A SERIES OF SEVEN.

SUCCESSION OF MURDERS ON THE SIMILKAMEEN.

Shooting of Coutts Only the Last of Many Due to Land Disputes—Mosgrove's Shortage to Be Made Up—A Bold Smuggler at Whatcom.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

LOOMIS, Sept. 11.—The murder of Peter Coutts on August 23 on his ranch on the Similkameen river is only one more added to a long series of such crimes caused by disputes regarding land in this section of Okanogan county. The homestead is on the east bank of the river, three miles north of the Wyandotte mine, extending from the foot of the mountain, through bottom land densely overgrown with brush, to the river bank, and the forty acres in dispute is only a tract of marsh not worth quarreling about.

Coutts had had many quarrels with his neighbors in regard to the boundary, and had frequently ordered them off the disputed ground. In the early spring of 1896 he had a dispute with George Stringham, and tore down a fence which the latter had built, and in the following winter he was bound over to keep the peace. Stringham proceeded to build a cabin and began to build a new fence. One day in March, 1896, Coutts started to tear down the fence. Stringham is alleged to have shot at him. Coutts sent his boy for his Winchester, and with it deliberately shot Stringham dead across his own doorstep. Coutts was tried and acquitted on the ground of self-defense. He has since been very unpopular among his neighbors, being obstinate and ready to use desperate means to maintain his position.

A few days before Coutts was killed he found Oscar Anderson and A. B. Dinsmore making hay on the debatable ground and ordered them off of it, telling them he had a house on it and claimed it

About 5:30 on the morning of August 23 Coutts left his house on horseback to go to Joseph Linton's, across the mountains, two or three miles distant. His wife and son, Ralph, were still in bed, as he rode away. A quarter of a mile south of his house, the road passes the cabin which George Stringham had built on the disputed ground, and in the doorway of which Coutts killed him. From the window, about thirteen inches square, facing towards the road, a Winchester bullet was fired at Coutts, and struck him in the right breast, passing through his body and out at the left shoulder. He screamed five times and his wife and son, half dressed, ran up to find him dead. Footprints in the dust of the cabin, which had long been unoccupied, and an empty 45-70 Winchester cartridge, proved that the shot had been fired from here. The murderer must have fled down the hill to the thick brush below.

The coroner's jury found that death was caused by a gunshot wound inflicted by a gun in the hands of a person unknown. Sheriff Reed and Prosecuting Attorney McPherson made a trip to Fairview, B. C., in quest of the murderer, and on their return arrested Oscar Anderson and A. B. Dinsmore, one of the coroner's jury, but after a preliminary examination, they were discharged. The sheriff said that there was sufficient evidence to hold the men, but scarcely enough to convict.

The murder and six others, which have preceded it in the same section, are indirectly due to the delay in the approval of surveys for the last seven years. An inspector is now going over the work on three townships, which are among the most populous in Okanogan county, and it is hoped that they will soon be open for filing.

RECOVERED THE SEIZED OPIUM.

Smuggler Eludes Customs Officer and Burglarizes the Express Car.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

WHATCOM, Sept. 11.—A rather suspicious looking character, with a roll of blankets upon his back, yesterday boarded the accommodation train at Sumas, due here at 6 o'clock, with a ticket for this city. Inspector Brown, of the customs service, proceeded to examine the man's baggage soon after the train left, and upon opening the roll of blankets discovered about $300 worth of opium. The smuggler, seeing that he had been discovered, jumped from the moving train near Clearbrook and ran for the timber. The inspector called to Conductor Thomas to take care of the dope and bring it back to Sumas this morning, and then went after the fleeing smuggler. Thomas locked the opium into the messenger's safe of the Dominion Express Company, which was not in use on that trip, and brought it here, intending to return it this morning.

About 2 o'clock this morning, however, the express car was broken open and the safe and its contents taken away. Tracks were discovered from the car to the water front, where some confederate of the smuggler was probably in waiting to take the stuff away in a boat. The safe was doubtless broken open and then thrown overboard. The collector of customs at Port Townsend was wired today and asked to send a revenue launch in pursuit. Conductor Thomas says he knew all the passengers on the train and does not believe that the smuggler had any confederate among them. It is possible that he might have made his way from Clearbrook to this city in the night and finished the job himself, but it would have been a hard trip, and even if he made, the officers cannot understand how he could have learned what had been done with the dope.

