HEADING FOR SALT LAKE.

Denver People and the New Road to the West.

Mass Meeting Called to Colorado's Capital in Aid of the Road to This City and the Coast.

On Thursday evening next a meeting of the Denver chamber of commerce will be held to receive an interesting and important report, to be made by ex-Governor Evans, Chairman of the Denver chamber of commerce railroad committee, on the proposed Denver, Salt Lake and San Francisco railroad.

Upon this largely depends whether or not the short line from Denver will be built in the immediate future. It is stated that Mr. Evans takes a favorable view of the proposition, and that one of the great eastern roads is ready to back the enterprise if sufficient western assistance can be obtained to push it through.

The business men of Denver are in sympathy with the proposed new line, and at the meeting of the Denver Real Estate and Stock Exchange on Saturday this favorable opinion was freely expressed. The following preamble and resolution was passed:

Whereas, The building of a direct short line west from Denver to Salt Lake and the Pacific coast is of the utmost importance to every citizen of Denver; therefore be it

Resolved, That every member of this exchange be urged to attend the meeting of the chamber of commerce Thursday evening and that this exchange holds itself in readiness to assist in bringing this enterprise to a successful issue.

SHORT LINE TO THE COAST.

The Denver Chamber of Commerce Working in Harmony with Salt Lakers.

An executive meeting of the chamber of commerce railway committee was held yesterday afternoon, says the Denver Sun of Saturday. The object of the meeting as explained by one of the members, was to interest capital and business men in a direct line of railway from here to the coast.

It is expected that the commercial bodies in Salt Lake City and San Francisco will also assist in the enterprise, as the proposed line will materially benefit a section of country through which it will run without working detrimental to any other line running to the coast.

One of the plans that was taken under discussion at yesterday's meeting was that of Captain Berthoud.

From here a direct line to Clear Creek canyon would reach the main range near Empire, where a tunnel 9000 feet in length would place the road on the western side of the range. By a series of grades a section of country would be traversed which is not covered by any other line.

This uncovered territory is composed of coal fields, grazing and farm lands, is well irrigated, and it is estimated would give a good traffic to the proposed line.

By the Berthoud route the distance between Denver and Salt Lake City would be shortened 250 miles, with a very little grading. The distance to a number of Colorado towns would also be decreased.

The interest displayed by the Denver committee at yesterday's meeting has served to raise the spirits of the projectors. Salt Lake City has already signified her willingness to raise $500,000 for the building of the first fifty miles of the road west of that city, and from information received from the Western congress, which has recently adjourned at Ogden, it is known that California merchants are deeply interested in the building of the road. To California the new line, as expressed at the congress, where the subject was mentioned, means the opening up of a country in Nevada, Utah and Colorado which has heretofore been closed to commercial pursuits.

The committee will confer with similar bodies in Salt Lake and San Francisco, and after their views have been received another meeting will be called, and in all probability the project will assume tangible shape.

SCHOOL MATTERS.

An Interesting Meeting of the Trustees and Teachers.

The trustees and teachers of Salt Lake county met Saturday, May 13, at 1 p. m. in the University building to consider the better gradation and establishment of high schools in the county and a uniform school calendar.

Supt. D. H. Allen presided. The superintendent stated briefly the object of calling the meeting; said the questions under consideration are important to both trustees and teachers; would like to hear the subject of the establishment of high schools thoroughly discussed and the advantages and disadvantages considered. Would like to get the subject in such a shape that the Legislature might consider it at the next session.

Trustee J. M. Whitaker opened the discussion and gave a powerful argument in favor of high schools in the county; said although not a teacher he was much interested in education; said the unity of the trustees and teacher was necessary to advancement. The present system of mixed schools cannot do effective work. Gave a plan for working up a graded system. Thought the teacher had a great responsibility. At the close the gentleman was greeted with hearty applause.

One of the deaf mute students under the direction of Prof. Metcalf gave a recitation by signs, the professor interpreting. The rendition was unique and interesting.

The discussion was continued by Mr. Joseph Cornwall in favor of high schools. He showed the disadvantages of the present system, and the injury often done bright children by the lack of such a school in their localities that they might be able to attend.

Mr. Howe favored low fees; thought in the near future the county would be in one district; would like the legislature to change the time of election of school officers as men would not give sufficient consideration too important a subject and the political affairs of the whole Territory.

Mr. J. M. Whitaker made a motion that it be the sense of this meeting that "the trustees and teachers look to the establishment of high schools in the county."

Superintendent Allen showed the advantages of such a step, and the motion was carried.

Miss Vinnie Nebeker rendered a piano selection in a pleasing manner.

Mr. Sutherland made a motion that we favor the management of the schools of the county by a board of education, and Mr. Whitaker, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Ashton spoke in favor of the plan, while Mr. O. T. McCormick and Mrs. L. F. McCormick argued strongly against it. The vote stood, the trustees and five teachers against the motion, the rest of the teachers for the motion.

Miss Belle Salmon favored the meeting with a recitation which was finely given.

The subjects, "Teacher's Contract" and "Uniform School Calendar," were next taken up. Supt. Allen presented a calender he had prepared to be followed as far as possible the ensuing year, which was adopted.

Supt. Allen favored paying one week's salaries to teachers who attended all meetings of the institute. Adopted.

A committee consisting of trustees and teachers was appointed to draft a contract between trustees and teachers, after which meeting adjourned.

T. W. BLISS, Secretary.

Plat E Monuments.

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