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A young girl and a young man of this city were found the other night in a lodging house of this city in a very light costume, or no costume at all, and were summarily ejected.

The girl was under age of consent and it is said information was carried to the prosecuting attorney , who refused to take action unless on complaint of the girl's parents.

If the maiden was an orphan she would be in a hard row of stumps--
Yakima Herald, September 10, 1891.

Chattel Slavery. How the Law Helps an Infamous Trade in Women.

A richly but badly dressed woman walked into the recorder's office yesterday afternoon. She was remarkably stout, short and in both her manner and appearance showed her calling. She walked up to the recorder's desk, handed him a paper and a quarter and walked out again.

"She must have bought another slave" remarked a bystander:

"What Do you mean?"

"That she is a slavetrader; that her traffic is not so extensive as that of the ante-bellum slave traders but even more infamous. Examine that document and you will understand."

The document was a chattel mortgage in favor of the woman. The consideration on her side was \$50. The other name which appeared in the mortgage was that of a young girl. On the face of it it appeared nothing more than a chattel mortgage. But there was another than a surface reading. The chattel was as much a bond of slavery as was the deed by which a man could sell himself into slavery for debt in ancient Greece.

There was one clause which revealed the true inwardness. Here is what they were:

"One trunk and contents, one seal sacque, one plush dress, one sateendress, three cloth dresses, one flannel dress, four cashmere dresses, four bonnets, 15 suits of underwear, one otter muff and collar, five pairs of shoes, stocking, ribbons, trinkets, etc. the above being all my wardrobe, kept and to be kept at_---Broadway.

"All my wardrobe." Every stitch of clothing she had in the world held in the iron clutch of the lady-lady and to be held until the girl could pay off the debt, until she could wrest enough money from the capacious fingers that snatched at almost every cent of her dollars earned in shame and degradation.

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"ith these articles in some else's possession, with not a shred of clothing she could call her own, for her to attempt to leave the house without permission of the mistress of it wo ld be for her to commit a felony--to steal another's belongings. If she incurred the displeasure of the landlady she could be turned almost naked into the streets, without a cent to buy either food, clothing or lodging. She is absolutely in the power of this slave dealer--as is often done. Or should another slave-dealer wish to buy her, she can do so by buying the chattel mortgage and in no other way.

On the county records for every month many of such mortgages are reforded, many of them in the name of one landlady, whose eyes are ever open to the chance of making money and keeping it. The schédules of the mortgages are curious. Shoes and stockings, underclothes , gowns, hats, parsaols, breastpins, even down to garters and fancy hat pins are included in the lists.

The woman who gives one of thesemortgages is left absolutely defenseless--as much a chattel as any of the things mentioned in the schedule--Cincinnati Commercial, March, 1889.

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Sadie Brantner has made another confession by affidavit. She says that Wickersham is innocent of her seduction and that she deceived him as to her being a widow and in the land transaction. She further said that Steve Baker was her seducer and that she had criminal intercourse with a number of prominent business men of Tacoma but she does not give the names of the parties in the affidavit. This probably ends the prosecution of Wickersham, but the frail Brantner is liable to have a hard time of it--Herald, June 20, 1889.

The Wickersham or Pillowsham seduction case, as it has been dubbed, is a nasty morsel ^{for} of unclean tongues to roll around in unclean mouths. James Wickersham, a prominent Tacoma politician is being tried at Seattle for the seduction of Sadie Brantner. Wickersham claimed and tried to prove that the suit was instituted by Radebaugh of the Tacoma Ledge for political purposes and endeavored to show by witnesses that Radebaugh himself was criminally intimate with the aforesaid Sadie. The case has brought many prominent personages unenviably before the public. The Sound papers with modest disclaimers, publish all of the filthy details which at times have reached a dramatic climax. Two witnesses were fined, one committed to jail, and the keeper of an assignation house testified that hundreds of Tacoma "ladies" have visited his place. The case is foul as foul can be, and those who have wallowed in the mire or those who have been pushed therein will be bismirched. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty and Wickersham was arrested for subordination of perjury.---The Yakima Herald, February 28, 1889.

