

show premeditation, and such premeditation as comes of a foul and deadly wrong which nothing could entirely obliterate, this letter supplies it:

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 29, 1890.

Gentlemen.—I, Amanda Olson, write this to relieve me of a public explanation, which I know I will be called upon to do. I will not have the nerve. It is hereby understood that I have shot Frank Hall, my betrayer, for this reason: Two years ago last June I was introduced to him by Mrs. Hart, a lady neighbor whom I have known since I was a mere child. After the introduction I was invited out buggy riding with her, and she said Mr. Hall was the driver. I did not know that they had plotted any harm against me. I trusted her as a friend and him as a gentleman, and she cannot say that I flirted with or gave him any cause to increase his thoughts to me, nor did I dream of anything but friendship; but nevertheless she became jealous and told me not to come over any more, for she was afraid that Mr. Hall would fall in love with me, and from that day to this I have never been near her door. But that made no difference. He met me coming from my work, begging me to let him have a conversation with me, but I refused him time and time again, but he gave me no peace. I asked the advice of my parents and they said there was no harm in speaking to him. And it was the old story. I refused him; he then asked my parents if he could visit at our house and they thought he was an honest man and said he could come and see me a few times and acted the gentleman in every way. But he soon carried out evil purpose to me and blighted my life; with his smooth tongue he gained my promise to keep quiet and would marry me, but he was afraid that I would not, and he left the city and been away for ten months. Saturday I sought an explanation from him, but he was so hard and cruel to me and only laughed when I spoke to him, and though it was a public place we were conversed he even then dared try to assault and so that I had to push him over the chair to get away from him, and he told me then he never had any intention to marry me. Then I swore vengeance. That is all.

AMANDA OLSON.

The inquest before Coroner Harris began at 2 p. m. The first witness called was Dr. F. A. Meacham, who said he viewed the body and found powder marks on the left side of the head and face. Found gunshot wounds just behind and above the left ear. Removing skull-cap just on top of crown of the head a little to the right of meridian line found exit of bullet. Fragments of the skull were forced outward. There was no opening in the scalp. After removing the cap I found the bullet had passed through the left half of the brain, just grazing the right half. The wound would have proved fatal in time, but, in my opinion, as there was great hemorrhage that was the cause of death. The shot passed upward at an angle of about forty-five degrees. The weapon must have been discharged at short range to make the powder marks found on deceased's face.

Mrs. Ann Hart was then called. Between 6:15 and 6:30 last Monday afternoon I left home with deceased, going south on C street, and walking slowly until we reached Calder's

corner on First Street. Just before reaching the corner I saw Miss Olson standing there, two feet from a tree. She made some remark which I could not understand. Neither of us answered her, but Hall looked back. We walked about two steps after she spoke before the shot was fired. She was not more than eight or ten feet away when she spoke. After shooting she pointed the pistol at me and said: "Yes, and I will serve you the same way." She then started to run across the street towards Mr. Culmer's. Others were coming up the street and I called for them to stop her. Somebody asked why, and I said "Because she has shot this man." When he was shot Hall moaned and said, "Oh dear!" I felt his pulse, but he was dead. We both recognized Miss Olson. I do not know what she said. She had something in her hand, which I did not then know to be a pistol. First knew it to be a weapon when she discharged it. She then went down C Street toward Brigham. Did not see her fire the shot, but saw the pistol in her hand immediately afterward, and saw the smoke. Hall was going to the Mint saloon to work. I was going with him as far as Brigham Street. I was eight or ten feet from Miss Olson when I first saw her. I was struck by the terrible look she gave us. Noticed her hands later. Something in them looked like a handkerchief. Neither of us answered her. When the shot was fired Hall was going south. He and I were talking. When the shot was fired Hall was looking straight ahead. When I saw her after the shot she was standing just off the sidewalk. When she fired she was in a northeasterly direction from Hall, and three or four feet from the tree. He fell immediately, and then I turned and saw her with the pistol in her hand. The tree is on the corner of First and C Streets. We were on the west side of C Street. I was on the west or right-hand side of Mr. Hall. Miss Olson's look was devilish. I saw Miss Olson leave her home at 11 a. m. on Monday and saw her at home, through her window, between 3 and 4. She was writing. Did not see her face then. Did not meet her yesterday.

Marshal John M. Young called. Was in my office at the City Hall, Monday evening about 6:55, when a young woman came in and handed a pistol to one of the officers, saying: "Here, I have shot my betrayer." The officer took it and handed it to me. She handed me a letter. I asked her to step into my office, which she did. She said the shooting occurred on the corner of First and C Streets. Sent Captain Lange and patrol wagon there and telephoned Dr. Meacham. About twenty minutes later a messenger informed me the man was dead. I telephoned the coroner for authority to remove the body. As I could not find him I then sent for Mr. Evans, the undertaker, and dispatched a messenger to Captain Lange to bring the body here. Dr. Meacham gave directions for the disposition of the body. The

girl mentioned said her name was Amanda Olson.

Mr. Young showed the letter and pistol. The latter was a 32 caliber, double action affair with one empty chamber.

John F. Olson, the girl's father, testified as follows—While going home from work on Monday evening saw a crowd of people on First and C streets; he was told that a man was shot, and Mrs. Hart said Amanda had done it; I then said: "That man lying there seduced my girl;" that was all I said, and they took me home in a buggy; I asked if he was dead and they told me he was. Amanda Olson is my daughter. She said last Sunday she would like to kill Hall, but I told her not to do so. She said he had seduced her and ruined her for life. I did not know she had a pistol. When she said she would like to kill Hall she lay in bed fainting.

William N. McCurdy testified—Last Monday evening a young lady, accompanied by several men, entered the police station, saying she wanted to give herself up, as she "had killed Frank." Handed him a pistol and a letter. She was much excited, exclaiming, amongst other things, "I couldn't stand it any longer."

Captain Lange said he went to the scene of the tragedy with the patrol wagon and found Hall lying there, apparently still alive.

Chief W. A. Stanton called—Was near First and C streets about 7:45 p. m. and saw the crowd. People called upon him to hurry up, which he did. Saw the man who was shot, and found by feeling his pulse he was not dead. I drove after Dr. Hamilton immediately and sent for the patrol wagon. I found the doctor at home, and was not gone more than about eight minutes.

This closed the evidence, and the jury thereupon returned the following verdict:

TERRITORY OF UTAH,
County of Salt Lake.]

An inquisition holden at 33 West Temple Street, in the second precinct of Salt Lake City, on the 30th day of September, 1890, before Thomas E. Harris, coroner of said county, upon the body of Frank C. Hall, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed.

The said jurors, on their oaths, say, from the evidence presented, that the deceased, Frank C. Hall, came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted at the hands of Amanda Olson, at about 6:30 o'clock on the afternoon of the 29th day of September, 1890.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

(Signed) S. MASTERSON,
L. L. LEVINGS,
J. C. ROSS,

Jurors.

CITY COUNCIL.

A communication from F. H. Dyer represented that there seemed to be a conflict as to the right of the electric light company to set poles at the intersections of the streets, and he called attention to the fact that the street car companies were setting poles at the corners of the