

## MINERS CONVENE.

The opening session held this morning.

FINANCIAL PROBING GOING ON.

The Western Federation of Miners' Union held the opening session of their annual convention in this city this morning at the U. A. B. hall. There were a large number of delegates present, and it is expected that much will be accomplished for the good of the mining industry.

The Federation was organized at Butte, Mont., May 19, 1886, and forty miners are enfranchised within it. The officers are John Gilligan, president; John Dugay, Butte, Utah, vice-president; W. J. Weiss, Butte, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee consists of John McLean, Terry, South Dakota; James McNeil, Granite, Montana; Patrick Fitzgerald and Anthony Mathews, Butte.

In addition to the foregoing gentlemen, who were present, there were three others in attendance from the state of Montana: J. C. Green, A. J. Corson, Joseph Luster and C. M. Hudson from South Dakota; P. H. McNeil and John Culverwood from Colorado; James Conroy, El Dorado, and two from Idaho: John Hayes, Williams, which John Thomas, G. O'Brien, Henry Daniels and Henry Ferguson from Mineral.

A meeting of the executive board was held yesterday afternoon, and the following committees were appointed: the most important of which was an auditing committee of three to investigate the financial affairs of the miners.

An executive committee was chosen, of the convention, adjourned to assist the committee's report, and as the miners go to the south the members are still at work wading through columns of figures presented by each.

The association will resume its session immediately on the completion of their report.

The afternoon session of the convention opened with hearing the auditing committee's report on the financial condition of the miners, the statement of the worth of business, and just prior to the last edition of the news going to press.

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The miners are enthusiastic over the charming appearance of the city. Nearly all the Western states and territories are represented at the convention.

Many of the delegates express the hope that the next convention will be held in this city.

Mr. Joseph Thomas, of Butte, Montana, president of the Butte Miners' Union, has been president of the Butte Miners' Union longer than any other officer, and is a thoroughly representative officer. He has been a resident of Butte fourteen years, and is engaged on the Anaconda property.

Mr. C. S. Hudson, of the Black Hills country, whose field of operations is in the Black Hills, is another representative delegate, and is president of the Terry Peak Miners' Union. He states that there is a surplus of men in that region and nearly all of the silver properties are shut down. Gold refractory ore is being worked, and about one hundred men are employed.

Mr. W. J. Weiss, secretary and treasurer of the Federation, is a young gentleman and has been in the West since he closed the Missouri river eighteen years ago. He has been an active worker in mining unions ever since, when he was about 20 years old, and since then has been identified with the mining interests of Montana. While as far as I am personally known, is a prominent factor in the work of the convention.

At the Fort.

The rain this morning prevented some very interesting military maneuvering being performed at Fort Douglas. The whole regiment was to be engaged in solving a problem to the art of war, a sham battle to end being on the top. A portion of the north end of the reservation was to have been attacked, and the mode of procedure carried out under the direction of the army.

It would have been such an affair as distinguished, one day last year at the fort, but, owing to the rain, could not be postponed till another time. When it does take place it will be well seeing.

IT WAS A FIERCE FIGHT.

And Strange to Say the Referee Gave No Decision.

The most vigorous boxing contest in the history of the Salt Lake Athletic club took place in the rooms of that institution last night. The principals were Jack Hayes and Billy Lynch. This bout was for twenty rounds and for \$100. Hayes was seconded

by Parcell and Lynch by Mason. As they stepped to the corner of the arena it seemed to be the almost unanimous opinion that Lynch was the stronger boxer. Both men were sharp, quick and heavy exchanges from the first, and again and again before the tenth round was reached Lynch went down before the effort of his antagonist. But in the eleventh round Lynch's pugilistic pluck and tenacity were fully manifested, and he recovered his feet before being counted out, several times he was knocked through the ropes, and in each case that passed saved him a good deal of extra punishment. Lynch's endurance was excellent, and he had won the greater part of the time, stopped his hard hitting to a marked degree, and from that time till the end of the contest he seemed to be unable to do anything work as had been done.

When time had been called at the end of the twentieth round and the referee announced that there was no decision, Hayes's friends were very much incensed, as from a fighting point he had beaten Lynch, but the referee said that Lynch had "knocked out" Hayes. When Hayes's gloves were removed it was ascertained that he had broken a bone in his right forefinger which accounted for the fight work he did towards the close of the bout.

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