

visited this worthy old veteran and found him in good spirits and somewhat better to health than formerly, and in recognition of the high esteem in which he is held by those associated with him, they presented him with a gold headed silk umbrella with his name engraved thereon.

The evening was spent in talking over that portion of his life that has been spent in the ministry. He labored with the Prophet Joseph for many years, and today is as firm as ever in the faith of the Gospel and full of a desire to assist in the work of building up the kingdom of God. He attends personally to the duties of his office every day, makes up his reports and is as accurate as any young man could be. He has outlived four counsellors and five others still survive. He is the father of 30 children, 15 sons and 15 daughters, most of whom are living. He has not missed attending any meeting during the past year and we hope this worthy old veteran may stay with us many years yet to bear testimony of the great latter-day work.

Early on the morning of the 6th inst. the sleigh bells began to jangle, and upon the streets of our quiet little town might have been seen the "Old Folks" committee full of activity, preparing for one of those never-to-be-forgotten days, on which our friends whose hair is passing from streaks of gray to snowy whiteness, reign supreme in our city. Among our visitors might be seen the familiar faces of our Stake presidency, also Phil, Margette and Bro. Bateman of Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Hallman of Provo.

The Opera house was very handsomely decorated, and at 12 m. the curtain was raised, revealing four well spread tables, which fairly groaned with the bounties of life. Soon the 200 seats were occupied by our honored guests, who done justice to the ample repast.

A well arranged program was rendered and report given by the secretary, which showed that eleven had been called to the other shore during the past year, while nearly double that number had crossed the line and were now numbered among the old folks.

Everything passed off quietly and all were returned to their homes in safety, each one feeling that the reunion was one of the largest and most pleasant ever given.

The absence of the old folks committee of Salt Lake City was very much regretted. Much credit is due to all who contributed to, and helped in this commendable undertaking, not forgetting our brass band, who rendered sweet music at intervals through the day.

Respectfully,

LEO T. SHELLEY.

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An inquest was held on Thursday over the body of Charles D. Heitzel, who was found dead on the fourth floor of an unoccupied building at St. Mark's hospital at 12:45 the same morning, with a bullet hole in his head.

From the evidence presented at the inquest it appears that Heitzel worked at St. Mark's hospital from October to January 1st, when he left of his own accord, to seek employment elsewhere. Two days ago he was sent

for to do some work at the hospital and seemed to be in good spirits yesterday.

He occupied the same room as other employee, and late last night he was missed by the day and night engineers and it was suggested to the latter to look around the building and see if he could be found, as it was noticed that his best clothes were in his room and he had on his working clothes, and therefore could not be far away. The result was he was found on the fourth floor of the building which is not yet finished, lying in a pool of blood. A bullet had entered his right temple and shattered the skull on the opposite side of the head, and the pistol lay just back of him with an empty shell in it. The shot is supposed to have been fired at 8:15 p. m., the resident physician having heard a shot at that time.

The superintendent and resident physician were notified and the police were communicated with. The body was taken to Evans's undertaking parlors, where Justice of the Peace Sommers held an inquest, Lemuel Cohen, Byron West and Charles Gonsdell constituting the jury. The inquest was in progress at press time.

Heitzel was 17 years old and has no relations here. His father and sister live in Missouri and they have been notified.

The jury which was sworn to hold an inquest over the body of Charles D. Heitzel, the boy who was found dead at St. Mark's hospital, returned a verdict of death by a gunshot wound inflicted by himself.

The Salt Lake Equitable Co-operative business at the corner of Richards and First South streets, was the scene of a fire last Thursday which for some time looked as though it would prove totally disastrous to the establishment.

The fire was discovered by Officer Parry who chanced to see the flames issuing from the rear basement windows which front on Richards street, and also from the windows of the elevator shaft. An alarm was quickly turned in and the fire department responded promptly. The boys attacked the flames from the rear basement window, and were fast subduing them, when two tanks of oil took fire and caused the blaze to rage with redoubled fury. For an hour and a half the firemen fought the flames as best they could under the circumstances, and did splendid work, in view of the fact that the basement of the store was packed with merchandise. Incipient flames broke out in different places and it was only with the greatest effort that the structure was saved from total destruction.

The fire must have been smouldering for some time before its discovery, as when first noticed it had got a good start and was rapidly making a destructive inroad through the establishment. The exact origin of the fire is unknown. It was thought that it started in a bake oven owned by a firm next door, but Chief Devine does not believe the blaze started there, although that part of the building seems to have been burned the worst. Roomers in the upper story of the block were badly frightened when they heard the alarm of fire, and many of them rushed to the windows in their night robes screaming with fear. They were finally

pacified, however, when informed that there was no immediate danger.

President Langton of the company estimates the stock of goods at a value of \$35,000, with insurance on the same with local firms amounting to \$11,500. The loss is mainly confined to the basement and is estimated at between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

That Legislatures have hitherto considered need of stringent laws regarding cruelty to animals a matter of only secondary consideration is a blot upon the humanity of our State. It is our boast that we have few paupers, that our dependent poor receive better care than in any other state; that to the majority of cases the paupers are spared the humiliation of publicity and so forth. But why can we not go a step farther? Can we not also boast of our especial kindness to dumb beasts? A man who is kind to his dog is also kind to his wife, and although many will challenge the statement, the contrary is also true. It is a notorious fact that domestic animals receive but shabby treatment on the average throughout Utah. We mean to cast no reflection on men who by force of circumstances are sometimes compelled to overwork their horses. We simply call the attention of the present Legislative Assembly to the fact that some law should be passed enabling sheriffs and county officers to arrest men who starve their stock within sight of a haystack merely on the grounds that a horse is practically worthless in the market in winter and that the price of hay is liable to go up. We wish also to attract public attention to the villainous practice of plucking turkeys alive at Thanksgiving and Christmas times. A little more than one year ago two firms in Spanish Fork filling large contracts for dressed turkeys. A professional Chicago butcher did the work of killing and dressing at some 3 cents per head. His assistants were four small boys. Each turkey in turn was suspended by the legs, a knife was inserted in its mouth and twisted for the purpose of cutting the jugular vein. A turkey bleeds to death very slowly. A weight was then hung from a wire hook fastened to the under jaw. The wings were next twisted together, and with three swipes of a cruel band, all the feathers were plucked from the body. Three more puns denuded the tail and wings. The turkey would then be released and in a majority of cases the poor bird was alive; many of them walking off entirely naked, to the amusement of most of the bystanders and the horror of only a few. This statement can be substantiated by overwhelming proof. Is the Legislature helpless in a case of this kind? We think not, and ask that some action be taken.—Springville Independent.

Wasatch Wave: President Hatch returned yesterday from Salt Lake City where he has been since Monday attending a meeting of the State Miller's Association. He informs us that President George Q. Cannon has promised to be present at the quarterly conference in Heber, which will be held one week from tomorrow and Sunday. While absent Mr. Hatch came in for more than his share of political accusations from the Salt Lake papers.