

Canyon in the Constitutional Convention.

MURRAY, May 6, 1895.

A pleasant affair took place in the Scandinavian meeting house at Murray on Friday evening, May 5. Shortly before 8 o'clock nearly 200 Saints gathered in the form of a surprise party, to be given in honor of Brother Charles Holm, who is president for the Scandinavian branch and as such very much beloved. When everything was in readiness, a committee waited upon and invited Brother Holm and family to come to the meeting house. Of course they were greatly surprised to see a table fully twenty feet long spread with the most delicious things to eat, and tastefully decorated with white and purple lilacs. In a few well chosen words Brother Holm was presented with a beautiful clock, as a token of the esteem in which he is held. When everyone had done justice to the good things of the table, it was cleared, and then came dances and games. As the Scandinavians generally understand how to enjoy themselves, they had a good time till midnight. JOHN W. LAWSON.

An inquest was held Saturday over the body of an aged Chinaman named Lou Sing, who was found dead in his room at No. 5 Plum alley, last evening, but no conclusion was arrived at as to the cause of death, the verdict being that he "came to his death from unknown causes."

Lou had evidently been dead for about two weeks, and was in a bad state of decomposition. The other occupants of the place say they have been wondering what was the cause of the offensive odor, and yesterday afternoon they came to the conclusion that something was wrong. The coroner was notified and on arriving at the place, broke into Lou's room. The dead body was seated on a chair at the foot of the bed the head resting on the bed. A razor was found under the pillow, but this showed no signs of having been used, and no other weapons were found. No marks of violence were found on the body and it is impossible to tell the cause of his death.

Lou Sing left a wife and several children in his native land, and has been living at the place where he died for about one year.

The reception tendered the Constitution makers on behalf of the ladies of Utah at the Templeton Thursday was in every way the enjoyable and successful affair it was expected it would be. The great majority of the delegates were in attendance and many of them were accompanied by their wives. A considerable number of business and professional men of the city were also present and during the hours of reception, from 9 to 11, the spacious parlors of the hotel presented a gay, animated and attractive scene. The occasion was enlivened by a number of well rendered piano selections by Miss Folsom, while Miss Long and Miss Babcock contributed greatly to the entertainment by each giving a choice reading.

In the large dining room an elegant supper was served from artistically arranged and beautifully flower laden tables waited upon by the bevy of young ladies whose names were pub-

lished in last evening's News. The affair is one that will long be remembered by the guests of honor, while those to whom its giving is due will have the satisfaction of knowing that success crowned their efforts in the highest degree.

Considerable excitement was occasioned Sunday afternoon in the vicinity of a coal yard located on Third West street, between Fourth and Fifth South streets. A watchman named Martin is employed at the place, and yesterday he was beastly drunk. In the afternoon several little girls between six and eight years of age were passing along the sidewalk in front of the coal office, when Martin staggered out and seized one of them by the dress. The children were terribly frightened, some of them running around the block to the corner south, three and a half blocks, to inform a relative of the seizure of one of their number. In the meantime the child who had been caught was so badly scared that she could not move, so she stood the crying bitterly. After holding her two or three minutes the drunken brute offered her some fruit, and tried to coax her into the office; he also asked her to kiss him. At this the sobbing child, seeing that he had let go of her dress, managed to run away a few rods, where she was met by the relatives, to whom the girl who escaped had carried the news. The fact that Martin was badly intoxicated enabled him to escape a severe handling. The neighbors say this is not his first proceeding of the kind.

The adjourned preliminary examination of Willis Rudy and Bernet Engebretsen on a charge of murdering Albert Barnard, a sheepherder, in Emigration canyon, in July, 1892, will take place before Commissioner Pratt next Monday morning. A brother of the defendant Rudy makes the boast that he knows where the supposed dead man is, and declares that he is now serving a term in a Colorado jail.

A man about fifty years of age, who gives the name of Joseph Ward, and who resides near Kanab, Summit Co., now comes forward with a statement which would seem to give some strength to the assertion that Barnard may be still in the flesh. By stipulation with the prosecution, his testimony was taken before Commissioner Pratt this afternoon and will be submitted upon the resumed hearing of the case on Monday.

Mr. Ward says that a man who gave the name of Barnard came to his place in the latter part of August or the beginning of September, 1892, and asked for a job, and that he remained in his employ until the end of the following November. He gave a minute description of the man, how he was dressed, and when shown the missing man's photograph spoke almost positively to his being the same Barnard who worked for him subsequent to the alleged killing of the young sheepherder of that name.

Counsel for the defense claim that they have now forged a strong link in their chain, and expect to have little difficulty in establishing the innocence of Rudy and Engebretsen.

Cache county has its own romance of a lost mine of fabulous wealth, sup-

posed to have been dug about fifty years ago, before the settlement of the country by white people, by three hardy adventurers from no one knows where. The scene is laid in Blacksmith Fork canyon, and it was said that a shaft of great depth was sunk before the coveted gold was found. At last, just when the toilers were rewarded by the discovery of a body of wonderfully rich gold-bearing ore, an Indian attack became imminent, and after covering their newly found treasure with loose rock and dirt, they fled. Only one succeeded in escaping alive, and the memory of the horrors he had witnessed prevented his return at the time, and he afterwards died, leaving only a vague account of the place where the shaft was located. This story used to be frequently related when the valley was first settled, but had been almost forgotten until last week, when the discovery of an abandoned shaft in Blacksmith Fork canyon revived it. The mouth of the shaft was partly covered with a large rock. The parties who found it lowered one of their number down twenty feet, the length of the only rope they had, but he could tell by the sound of falling stones that the bottom was a considerable distance below. They afterwards returned to the scene and lowered a man down sixty feet, where he reached a chamber running at right angles with the shaft. He did not thoroughly explore this chamber, but found some rotten wood, supposed to have been portions of a box. From the mouth of this chamber he lowered a lantern down an additional forty feet, still without finding the bottom of the shaft. This being the full length of the rope brought by the party, they were temporarily baffled, but intend to return fully prepared to fully explore the old workings, with the hope that the old story may prove true.

The exhibition given by the fire department Wednesday was witnessed by a large number of people, and the expressions of admiration were very numerous. Everything went off smoothly with one exception, and that was in the contest between the hose companies, when one of the wheels of Hose No. 1 gave way, but fortunately no one was injured.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon the program commenced with the first floor hitch, the horses being tied in the stall. This feat was accomplished in the brief space of five seconds.

Next came the response to the fire alarm, all of the men being on the second floor and the horses tied in the stalls. The fire alarm was sent in from a box on East Temple street and the boys made an excellent showing, the time occupied in descending to the first floor, hitching the teams, and reaching the street, being but thirteen seconds.

The third—contest between hose companies—was then given. The contest was between Nos. 1 and 2. They traveled 1,000 feet, made hydrant connection and laid 150 feet of hose. The first run was by No. 1, which accomplished it in thirty-nine seconds. No. 2 followed, only thirty-six seconds being consumed in the run. The contest was to have been the best two out of three, but in the second run by No. 1 the right hind wheel gave way, every spoke being broken off at the