MUST REFUND THE SHORTAGE.

Board of Control After Mosgrove's Bondsmen—Equalizing Salaries.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

OLYMPIA, Sept. 10.—In an interview today Auditor Lister, who has just returned from a trip to the various state institutions with the other members of the board of control, said of the alleged shortage in the accounts of ex-Warden Mosgrove, of the penitentiary:

"We found ex-Warden Mosgrove approximately $2,000 short in his accounts. A demand will be made upon his bondsmen for the recovery of this money to the state, and if it is then not forthcoming the matter will be placed in the hands of the attorney general.

"Prior to our visit to the Eastern Washington hospital, the salaries paid there were higher than at the Western Washington asylum. These we have equalized by cutting down the former scale to the plane of the latter.

"We found the institutions working smoothly. No changes of importance were made in the personnel of the employes of any of the institutions."

A BATCH OF POSTMASTERS.

Recommended by Senator Wilson, and More Are Coming.

SPOKANE, Sept. 11.—Senator Wilson announced today that he has made the following recommendations for postmasters in this state:

Coulee City, Thomas Perry; Olequa, Mrs. Mary Bertrand; Kelso, W. P. Ely; Maple Valley, W. P. Gibbon; New Whatcom, Hugh Eldridge; Boundary, Dr. G. W. Sutherland; Winlock, John L. Gruber; Ritzville, W. K. Kennedy; Chehalis, Dan W. Bush; Goldendale, Howard H. Spalding; Richardson, James Franklin; Waterville, Joseph G. Tuttle; Sultan, A. W. Bower; Ferndale, Myron McLane; Sumas, J. H. Walroth; East Sound, S. H. Stowers; Davenport, Lawrence A. Inkster; Palouse, George Lamphere.

Senator Wilson says he will make recommendations the coming week for the postoffices at Spokane, Pullman, Northport and Walla. It is understood here that C. B. Hopkins will be recommended for the Spokane postoffice.

Senator Wilson will also recommend the appointment of an Indian agent this coming week for the Colville reservation. He has recommended L. L. Bowers, of Chehalis county, for deputy United States marshal for Alaska.

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Your grocer sells you a package of *Schilling's Best*. If you don't like it he returns your money.
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KILLED BEFORE HIS WIFE'S EYES.

Idaho Shingle Man Meets Sudden Death on the Railroad.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 11.—John V. Nesbitt, of Sand Point, Idaho, manager of a shingle mill there, met with a sudden and frightful death last night. His wife escaped by a hair's breadth.

Nesbitt with his wife had been out on a railroad velocipede, cruising for timber on a tie contract which he had with C. King, of Coeur d'Alene City. They were proceeding homeward and were within a mile of town when Mrs. Nesbitt, who was sitting behind, gave a frightful scream and threw herself off the velocipede. Nesbitt gave a glance behind and saw the overland passenger train coming around the curve not forty feet away. He turned to jump, but was too late. The pilot of the locomotive struck the velocipede and the machine and its human freight were hurled into the air, fully 20 feet.

Mrs. Nesbitt, who rolled off clear of the tracks, arose just in time to witness the form of her husband as it struck the ground. She rushed to where he fell and was frantically trying to recall life to him when the train backed up and the train crew and some of the passengers reached the scene of the accident. A glance was sufficient to tell that Nesbitt's death had come instantly. The body was picked up tenderly and put on the train and brought to Sand Point. Besides the widow, he leaves three children.

LEFT BY THEIR CRUEL UNCLE.

Babes Abandoned in a Lonely Prairie Cabin, Without Food.

SPOKANE, Sept. 11.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Lewiston, Idaho, tells of the cruel abandonment of two little boys, aged 5 and 7 respectively, by a hard-hearted uncle.

Some time ago Mrs. Belle Hagan, the mother of the children, left them with her husband's brother while she sought employment. She also commenced suit for a divorce from her husband, who is in an Oregon hospital. This incensed the uncle, and he refused to provide for them further. Without informing the mother of his change of sentiment, he took the boys far across the prairie to a deserted building and left them without food or bed.

The next morning Thomas Stevens found the children, numb with cold and fright. He warmed and fed them and brought them to this city and turned them over to Probate Judge Stookey, who restored them to relatives that will care for them.