Donald Morrison of Reeser Creek, Kittitas county, was arrested last week and charged with seduction of Miss Etta Evans. Morrison was given a preliminary examination at Ellensburg Friday and bound over in the sum of \$500--Yakima Herald, August 8, 1889.

The Douglas-Turner rape case trial at Walla Walla is ended. Ward Douglas acknowledged sexual intercourse with Miss Turner but claimed that it was with her full consent. The judge, in summing up, said to the jury:

"If you find the defendant not guilty, you will brand this woman as a strumpet and her father as a perjurer." Douglas was acquitted--Yakima Herald, February 13, 1890.

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A Pole charged with rape came near paying penalty to Judge Lynch at Roslyn a few days ago . He was taken to the woods by a crowd of incensed men, who had made their plans to string him up, but a messenger brought them word that the Pole had failed to accomplish his purpose and they let him go, with instructions to travel as fast and as far as possible, which counsel the amorous ~~boone~~ brute took advantage of without delay-Yakima Herald, Oct. 24, 1889.

Goldendale is writhing in the throes of a full blooded scandal which has found its way to the courts. Martha E. Nicodemus has had Azor Halbert arrested, charged with having seduced her on the 10th of September, 1888. The plaintiff is a sister-in-law of Frank Henshaw, and his name is associated with the scandal in an unenviable way. Halbert has always borne a good character and the arrest is said to be the result of a conspiracy to shift the responsibility of the unborn babe upon innocent shoulders.-----
Yakima Herald, February 21, 1889.

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William Montgomery, a farmer living near Port Townsend, who heretofore bore an excellent reputation, was recently forewarned of the coming of a party of his neighbors to tar and feather him and perhaps lynch him, and he escaped through the back door of his house and fled the country. He is charged with having been criminally intimate for months past with his 12 year old daughter. Mrs. Montgomery is a strong, buxom woman and disclaimed all knowledge of her husband's frightful crime, of which there is no question--Yakima Herald, June 13, 1889.

Mr. LaPointe, an Ellensburg real estate dealer, was arrested at that place Tuesday, charged with seducing Miss Fost, the daughter of a contractor and furnishing her with drugs whereby an abortion was produced. LaPointe settled the case Wednesday morning by marrying the girl. Another seduction case was settled at Easton the other day in the same manner--Yakima Herald, June 13, 1889.

Two Ruined Homes. C.W. Cooper Wrecks the Family of his Friend.

A few days ago C.V. Cooper, one of Tacoma's best known young citizens, suddenly left the city. Nothing strange was thought of it at the time. Since then it has developed that Cooper's departure was caused by his intimacy with Mrs. Fred D. Hall, which resulted in the breaking up of his own family and the family of Mr. Hall. Mrs. Cooper is distracted with grief and with her two little children, has gone to her brother's home at Victoria, B.C. Mrs. Hall is said to be a handsome woman, with dark eyes and hair and a very fascinating manner. She is still in the city though her husband left her three weeks ago.

They were Friends

Cooper was for several years freight agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad. He came here from Portland. He was generally regarded as a thorough business man.

Hall and Cooper were friends, intimate friends. The infidelity of his wife with Cooper extended over a period of several months during which time Hall never questioned his friend's honor, kept up his intimate acquaintance with Cooper and continued to invite him to his home. Mr. and Mrs. Hall formerly lived in rooms in the Ouimet block over the Merchants National bank and it was there, nearly a year ago, that Cooper and Mrs. Hall first met. About seven months ago Hall established a chicken ranch at American lake. Before he had put up a house on the ranch he invited Cooper and another friend to join him in camping there, and they, together with Mrs. Hall, drove out in Hall's wagon. Mr. Hall remained with them and the party had an enjoyable time.

While Hall was Away

It has since developed that nearly every time Hall was absent from the ranch, Cooper and Mrs. Hall were enjoying each other's society and making the most of the limited time between the unsuspecting husband's departure from home and his return. Mr. and Mrs.

Cooper had rooms over the post office. Hall, in coming to town, would drive first to the post office. Cooper, it has since been learned, would see Hall's team hitched there, or as soon as he discovered elsewhere that his friend Hall was in Tacoma, would hire a carriage and drive out post haste to the society of Mrs. Hall. After remaining a short time he would return to Tacoma, driving around by Steilacoom so as not to meet Hall. Mrs. Hall frequently came to the city, leaving her husband on the ranch.

