FAMILY TROUBLES LEAD TO MURDER

R. T. Dickerson Shoots Harry A. Garrett, Alleging Intimacy With Wife.

PROTESTS HER INNOCENCE

Woman Says Dead Man Was Helping Her in Divorce Suit-Slayer Claims Justification in Act by Unwritten Law.

Charged with the commission of a cold-blooded murder, closely guarded in a cell in the County Jail, believing his act will be excused by a jury of his country-men through invocation of the unwritten law, R. Thomas Dickerson, a street contractor, of 512 Patton Road, Portland Heights, his voice shaking with vindictive rage, openly told the story while in the custody of officers of a tragedy yester-day morning shortly before 6 o'clock, which ended in the death of Harry A. Garrett, one of his teamsters, and disclosed to the world a shocking scundal of an alleged faithless wife and the punished wrongs of a home destroyer.

The tragedy occurred in front of the barn of Dickerson's bunkhouse, at 423 Patton road, a block below his home. Dickerson had just arisen and was superintending feeding the horses. Garrett also had just arisen and walked out in front of the stable. A short conversation ensued between the two and Dickerson drew his revolver and fired five shots into the body of Garrett, killing him instantly.

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Was there merit in Dickerson's belief was there merit in Dickerson's belief that an uncompromising intimacy existed between his wife and Garrett or was it a blind and insane jealousy, goaded on by a desire to retain his wife's love, which magnified the relations between Mrs. Dickerson and Garrett to wrongdoing? This is a question which the officials are trying to solve

Woman Denies Wrongdoing.

In an interview yesterday afternoon Mrs. Dickerson stoutly denied any relations of a shocking character between her and Garrett. She explained their frequent conferences by saying Garrett was to be her star witness in the divorce proceedings to the divorce proceedings. orce proceedings that she had in

vorce proceedings that she had instituted against her husband and that he was assisting her in securing other witnesses. "He killed an innocent man. That man dead yonder," she said with a choke in her voice while at the morgue where Garrett's body is being held pending the Coroner's jury inquisition, "is as innocent as you are of wrongdoing. My husband is a brute. He was always talking about killing somebody and told me when he did, it would not be only one but others."

The killing was only witnessed by fwo persons and their stories of the tragedy are widely different. One of these is G. C. Mowrer, a stable hand, who came four days ago from Grants Pass, and the other is Mrs. Henry Snyder, who has been acting as the Dickerson housekeeper for some time.

Stable Hand Tells Story.

The stable hand, a boy about 20 years old, was standing within three feet of Dickerson when the shooting occurred. "I was taking hay from a wagon and giving it to the horses," he said, "and I am positive that no conversation took place. The first I knew was when the first shot was fired. I could not see Garrett until he had recled and fell. I thought Mr. Dickerson was shooting for fun and that Garrett was just carrying Garrett until he had recled and fell. I thought Mr. Dickerson was shooting for fun and that Garrett was just carrying out the joke by falling. Neither man uttered a word. Mr. Dickerson walked away and during the entire affair not a single word was said that I heard."

Mrs. Snyder's story is just the opposite. She was standing near a window just above Dickerson's head and had her head out of the window. Her story of the tragedy is about as follows:

Another Witness Differs.

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The large of the window. The lockerson walked as a stractive blonde woman, apparently about 30 years of age. She was neatly gowned and has an appearance of refinement. There is a trace of sadness in her face. Her sister is even prettier than she, but of the opposite type. Both evidenced great humiliation over the affair other than this there were motion on the street.

"When 'Bud' (meaning Garrett) came around the corner Mr. Dickerson said: 'Did you have a good time at St. Helens yesterday?' Bud' did not answer, but threw back his head and laughed in a sneering manner. He continued advancing toward Mr. Dickerson, laughing in a sneering, gloating way, that would have caused me to do just as he did, when Mr. Dickerson drew his revolver and commenced firing. I don't know how many shots he fired. I saw Garrett fall and Mr. Dickerson walked away."

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After the shooting Dickerson walked up to his house and left the revolver. He then walked back in front of the bunkhouse and was driven down town by his foreman, Harry A. Fuller, who took him to the Sheriff's office, where he gave himself into the custody of the officers. He was placed in the library of the jail, where he told his story of the murder. On the way down town the two passed the police patrol wagon and an ambuaince from the morgue of Dunning, McEntee & Gilbaugh, in which was sented Deputy Coroner James Dunting, Dickerson spoke to Dunning as he passed, saying: "You don't need an ambulance. What you need is the morgue wagon. The man is dead."

