

Members of the Tabernacle choir, Knights of Pythias band and friends of both these famous musical organizations, numbering in all about 400 persons, took their departure for Denver Monday morning to participate in the great Western Elateddof which opens tomorrow night before what will certainly be the largest audience of the kind that ever assembled in the Colorado metropolis.

The train which bore this numerous aggregation of musical talent was a special one composed of ten cars and pulled out from the Union Pacific depot precisely at 10 o'clock, schedule time, amid the good-bys, handshakes and huzzas of more than a thousand relatives and friends who had assembled to witness the beginning of the journey. The large majority of them were doubtless unconscious of the fact that it was just three years ago today—after the order of reckoning by days, and three years ago on Saturday, according to the calendar—that the Tabernacle choir began its memorable World's Fair pilgrimage.

As is well understood the Salt Lake choir will open the Elateddof exercises tomorrow evening with the Soldiers' Chorus from the opera of Faust. It will, however, not be a competitor for any of the prizes offered by the association, all contest work being left to smaller organizations. A chorus of forty ladies' voices selected from the choir will be among the contestants as will also the K. of P. band under the leadership of Prof. Anton Pedersen. It is confidently expected that the band will be a winner.

General Passenger Agent Burley accompanied the choir and expects to have their train roll into Denver at 7:30 tomorrow morning, making the run in the remarkably quick time of twenty-one and a half hours. The party will return home by way of the Rio Grande on Sunday noon next in time for the members of the choir to sing at the Tabernacle services.

The west building of the University, formerly used for the deaf mute school, is undergoing a thorough change. Hereafter it will be used exclusively for the State normal school. Twelve recitation rooms on the first floor, six class rooms on the second floor and two class rooms on the third floor will be used for the training school, and the remainder of the building will be devoted to the Normal school proper.

Aside from the class rooms, there will be a large assembly room, a gymnasium, a large room for physical culture, offices for the principal of the Normal school, and for the training school, toilet rooms for the teachers, etc. The lavatory is a new building erected apart from the school building, and is modern in all its appointments. Under the new arrangement the preparatory school of the University becomes merged in the normal school, which practically does away with the preparatory department. The outlook for a large attendance the coming year is excellent, as an attendance of fully five hundred is expected at the normal school, to say nothing of the attendance at the University, which is also expected to be large.

The county commissioners met late on Saturday afternoon last and fixed the schedule of salaries for the ensuing term of county officials.

The law provides that the board must fix the salaries of county officials for their respective terms of office, at least three months prior to the general election each year. Commissioner Roberts was of the opinion the schedule should remain as at present. No second was made to this motion, but Commissioner Geddes suggested the following: Clerk, \$2,200 per year; sheriff, \$2,750; commissioners, \$1,400; auditor, 1,700; surveyor, \$1,200; superintendent of schools, \$1,450; recorder, \$1,900.

Commissioner Christopherson would have changed the commissioner's salary to \$1,350, and the superintendent of schools to \$1,400 per year.

At this juncture Mr. Whittemore made known his desires. It was his opinion the individual apportionment of public pay was sufficiently diminutive, for "men must work and baby's shoes come high."

Roberts presented a compromise schedule then later presented his original proposition which was unanimously carried. The schedule of salaries for 1897-98 is as follows:

Sheriff	\$3,000
Clerk	2,400
Recorder	2,000
Auditor	1,800
Superintendent of schools	1,600
Commissioners	1,500
Surveyor	1,200

A claim of \$28 was allowed for revising certain records. Mr. Stanton was also permitted to employ a clerk at a salary not to exceed \$40 per month, from September 1.

County Collector Spencer was also granted permission to employ three extra clerks during the busy season.

The board of commissioners temporarily rejected the claim of \$250 for the building of the Thiedescaffold, as the bill was not itemized and in the opinion of the majority of the board the claim was exorbitant, and was laid over for another week.

A resolution introduced by Roberts fixes the precincts of justices of the peace and constables as at present.

John Brinton declined to act as registration agent of precinct 81 and John Butler was appointed in his stead.

The contract and bond of Willard and Stewart for the construction of a bridge across the Jordan at Crescent were approved. The bridge is to be completed not later than October 10.

The board then adjourned to meet Monday at 9 a. m.

The Republican State convention adopted the following on Saturday:

That two State conventions be held as follows, to-wit: One to be held on September 24, 1896, for the purpose of nominating three electors, who will, if elected, vote for William McKinley for President and Garrett A. Hobart for Vice President, and also to appoint a Republican State central committee; also one convention to be held on September 26, 1896, for the purpose of nominating a Republican candidate for Representative to Congress.

Your committee also recommend that the basis of representation in the two conventions be fixed on the basis of one delegate for every forty votes cast for the present chief justice of the State.

The first convention will be held at Mt. Pleasant and the second at Ogden.

The report of the president and clerk of the board of education at Logan city were filed at a meeting of the board held on Friday evening, and will be published this week. The report of the president shows that the board's financial condition is much more satisfactory than at any time since Logan became a city of the second class. The regime of the present board has been marked by the greatest degree of economy consistent with the maintenance of the educational status of the school system. When it entered on its duties there was a deficit in the sinking fund of \$900, a floating indebtedness of about \$2,000, and within four months the \$1,950 would fall due in interest. At that time the per capita cost on the enrollment, for the expense of superintendency and salaries alone, was 23c. The board inaugurated the policy of retrenchment and economy by reducing the salaries and perquisites of all its members, of its clerk, of the city superintendent and of all teachers. During the past year the cost of superintendency and teachers was reduced to 15c. per capita on the enrollment, and all other expenses were lessened in a corresponding ratio. The result is that the sinking fund has been restored and now has \$1,000 loaned out and drawing interest. There is no floating indebtedness not amply provided for, and when all is paid there will still be a balance.

The valuation of Logan public school property, at a low estimate, is \$71,751.41; against which there is a bonded indebtedness of \$45,000. The new superintendent, Miss Jennie Hubbard, the first lady city superintendent of schools in the State, presented her outline of study for the ensuing year, which was accepted without amendment. The assignment of teachers was also made. Miss Hubbard's salary will be \$750; but \$300 of this amount will be returned to the board by the B. Y. College, for her services as instructor in pedagogy to the third-year normal students, who will take lessons in the art of teaching under her supervision, in the schools of the city. The work in the various grades will be very thorough this year, and the financial condition of the board is such that the schools will most likely run three full terms.

A single highwayman held up the Kernville and Caliente stage Friday afternoon four miles north of Havilah, Cal., and compelled the driver and passengers to unfasten the Wells-Fargo treasure box from the coach and throw it out into the road. The driver was then ordered to proceed on his journey, which he did without resistance. The box contained about \$2,000 in bullion. The passengers were not molested.

An Albuquerque, New Mexico News item says: Navajo Indians aggregating 20,000 are making preparations for a big pow-wow camp meeting and dance to be held on the San Juan river below Bloomfield about September 4th, lasting nine days. They have extended an invitation to the people of San Juan county and Durango to join them in their great religious festival. At this time they expect to heal all the sick that present themselves, either Indian or white. A part of the treatment consists of the patient's occupation of a sweatbox for nine days, more or less.