

Found Dead.

On Thursday evening the occupants of the Unawep hotel on Colorado avenue, detected a foul stench coming from the old Senate ice house located at the rear of their building and upon investigation discovered the bloated and decaying remains of a dead man. The news soon spread and the body, though the face and body were badly swollen and distorted, and eaten away by flies and rodents, was identified as that of Thomas Mullen, an old time resident of Grand Valley, well known to all old settlers.

Coroner F. R. Smith was notified and investigation proved that he had been missing since Monday. A jury was impanelled composed as follows: G. V. Friedman, Henry Close, Chas. Knowles, Frank Welch, George Barton and C. A. Woodmansee, who rendered the following verdict:

"We, the jury, find that Thomas Mullen came to his death through the excessive and continued use of liquor and narcotics, together with exposure and irregular habits, and not feloniously."

Thomas Mullen was born near Glasgow, Scotland, and was about 50 years of age. He came to Grand valley in 1882, along with the railroad. He has since been employed as a laborer and for several years worked for W. P. Ela on his ranch and at the Duckett saw mill. He was always fond of his cups, and when in town his sprees would last for weeks at a time. It is not known that he had any relative in this country.

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