

ALLAS, SATURDAY, DEC. 21.

STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS!

DEAD MAN'S GULCH OR THE AVENGING ANGEL.

We publish the following communication which came to us through the mails. Of the writer or his whereabouts we are entirely ignorant.

It was in the spring of 1849, that a company of hardy pioneers settled on Wild Oat Creek on the spur of the Sierras. At first the intention of the men was to locate Raebos, designing to make the pursuit of agriculture the mode of gaining a livelihood. But the news soon reached the little colony that gold was being found in vast quantities, a few miles below on the creek, when some of the men "prospected" a broad pan of dirt that had been dug up to make a rude fire-place, and found at least twenty dollars to the pan. The settlement was soon wild with excitement. Claims were located lumber packed a distance of one hundred miles on mules—to make sluices—and in a few weeks the creek ran a torrent of mud and water, and the whole plan of life of dozen men was changed. The yield of the claims was simply immense. Everything seemed to be prosperous, and the miners as they congregated at one and another of the rude huts of an evening, were talking over the prospect of soon returning home to their families in the States, instead of bringing them out as originally intended.

It was on an evening of this description, when all hands were congregated at Mose Strimman's cabin at the head of the gulch—some were playing at cards, some smoking, others resting in that calm way that the wearied frame so enjoys after a day of honest toil. The sun was just setting, the pine boughs that wafted in the gentle and healthful breezes of the evening, looked like fringes of gold as the slanting sunbeams cast their wreath of glory around them. The day birds were fluttering up to their perches for the night, the night bird had ventured from his covert, and commenced his low and plaintive chant. Nature was in all its glory, and the scene was such that added to instead of detracting from nature's beauties. Suddenly the report of a pistol was heard, and Mose, the owner of the cabin, who was sitting at the table playing cards with a chain reeled and fell to the floor a corpse. All hands were on their feet in a moment, search was made for the assassin but no trace could be found. Once the track of a foot was seen in some loose dirt, where the owner had sprang over a precipice, but it could be traced no further. The search was finally abandoned. But in a few days another of the men, Bill Clark, was murdered in precisely the same manner, just at dark after a day's work, and while at the spring after water. The bullet hole was examined, and it proved to be the work of a large horse pistol. There was one of these pistols in camp, the bullet filed it, exactly as the bullet of the last victim was found. But the owner of this pistol was a mere boy and of course he could not have done the bloody deeds. Time rolled on. In a few days another fell a victim to the hidden hand, another and another until—

Let the survivor tell his own tale, is who is none other than the boy above alluded to.

"They are all dead. I have their money, now I'll write to their families and tell them to come out to Salt Lake. Let's see, I have two hundred thousand more than I can carry, I'll pack it on a mule, and journey hence to the land of the Saints. By the time I get to Salt Lake, the families of all these men will be there. Quite an acquisition to the Sainted Kingdom. Then I'll have my thousands and my reward from Brigham."

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