

Concealed Her Sex For 40 Years.

Joe Monaghan, who for the past 23 years has owned and lived on a little ranch on Succor creek, not far below the falls, occupying a cabin which was only a shack, was taken ill at Barney Malloy's, a few miles further down the creek, and died there, Thursday of last week. In laying the body out and preparing it for burial, it was discovered that this strange personage was a woman. She came to Silver City in 1864, worked first at placer mining and subsequently built and lived in a little cabin near the then town of Ruby, raising chickens and hogs and carrying slops collected in town to feed them, finally adding a couple of cows and selling milk and eggs to the miners. Her small hands and feet, small stature and effeminate voice and want of beard caused many to remark that she might be a woman, or at least not a developed man, but she managed to keep her sex a secret. Leaving Silver City in the middle 80's, she went to Malheur county and was employed as a cowboy, riding in round-ups and on the range with the men, handling the lariat, rifle or pistol with the skill of an adept, finally settling down on a little ranch of her own, where she managed to accumulate a bunch of about 200 head of cattle. She was on her way out to the railroad to get winter supplies when she was taken sick and died at Malloy's. As she came here a grown person in 1864—40 years ago—her age must have been 60 years or upwards. She was always recluse, kept her door bolted while in her house and seldom invited a visitor in when he called.