

GIRL IN TENNESSEE

Married An Aged Palouser At First Sight.

Now He Occupies a Padded Cell At Spokane—She No Longer Loves Him.

Edmund W. Gragg, well known throughout the Palouse country, and more especially about Colfax and Garfield, is charged with insanity and a determination to hoist himself into the next world by his own petard.

Loved a Girl In Sunny Tennessee.

Years passed. A few days ago it was learned that under the supposition that he was a man of fabulous riches and 59 years, he had,

"When the moon rose in its glory, told life's sweetest story, and leave her to the girl he loved in sunny Tennessee."

She was only 21, innocent of life and had never been beyond the red clay hills of her native country. She had corresponded and had entertained romantic notions, with probably a mercenary one or two sandwiched in.

Mr. Gragg made a trip to Chicago. Then he bet thought himself of the girl in sunny Tennessee and rapped boldly on her door.

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wanted to go to her sister's house and I told her she could. I noticed that she commenced to get cool toward me, and wondered at the fact.

Said She Hated Him

"On Wednesday she told me that all she married me for was to get west and that the more she saw of me the more she hated me. I had told her when we were first married that I did not expect her to love me like a young man, but that if she would respect me and be true to me that would be all I would ask, and she agreed to this."

"I had done nothing wrong, but she is a young girl, and while I think I have lifted her up and helped her I was the oldest in the marriage and of course take most of the blame and I am ready to do more for her yet."

"Of course I feel very badly over this affair. I have disgraced myself and my family and do not care to live longer."

"I was going to leave the will with Cora Butler, a friend of mine, and all I had was to be left to the girl I had just married, with the exception of about \$10, which I received by pawnmy watch, which was to go to my son Frank when he was 21 years of age, and a ring was to go to Lee when he was of age, they to be left in care of Rachel, my wife."

Would Leave Her All

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Towards the last of his talk Gragg stood up and grasped the bars of his cell. He talked easily and steadily, and did not seem to be in the least excited, but everything was said in a firm, even tone of voice.

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FREE RURAL DELIVERY

Postmaster Ewart Tells How It Can Be Secured.

Residents Along Routes Proposed Must Get Up Petitions of One Hundred Names or More.

The rural mail delivery question is an agitating one in every community fairly well settled adjacent to prosperous agricultural towns.

With the extension of the system, Colfax and the surrounding country, well populated, begin to feel entitled to the rewards of more or less good citizenship.

Agitating Delivery From Colfax.

In all directions from Colfax the farmers are agitating free rural delivery. Many inquiries have been made to Postmaster Ewart as to the mode to procedure necessary to secure it.

"To accomplish this it will be necessary to enlist the assistance of the people living along or near the proposed routes, so as to show the necessity for them and the number of families to be benefited thereby; also their willingness to improve the roads, so they can be traveled at all times."

"When this is done the postal department is perfectly willing to deliver every day, or tri-weekly, as the case may be, all mail matter coming to this office addressed to any party living on any of the proposed routes, who shall put up a box thereon, so the mail carrier may not be unnecessarily delayed."

"The benefits to be derived from the system are many. The people along the routes can purchase from the carrier stamps, envelopes and cards; can register their letters—in fact everything that may be done at a postoffice. He will procure their money orders, bring them to their boxes or mail them as desired."

"The number of families on each route to be supplied must be one hundred or more, not necessarily living on the route but having a box thereon."

Proposed Delivery Routes.

"As to the routes to be established, I have in mind as follows: Route No. 1—Starting north from Colfax up what is known as Dry creek, 8 or 10 miles; thence west to Steptoe postoffice, returning on the road to Colfax having the greatest number of people living contiguous thereto."

"Route No. 2—Starting east from Colfax on the Palouse road, going as far as practicable; thence south across the South Palouse to Spring flat; thence down to Colfax."

"Route No. 3—Starting south along what is known as Rebel flat, crossing Union flat 3 or 4 miles; thence westerly to Wilcox postoffice, returning to Colfax to me to supply the greatest number of people."

"For the People to Do. It must be understood that I only propose these routes from my knowledge of the country, and that the people themselves are to choose them and furnish a list of 100 or more names on one route to be applied for; said route not to exceed 30 miles in length from start to finish. I do not think any mail carrier can successfully deliver mail farther than this."

"Let some person or persons living on any route named get a list of names asking for the free rural delivery of their mail, suggesting the route, and I will forward their petition to the postal department which will, I have no doubt, look into the matter, and if the conditions are complied with, grant their petition."

YOUR FACE

shows the state of your feelings and the state of your health as well. Impure blood makes itself apparent in a pale and sallow complexion, pimples and skin eruptions. If you are feeling weak and worn out and do not have a healthy appearance, you should try Acker's Blood Elixer.

Xmas Sale and Woman's Exchange The ladies of the Congregational church will have an Xmas sale and woman's exchange Friday evening, December 7, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Bank of Colfax.

Mail Them to Your Friends. Centemeri Glove Orders, a most acceptable present, issued by A. Kuhn, exclusive agent for Colfax, will be honored at any time at Centemeri, San Francisco office, 200 Post St.

For Sale. A 7-room house and lot 100 feet square, in South Colfax, on flat. Will be sold cheap if taken at once. W. O. Carley, at Carley Bros. Foundry.

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Signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

POPULATION OF WASHINGTON.

As Announced By Counties By the Census Bureau.

The official count of the returns of the twelfth census credits Washington state with a population of 518,103, a gain since 1890 of 168,713.

Table with 3 columns: COUNTY, 1900, 1890. Lists counties like Adams, Asotin, Bellingham, etc., with their respective populations in 1900 and 1890.

Totals... 518,103 349,390 75,116

Creamery at Tekoa.

About 40 farmers met in the council hall Wednesday and perfected the organization of the creamery association, says the Tekoa Topic.

A New Year's Guide. There is one book every one should make an effort to get for the new year. It contains simple and valuable hints concerning health, many amusing anecdotes, and much general information.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

Each, Larue & Co. have bargains in fruit farms, wheat lands, stock ranches and town property in Colfax, Pullman and Garfield.

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