Dickerson Asserts Justification.

Dickerson asserts he was entirely justified in killing Garrett, because, he says, Garrett had been unduly intimate with his wife and had threatened to kill him as soon as their divorce case is concluded and then run away with his wife.

wife.
"I have heard of his breaking up other homes," said Dickerson. "He hoasied of this, and some of my wife's folks said, so I heard, that she told them she was going to teave with one of my men as soon as the divorce hearing was over. I knew they met at St. Helens yesterday. I don't care to discuss it further, since the man is dead. It will all come out at the trial," concluded the prisoner.

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Fuller, foreman for Dickerson. "You will hear a whole lot more when the trial comes off than you will be able to

Trial Set for Wednesday.

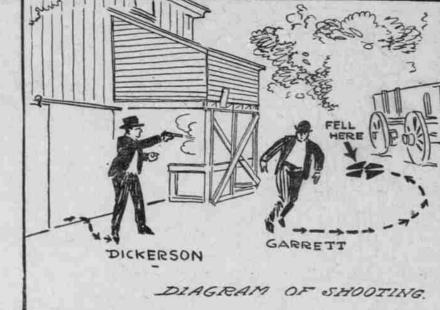
Dickerson was arraigned before Jus-Dickerson was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Bell yesterday afternoon and his examining trial set for Wednosday at 5 o'clock. The coroner's inquest over Garrett's body will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Dickerson has not definitely arranged on counsel as yet, though he discussed the matter with several attorneys vesterday. yet, though he discussed the matter with several attorneys yesterday. Attorney John H. Sievenson, of the firm of Logan & Stevenson, appeared for him at the arraignment yesterday afternoon before

Justice Bell.

The defense of the prisoner will undoubtedly be the unwritten liw, made famious by the Harry Thaw and Hains trials in New York. A plea of insanity will be urged, as is customary. This subterfuge will be used to avoid technical interference on the part of the court in

SCENE OF YESTERDAY'S TRAGEDY, WITH PORTRAITS OF PERSONS CONCERNED





WHO WAS SLAIN,

instructing the jury that a verdict of instructing the jury that a verillet of guilty be returned.

Mrs. Dickerson visited the morgue yesterday afternoon to inquire what disposition is to be made of Garrett's body. She showed the greatest solicitude concerning the welfare of the dead man and asked that she be advised by telephone of what his people wish done with him. She stendingly refused to answer ques-She steadfastly refused to answer ques-tions of a delicate character, save to deny that there has been undue intimacy between hersolf and Garrett.

Woman Shows Refinement.

"He is an inocent man," she said. "Our only relations were his interest in my suit for divorce." She then ter-ininated the possibility of further questioning by taking her little girl by the hand and walking hastily out of the

Mrs. Dickerson, whose maiden name was Martha Messner, was first married to Dickerson March 1, 1899, at McMinn-ville. In July of 1907 she was granted a decree of divorce on the ground of cruelty and abusive language toward her. In this petition she recites that Dickerson threatened to the beautiful or the state of the state and abusive language toward her. In this petition she recites that Dickerson threatened to kill her, all of her male relatives and then commit suicide. She was given the custody of their little girk then 5 years old. The remarriage took place last February by Justice of the Peace Bell, of this city, who will likewise sit in the examining trial Wednesday afternoon, and before whom Dickerson was arraigned yesterday. A contract was drawn up before the marriage, the principal stipulation being that in the event of another separation the custody of the child should go to the husband. Early in May of this year the second separation occurred and on May 25 Mrs. Dickerson again sued for a divorce. She first went to the home of her parents, who, since their removal from 754 Thurman street, have been living at Sylvan, Or., a suburb west of Portland.

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That there was merit in Dickerson's that there was merit in Dickerson's contention of intimacy between his wife and Garrett there is no question. But whether or not this intimacy reached a stage of wrongdoing prior to their separation, as suggested by Dickerson, admits of argument. Letters found in Garrett's trunk by the Deputy Coroner, James Dunning, establish this beyond a doubt. These missives, which are replete with suggestive statements, none of which are positive, are indicative of the native indtive, are indicative of the native in-

tellectuality of their authoress.

In these letters, as if advancing an excuse for their lack of warmith, Mrs. Dickerson states her lawyers have advised her to be careful in writing and not give her husband a clew to what she is planning. Just what this "planning" is she leaves equally indefinite

Letters Make Appointments.

