

FRISCO'S BRUTAL HOODLUMS.

Revolving Story of an Atrocious Assault on an Aged Woman.

JAMES ANDERSON'S FEARFUL MANIA.

He Mutilates Himself with an Axe—Colorado Courtship—Oyster Charlie's Last Spree—Other Western News.

While returning from a visit to her two children in the South San Francisco orphan asylum one night Mrs. Murphy, a weak old woman, was waylaid and brutally outraged by eight hoodlums, says the Chronicle.

The assault on Mrs. Murphy was peculiarly atrocious. As the lady, who is nearly fifty years old, was passing a pile of lumber, she was seized by two men.

The poor old woman appealed to them in the name of everything good to let her go, but the scoundrels only derided her. Then she struggled again, and one of the wretches stabbed her in the side with a knife.

Worked his Stale. McDonald, ex-police-man of Butte, Mont., and doorkeeper at the Thietens Casino, went to visit a sick friend at Granite.

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While young Joe Mitchell was returning home from Erie, Col., one night when about half a mile northwest of town he met two men who said "hello" and one pointed a pistol at him.

Horses and cows are suffering from the grippe in Salt Lake City. A number of valuable horses and cows have died there during the past few weeks, and the cause of death in nearly every instance has been given by the physicians as the grippe.

A cowboy near Lay, Colo., had a narrow escape from death. He was out about a quarter of a mile from camp gathering firewood when he was suddenly pounced upon by a mountain lion.

Plato, one of the famous Wyoming cowboy chaps, was at Metcote, Fremont county, a few days ago headed for Idaho. On the surface Bill looked all right, but there is something wrong in his interior department.

for the doctor says he is liable to drop dead any minute. One of his main springs in the "Big Dip" called on "Dan" before leaving and offered to have it cut, but "Dan" said he was satisfied.

Drank Himself to Death. On account of his proficiency in mixing an oyster cocktail, a barkeeper of Port Townsend, Wash., named Larsen, gained the sobriquet of "Oyster Charlie." He got drunk the other day, and in the evening went into a gambling hall and saloon known as the Silver Dale, adjoining his own place.

Big Irrigation Scheme. Three stupendous ditch schemes, to irrigate no less than half a million acres in Converse, Natrona and Sheridan counties, Wyoming, are being perfected.

Killed for Lack of Knowledge. A young Austrian was killed by a fall of coal in No. 3 mine at Rock Springs, Wyo., a few days ago.

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There is a movement on foot to annex Rich county, Utah, to Wyoming, but it is very doubtful if it is a success.

Aft sheep herder is a patient at the county hospital in Cheyenne. He has been in the hospital a number of years and saved money.

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