

# WATERS CHARGED WITH ASHBY'S DEATH

Wife of Supposed Suicide Gives  
Damaging Evidence Against  
Neighboring Settler.

MADE PREVIOUS ATTACK  
ON LIFE OF DECEASED.

Love and Intrigue May Have Furnished  
Motive for Slaying of Home-  
steader in Lonesome Cabin.

Filled with remorse for the part she had taken in concealing the facts at the coroner's inquest, and feeling that she could not permit her husband to be buried as a suicide when she was convinced that he had been murdered, Mrs. H. J. Ashby, widow of the man who was found dead in his cabin near Mud Springs, this county, on the morning of October 23, has unfolded a story to the county sheriff sufficiently inriminating to warrant the arrest and plading on trial of Steve Waters, a neighboring homesteader, for the murder of the deceased.

Waters was placed under arrest last Saturday and is being held by the Sheriff in the jail at this place pending the preliminary hearing, which it is understood will be held at Lund before Justice of the Peace, Harry J. Doolittle some time next week, probably Tuesday or Wednesday.

Other settlers, notably Mr. Fox, who has a homestead in that locality, and a man named Clark, who was a guest of Mr. Fox Monday evening, when it is supposed the murder was committed, and with whom Waters took supper, also give damaging testimony. They report that Waters appeared ill at ease and departed without finishing the meal.

Mrs. Clark testifies to Water's infatuation for her and repeated attempts to induce her to desert her husband and go with her; also of a row which occurred at the Ashby cabin some time previously, during which Waters seized Ashby's gun—the same gun that inuicted the fatal wound—and attempted to use it on Ashby. The woman and the two men all grappled for the gun, and Waters agreed to desist and give it up. On the night before the murder, Mrs. Ashby stayed at the Waters cabin with Waters and his sister, the following day accompanying Miss Waters to Parowan to do some shopping. During the evening Mrs. Ashby testifies that Waters tried again to get her promise to desert her husband with whom she was to go to California within a day or two, and stay with him. Saying that if she refused he would pick a quarrel with her husband.

Attorney E. H. Ryan has been employed to defend Waters and his brother residing in Oklahoma has also been sent for to look after the interests of the accused man. As the evidence is all circumstantial, the case will be bitterly contested and will be the most important one in the criminal annils of this county in many years.