PITCHED FROM THE PILOT.

Walla Walla Man's Terrible Accident While Moving Westward.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 11.—Word was received here today from Arlington that George Rome, of Walla Walla, had met with a serious accident on the Oregon Railway & Navigation railroad near that city last night. Rome was riding on the pilot of engine No. 1 when near Arlington a horse was struck on the track, which unseated him and pitched him off with terrific force to the side track. He was picked up and taken to Arlington. Both legs were found to be so terribly bruised that to save the man's life, they were amputated.

Rome until recently, conducted a small grocery store in this city, but disposed of the business several days ago and left last night for the sound country. He will be brought to this city tonight.

Two Important Decisions.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

OLYMPIA, Sept. 11.—Two decisions, both having important bearings, were handed down by the supreme court today. The first was the State of Washington ex rel. W. B. Hanna et ux., relators, vs. the Superior Court of Thurston County, respondent, in which a writ of review was asked and denied. The principle laid down by the court was that a non-resident defendant cannot be required to give security for costs, though he sets up an affirmative defense in the nature of a cross-complaint.

The second case was Lyman E. Knapp, respondent, vs. King County, Nathan Beman and J. W. Maple, appellants. The decision of the lower court was affirmed and the principle laid down was that the action of the state equalization board is not final as regards real property.

Saunders Has Nothing to Say.

PORT TOWNSEND, Sept. 11.—The telegram from San Francisco which appeared in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer this morning relative to an article published in the Evening Bulletin, stating that a letter had been intercepted in the mails which casts grave reflections on the ex-collector of customs for the Puget sound district, was not much of a surprise here, as it has been known that an investigation of the ex-collector's official acts has been in progress for some time. When Saunders' attention was called to the San Francisco dispatch by the Associated Press correspondent, he emphatically declared that he had nothing to say, and all attempts to secure an interview were fruitless.

Editor Freeman's House Burned.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 11—The residence of Leigh R. Freeman, editor of the Washington Farmer, was destroyed by fire this morning at 3 o'clock. Mr. Freeman's family was away at the time, and shortly before the fire broke out he had gone out to get medicine for some trifling ailment. Returning with a cigar in his mouth, he had no sooner opened the door than there was an explosion and the entire house was quickly in flames. The disaster is supposed to have been due to the accumulation of gases from a gasoline stove. There was an insurance of $1,000.

He Died of His Fall After All.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., Sept. 11.—Robert Kettles, who fell thirty-eight feet from the Dock street trestle a week ago tonight, died this morning without regaining consciousness. He mistook the fence at the land end of the trestle, where the street is full width, for the temporary fence placed across the driveway by order of the city council to stop team travel on the trestle. A coroner's inquest is now being held, as the question of the city's liability is likely to be raised.

A Franchise Fight at Aberdeen.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

ABERDEEN, Sept. 11.—Aberdeen is having quite a controversy over granting a franchise to the Northern Pacific railroad on certain streets, and considerable feeling has been aroused.

The bridge across the Wishkah river has been pronounced dangerous, and will be closed to conveyances tonight. A contract has been let for a new bridge, but it will require some six weeks to build it.

To Distribute Walla Walla Offices.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 11.—Senator John L. Wilson will arrive in this city tomorrow morning from Spokane for the purpose of conferring with the leading Republicans regarding the appointment of a postmaster and a register and receiver of the United States land office here.

BLUE RIBBON FOR VAN.

FIRST PRIZE FOR HOME-BRED TROTTING STALLION.

Fun at the Horse Races at Pierce County Fair—Lumbermen Raise Prices All Along the Line, Because Wages Have Gone Up.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, Sept. 11.—Ex-Sheriff A. T. Van de Vanter, of King county, was honored today by being the only man presented with a special blue ribbon by the management of the Pierce County Fair Association. The blue ribbon was pinned to the bridle of the magnificent 3-year-old stallion J. S., the property of Mr. Van de Vanter. Maj. D. C. Staver made the presentation from the judge's stand, the blue-blooded equine being brought to the center of the track to receive the honors thrust upon him by an admiring public. Maj. Staver's remarks were as follows:

"In behalf of the Pierce County Fair Association I am authorized to present the first premium card for a standard trotting stallion colt, bred, raised and owned in Western Washington. This elegant young horse was sired by Holmdel, 2:18¾, standard under rules 1 and 6. His dam is by Lady Belle Sprague, bred by R. P. Todhunter, of Lexington, Ky. This is the most royally bred colt in the state. Holmdel, the sire of this horse, was purchased in Kentucky and shipped to Kent, Wash., by Hon. A. T. Van de Vanter, our worthy presiding officer. It gives me honor to tie this ribbon on this magnificent colt, and I wish on behalf of the horse breeders of the state of Washington to thank Mr. Van de Vanter for having brought such an elegant strain of horses into the state, and in the language of Rip Van Winkle, 'May his horses live long and prosper.'"