Both of them could not leave at the same time. Upon coming to town she would seek Cooper and they would spend the time together. He frequently took her out sailing last summer and she often was seen with him at a private dinner. Mrs. Hall, on these occasions, generally went to the freight office at the depot to meet her paramour. Mrs. Hall and Cooper were seen so frequently together, and arm in arm, that their apparent fondness for each other began to be talked about in a quiet way. Hall heard these reports but had implicit confidence in his wife and his friend's honor. Cooper gave her a gold bangle on which were his initials, C.V.C. The only thing Hall ever remonstrated with his wife about in regard to Cooper was in reference to this bangle. He asked her not to wear it. He said that everybody knew who C.V.C. stood for and pleaded with her, for propriety's sake, not to wear it. Mrs. Hall smiled her peculiarly disarming smile, pooh-poohed her husband's ideas of propriety and persisted in wearing the bangle.

Three weeks ago Hall and Mrs. Cooper learned of the intimacy of the pair in a most sudden manner. Cooper was taken ill and fell into delirium. During the delirium he spoke the name of Mrs. Hall and said other things which led Mrs. Cooper, who as the faithful and affectionate wife, watched by his bedside day and night, arousing her suspicions.

She found in her unconscious husband's coat pocket a letter. (It is said it fell from his pocket) from Mrs. Hall which revealed beyond

doubt their guilty relations. The effect of this discovery was terrible. She procured a carriage and drove out to the ranch at the lake. Mr. and Mrs. Hall were at home. Mrs. Cooper, pale and trembling with agitation and excited, drew from her pocket the convicting letter and read it aloud. Then she burst into tears and paced the floor, wringing her hands in her agony. Here the curtain is drawn on a revelation which wrecked two previously happy families, left a husband wifeless and a wife with a heart-broken and children without a father. Mr. and Mrs. Hall at once separated. Her husband accepted the situation and told her to leave his house. This she did at once, taking rooms in the city. --
Yakima Herald. North Yakima, W.T. April 4, 1889.

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A Tacoma Sensation--C.V. Cooper, formerly of Yakima has caused the latest sensation in Tacoma. He has skipped the country, owing to the discovery of a criminal intimacy which existed between himself and Mrs. Fred D. Hall. Mrs. Cooper has taken her two children and joined her mother in Victoria. Cooper was at one time NPRR agent at this point which position he resigned to accept a similar one at Tacoma--
Yakima Herald, W.T. March 28, 1889.

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Clinton P. Ferry, the millionaire lumberman of Tacoma, has been forced to resign his post as state commissioner to the Paris exhibition, in consequence of a great scandal caused by his wife's conduct. On his discovery of her intimacy with a young salesman, she not only fractured his finger but bit his nose off in her fury. Officers conveyed the woman to prison, but she succeeded in effecting her escape and disappeared from the scene--Yakima Herald, W.T., April 18, 1889.

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Seattle is making her moral spasm profitable. Up to a week ago she had arrested 56 of the scarlet women and collected \$2,175 in fines. This is to apply on street work. At the present rate of arrests the immoral ~~immoral~~ poor will largely reduce the assessment rate of the virtuous rich. Yakima Herald, North Yakima, W.T. April 25, 1889.

Prosecuting Attorney Snively was notified Wednesday that a brute in man's guise had been arrested at Ellensburg on that day charged with attempting to outrage an eight year old girl. This makes the fourth case of similar nature now docketed in the Kittitas county courts.- Herald, May 24, 1889.

Serious Crimes -There are three rape cases for the coming term of the district court of Ellensburg. Two of them are against a prominent farmer named Gsrretson and his son for outraging two sisters, both of whom are said to be under 16 years, the legal age of consent.

