

largely ineffectual without the other.
But I am also convinced that

and convinced that under the direction of the State Veterinary, the farmers and stock-raisers in different sections would, for their own protection, be willing to pay the expenses of local inspection and quarantine, leaving to the state the payment of only the salaries of the veterinary.

In framing legislation on this subject, it may be well for you to consult with the Agricultural Experiment station, as the director and his assistants have gathered considerable data along these lines. The state board of sheep commissioners will also doubtless be able to assist you.

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
Some difficulty has been experienced

by the examiners of applicants for certificates in dentistry, in finding a way of testing the dental students. The suggestion is made by the examiners that this difficulty be overcome by an act permitting these applicants to do practical work required by the examination, with the exception of the prison, where no objection is raised by the prisoners. The suggestion is referred to you for your consideration.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

The board of medical examiners reports that it has issued during the past two years 70 certificates for the practice of medicine and surgery, and 46 for dental work. It is evident from the report that the board is carefully safeguarding the interests of the people of the state.

REPLICATION.

Webster River Project Receives Impetus

—Reservoir Fund Suggestions.

The state engineer gives a summary of the work done by this department during the biennial period, and outlines the plans and needs of the office for the next two years. In my previous column I called the attention of the legislature to the fact that the engineer is working the Weber river project through as soon as possible, for the purpose of applying the law and gaining a safe guarantee for the water. It has been the aim of the engineer to carry out this suggestion; but owing to unavoidable conditions the work has been retarded; it has been hoped, but there is no doubt that the work has progressed, it has been safely within the provisions of the law, and in respect to the attacks that could be made the work done hastily and inconsiderately.

For the carrying out of the present plans of the state engineer's office, an appropriation of \$17,715.45, exclusive of the engineer's salary, will be required. This does not include the incidental and additional work which will

the work on the Weber river system may be pushed forward and the law be fully tested by it. Letronics was the

the appropriations asked for be granted. For certain differences still existing between the state and the farmers interested in the waters of the Weber and the Clearing Forks, the differences awaits a full test of the law.

RESERVOIR FUND.

In line with my suggestion to the previous legislature, the engineer recommends that the law which provides for the reservoir fund be so amended as to permit it to be lent to associations giving proper security, and used by them for the purpose of building reservoirs, whether public or private. By this means this fund, which is now of considerable size, but has been practically idle, may be applied to the purpose for which it was intended. I strongly support this recommendation.

For further interesting data and im-

respectfully referred to the report itself.

The result of Utah's participation in the recent congress at Houston is a cause of pride to our citizens. The winning of the "grand sweepstakes" and other prizes for fruits and of some second prizes, is an indication of what we can do in the line of such displays. It is so much can be done by private citizens without the financial aid of the state. Splendid results can be obtained with a few dollars. The next congress to be held as the next irrigation congress is to be held at Sacramento, California, this year. I would strongly urge an appropriation for Utah's participation. A valuable prize can be secured by taking part in such exhibits; and in order that our state's splendid reputation may be made still more secure, I would advocate provision for this congress.

UNTAIN RESERVATION.

FRANCIS C. HENNINGSEN.

An Appropriation is Suggested.
The opening of the Uintah reserva

tion, which occurred in 1905, has placed in the expense of the slash-cut county where the reservation lies. As the population of that county in its settled portions is only 5,000, and the assessed valuation of its property only two millions, the added burden of making roads, bridges and taking care of indigent settlers is severely felt. It would seem that it is perfectly proper to make an appropriation to assist them in these directions, pending the formation of a separate county, or the ability of the nation to take care of its Indians.

In this connection, permit me to suggest that the law should be so amended as to allow the state to assist officers and settlers in the care of the Indian and to encourage the state to encourage counties in apprehending and punishing persons who sell liquor to Indians.

FOREST RESERVES.

Utah's Share of This is Indicated in Report Made by Government.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that a communication was forwarded from the secretary of agriculture in

July, 1996, stating that the agricultural appropriation act for 1997, approved June 30, 1996, contains the following

provision: "The per centum of all money reserved from each forest reserve during any fiscal year, including the year ending June 30, 1906, shall be paid at the end thereof by the secretary of the treasury to the state or territory in which the reserve is situated, to be expended as the state or territorial legislature may prescribe for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the forest reserve is situated. It is further ordered that when any forest reserve is in more than one state or territory or county the distributive share to each from the proceeds of said reserve shall be in proportion to the area therein; and provided further, that there shall not be paid to any state or territory for any county an amount equal to more than 40 per centum of the total income of such county from all other sources."

information that the approximate income from the various forest reserves in Utah for the fiscal year ending June

30, 1906, was \$97,985.53. The share of this money was \$7,736.56. Donations there will be at least an equal income from this source for the coming two years, to be provided for by this session. It is to be hoped that such legislation as will secure the application of these funds to the purposes for which the Congress intended them to be used.

NATIONAL GUARD.

**Recommends That it be Given \$51,400.
For the Next Two Years.**

The report of the adjutant-general of the National Guard submitted two years ago showed a large decrease in the membership of this organization. I am pleased to state that the report of this officer for the two years just past shows an increase in membership during that period. The total enrollment at present is 441, as compared with 375 in the year 1904.

During this period, two encamp-

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