## Letter from Puget Sound.

### [FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.]

OLYMPIA, W. T., January 7, 1863.

### A Homicide Case.

In my last I informed you of the shooting of Horace Howe by B. F. Kendall, editor of the *Overland Press*, and gave you the particulars of the affair. All the physicians of the city declared that Mr. Howe could never recover from the effects of the wound; yet, contrary to all their predictions to the contrary, the old man is rapidly recovering, and is able to walk out about town.

A few days ago, Horace Howe, Jr., son of the wounded man, called upon Mr. Kendall in reference to retracting the charge of arson made against his father. I understand that Kendall agreed to do so, and would sign any retraction that Howe, Jr., would demand. To-day young Howe went into Kendall's office to see him in regard to the matter, and get him to sign the necessary retraction. Kendall invited him into another room to arrange the affair privately, leaving a Mr. Chittenden in the front office. What transpired in the private room no one was a witness to. Chittenden testifies that in a short time after the parties retired, he heard the report of a pistol, and soon after Howe came out and said he had shot Kendall in self-defense; that Kendall struck him, and then attempted to draw his revolver, when he (Howe) drew his derringer and fired. Kendall came out and said to Chittenden, " I am shot," and placed his hand on his breast. Immediately after making this remark he fell, and in a few minutes expired. The ball lodged in his heart. Howe surrendered himself to the civil authorities.

The affair created great excitement. Groups of men could be seen on every corner discussing the merits of the case. Some of Kendall's friends are trying to organize a mob to take Howe from the custody of the Sheriff to-night and hang him. If this is attempted, you will hear of bloody work in this quarter. Ex-Judge McFadden and Hon. Frank Clark have been retained as counsel for Howe.

### Territorial Legislation.

But little legislation has been transacted since