NEWS OF THE WEST.

The Sad Death of Clara Mathews Continues to Excite Much Interest.

HORRIBLE DEATH OF A CHINAMAN.

A Prisoner Shot Dead By a Deputy Sheriff—Discovery of Roman Bones and Old Sabers.

The grand lodge of Masons of Montana will meet at Helena October 8th, and great preparations are being made for the occasion.

While suffering under a temporary aberration of the mind, Mrs. Rachel Moyse inflicted a painful wound in her left breast with a sharp pair of shears.

J. S. Perry, of Pagosa, and Thomas Griffin of Rosemont, Cochise county, in connection with Hon. W. H. Stevenson, chairman of the university land commission, are investigating and selecting the university land in Gunnison.

A petition is being circulated, says the Pueblo, Emory county, Colorado, asking the executive pardon of Case I. Hue, who is now confined in the penitentiary, for the killing of a man at Rico. Already the names of 1200 citizens are attached.

Spaulding, of North Park, Colorado, has rented from Rucknin, who he relows a ranch with the Bowd family for their large Bar ranch in the park for some $20,000. This is reported to be the finest, best stocked and most valuable piece of farm property in that section of Colorado.

William Fitzgerald, the cowboy who was shot by Bill Davis at Ham's Fork two weeks ago, died in the hospital of Salt Lake City and was buried in the Catholic cemetery, at that place, says the Evanston News-Register. Blood poisoning resulting from the effects of his wound was the cause of his death.

George Frye, an employe of the quartermaster department at Fort Assiniboine, was weighed at that place, knocked on it a boat and turned a few tights and says the Helena (Mont.) Independent. His pockets were turned inside out, checks were scattered around on the ground and his watch still remained on his person. Death ensued. No clue to the culprit has been obtained.

William Wall, a veteran of the late war and serious foreman at Hesperus, (Colo.) on the Rio Grande Southern, committed suicide Sunday by taking strychnine. He was despondent over having been arrested while on a spree and drank the deadly dose in a glass of beer at the Brunswick saloon. Deceased was 47 years old and unmarried. His corse into the section with the Red trackraging outfit of the Rio Grande.

Ah Lin, a Chinese physician, who has resided in Woodland, Cal., for many years, met a horrible death on Tuesday night. He retired about 10 o'clock, and shortly afterward fire was discovered in his room. After the flames were extinguished it was discovered that Lin had been burned to death. It is presumed that the lamp used by him in smoking opium ignited his clothes, as every shred of them was burned off when he was found. The flesh in many places was burned to a crisp, and the body as it lay in the morgue presented a ghastly and sickening spectacle.

The Lusk Herald says: "It is learned that many ranchmen in the vicinity of Laramie peak contemplate moving their cattle in the vicinity of Lusk soon for the purpose of wintering them. The range in that section has been turned up by prairie fires and the ranchmen now very plainly that they have to hunt another location in order to get feed for their stock. While the range in this vicinity is not as good as it has been previous years, there is plenty here for thousands of head of stock that may feed and fatten during the long cold winter months. There is no section of Wyoming that has as much fine as this part has this season."

A shooting range for the use of the department of Colorado is one of the probabilities of the early future, says an exchange. Up to the present time the crack shots of the department have displayed their skill on the ranges connected with the various forts, but it has been decided to attempt to supply the department with something on a large scale. The month of August is set apart each year for trials of skill on the part of the best shots of the department. The army officers are greatly interested in the establishment of a shooting range near Denver and proclaim that the annual meeting will attract general attention from lovers of outdoor sports. A location will be selected within convenient distance of Fort Logan.

Here the Winnemucca (Nevada) Silver State News reached note this morning of the death of Charlie Madrid at Paradise yesterday, the result of being kicked and beaten by Thomas Burns at that place last Saturday. The particulars of the affair, as near as can be ascertained, are that Madrid accused Burns, who is a saloon-keeper, of selling whisky to Indians. This angered Burns, who is a powerfully built man, and he knocked Madrid down and kicked him in the most brutal manner, breaking some of his ribs, it is said. Madrid was carried to the Paradise hotel in a dying condition and lingered until yesterday afternoon, when he died. Burns was arrested, had an examination before Justice Folch and was fined $25, which Burns paid.

Laborers engaged in excavating a sewer trench at Stockton, Cal., a day or two since, came upon a lot of human bones and two old-fashioned wooden-hilted sabers. The find was made directly in front of a saloon. The bones and sabers were lying within a few feet of one another and at a depth of twelve and a half feet. News of the discovery spread fast and a crowd gathered quickly. The bones were seized by various people and carried away, one person getting the upper portion of the skull, another the lower jaw, and others the bones of the limbs. The spot was at one time the back of the Stockton cemetery, and during most of the year was submerged. A sensational theory has been advanced in connection with the find that two men aboard a ship in early days had a fight with swords, and that the victor threw his victim into the water, together with the bloodstained weapons used in the encounter. The sabers are light blades, twenty-five and one-half inches long from hilt to point, and have no guards. Indentations, apparently made by strokes of sharp edges upon each other can be seen.

A deputy sheriff Treity had an exciting encounter when Dillon Jackson, a Crow Indian, (—) shot and killed Jackson's brother-in-law, who had been sentenced to thirty days for disturbing the peace. Treity was considerable shaken up before he killed Jackson. He had just left a party and were going to the train. The Indian succeeded in getting the pistol away from his keeper and was about to murder Treity. Just as he pointed the weapon at the officer the latter made a jump and grabbed the revolver. In so doing he had his hand on the weapon turned on his men and fired. The bullet pierced the Indian's heart and he dropped dead at the officer's feet. Treity returned to Centerville and gave an account of the battle. The officer is known as one of the bravest men in Washington township, some time ago he had trouble with a man who shot him through the breast. Treity had a very narrow escape at that time.

The San Francisco police have discovered little that is new in their investigations into the death of Clara Mathews, revealed in yesterday's News. The body which was exhumed as the remains were found to have suffered from a criminal operation. It was from the effects of this that the girl had died. This was proved by the condition of the body and the fact that all other organs were perfectly normal. On Tuesday the body was viewed by Mr. Long, the landlady of Mathews street, and the two assistants of the undertaker. It was too badly decomposed to be identified. The clothes were recognized by Mrs. Long as having been worn by the dead girl and the coffin was identified by the undertakers as that in which Miss Mathews had been buried. In the afternoon the body was removed to await the inquest. The two accused doctors claim that they acted only to save the girl's life. Van Wetzlen says the abortion was brought on to prevent blood poisoning; Driscoll that he came to help a licensed physician when the girl was in trouble. Gray says he knew nothing of the girl's condition. L. G. Gray, the father of Harry Gray, the alleged lover of the murdered girl, was at the fall on Tuesday. He was accompanied by his son, L. H. Gray, who is employed in the freight office of the railroad at Sacramento. The father says he knows his son is innocent.

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