

the ground; good growing weather; frost on 11th.

Fountain Green—The past week very warm; crops looking well. There will be about a two-third crop of apples at this place; lucern about ready to cut.

Croydon—The week has been favorable for all crops, except a light frost the first of the week. Peas in bloom; potatoes coming up. There seems to be a fair prospect for a good crop of small fruit.

Uintat—Have commenced to cut lucern on bench lands; strawberries ripening fast and shipping will commence this week; early cherries ripe; wheat and barley heading up; potatoes look fine and new ones will soon be in market. On the night of the 11th, there was frost on the low lands—no damage to amount to anything.

Peterson—A week of fine growing weather; grain, hay and lucern looks fine. On the morning of the 11th slight frost on the bottom lands.

St. George—Increased temperature improving appearance of crops.

Plato—Days are quite warm now. Early corn and potatoes are coming up; grain growing nicely.

Moan—First crop of lucern is being cut. Weather very hot and dry.

New Harmony—The past week has been very warm; crops in good condition.

Levan—Latter part of week very hot. Everything growing very nicely; lucern will be ready to cut in another week; no stone fruit this year, and apples not very plentiful.

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STATE INSTRUCTORS.

The second annual session of the Utah State Teachers' association convened at 10 o'clock Thursday, in the Assembly Hall. The session was opened with music, Prof. Daynes presided at the organ. Following came a fervent invocation by Hon. O. F. Whitney, and a brief address by the president, State Superintendent John R. Park, in which he tendered a cordial welcome to the teachers of Utah in convention assembled, and expressed the hope that the proceedings would be characterized by concerted action, and that the results of the meeting might accrue to the highest good of the educational interests of the young commonwealth.

On request, the proceedings of the meeting at Ogden during the holiday recess last winter were read by the secretary, Miss Lucy M. Van Cott, and with some corrections, approved.

Superintendent Mosiah Hall of Weber county, chairman of the committee on revision of the constitution, made his report, and as the same provoked considerable discussion, it was thought best to refer it back to the committee this afternoon, when provision would be made by which copies of the constitution should be furnished each member, in order that greater deliberation might occur in the final adoption of the matter. A recess was then taken until afternoon, when the following program was carried out:

The Dangers that Threaten our Public Schools, Prof. Stewart, University of Utah.

Discussion, L. M. Gillilan, High School, Salt Lake. **The Ideal School Curriculum**, Supt. Wm. Allison, Ogden schools.

Discussion, Superintendent W. S. Rawlings, Provo City schools.

At 8 p. m. this evening an address will be made by Governor Wells, and a lecture given by Dr. Karl G. Maeser, the program to be interspersed with music.

Among the teachers of the State present were: Dr. Talmage, President Paul, Superintendent Wm. Allison, Superintendent Millsbaugh, Superintendent Wootton, Wasatch county; Superintendent H. C. Christensen, Utah county; Superintendent M. Hall, Weber county; Superintendent Oldham, Cache county; Superintendent Van Cott, Salt Lake county; President Kerr B. Y. College, Logan; President Done, L. D. S. College; Principal Malone, of the Salt Lake High School; Dr. C. A. Whiting, Prof. W. M. Stewart, Supervisor Augsburg, Principal C. A. Short, Farmers ward, Instructor G. H. Brimhall, B. Y. Academy, Provo, and Mr. A. O. Clark, Salt Lake.

The second day's session of the Utah State Teachers' association began Friday at the Assembly Hall, the attendance being considerably larger than that of Thursday. The paper by Mr. Roylance of the University upon **Modern Educational Theories** was deferred until afternoon, and the address by President Talmage substituted in its stead, by reason of the inability of Dr. Talmage to be present this afternoon. In his address before the convention, President Talmage took the position that the present age is one practicality. While all knowledge, said the speaker, is valuable, some kinds are invaluable for the attainment of special purposes. As life is short, our pursuit of knowledge to be successful must be guided by the most careful discrimination. A remarkable feature, if not indeed the most remarkable of the characteristics of the spirit of the present time, is the tendency toward a rigid economy in all men's work, physical and mental.

Wise and experienced thinkers have suggested that we are running to an extreme in the struggle for utility, and indeed such a result might be anticipated in view of our proverbial reputation as extremists, and while the greatest care is exercised to secure economical conservation in the material and forces of nature, we are still woefully wasteful of mental energy in the arrangement and pursuit of our school and college curricula. Education is most practical which most thoroughly fits man for high and honorable service and enjoyment in life. It should equip him with tools for his work, giving him power and desire to be a student and to remain a student as long as he lives; to grow with the times, to adjust himself to his environment, and to make the environment contribute to his and increasing strength. It should give him the power of independent judgment and action. It should purify his thoughts so as to enable him to break the fetters of superstition and to sever the bonds of ill tradition. It should give him a love for labor in all its phases, teaching that handicraft, the good old form of

our modern handicraft, is kin to headcraft. It must enable him to help himself, to be his own teacher. It must purify his pleasures, sanctify his labors and ennoble his soul.

The doctor's paper was discussed by President-elect Tanner of the Agricultural College, Prof. Stewart and President Kerr. Next came the address of Superintendent Millsbaugh upon "The Non-professional Training of Teachers," this paper being discussed by Prof. Brimhall, of Brigham Young Young Academy, Provo.

The third and last session of the State Teachers' association convened Saturday. The interest from the first has increased, and the attendance Saturday was considerably larger than that of the other days. The subjects discussed have related to vital problems, and have been discussed in the light of the most advanced theories and principles.

It is believed that the outcome of the session will be for the best interests of the young State, and that still greater interest will attach to all subsequent meetings.

The paper, **Correlation in the Grades**, by Mr. McKnight, and which was to have been read yesterday, was brought up for discussion this morning. The position taken by the speaker was substantially the method adopted in the Normal training school in this city, and its results seem to be most satisfactory to the University authorities.

The paper was discussed by Mr. Clark of the High School, and by Prof. Stewart of the University.

Following came the discussion of the paper upon the subject "What the common schools of the State need as regards organization," those participating being Prof. Whiting of the University and Supt. Van Cott of Salt Lake county. The subject seemed fruitful of discussion, and the paper upon "The standard of higher education in Utah," by President Kerr of the B. Y. College, Logan, was deferred until the afternoon.

Prof. Whiting's paper called forth quite a running debate, so to speak, in which Mr. Gillilan, Prof. Stewart, Supt. Christensen, Supt. Van Cott, and Dr. Millsbaugh took an active part.

This afternoon Prof. Kerr's paper was presented, and was discussed by Prof. Marshall of the University.

The following subjects were also discussed:

- 1st—Reading, Maud May Babcock, University of Utah.
- 2nd—Spelling, John T. Miller, Supt. Juab Co. Schools.
- 3rd—Writing, May V. Cavanaugh, Salt Lake City schools.
- 4th—Arithmetic, Attewall Wootton, Supt. Wasatch Co. schools.
- 5th—Geography, Anna Youngberg, Salt Lake City schools.
- 6th—Grammar, Willard Done, Prin., L. D. S. College.

The officers of the association for the ensuing year are: President, Prof. W. J. Kerr, Logan; first vice president, Prof. W. M. Stewart; second vice president, Miss Alice Reynolds, Provo; third vice president, Supt. Mosiah Hall, Weber county; secretary and treasurer, Miss A. E. Brotherhood.

W. W. Copeland, a well known printer, who has been on the Pacific coast for the past twenty years, has disappeared from Seattle, Wash.