The colt is seal brown, with superb points, and has already shown quarters in fast time. It is Mr. Van de Vanter's intention to get a mark for him and then retire him to the stud, thus giving the breeders of Washington an opportunity of infusing the finest blue blood into the state.

The races today were well contested, notwithstanding the fact that small fields predominated. The feature of the day was the Tacoma derby at one and one-fourth miles between Endymion, Tanner and Neptune, won by the first named in the fast time of 2:12. Being the first Tacoma derby, considerable interest centered in the race, and when the boys lined up for the flag the large crowd was all excitement. To a perfect start Endymion, the favorite, rushed out in front, remaining there the entire distance. Tanner, who belongs to the same stable and who was coupled in the betting with Endymion, finished second, three lengths behind, Neptune, a green 3-year-old, being beaten away off. The stable declared to win with Endymion, who was well ridden by Schultz, the trainer of the stable, Leslie Galbraith having the mount on Tanner. McDonald piloted Neptune. The time, 2:12, is the fastest ever made in the Northwest for the distance, and compares favorably with that made by Eastern stake horses. Endymion and Tanner are owned by J. N. Borcher, of Salem, Or. A handsome silver cup was awarded to the trainer of the wining horse by C. A. Harrison, the official starter, and one of the leading spirits in the association.

The 2:30 trot was a gift for Twingham, he winning in straight heats from Sleepy Tom, Dandy Jim, the third entry, being nowhere. The winner was an odds on favorite, never once being in danger. The fastest time was 2:35¼.

The last event of the day was a match race for half a mile between Rose of Puyallup and Gypsy Queen. A colored boy wearing bloomers had the mount on the latter, putting up a direful exhibition of riding. Twice he ran his mount into the fence, losing time at each blunder, the Rose winning by a block in the slow time of 55 seconds. The Indians from the reservation almost broke the English bookmaker, who had nerve enough to offer odds of 6 to 5 on the Rose, "bajove." The owner of Gypsy Queen claimed that his brunette rider threw him down.

A two-mile bicycle race between Wing, Shipp, Cotter and Dow, the premier amateurs of the Coast, was won by Shipp, Wing second and Cotter third; time, 5:02½. Shipp won by a brilliant spurt down the stretch.

Tomorrow there will be running, trotting and bicycle races, all the fast ones being entered. The crowd during the week has been fairly large, and the fair was a success.

AN ADVANCE IN LUMBER.

Movement Started by Small Mills Meets With Assent at Large Ones—Everything Else Going Up.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, Sept. 11.—Representatives from thirty-two lumber concerns doing business in Western Washington met today in the parlors of the Hotel Chilberg and decided to advance the price of lumber $1 a thousand on common grades and $2 on choice stock. These advances were arrived at after a lengthy discussion on the outlook and condition, in which dealers from Gray's Harbor, Olympia, Centralia, Winlock and Kent, representing the smaller mills on the Sound, were heard. W. P. Sargeant, the Buckley lumberman, was the prime mover in the proposition, everything he had to say appearing to have great weight with those in attendance.

The outcome of the movement will be watched with considerable interest, for the reason that the advance in prices has been inaugurated by the small mills which have heretofore been considered the discordant element of the big concerns of the Sound. Many of these small mills were opposed to the big Pacific coast trust, which a few months ago threw up the sponge, and which endeavored to raise the prices all along the line. Whether these concerns will now consent to raise the price to the standard arrived at by the mills in question remains to be seen, although it is quite probable that they will, as they are all in the business for what there is in it.