The third case is against George H. Jennings, charged with assaulting Mrs. L.W. Nestelle. The circumstances of this case as told to the Herald representative, are most revolting. Jennings, who was a real estate operator and man of property, was boarding with Mrs. Nestelle, whose husband was on a visit to California. At this time Jennings was suffering from a loathsome disease which had affected one of his eyes and partially made him blind. Mr. Nestelle occasionally dressed the eye. One day last spring Jennings asked her to address a letter for him. She went to her room to get writing materials and he followed, locking the bed room door after him. In spite of her struggles and outcries, he administered chloroform and accomplished his purpose. He shortly after left for Tacoma. Mr. Nestelle returned home and his wife unbosomed her wrongs to him. He followed Jennings to the City of Destiny, enlisted the

services of the police and Jennings was arrested, only to make his escape to New York, leaving behind him his baggage and other effects. In his valise was found a bottle of chloroform, corroborative of Mrs. Nestalle's story. Telegrams were sent to the police in all directions and recently Jennings was arrested in New York by Inspector Byrnes. A requisition has gone forward and it is expected that Jennings will soon be brought back to face the charge--Yakima Herald, North Yakima, May 30, 1889.

And Still Another-Again Kittitas county has a rape case, making the fifth to her discredit in the past few months. This time Jesse Bradford is under arrest charged with outraging Martha Jones, a half-witted girl, aged 18 years. Bradford had a preliminary examination at Ellensburg Monday and was bound over to the grand jury. From the evidence it is deduced that Bradford waited in the brush until the parents of the girl went to town. Then he entered, seized the girl, tore her clothes from her and accomplished his purpose--Yakima Herald, June 6, 1889.

Walla Walla is in the throes of a very nasty scandal. Ward Douglas, the leading real estate man, is accused of committing rape on Miss Fanny, daughter of Dr. J.H. Turner.

Douglas has proposed marriage to the girl and had asked her to come to his private room to ~~room~~ arrange the preliminaries. She complied and then the assault is said to have been committed.

Miss Turner is twenty odd years old and is not held entirely guiltless by public opinion--Yakima Herald, January 2, 1890.

On Tuesday, December 15, a shooting affray occurred at The Dalles in which Thomas Powers, a printer, formerly in the employ of the Washington Farmer of this city, received a wound in the left groin, the bullet ranging to the back and lodging near the spinal column.

Powers went to The Dalles a short time previous to the shooting to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Maurice Fitzgerald and while in the city occupied a room in the home of Mrs. Cloutman who is a sister of Mrs. Fitzgerald's husband. It is said that Cloutman claimed that Powers was too intimate with his wife and when the former came home on the night of the fracas he ordered Powers to pack his baggage and leave. Powers said he was willing but first wanted \$30 which she averred Cloutman had borrowed from him. The latter denied the indebtedness at which Powers became angry and struck at Cloutman who ran but becoming cornered pulled a pistol and shot with the result stated. Cloutman gave himself up to the sheriff. Powers' wound is not considered dangerous--Yakima Herald, December 26, 1889.

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The Lapointe case is exciting Ellensburg. Last March L.M. LaPointe a real estate dealer was arrested for seducing Miss Minnie Foss. Lapointe settled the case by marrying the girl, although it was claimed that he was instrumental in producing an abortion .

A short time afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Lapointe left Ellensburg and at Port Townsend Lapointe persuaded the girl into a divorce and placed her in a convent where her mother found her a short time ago.

Action was then commenced against Lapointe charging him with the abortion, but when the sheriff went after the girl to produce her in court, she could not be found. The sheriff journeyed to the Sound and Victoria, following a false clue, but Mrs. Lapointe had been sent by private conveyance to North Yakima, stopping at the Gulland house over night, and the next day going to Pendleton from which place she was returned to Ellensburg last Friday--Yakima Herald, North Yakima, Washington, January 2, 1890.

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John Vegar is wanted at Spokane Falls . He outraged his daughter sometime ago, using force, and this week the girl gave birth to a still born infant--Yakima Herald, October 17, 1889

Mrs. J.H. Rice returned from Ellensburg last Friday. Mr. Rice was for some time deputy sheriff of Kittitas county and he informed his wife that his duties compelled him to sleep at the court house, but a neighbor told her differently. Mrs. Rice investigated and found that her husband was passing his nights in the company of a variety actress and when he was confronted with the proofs, he bundled up his last but illegal love and fled to Tacoma. Rice formerly had a barber shop in this city--Yakima Herald, October 17, 1889.