

Iron—Grain crops are doing fairly well. Cut-worms very severe on corn and vegetables. The fruit crop will be light.

Washington—Much need of rain. Potatoes will be almost an entire failure. Grain is growing tolerably well. Frost on 11th at New Harmony.

TERRITORIAL FAIR MATTERS.

At the meeting of the board of directors of the D. A. & M. society held late yesterday afternoon, Secretary Pyper reported that he had received from the territorial auditor only half of the appropriation for the fair of 1894, the auditor claiming that under an old statute still in force he was obliged to pay the warrants quarterly. It was claimed by the board that the society was entitled to all the appropriation for the fair, and Messrs. Jennings and Sears were appointed as a committee to press this view upon the auditor.

The secretary also reported that the president had issued the address authorized at the last meeting, and had also sent out an appeal for special premiums; that the call for premiums had already been generously responded to by some and the letters are still coming in.

President Winder reported the names of department supervisors as published some time since.

Mr. Simon presented a telegram from M. G. Thompson & Co., of the Midwinter fair, asking the dimensions of the Utah fair buildings and if it would be possible to lease the same from July 15 to August 15, 1894. The question was discussed at length and finally, on motion of Mr. Melville, was referred to the executive committee with instructions to meet with the chamber of commerce and ascertain if some plan cannot be formed to hold the great inter-mountain home industry convention, the Utah fair and the Midwinter exhibits at the same time in October. As Mr. Sears was about to leave for San Francisco he was authorized to confer with Messrs. Thompson & Co., and secure all the particulars as to the character of their proposed exhibit and the space needed.

Bids for printing the 1894 premium list were presented from the Star Printing company, Tribune Job Printing company, Salt Lake Lithographing company, George Q. Cannon & Sons, Reporter Printing company and Deseret News company, and the same were referred to the committee on printing.

The matter of the engagement of Mr. Hitchcock, of Kansas, as an expert judge of the poultry department was discussed, and upon a vote it was decided that all of the judges for the fair of 1894 be selected from residents of the Territory; this to include every department.

Judge Smith's bond in the sum of \$10,000 was presented and approved.

Dr. Faust protested against a stock show and urged the establishment of a permanent exhibit from now till snow flies. He claimed that a stock show now would be an unnecessary luxury, and closed his communication as follows: "Times will be better another year. By that time we will have statehood, free silver and a Deep Creek road; then we will have a rousing fair." Filed.

Mr. Holdaway, of Provo, in a letter

to the board, opposes the admission of grades in the stock show and closes: "To omit a stock show would make of our exposition a very slim affair, hence I am very much in favor of the exhibit—but I am as much opposed to a show of scrubs." Filed.

On motion of Mr. Simon, it was decided that no live stock should be entitled to a premium unless the stock has been in the Territory for a period of not less than six months.

On motion of Mr. Holdaway, exhibitors of horses and cattle, except fat cattle, were required to furnish pedigrees at time of making entries.

In answer to letters from the secretary, A. C. French, agent of the Denver & Rio Grande Express company, and F. C. Gentsch, superintendent of the Pacific Express company, announced the same express rates on poultry as in 1892, viz.: Poultry upon which regular rate to the fair has been paid will be returned free.

S. W. Eccles, assistant general freight agent of the Union Pacific system, sent in the joint freight tariff for the fair of 1894. The tariff provides that freight will be way-billed at the owner's risk of damage and regular rates will be charged to the fair. On presentation of secretary's certificate that such shipments have been placed upon exhibition, they will be returned free. Exception: On shipment of fruit, grain and vegetables exhibited at the fair the freight charges will be refunded upon the secretary's certificate that such shipments have been exhibited.

The committee on premiums was instructed to make an early report and the board adjourned.

After the board adjourned the committee on printing, consisting of Messrs. Sears, Simon, Holdaway, O'gun and Willey, examined into the bids for printing the premium list and awarded the contract to Cannon & Sons, the lowest bidders.

The following offers of special premiums have been received:

Mr. George D. Pyper, Secretary:

Sir—Replying to your favor concerning special premiums I beg leave to offer the following: For the best drawing from nature of the Art Bazar, done with pencil, pen or brush by a boy or girl under 15 years of age, \$10; the drawing to be my property. For the second best drawing, one dozen cabinet portraits in best style, value \$5; all of which is respectfully submitted.

C. R. SAVAGE.

Z. C. M. I. shoe factory will duplicate the offer of 1892. It is as follows: For the best display of handiwork by pupil of any public or private school, under 20 years of age, work to be done at school, one pair of home-made fine sewed shoes.

The outlook for a new and interesting exhibit of paintings by home artists at the approaching Territorial Fair is very promising. For several years there has been considerable dissatisfaction at the arrangement of the premium lists on account of the great number of prizes and the small amounts offered for each class. It was thought by some that the premiums should be reduced in number but increased in value, so that the artists could better afford to give their efforts in the competition.

Recently the old list was revised and a new one prepared which only con-

tained seventeen premiums. This was set out to the artists by Secretary Pyper, of the D. A. & M. society, who invited their opinions respecting the change. The order of the list is as follows:

- 1—Best original Historical painting in oil.
- 2—Best original Figure painting in oil.
- 3—Best original Landscape painting in oil.
- 4—Best original Portrait painting in oil.
- 5—Best original Figure painting in water color.
- 6—Best original Landscape painting in water color.
- 7—Best original Marine painting.
- 8—Best original Animal painting.
- 9—Best original Pastel painting.
- 10—Best original Flower painting in oil.
- 11—Best original Flower painting in water color.
- 12—Best original Design for Decorative painting.
- 13—Best original Black and White picture.
- 14—Best original Still Life picture.
- 15—Best China painting—single piece or collection.
- 16—Best original Drawing from nature.
- 17—Best original Drawing from life.

Under this list historical paintings would receive the highest premiums and the numbers following would be reduced according to this order.

The list as given above was passed upon by the premium committee Thursday last and was approved as to the general order but some reductions were made in the amounts. It will be presented to the full board on Tuesday next.

SPECIAL PREMIUMS.

The following special premiums have been offered:

SALT LAKE, Utah, June 19, 1894.

Secy. Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society:

Dear Sir—The undersigned will give a special premium of \$5 for the best essay, not to exceed 2,500 words on the Benefits of Life Insurance, all essays to be the property of myself after the competition, to be competed for at the Territorial Fair of 1894.

Respectfully,

GEO. D. ALDER.

A JAM PRIZE.

Secretary D. A. and M. Society:

Dear Sir—The shelves of the grocery stores in Salt Lake are crowded with jams bearing English brands. With all the fruit and berries we have in Utah this seems wrong, especially as we have the sugar, also manufactured locally.

I will give a premium of \$5 for the best six dozen jams exhibited at the Fair of any fruit except gooseberries, apples or pears. The standard for judging to be the foreign jams now being sold here.

The exhibit must be offered for sale at not more than imported goods are offered at in the stores.

Yours truly,

FRED TRIMMER.

TAX ASSESSMENT.

The report of the Territorial Board of Equalization on its assessment of railway, telegraph and telephone company property in Utah was completed Thursday, June 21, and shows as follows:

UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY.

The total assessment of this line is \$933,179, divided among the counties as follows, in the various classes:

Main and Side Tracks.	
Summit county.....	\$325,960
Morgan county.....	186,650
Weber county.....	171,330
Davis county.....	1,190
Total.....	\$685,230
Real Estate.	
Weber county.....	\$ 28,255
Salt Lake county.....	12,000
Total.....	\$ 40,255