

NEWS OF THE WEST.

Two Flounders Terribly Burned by an Explosion in a Mine.

A CONTRACTOR DISAPPEARS.

Horrible Death in a Field.—Unexpected Find of \$20 Gold Pieces in a Cellar.—Asphyxiated.

The gambling houses in Denver should be compelled to close, says the *Newspaper* of that city. They are open daily in which unemployed men are induced to drop their cards.

A Gosses, Idaho, sportsman says: The Farmers' Alliance victory is grand, together with 12,000 signatures of voters, but the result is uncertain. The sum due in tribute, \$25,000, insurance, \$10,000.

Mrs. Maria Miller of Chicago, accompanied by her uncle, John Wett, enroute to San Miguel, Cal., stepped off Monday morning's train to buy her baby, Eve, another old who died in the womb just before coming home, Nov. 2.

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Fifteen hundred head of cattle, all ages and branded with a large five-pointed star, were captured last Saturday. It was reported the cattle had been captured by Mexican in the low parts of the west and driven to the farmlands in Wyoming, says the Cheyenne Springs Advertiser. They were purchased by Moses Bacon & Sons in Utah, who came via rail from Price to Hills.

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Genge W. Bradfield, a contractor residing at Wellman street, Denver, has mysteriously disappeared. On July 6 he drew several hundred dollars from the bank and left town. He had about \$1,000 in his pocket book, which he used to show his wife that he was going to Bradfield to figure on some work. Since that time he has not been heard of. His wife and two children are now without support, and the poor woman is in fear for her life, knowing well that Bradfield is a member of A. F. O. W., Judge No. 93, at Atlantic, Kan. As his hands have always been most encumbered, his apprehensions are justified. It may be he has run away a victim of "Merry-go-round," the state method of punishment, and has not yet been detected.

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work at the mine. As he did no work he was sent to see what he was doing, the first, finally, out to prove by the *Mattoon*. From a distance the team must have run away and he had fallen in front of the moving car. He had been dragged some distance, caught in the teeth of the moving car and held on to the iron bar. After the horses started they backed up and kicked him in the head, so that he was trampled on the body, for death was crushed and his face terribly mangled by the horses' hoofs. The number of a wagon and a piece of wood was unknown. There was nothing on the person to give a clue to his identity.

On Tuesday afternoon John Hanchinsen and John Lovitt were terribly burned by an explosion in a mine at Carter, Wyoming. It appears that their traps had become jammed and they were unable to get out in time to see if the workings were safe. On the spurts of air and drops of oil fell into a full twenty-five pound keg of blasting powder, exploding. Both miners were buried in their remains but the bodies were torn off. Lovitt had a family at Casper, Wyo., and his wife and two sons are still missing.

Three ex-Purple palominos, Captain McLeish and Palomino Clinton and McLeish were released from the stable and sold to a man in Wyoming, about 100 miles north of Cheyenne, Saturday evening.

They want to take tools to the timbered barns over in connection with the timber sale. As they entered the barns, however, the barns were so wet that the horses slipped and were overtaken until it had reached the middle of the mile fully half a mile from the source of the explosion, where he was lost running frantically in search of safety. The body of his horse was burned almost to a cinder and will probably die. Lovitt will never, last single, but Hanchinsen has a family at Casper, Wyo., and his wife and two sons are still missing.

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