

FAMOUS DETECTIVE DEAD.

James McParland Noted for Work Against Molly Maguires.

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DENVER, Col., May 19.—James McParland, who many years ago earned a place among the leading detectives of the world by putting the murderous Molly Maguire organization of the Pennsylvania coal miners out of business, and later was manager of the Denver office of the Pinkertons, is dead at his home here.

Mr. McParland was born in Ulster, Ireland, in 1844, and came to the United States in 1863. He worked as a teamster, and then drove a mail wagon for a time in Chicago. Joining the Pinkerton Detective Agency after the Chicago fire, in the early '70s, under its founder, Allan Pinkerton, he was sent to Eastern Pennsylvania to gather evidence against the notorious Molly Maguires in the anthracite region. As a result of his work eleven men were hanged and more than fifty were sent to prison.

He also gained fame for procuring the confession of Harry Orchard, now serving a life sentence, in the assassination of Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, in which Moyer, Haywood, and Pettibone of the Western Federation of Miners were implicated.

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