# NEWS OF THE WEST.

## A Desperado's Indifference and Impudence When Sentenced to Death.

TRULY SHAFTUCK HEARD FROM.

### Brutal Conduct of a Mother Towards Her Little Child.—Encounters a Mountain Lion.

There was quite a snow fall at Cassbeck, Wyo., Friday night, and at Fort Steele it rained heavily. A report from Evanston says that snow fell to the depth of several inches between that town and Ogden.

Nampa (Idaho) *Progress*: Last Friday about two hundred baskets of grapes passed through Nampa, consigned to Boise. These grapes were shipped from Utah. What is the matter with Idaho?

Hoyt Sherman Jones, well known here as a former resident of Boise, says the Idaho *Daily Statesman*, is a guest of the Overland. Mr. Sherman is a member of the Utah commission, being of the Republican minority of that body.

Moses Manuel, of Helena, Mont., encountered a mountain lion on Lyon's creek. The brute was only a few yards from him and crouched ready to spring, but Mr. Manuel was fortunate enough to break the lion's neck with his first shot. It was one of the largest ever seen in Montana.

A score of men are at work on the Billings (Montana) wagon bridge crossing the Yellowstone, the central span of which is almost completed and cyclone stone from silver cove will be facilitated. The span across the main channel of the river, from the completed span will be 225 feet.

A piano player named Schreiber, traveling with a company of women Truly Shaftuck is the star, got very drunk at Carson, Nevada, and attempted to call Miss Shaftuck on the stage between two men from Virginia. The girl was a prominent figure in a San Francisco murder trial not long ago, her mother being convicted on a charge of killing Truly's lover.

The Grand Junction (Colo.) *News* is informed on good authority that the board of directors of the Grand Valley canal are seriously considering the extension of the Grand Valley canal below Fruita the coming fall and winter. It is said that the extension will serve about 15,000 acres of fine fruit and farming land, which has been taken up by actual settlers.

A Mr. Snyder was arrested at Garfield, Utah, on Saturday night, on complaint of the secretary of the Humane society, on a charge of cruelty to children. The neighbors have been complaining about the matter for weeks. It is charged that she has been cruel to the infant of three weeks old, her nine-year-old daughter as a mode of punishment. It is also charged that she beat the girl with a picket.

Thomas Hanck was sentenced to death at Seattle, Wash., on Saturday, and fully here out his reputation as a desperado. He was brought in a court with handcuffs on his wrists, a detective being on each side. When the judge asked Hanck if he had anything to say, the prisoner arose, lifted up his chair with one foot, leaned over the back of it, placed one manacled hand under his coat, stood steadily into the eyes of the judge, and said in a voice full of venom: "I will come back and haunt you. I want have one gun then, but two, and when I bell you to put up your hands I'll plug you pretty quick." As he referred to the weapons he threw both hands forward after the manner of a highwayman and snarled like a wild beast at bay. The judge, in pronouncing the sentence, closed with the unusual formula that when the day of execution is set a warrant will issue. Hanck, who still leaned forward over the coast, quickly said: "I want it quick — quick." He was then taken to his cell."

### Napoleon's First Acquaintance with Junot.

The circumstances which brought Junot and Napoleon together at Toulon were especially heroic. Some one was needed to carry an order to an exposed point. Napoleon asked for an aide officer, aide-de-camp and faithful guard. Junot, then a sergeant, was sent. "Take off your uniform and carry this order there," said Napoleon, indicating the point.

Junot blushed and his eyes flashed. "I am not a spy," he answered. "But some one besides me is expected such a order."

"You refuse to obey?" said Napoleon.

"I am ready to obey," answered Junot, "but I will go in my uniform or not go at all. It is honor enough then for three —— Engineers."

The officer smiled and let him go, but he took pains to find out his name.

A few days later Napoleon called for some one in the ranks who wrote a fine hand to come to his. Junot offered himself, and sat down alone in the battery to write the letter. He had scarcely finished when a bomb thrown by the English burst near by and covered him and his letter with earth.

"Good," said Junot, laughing, "it shall not need any sand to dry the ink."

Bonaparte looked at the young man, who had not even troubled at the danger. From that time the young sergeant intoxicated with the fascinations of artillery.—*McClure's Magazine for November.*


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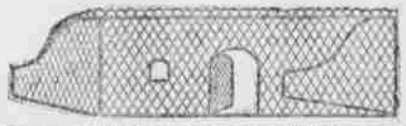

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