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Time	Names & Places	Subjects covered
00-120	Varallism M. Pasqual, Lilly Morell, Loco Lil, Louise Morell	History of prostitution through the years-Pompi, Rome & Greece. Early day prostitution in mining camps. Locations of Red Light Districts in Denver, Cripple creek, Durango, Telluride, Silverton and Ouray. Description of Red Light District in Ouray in 1898. 15 "houses" lined the street. Western Hotel was used as a meal place for sporting ladies. Naane various brothels in Ouray. Describes fire that started in the Bon Ton in 1907. Destroyed several buildings
120-189	Jack Vanalli, Jerome J. Jones	The red Light districe in Ouray cntered in block 8. Describes Golden Belt Theater, Roma Saloon and 220 Dance Hall. Many theathricals were booked at Gold Belt Theater. Musice was provided by Jerome J. Johns Band. Names the prices of drinks and bottled liquor. Theater used their own coinagae system as did lots of saloons. Describes various coinage tokens.
189-235	Gov. Mc Cook, Jin Lee, Lee Faley	The Red Light Districe grew in size. Describes businesses on 8th street, which was the heart of the Red Light District. Chinese laundry was located there. History of arrival of the Chinese in Colorado. There were strong anti-Chinese sentiments in Colorado. Describes various incidents of abuse towards the Chinese. Story of burning of the Chinese laundry in 1930. Many opium dens were located near he brothels in the R.L. District.
235-242		Newspaper of 1905 reported death of one of the girls of the District, blaming opium as the cause. Description read.
242-249		The Golden Belt Theater closed in early 1900's. It remained empty for may years and was vandalized. The City of Ouray condemed block 8 street in 1972. Everything was torn down by 1982.
249-281	J. Vanalli, Lizzie Preston,	Thirty (30) "ladies" lived in Ouray in 1900. Descriptions of various ladies and some of their last names. They were brought to town, stayed for a short time and left. Story read from newspaper. Speaks of John Vanalli's death. The Madams were known for their kindness. Story of incident in Denver.
285-303	Sadie Tabor, T. Hebler, Tom Lynch	Story of Sadie Tabor, a madam in Ouray and her business deals and various saloons she owned. She married T. Hebler. Article read from Ouray newspaper about Thomas Hebler and his death. Sadie was shot to death 2 years after her husband died and buried next to her husband.
303-327	Lily Phillips, Louise and Lily Morell	Story of Lily Phillips who was the Madam of the Bird Cage, also known as Loco Lil. She lived in Ouray for 50 years. Story of 2 sisters who were madams, Lousie and Lily Morell.
327-398	Mrytle Clark, Dr. Rowne, Deliah Stewart, Grace Mathews,	Large suicide rate among the "ladies". Report read from newspaper of attempted suicide of "ladie of the evening". Story of attempted suicide of Mrytle Clark by overdose of drugs. Many stories read from newspapers about the deaths of the girls.

398-405

The miners were the main customers at the brothels. Describes miners life and trips to town to visit the brothels.

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00-116

J. Vonelli

Ouray's hotsprings and bath houses were enjoyed by the miners. Rules set up by the city council to regulate the body housees. Section 6 read. Editorial written in 1881 to challenge city fathers to enforce cthe city ordinance in regards to prostitution. City passed more resolutions to close down the dance halls and body houses, bu were not enforced, as it would have cut into the city income. More articles read from newspapers denouncing prostitution in 1889.

116-131

The Brick Nugget building (a house of prostitution) opened near Main Street in 1887. More articles denouncing prostitution written in the newspapers.

131-221

Francis willard,

Carrie Nation, Louise
Morell

The WCTU and other anti-saloon leagues were formed in 1874, to force the saloons and gambling halls to close. Sermons from churches were printed in the newspapers. May 9, 1902 the city council, pressured from churches and league groups, closed most of the dance halls and gambling saloons. A curfew was passed-- slot machines were closed. Laws were passed in Durango and Telluride to close the gambling saloons . In 1909, Colorado voted to go dry. Prohibition laws were passed and boot leggers were the new distributors of liquor. Brothels continued to operate unless they were found to serve liquor. Officers were not concerned about prostitution. Women petitioned the city council to close the brothels. In 1921 arrests were made on the Bon Ton, and boot leg liquor was found in barrels. Louise Marell was arrested twice. In 1933, the many mines were starting to close. Not many saloons and brothels were open. Most body houses in 2nd street gradually closed their doors.

221-235

Description of the streets in Ouray now where the brothels were once located.

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