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HE KILLED M'KERCHER.

That Much Young Montgomery Has Confessed to.

All doubt of the guilt of Lloyd Montgomery, accused of committing the triple murder near Brownsville, was removed Sunday afternoon, when he made a partial confession to Sheriff McFeron. The prisoner was sharply questioned by the sheriff, when the officer told him he might as well tell the truth about the matter, the prisoner began crying, and said:

"Come inside and I will tell you all about it."

The sheriff went into the cell, and young Montgomery told a brief disconnected story, broken with fits of weeping. He said:

"When Gilkey, the hopbuyer, drove away from the house, father and McKercher were standing by the picket fence, in front of the house, talking about some money which father owed McKercher. This was only a few dollars. Directly after Gilkey left, McKercher asked for a drink of water. I took him around to the back porch where the well is and got it for him. He then went through the house, as I suppose where father was. While I was taking a drink of water I heard a rifle shot. I ran into the house and met mother. She cried:

"McKercher has shot pa, and is shooting at me; run for your life."

"I ran to get the gun, but found it gone. I then ran out of the back door and started around to the front yard, where McKercher was shooting. He saw me coming, and shot once at me, but didn't hit me, and I grabbed the gun and shot him in the head as he turned around. He had killed father and mother and I had to do it. I then ran from the house into the field. My first thought was to get away. I was afraid people would think I had done all the killing. Just then the school children came along, and I went to the house with them. The rest is just as I told it before. I got on to McKercher's horse and went and notified the neighbors."

Young Montgomery further said that he left the rifle on McKercher's body to create the impression that he had killed Montgomery and his wife and then committed suicide.

Officers place no credence in his story, beyond the admission of his own guilt. They claim there is abundance of evidence to show conclusively that the prisoner killed both his father and mother and McKercher, which this confession only strengthens.

Tuesday young Montgomery made another confession.

"If I only had it to do over again; I don't know why I did it," he said weeping bitterly. "Father and I were quarreling. He was going after me for staying away from home and McKercher sided in with him in abusing me. Father had always treated me mean and I worked hard all my life. He asked me where I had been and I told him I had been hunting; then he slapped me and told me to go out and cut some wood. I was so angered that I rushed into the house and got the rifle and came out at the kitchen door and began shooting at father and McKercher. I shot father first, and then at McKercher, but missed him. I ran around toward the front door and shot him as he entered the house. Mother was running away from me through the house. After I got to shooting I just kept on and shot them all."

DON'T WANT THE EARTH.

A Walla Walla Man who Simply Would Like a Portion of It.

J. McCraith, who lives at Walla Walla, Wash., has written a sensational letter to attorney A. H. Ricketts, of San Francisco. He writes Ricketts asking him to become his lawyer in some land litigation, he has in view. His prospective client claims all the land in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho, and disputes with the English government the ownership of British Columbia. At great length Mr. McCraith asserts that all the mineral and agricultural lands of the Northwest, together with all rivers and harbors, are his by deeds direct from the Indians. Years ago he claims that his uncle, McCraith by name, paid the Indians \$25,000,000 for the Northwest country, and got a title as large as a blanket when he paid over the money.

The uncle, he says, died several

Where is Andy Brown.

Andrew Brown, well known in the Granite creek country, says the La Grande Chronicle, has not been heard from for some time and his many friends have some fear for his safety. When he left Granite he did not intimate leaving the country, and the fact that he owned mining property in that section, precludes the possibility of his leaving without telling his intention to do so. Where he is or why he left is an enigma. His friends fear that he has met with foul play. When he left Granite he had some money and grave fears are now entertained for his safety.

Absolutely True.

It is currently whispered that Mrs. _____, while cleaning house, asked her husband to nail up some [] he refused; she looked at him; told him that his conduct was without a [], then beat him with her [] until he saw []. He now lies in a, tose state, and may soon be a fit subject for hididss. A man must be an* his life in that way and put a. to his existence.

The Ills of Women.

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years ago, leaving him all the property. He insists that the will was probated in the San Francisco courts five or six years ago. Among his deeds and documents he finds some that he thinks give him a good claim for all the land in British Columbia. He therefore wants Ricketts to at once begin proceedings in the courts to set aside England's title, and have her claims properly set forth. Should the United States object to his title in the Northwest, he wants Ricketts to legally knock out its pretensions. Mr. Ricketts has informed McCraith that in his humble way he is sure he could not handle the case in a manner which would meet his rosy expectations about the great properties.

An Old Timer.

E. A. Linn, the pioneer of Walla Walla, greeted his old Walla Walla friends the other day, says the Statesman. Mr. Linn was one of the first settlers of old Walla Walla, and can entertain listeners by the hour in reciting reminiscences of early pioneer life in the days when steamboats landed at Walla Walla and freight was hauled from that point for hundreds of miles. Mr. Linn has a rare collection of Indian relics, such as Indian arrows, spearheads, beads, pipes, mallets, tomahawks, Indian ornaments, etc. Many of these curios were washed by highwater from the old Indian graveyard on the bank of the Columbia near the mouth of the Walla Walla.

It is a rare treat for the tender-foot to be present at the meeting of oldtimers, like Mr. Linn and Chas. Painter, for instance, and hear them recount their experiences in the early days when the streets of Walla Walla were Indian trails and cow-paths, and the yell of the coyote and the war hoop of the savage often disturbed the slumbers of the inhabitants.

The early history of the Walla Walla valley would make a book of thrilling interest, and some one should be found to write it while the old landmarks are still with us.