The promoters of the present scheme state that the reason is the general advance of other markets, the lack of profit in the lumber business for the past three years, the demand for higher wages from laboring men and the recent advance of $1.50 for white and yellow pine in the East. It was stated by a lumber man today that the lumber dealers of Oregon are considering the advisability of raising the prices of lumber, and will move in that direction without delay.

Messrs. Van Ness, of Winlock; McCoy, of Napavine; Allen, of Olympia, and Sargeant, of Buckley, were appointed a committee to present a price list which will be submitted for signature to all the leading mills on Puget sound.

ASSIGNMENTS OF TEACHERS.

Tacoma Preparing for School Term—Will New Books Come in Time?

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, Sept. 11.—The assignment of school teachers for the coming term was made at a meeting held in the auditorium of the Central school this morning. The work for the term was outlined and a consultation held by Superintendent Bingham, Principal Wegener, President Leavett, of the school board and the book dealers of the city, on the question whether the next text books indorsed by the state board of education will reach the city in time to supply the pupils. It was decided to wait until Monday before deciding whether to begin school with the old books.

Supt. Bingham made the assignment of teachers as follows:

High school—Dr. H. F. Wegener, principal; W. N. Allen, Annette E. Clark, Isabella Cook, J. B. Fiett, Minnie Fay, W. L. Malone, Carl Moench, W. C. Orr, Maude Remington, Stephen Rydon, Mab F. K. Sears, Lizzie Y. Wead, Clare A. Weaver.

Bryant school—O. C. Whitney, principal; Julia E. Whiting, Anne S. Monroe, R. R. Wheeler, Elizabeth Sharpe, D. Jennie Woods, Mrs. A. B. Forman.

Central school—G. A. Stanley, principal; Minerva Udell, Caroline Connell, Mrs. Carrie Shaw Rice, Mary E. Westcott, Gella Burgess, Frankie Farnham, Stella Scholes, Maude Miles, Grace Andrus, Snowdie Monroe, Grace Eells, Gertrude Link, Lottie Chappell, Laura Taylor, Edna Avery, Pearl Taylor, Ruby Chapin, Ethel Mitchell, Winnifred Chesney, Elsie Herbert, Nelda Kalenborn, Mary Smith, Maude Marfield, Helen Fogg, Nellie Hawthorne, Jessie McClelland.

Edison school—W. C. P. McGovern, principal; Mary Cowen, Mrs. S. L. Lister, Mamie Fisher, Anna Nachtsheim, Carolyn Ryder, Grace Garretson.

Emerson school—A. A. Bartow, principal; Mrs. E. C. Gear, May Hall, Anna Davis, Kathleen Blain, Florence Wilding, Rose L. Kenrich, Nettie Whitney, Amelia Leavitt, Florence Bosse, Nannie Wickersham, Genevieve Boush.

Franklin school—C. N. Young, principal; Julia M. Hanford, Ida D. White, Della Bonbright, Alice Titlow, Josephine Scholes, Nellie Thompson, Florence Lovell, Edith Osmonde.

Hawthorne school—H. B. Dewey, principal; Eva G. Smith, Linnie Gaillac, Laura Frier, Mabel D. Corey, Anna L. Coffee, Emma J. Elder, Lizzie Truitt, Laura Bosse, Ruth Gove, Katherine Graham, Maude Wineland, Mabel Pickard.

Irving school—J. A. Pease, principal; Minnie A. Gibbons, Elizabeth Larimer, Rose Kleeb, Effie Rice, Bessie L. Hargear, Lena Bruce, Mrs. C. M. Sherman.

Lincoln school—E. J. Kelly, principal; Amanda Forbes, Edith F. Keown, Zoura Jackson, Louise Osmond, Mrs. S. J. S. Davis, Eleanor Murray.

Logan school—J. S. Lewis, principal; Martha A. Smyth, Mrs. S. B. Myers, Florence Farnham, Elspeth La Prad, Hattie Dolloff, Bertha Walter, Lydia J. Graham, Eleanor Osborn, Lillian F. Hargear, Clara J. Hellig.

Longfellow school—Margaret Powell, principal; Louise Russ, Angie Rice, Alice M. Cone, Mabel Huggins, Grace Purinton, Willamine Caughran.

Lowell school—Emma M. Unthank, principal; Minnie Unthank, Elizabeth Shane, Marion Scholes, Virginia Leonard, Julia F. Smith, Delia Whiting, Kate Lee Hardy, Fannie Dailey, M. Jennie Irwin, Isabel S. Smith.