In all Garrett had in his possession eight letters, written during the period from her last separation with Dickerson to last Saturday night, when she sent him two letters. One of these was written at the Perlims Hotel in Portland and asks him to come up to her room No. 5ii. In the letter written the day before from Deer Island she makes the appointment for the parlor and in none of the letters is there any positive suggestion or any allusion to past misconduct. In most of the latters, however, she closes with endearing terms, such as "with love and kisses."

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come off. I would like to write more but don't think it is best. If I see you Saturday night I will tell you all. It will be better to talk than to write and then anyone can't make anything out of that if I met you at the postoffice because I have to get witnesses. Tom's talk is all bluff and he can't get my child away from me. I think if I had stayed out there any longer I would have sither gone crazy or died by this time. I feel fine now and haven't that pain in my heart I had when I left there. I hated him so bad I couldn't stay there any longer. But he caused me to hate him by accusing me of wrong doing and telling me he could get my child away from me.

Mrs. Dickerson left for Deer Island June 12, where she stayed with a Mrs. L. Stler, who lives about 3½ miles from that place. It is 30 miles southeast of Portland. Before leaving she posted Garrett a note, advising him of her departure, and stated the reason she is leaving is that she suspects someone is getting her mail, which was then being delivered at the old address of her parents at 754 Thurman street.

street.
In a letter on June 15 Mrs. Dickerson speaks of her husband being disguised,

In a letter received here June 19 the writer tells of the trip that had been planned for St. Helens Sunday. She does not, however, make any special invitation for him to meet her there. She came back to Portland Sunday night and went to the home of her sister, on Eleventh street. Garrett was gone all day Sunday from the bunkhouse.

Just how Dickerson ever became aware there was anything between his wife and Garrett is unknown, and he refused to divulge it. It is thought, however, that he probably had discovered the letters written by his wife in Garrett's trunk, and was advised of her In a letter received here June 19 the

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hugging each other in the Patton road barn. He promised them then, he said, that he would not give them away, but administered a lecture to the pair. He proposes to give this evidence on the witness stand.

Very little is known of Garrett here. He entered Dickerson's employ last January. He came here from La Grande, where he had been working till last November. His wife and he eral letters from her, which were of a most lovable character, were found among his belongings. His parents live at 502 South Thirteenth street, Rocky Ford, Colo. A brother lives in Denver, and he was advised of the tragedy by wire. Thus far nothing has been heard from him.

The young daughter of Mrs. Dickerson accompanied her mother to the morgue yesterday. She, it is said, has formed a very great fondness for Garrett, and sobbed piteously all during her mother's stay there. Among the dead man's effects were found four postcards from the little girl, on which she calls him "Dear Bud" and other en-

The rose decorations are to be a feature. A fresh supply will be brought in every day. The committee in charge requests that on Thursday, those furnish the roses will see that they arrive before 11 o'clock, and on remaining days of the convention before \$:30 in the morning. Brown, at the Hoffman. An employe of Dickerson's, who re-fused to give his name, said yesterday he saw Garrett and Mrs. Dickerson J. I. Haglune, at the Heraid Square. the chairmen of the convention com-The chairmen of the convention committees, meeting for luncheon yesterday noon at the Y. W. C. A., adopted various resolutions regarding their procedure. It was decided that Mrs. H. D. Gates, chairman of the health and comfort committee, shall arrange for a nursery to be located probably in the Grace. Methodist Church, where mothers who

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desire to attend the convention, can leave their children.

In place of one banquet for the alumni of all the seminaries represented, there will be a separate banquet for each seminary. Rev. R. Schwedler will be in charge of the banquets.

Many alterations are being made in the arrangement of the White Temple to adapt it to the needs of the convention. Among other things will be special telephones and a postoffice for the accomodation of the ciercal force. A force of stenographers will be used during the convention.

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All persons who expect to participate and vote in the meetings of the Northern Baptist convention, will be required to present written credentials at the time of enrollment, and no person will be permitted on the floor of the convention room without them.

The members of the convention committees are as follows:

Executive committee—Rev. J. W. Brougher.

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Transportation committee—W. O. Hains, W. R. Litzenberg, W. K. Hail.

Entertainment committee—W. O. Hains, W. R. Litzenberg, W. K. Hail.

Entertainment committee—Mrs. H. M. Clinton, Mies Marion Cole, Mrs. W. S. McGuire, Publicity committee—Dr. C. A. Wooddy, Meesra, James Edmunds, Riley.

