

Fatal Personal Affray.

Yesterday was a day of much excitement in the usually quiet town of Olympia. A few weeks ago a large barn in Lewis county, belonging to the Puget Sound Agriculture Company, was burned by an incendiary. B. F. Kendall, editor of the *Overland Press*, in noticing the fact editorially, charged the crime upon a venerable and highly esteemed gentleman named Horace Howe, and denounced him as an "old hoary-headed scoundrel." Howe determined to chastise Kendall, and accordingly yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, he met Kendall in the street, and commenced caning him. Kendall turned and ran, followed closely by the old man, who plied his stick with a will. He soon gave out and stopped, when Kendall turned and drew a pistol and fired at Howe, who again started in pursuit and closely followed him until five shots had been fired. The third shot took effect in the abdomen of Howe. The surgeons in attendance pronounced the wound fatal. As I write, Mr. Howe is still alive, but with no hopes of recovery. Kendall is a young, athletic man, and Howe is an old gray-headed man of 75 years. The whole community is exasperated at Kendall and there is a strong feeling existing in favor of forming a Vigilance Committee to visit summary punishment upon him. I think nothing will be done, however, until the arrival of Howe's son, who has been sent for, and who will probably arrive to-morrow.

Muss between J. D. Bagley (whilom of San Francisco) and M. S. Griswold.

In less than an hour after the exciting affair above related, two members of the House of Representatives, J. D. Bagley of Olalam county, and M. S. Griswold of Pacific county, in discussing the affair, came to blows. Griswold advocated a Vigilance Committee to take Kendall in hand. Bagley, who is an old Californian, and who I understand was exiled from California by the San Francisco Vigilance Committee, denounced Vigilance Committees as being composed of d—d scoundrels, and all who advocated the formation of such committees were no better. At this juncture Griswold sprang to his feet and asked Bagley if the last remark was intended for him. Bagley replied that it was, when Griswold planted his fist between Bagley's eyes. First blood for Griswold! Neither party was seriously injured, though when they were separated, both had bloody noses and black eyes. The friends of both parties say the end is not yet. Both of the combatants are members of our Legislature.