Oakland school—H. R. Cox.

Sheridan school—H. H. Garretson.

Sherman school—Mrs. L. N. Cushman, principal; Mae A. Wilson, Jane Miller, Ida R. Pratt.

Tide Flats school—A. B. L. Gellerman.

Whitman school—Lina Burhans, principal; Rhoda Barnett, Crissie Cameron, Mrs. M. E. White, Carrie J. Fuller, Jessie Wookey, Minnie Mythaler, Mrs. Ida B. Bailey.

PEOPLE THINK IT A HUMBUG.

So Civil Service Board Will Hibernate in Tacoma Till April.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

TACOMA, Sept. 11.—The new civil service commission has decided not to hold any more examinations until April. This action does not come as a surprise to people who have keep in touch with the question, it being stated at the time the new board went into office that civil service in Tacoma was practically dead.

The people have long ago grown tired of the bickerings that have taken place between the old board and the different departments of the municipality, many citizens vouchsafing the remark that the voters would at the next election put an end to the commission. The new commissioners propose to give the people an opportunity to say whether they want civil service to obtain. No more examinations will be held until it is known whether the people wish them.

NINE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

A Single Bolt Scores Them From Head to Foot.

BURNS, Or., Sept. 11.—Yesterday at Buchanan station, twenty-eight miles east of here on the Ontario road, nine persons were severely shocked by a bolt of lightning. They were Mr. and Mrs. George Buchanan and one child, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Buchanan and three children, Miss Hattie Beauregard and Samuel Graves.

Mrs. George Buchanan was painfully, though not dangerously, burned. She was struck on the head and seriously burned down to her feet. Mr. Graves, when struck, was fully 100 rods away from the Buchanan families, who were collected around a freight wagon. A canary bird was killed in the house about fifty yards distant.

WHERE IS WARD'S CORPSE?

Public Administrator Has Vainly Sought It High and Low.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—Public Administrator O'Donnell is having considerable difficulty in finding the remains of W. Russell Ward, the Englishman who committed suicide by jumping from a Chicago & Northwestern train a few days ago. Since Mr. O'Donnell took out letters on the estate he has been endeavoring to obtain the remains in order to inter them, as there is $700 personal property which belongs to decedent. Mr. O'Donnell has applied to the Chicago & Northwestern officials, but has been unable to obtain any information as to what has become of the body. He has also telegraphed to a number of Iowa towns near where Ward's body was found. Mr. O'Donnell will also communicate with a number of London clubs of which Mr. Ward was a member for the purpose of finding his relatives in England.

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United States Senator Stephen M. White is confined at his home at Los Angeles with a sudden attack of pleurisy.

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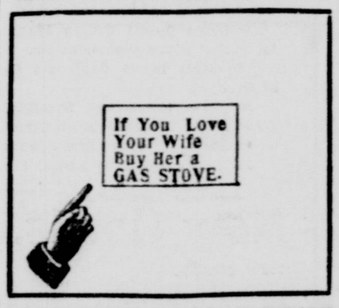

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THOSE DELICATE ORGANS

Organs of an extremely delicate nature should be treated not only with the fullest knowledge of their exact condition, but with the greatest caution and skill as well. Otherwise the patient is liable to suffer intense pain and perhaps permanent injury.

The EYE is often affected with cataract, crookedness, wild hairs, granulated lids, dimness of vision, far or near sightedness, acute or chronic inflammation;

The EAR with neuralgic pains, internal abscesses, discharges, ringing or roaring noises, partial or complete deafness;

The NOSE with catarrhal discharges or dry, crusty sores within;

The THROAT with thick phlegm, excessive mucus, irritation or ulcerated sores;

All these diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, DOCTOR RATCLIFFE treats with the utmost caution, skill and success.

THE INTERNAL ORGANS

Internal diseases are more common than generally supposed. They are often chronic in character, and sometimes many months, or even years, in developing. Although extremely serious, they are not always accompanied by acute pains. They are usually of an insidious nature. Hence they silently steal upon you, and have you bound captive before you are really aware of your condition.

The HEART is the grand vital organ of the human system. When disordered or diseased it is usually subject to irregular, weak or violent palpitation, fatty degeneration, valvular lesions, aches, rheumatic pains, frequently accompanied by difficult breathing, shortness of breath, a smothered feeling, etc. Any of these or similar symptoms imperil life, and when once manifested the warning alarm has been sounded.