Oregon Annual Gold Output.

The Oregon Mining Journal, a new venture in Southern Oregon, has the following mining news: No accurate data can be had with which to solve the question as to the annual gold output of the state of Oregon. From the best data obtainable, however it approximates \$2,000,000. The difficulty in reaching a conclusion arises from the fact that the gold is shipped out to different parts of the country, and by different channels. Much of it goes by express and some by mail. No data is to be had from which to ascertain the amount shipped through the postoffice. Again, much of the gold product of the state goes to the Shelby Smelting company, at San Francisco, where it ultimately reaches the mint and is credited to California. About \$1,000,000 is annually produced in Southern Oregon. About \$160,000 is annually sold to the bank and merchants at Grant's Pass.

A Human Goose.

An Oregon sportsman is getting ready to exterminate the wild geese of this country. He is having a rubber suit manufactured with a head piece that will be an exact imitation of a goose, and magnifying glasses for his eyes. This man will float along, with his entire body concealed and only the goose in sight. When he gets among a flock of wild geese he will sidle along up catch hold of the feet of the geese and pull them under and drown them. He thinks in this way he will be able to catch every goose he goes for and supply the retail trade.

A Promising Young Life Cut Off.

Word has been received by Mrs. O. W. Brunton of this city that her brother, Stanley Egbert of South Bend was drowned while fishing in Oysterville Bay on November 14. Stanley Egbert was the son of Marion D. Egbert, for several years one of the proprietors of the Walla Walla Journal. It appears that he started in a small boat on a fishing excursion on Wednesday of last week, and has not been heard from since.—Walla Walla Statesman.

Locked in a Vault.

A few days ago a couple went to the city cemetery, says the Walla Walla Statesman, and in course of wandering about came to Mr. Sturges' vault. They went in and for the "fun of the thing" closed the door. Now this door has a combination lock and it was not long

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SYMES FOUND GUILTY.

Convicted of Murder in the First Degree.

The jury in the case of Alfred J. Symes at Ritzville, charged with the murder of Constable Coulee, brought in a verdict Saturday at midnight of murder in the first degree. The counsel for the defendant moved for an arrest of judgment. The prisoner took the verdict quietly, making absolutely no demonstration, but his face was deathly pale.

(June 27, 1895, Constable L. A. Coulee, was taking Alfred J. Symes to Ritzville, Wash., to answer a charge of stealing hogs. When within three miles of the town, Symes pulled out a revolver, which he had concealed in his chaps, and, telling Coulee that his time had come, began, as Symes said, "pumping" led into him. He kept on "pumping" until all the shots were fired from his revolver. Symes then made his way out of Washington, and across Idaho, into Montana. There he was given employment on a ranch tending sheep. The owner of the ranch saw a description of Symes in a newspaper. One day he caught Symes when off his guard and knocked him down with a billet of wood, securely tied him up and afterwards turned him over to the authorities, who brought him back to Ritzville. At the time of Symes capture, a fairy tale was told how a lynching party was formed to string him up, but were prevailed upon by the murderer's sweetheart to give him a chance in court.)

before the lady and gentleman found that they were locked in the vault. The lady began to cry and yell, while the young man gave his attention to the combination of the door. He soon found that the lock would not give way to his entreaties, and as the air was not any too plentiful he, too, became frightened and gave vent to yells not calculated to be in harmony with a vault. Hearing a faint sound proceeding from the vicinity of the vault as he chanced to pass that way, the sexton liberated the couple, who were about half choked for the want of air. "They won't go there any more."

Genio Pardoned.

On Saturday Gov. McGraw granted a pardon to Eremino Genio, an Italian, who was under a life sentence for a murder committed in Skamania county about 14 years ago. The impression has long prevailed that Genio was an innocent man, the victim of perjured testimony. At the time of his trial he could not speak a word of English, and was at a great disadvantage in defending himself against the crime charged against him. It seems that the body of a man riddled with bullets was found hidden under a pile of brush and leaves in the woods. Several witnesses conspired to fasten the crime on the helpless Genio, who made no effort to escape. The prisoner has now served thirteen years and three months.

Fell 66 Feet.

A fatal accident happened at the Cascade Locks Friday evening about 7:30 o'clock. Charles Morrill, a laborer upon the works, had been drilling a hole in the rock, making ready for a blast to be set off. He began to walk away from where he had been working, and had gone a distance of about fifty feet, when he stepped into a valve shaft, and fell a distance of sixty-six feet. He was instantly killed. The valve shaft is a small aperture in the mason work extending from the top of the wall to the bottom of the canal. Mr. Morrill was aged about 40 years, and leaves a family to mourn his sudden death.

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Took Away His Tiptle.

Many whiskey-to-Indian cases were held in Walla Walla last week, at which some astonishingly queer evidence was adduced. The trial of one Louis Watson was brief. Watson took the stand testified that on his way to North Yakima one day two Indians had overpowered him and robbed him of a bottle of whiskey. His story was evidently not believed by the jury for they were only a few minutes in finding a verdict of guilty.

Haskins Arraigned.

Hank Haskins, who was arrested by Constable Hempel at La Grande last Saturday, was arraigned yesterday in Justice Staffon's court in Baker City, charged with the serious crime of assault and robbery, being armed with a dangerous weapon. The young man is charged with holding up a Chinaman near that city about two weeks ago. The Mongolian was relieved of upwards of \$100.

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The Miscreant Caught.

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