One thousand laymen committee—E. M. Runyan, J. A. Sladen, Finance committee—W. T. Jordas P. Salver, Sa

Final definite arrangements were made last night at the White Temple for the work of the various comittees in charge of the Northern Baptist Convention to be held at the White Temple from June 25 to July 2. The ushers, telephone operators, post office cierks and the committees on entertainment, decorating and receiving, were instructed minutely and put through a rehearsal of their various duties.

There will be maintained at the church during the convention seven public telephones, one telegraph, a post office, two public stenographers and a general information bureau. These will be run morning, afternoon and evening during the whole period of the convention.

Other denominations will co-operate in furnishing entertainment and flowers and will otherwise assist in the general work connected with the convention.

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TACOMA. June 21. - The German stearmer Sals, which arrived in port last evening, is loading flour at the Oriental dock for the West Coast.

The German steamer Ella, which arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Quartermaster Harbor, is loading for West Coast ports of Mexico and Central America.

The steamer Watson arrived tonight from down Sound to complete carge.

The steamer schooner Winnebago arrived in port today and is loading for San Francisco.

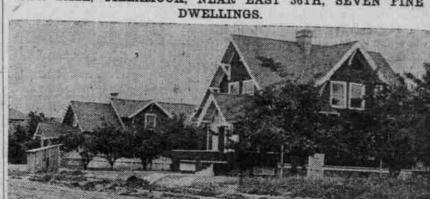
Suits for Corvalis Nine.

CORVALLIS, Or., June 21 .- (Special.) --On Saturday the Corvall's Cubs received new suits, a present from local business men and celebrated the event by win-ning from the Siletz Indians, at Toledo on Sunday, score 10 to 7. This team has won a majority of the games played this year and now wants games with some of the crack northern teams.

Lundgren May Come Home.

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Tale of Captain Mullin and His Crew of One, Wherein Adventurous Search for Treasure Trove Is Recounted.

The little black flag flew merrily,
And the man by the long bow-gun
Tightened his lips and stared at the sea
As the schooner heeled with her helm a-lee
Till her copper flashed in the sun.

HIS is a story of pirates, scanne

adventures and buried treasure, linked with the expedition of two youthful seamen, and should properly nmence with the traditional "once upon a time," but since it occurred only Sunday that would probably be inappropriate. Be that as it may, never was an expedition started with more fixed determination on the part of its personnel, and when it comes to daring the personnel and the per Don Quixote was a timld imbecile in

emparison. Rey Mullin, 14-year-old son of Harry Roy Mullin, 14-year-old son of Harry Mullin, who lives in the Union building on First street, between Oak and Stark, was the leader of the expedition and his little brother, scarcely past ten, was the crew. Lewis and Clark had a guide, but these two explorers scorned help and set out bright and early yesterday morning from the dock at the foot of Washington street in a soap box. In large letters along the side of this strange craft was printed the box. In large letters along the side of this strange craft was printed the word "Scrubolio," and the way she sat in the water would have delighted the eye of a veteran seaman. Captain Kidd, Bagdad the Salior, and all other fictional heroes of the deep buse combined, wouldn't have made a first-class cabin boy for Cap'n Mullin and his crew, who sat in the bow of the vessel and steered her out on the river, his little red sweater forming the only bit of color on the broad expanse of the Williamette.

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bellowed the copper

"What craft is that?"
"The Scrubolio of Portland, bound for Treasure Island, Cap'n Mullin," came back from the youthful adventurers. turers.

"You kids come back here before you are drowned!" yelled the officer, scarcely able to repress the fear in his voice that the two lads would be struggling in the vector are

about and reached the dock in safety.

The officer took the boys to police headquarters and, after hearing their story, Captain Bailey ordered them sent to their mother.

"We stole the box from some boys who owned it up the river," said the younger lad, "and we were going to hunt treasures. I wish that old policeman had left us alone. Gee, we'd sure had a great time."

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when a reporter sent up his card to the Mullin apartments with a request that he be granted an audience with Captain Mullin, he found the pirate out in search of other adventures. But the first mate, who answers to the name of Valentine, was in and came

One of the letters, which illustrates the general spirit of all, written from her parents' home at Sylvan, follows:

Kind Friend—I don't dare write very much for the lawyers told me to be careful ind not let him get any clew on me whatever. I phoned to the cook yesterday and she thinks you are coming to see me to keep me poeted, so it stands in hand to be a full-fledged pirate? From a stick at one end of the Scrubollo a black flag, or, properly speaking, a dirty black rag, 'flew merrily.' Such terms as 'cutlasses,' walkin' the plank' and other piratical parlance were the snatches of conversation which reached the ears of Policeman Douglas Leisey, who chanced slong soon after the freebooters weighed anchor.

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