



MAN KILLS 2 AND SELF; WIFE SHOT

Chehalis Tragedy May Total Four Deaths.

RELIGIOUS CONVERT MURDERER

Two Others Escape Death by Flight Through Window.

REVOLVER IS WEAPON USED

After Shooting and Leaving Mate for Dead and Killing Her Host and Hostess, Slayer Sends Bullets Into Own Body.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 11.—(Special.)—William Hagerman and his wife, Artie Hagerman, were shot and killed tonight by Tom Hardin, who also made a murderous assault on his own wife, Mrs. Rosey Hardin, leaving her for dead, then killed himself.

The triple tragedy occurred at the Hagerman home on lower Pacific avenue, Chehalis.

Mrs. Hardin is lying at the point of death at a local hospital and is not expected to recover.

The crime has never been equalled in this part of the state.

Two Others Narrowly Escape.

Bud Stoddard, a neighbor of the Hagermans, and Florence Smith, a daughter of Mrs. Hagerman by a previous marriage, escaped with their lives by fleeing from Hardin through a bedroom window.

Tonight to Sheriff Foster, Coroner Newell and Attorney Cunningham Bud Stoddard related the story of the triple murder and suicide. The Hagerman family was at supper, when one of the children reported that Hardin had been seen in the street outside.

Saturday Hardin had been put under bond to keep the peace, after having made threats against his victims of tonight. Sunday he professed religion at a revival meeting, testifying to the peace within his soul.

Woman Met by Shot.

Tonight within a moment after the family had pulled down a window blind after his presence outside was reported

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a noise was heard at the kitchen door of the Hagerman home.

Mrs. Hardin passed out of the dining-room and met Hardin, who shot her through the abdomen. She fell near the doorway of the dining-room.

Mrs. Hagerman was the next victim. She stepped into the kitchen, Hardin shooting her in the back of the head as she started to run from him. She fell inside the dining-room.

Mr. Hagerman started to rise from his chair when Hardin, who had by this time entered the dining-room, fired two shots into his body, one entering the left side of his head and coming out the of the cheek on opposite side, the other entering his right breast.

Flight Is Through Window.

Bud Stoddard and Florence Smith, Mrs. Hagerman's daughter, dashed into a bedroom and literally tore their way through an outside window before Hardin could see them, or, without doubt, they would also have been killed, as he was said to have an especial grudge against the girl.

They ran to a near neighbor's for safety. As they did so they saw Hardin run outside the house to an outhouse and two more shots followed.