The LUNGS are all-important, and when unsound the sufferer may be bothered with chest pains, coughs, colds, expectoration, asthma or hemorrhages, which are forerunners of pulmonary consumption.

The LIVER and STOMACH are health barometers. By them, more than by any other organs, the state of the general health may be determined. If you have constipation, headaches, dizziness, biliousness, coated tongue, yellow skin, yellow in whites of eyes, bad taste in mouth in mornings, loss of appetite, dyspepsia, heartburn, dropsy or fullness after eating you may be sure that your liver and stomach are in a diseased condition.

The KIDNEYS are often afflicted with inflammation, congestion, diabetes or Bright's disease, which maladies are sometimes accompanied with weak, aching backs, sediment in urine, and partial or complete impotency.

The BLADDER and URINARY organs are closely allied, and when one is ailing the others are very apt to be. Cystitis, catarrhal inflammation, gall stones, stricture, muscular paralysis, inability to retain urine, frequent, painful urination, or the passing of milky or bloody urine are the usual symptoms.

In the treatment of all these internal diseases of the Heart, Lungs, Liver, Stomach, Kidneys, Bladder and Urinary Organs, DOCTOR RATCLIFFE has proven himself to be beyond the shadow of a question the leading and most successful specialist in the United States today.

CHRONIC CATARRH CURED

Few diseases are to be more dreaded than Catarrh. That continual hawking, spitting and sneezing are uncomfortable to you and disgusting to those around you. Catarrh impairs the hearing and robs the voice of its every charm. It brings on frequent headaches. It produces soreness of the throat, irritation of the bronchial tubes, dyspepsia and loss of appetite. It poisons the blood, befouls the breath, stomach and lungs, and paves the way for consumption. Do not seek a few moments' relief by taking some cheap patent nostrum, but secure a lasting cure by taking DOCTOR RATCLIFFE'S celebrated treatment.

RHEUMATISM AND ITS REMEDY

Whether acute, chronic, inflammatory, sciatic, articular or muscular, Rheumatism is one of the most painful diseases—that afflict the human body. More than that, it often goes to the heart and proves fatal. So long as the germs remain in the system the disease is bound to return at intervals. Just when you desire most to be free from all physical annoyance, in order to discharge important business obligations or to enjoy a season of rest and recreation, you are suddenly stricken down and driven almost to distraction by excrutiating pains. DOCTOR RATCLIFFE treats every form of rheumatism with unsurpassed skill and success.

RUPTURE AND ITS CURE

For this most distressing ailment DOCTOR RATCLIFFE uses no knife or ligature. He has a new, safe and scientific treatment, which is known to no other physician in the West, and which invariably produces the most gratifying results. It causes the rupture to heal as a broken bone unites.

PILES AND FISTULA

Although seldom fatal, Piles are very painful. They may be internal or external, blind, bleeding, itching or protruding. They usually result from constipation or violent efforts at stool. If not properly attended to they often produce fistula or carbuncles about the rectum. Hundreds of remedies will give you temporary relief, but DOCTOR RATCLIFFE will give you a permanent cure.

BLOOD AND SKIN

No one can hope for good health so long as his or her blood is in a disordered condition. Bad blood produces a multitude of diseases. Among them are abscesses, cancers, carbuncles, eczema, erysipelas, piles, pimples, rheumatism, scrofula, tumors and ulcers. A special course of DOCTOR RATCLIFFE'S scientific treatment will completely expel all impurities of the system, and fill the veins with rich, red blood, which insures freedom from skin diseases and soundness of general health.

HORRORS OF SYPHILIS

All the conjuring of Dante cannot make his Inferno equal to the horrors of syphilis, whether hereditary or contracted, when allowed to take its own course. Although mild in the beginning, it gradually works its way through the system, into the blood and bones, and finally becomes almost as terrible in its secondary and its tertiary stages as leprosy itself. Many physicians suppose syphilis for the time being with mercurial poisons—with that damnable curse from which your children as well as yourself will suffer—but without injurious drugs DOCTOR RATCLIFFE completely and forever eradicates every symptom, taint and trace of the disease, and leaves the system in a pure and healthful state.

