

## NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Clever Confidence Game Played Among Sacramento's Population.

## ARRESTED FOR MURDER IN IDAHO.

The Chinese Highliders' Brutality.—Terrible Fate of Mining Prospects.—A Daring Feat.

Blanche Russell, a recent inmate of a house of ill-fame at Phoenix, Arizona, has been burned to death by a lamp explosion in her room.

Dr. Day, confined in the city jail at Tucson, has attempted to commit suicide in his cell by hanging. Day is an optician, and the attempt was made because he was not furnished with the drug.

California is reported to be quite disturbed with the World's Fair excitement, and the press is rapidly rating the managers for their delinquencies. The state gave \$200,000 and various so much more for a World's Fair exhibition, and last week its exhibit was not half complete.

One Zelmer, a sheep herder and shearer, was shot and killed at Ash Park, Okla., on Saturday night by John Fosse, a saloon-keeper. Zelmer was drunk and was killed while attempting to get behind the bar. Five shots were fired, all of which took effect.

The son of Palmer A. Damon, horsebreaker, of Los Angeles, was blown up in the chimney last night. The explosion injured one man, and \$1000 in notes. Marion McLochlin, who was on duty at the time, heard the explosion, but was unable to locate it. About two hours later flames were seen issuing from the roof of the building, and it was discovered soon afterward that the chimney was buried in the earth. The loss is about \$2000 on stock and about \$2000 on building.

Albert Heinen has been arrested at Boise, Idaho, for the murder of Charles L. Knight, whose body was found floating in the Snake river a short distance from the place where his mother's son in Denver, going to Heinen's ranch. Three days later Heinen arrived in Boise and secured a pending suit belonging to Knight. The latter was never seen alive again.

The Chinese, who are principally of jewelry, and a score of Belgian's men have revealed twenty-eight pieces. Knight had seized Heinen from civilization.

Henry Eichner, a tailor, has committed suicide at Albuquerque, N. M., by shooting a barrel of reverberator in the mouth and pulling the trigger. He was working on a suit for himself, and this morning he seized a gun with which to obtain his breakfast. On returning to the shop he presented a meal, hung it up and then went over to a glass case, from which he took a scissored knife and cut his throat. He then ran to the Banquo and shot himself dead in the presence of the proprietor and several tailors. It is said to have been undoubtedly crazy.

A transcript on appeal has been filed in the supreme court at San Francisco in the case involving the legality of the proposed removal of a state capital from San Jose. The appeal of the pro-forma decision rendered by the superior court of San Joaquin county in the suit of the people in the relation of N. D. Blaisdell against Secretary of State, W. C. West. The action is brought to adjudge the constitutionality of moving the capital to a vote of the people. The application was denied by the Sacramento court, and an appeal has been taken to have the question finally determined. The case was submitted on an agreed state of facts, and the questions involved are entirely questions of law.

One of the cleverest confidence games ever perpetrated in Sacramento, in which the victims of the skinned crook are many, has just come to light. The swindler operated on all classes of society, none being safe, excepting the wealthy and fortunate. The sporting fraternity and the clergy alike suffered loss from his scheming and treachery. The operator is described as a tall, thin, dark-skinned man, six feet, medium height, blonde mustache, partially bald. He wears a cowboy coat and hammy smile. In search of prey, the operator seeks his victim at home and not on the street. Before long he has won the confidence of his victim, who confides there and acquires some information concerning the genealogy of the family, and, it passes, the name of the woman prior to marriage. Possessed of this information, the swindler operator enters the house, claiming to be the same name as the owner, and trying to establish, in the most saucy and fascinating manner, relationship, however remote. In doing this he always succeeds in ingratiating himself into the good graces of the maid of the household, and it not infrequently happens that he successfully happens thus to succeed.

One of the greatest feats of daring ever attempted in the world, says the Larimer Homemonger, will be essayed Independence day by a Crook county politically disposed citizen, by name W. H. Rogers. Mr. Rogers is a stoneman who has been for years in Devil's Tower on the side of Mountaineer and promises to ascend the tower on the day mentioned. When he first broached the idea he was only laughed at, but his tenacity of purpose caused him to believe that he would be successful when he deposited \$1000 guarantee to climb the tower. The day will be generally celebrated by the people of Crook county and those in the neighboring states. The citizens of Oregon, Wash., and Idaho will fly the flag to be planted on the tower. Mr. Rogers' climbing suit is being made by Devillewood leather. The Devil's Tower, says the Sun-daily Journal, is one of nature's greatest achievements, standing on a mound on the side of Mountaineer, rising to a height of 1200 feet above the river. The tower itself rises to a height of 600 feet above the ground, and as yet has never been ascended. The tower is 1000 feet high and is nearly perpendicular, its sides are nearly perpendicular, its profile is round in shape and is 1000 feet in circumference. The stone lies vertically and affords no footing whatever. On the almost level, and is covered with a luxuriant growth of grass and shrubbery, to the extent of about half an acre.

A bloody fight occurred at old San Bernardino, about seven miles from San Francisco, on Monday night, in which three Mexicans were

involved. All four, a number of wounded and will be laid up for a while.

Mr. H. D. Clark, George Morris and Maximo Valdez, the former armed with a murderous-looking knife and the latter with a revolver, were engaged in a struggle at work, and proceeded to old San Bernardino, a about three miles west of the town, for the purpose of laying out land for a residence. They were, however, met by a large crowd, who came to干涉 them. The Mexicans were driven away, but the Indians were still there, and the Indians were driven away.

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