor.
"I am only one member of the commission and do not like to take the matter up in this ex parte manner," said Gevernor Chamberlain. "I wish you would bring it before the whole board when the Master Fish Warden can be present and answer your statements and arguments. You can either argue the claim before the commission or submit what you wish in writing. We will be glad to hear what you have to say or

consider any evidence you have in sup-port of your claim."
"I shall submit evidence," responded Mr. Hume with considerable spirit.
"We shall be glad to have you," re-

"We shall be giad to have you, replied the Governor.

"And I want it understood that I am
not a poor man," rejoined Hume. "I
am a man of wealth and can afford to
spend \$10 fighting for every 50 cents
of the claim and I propose to do it. I
am a hard fighter and you will find it
out. I am a man of wealth."

"And I am a poor man and don't care a d-n if you are a man of wealth," shouted the Governor as he sprang from his chair. "If you came in here to make threats you might as well have stayed away." "I wasn't making threats," protested "I just wanted you to under-

"Well it sounded pretty much like a threat and I want you to understand that doesn't go. You can get a fair hearing before the commission whether you are a poor man or a man of wealth and if you don't like it you can get out office. And Mr. Hume emerged in some

FOUR MEN BLOWN TO BITS

Dynamite Takes Fire in Camp of Italian Laborers.

dead men are: Linge Ferrar, Vite Esperite, Frank Caroine, Gilde Gatto.
C. Cive Charles Caspuzzi and John Berose were injured, the latter two not One of the men was thawing out some dynamite and the sticks were lying near the fire, and caught. He gave the alarm

and four workmen rushed to him to assist in extinguishing the biaze when the explosion occurred.

ONE KILLED, TWO HURT Boy Pulls Gun Towards Him by the

Muzzle and It Goes Off.

WEED, Cal., Nov. 19.-Wm. Adams, aged 13, killed; Harold Adams, aged 12. part of hand shot away, flesh torn fro arm, powder marks in face and bird-shot in breast; Ben Martin, aged 15, birdshot in breast and face. That is the list of the dead and wounded following a gun accident that happened late Saturday afternoon near Big springs, 16 miles from Weed and eight miles from Gazelle.

The boys were out duck hunting in Little Shasta Valley. While they were eating Harold Adams saw some ducks rise. Reaching for his gun, he grabbed it by the muzzle and drew it toward him. As he did so the weapon was discharged, the hammer republic striking upon a rock and exprobably striking upon a rock and exploding the cartridge.

GETS BACK AT MINISTERS

Seattle Prosecutor Finds Lax System in Filing Marriage Certificates. SEATTLE Wash., Nov. 19 .- (Special.)-

After silently submitting to the accusa-tions made by the ministers of the city that he had not done his duty, Prose-cuting Attorney Kennith Mackintosh to-day began action in retribution. The Prosecuting Attorney declares that nearly every minister of this city has been violating the state law which provides for the delivery of a marriage cer-tificate to the County Clerk for record. The prosecutor today set an expert to work checking up on the ministers, and declares that he will prosecute every pas-tor found guilty of violating the law. The penalty is a fine of not less than

CHAMBERLAIN SENDS WORD

\$25 nor more than \$300.

Urges Trans-Mississippi Congress to Encourage Amendment to Law.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 19 .- (Special.)-Governor Chamberlain today sent the following telegram to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, in session at Muskogee, Okla.:

Success to deliberations of Congress. By all means pass resolutions for amendment of the Interstate Commerce law, so that interstate rates cannot be increased without a hearing had, giving the Commission greater power and forbidding the enforcement of rates without prior approval of the Cemmission.

MILEAGE BOOKS ARE PRINTED Agent McMurray Notifies State Railroad Commission.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)— General Passenger Agent McMurray, of the Harriman lines, today notified the State Railroad Commission that the new mileage books have been printed and shipped from the East, and will be here in a few days. They will be placed on sale as soon as they arrive. These are the 2%-cent mileage books agreed upon at a joint meeting of the Raliroad Commissioners, a committee of the T. P. A. and the railroad officals. and will take the place of the scripbooks now in use.

Game With Utah Declined.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE. Corvalifs, Nov. 12.—(Special.)—A tele-graphic request has been received by the Athletic management requesting a game of football by the Utah Agricultural Col-Will Use Motor Lifeboat.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 19.—A motorpropelled lifeboat built in New Jersey, at a cost of \$15,000, has been shipped and is expected to reach Victoria shortly for applies from Peach Victoria shortly for which four Italian workmen were killed. service from Bamfield Creek on the West and three injured. The camp is located be played. A telegram was sent today to Coast of Vancouver Island.

Appetite-None.

The Woeful Reflections of a Withered Dyspeptic.

No substitute for good nature has yet been found. Smiles take root in the stemach. Without good digestion there never can be very much sanishine, for the very simple reason that the stomach and the beat brain are twins, and what affects one invariably affects the other. The adage that the best road to a person's heart is via the stemach, still holds good.

Gorged grub and pappy ple always breed gloom and sleepless nights.

They also breed dyspepsia—quick dyspepsia, and dyspepsia shows itself in a



variety of ways-belching, burning sensaion, an empty feeling in the stomach, loating after eating, brash, aversion to food, fermentation, or downright indiges-

There are few diseases which create

There are few diseases which create such misery—long drawn out misery—as dyspepsia. It pursues you before meals, after meals, and between meals; you take it to bed with you; it is with you at the theater and at your desk.

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wonderful little tablets on earth for this In plain arithmetic, one of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets equals one good strong stomach for one time for one good hearty meal. One ingredient of Stuart's Dys-pepsia Tablets will digest perfectly \$800 grains of food in just the same way that a strong, robust, healthy atomach would

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