GONORRHOEA AND ITS RESULTS

In its inception Gonorrhoea is a very simple disease. It can be easily cured, if taken in time and rightly handled, but if neglected or improperly treated, it soon becomes chronic and develops into gleet. A little later a stricture forms. Then the urinary organs get out of fix. After a while inflammation of the bladder and decay of the kidneys set in, and when this stage is reached a complete physical collapse is near at hand. Do not travel over such a road to an early grave. Do not, either, try to be your own doctor and undertake to cure yourself with some quack remedy, but remember that DOCTOR RATCLIFFE is as familiar with such diseases, in all their various stages, as you are with the very daylight.

VARICOCELE AND HYDROCELE

Varicocele may be defined as an enlargement of the veins of the spermatic cord. The testicles or scrotum (bag) have a twisted, knotty or wormy-like appearance. It always indicates a weakness of the parts, and usually results in impotency if not properly treated. The most common cause for varicocele is self-abuse, but it not infrequently results from blows, falls, strains, excessive horseback or bicycle riding. These are also causes of hydrocele (a watery formation in the scrotum). For both varicocele and hydrocele DOCTOR RATCLIFFE has a new method of treatment, an unfailing cure, without resorting, except in extremely rare cases, to surgical operations.

LOST MANHOOD RESTORED

Many men become sexually weak early in life, or at least prior to old age. Some because of dissipation or high living. Some because of worry over bad crops, business reverses or financial failures. Some because of marital excesses. But by far the largest portion of those who are prematurely weak, debilitated or impotent in their sexual organs, have become so through early habits of masturbation or self-abuse.

These causes are responsible, especially the latter one, for what is commonly called LOST MANHOOD, which may be conveniently divided into three stages, as follows:

First Stage.—The main trouble is involuntary night emissions, which are usually accompanied by lewd dreams. They are a terrible drain upon the system. They rob the blood of its richness, and often produce pimples, eruptions, dark rings under the eyes and like symptoms.

Second Stage.—The victim now has emissions, often without dreams. He also passes seminal fluid in his urine and while straining at stool. He may have premature discharges and shrunken organs. He shuns his friends and avoids society. He is often subject to nervousness, headaches, weak back, dyspepsia, low spirits, loss of memory, confusion of ideas and lack of energy, ambition and self-confidence.

Third Stage.—The emissions are less frequent, because less semen is secreted. The sexual strength begins to fail. Erections are feeble, if not impossible. In time all sexual power is wholly lost. The pleasures of conjugal union or the transmission of life to posterity is only an empty dream. The poor victim has lost his grip on life. Every cherished ambition is dead. The world grows dark to him, and finally a suicide's grave or the walls of a mad house open to receive him. Such has been the sad ending of many a once-ambitious life.

To every Young, Middle-Aged and Old Man, whose sexual system has become thus impaired, DOCTOR RATCLIFFE offers a skillful, helping hand; a hand that has led more men out of the Slough of Despond and up into the green fields of health and happiness than that of any other specialist on the American Continent. Apply to him for help, and he will restore to you what you have lost—YOUR PRECIOUS MANHOOD. He will make out of you a tower of physical, mental and sexual strength. He will fit you for pleasure, study, business and marriage, and send you out into the world with life anew.

SILENT SUFFERING WOMEN

If man's glory is his strength, woman's pride is her beauty. Beauty is impossible without health. If you want a clear complexion, rosy cheeks, sparkling eyes and glossy hair, you must rid yourself of all such debilitating ailments as falling or displacement of the womb, painful, irregular, scanty or profuse menses, periodical headaches, leucorrhoea, nervousness and hysteria. Do not continue to suffer and sink. Lay aside your feelings of delicacy for one time, and in sacred confidence tell everything to DOCTOR RATCLIFFE, who will build up your broken-down constitution and insure to you your natural health, strength and beauty.

TREATMENT BY MAIL.

DOCTOR RATCLIFFE has developed a system of home treatment by mail, which is eminently satisfactory and always successful. Therefore, if you live out of the city and cannot call at his office, write him fully and without reservation. All those describing their troubles will be sent, free of charge, his new and valuable book devoted to diseases of men. His office hours are from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m., except Sundays, when he may be consulted from 9 to 12 a. m. only. As above stated, his address is 713 First Avenue, Seattle, Wash.