

the Bad Lands sharp firing was heard between the Indian police and the hostiles and that a battle was no doubt fought, but as the settlers made haste to reach the towns he can give no further particulars. As troops were ordered to that point yesterday it is believed the hostiles were routed and captured. Morris says Sitting Bull's Indians are well armed and are determined to avenge Bull's death.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Dr. Oland, of the Indian Defense Association, has received a long letter from the Indian chief, Red Cloud, at Pine Ridge agency, under date of December 10th. Red Cloud says he is a constant friend of the whites, and his people have no intention of going on the warpath. He never had anything to do with the ghost dance. He complains of the Government rations being cut down more and more every year. The past two seasons were so dry that the Indians could not raise much and the rations were so scant that they had to kill their own cattle to avoid starvation. Many became sick from want of proper food and 217 have died from starvation since the fall of last year.

OMAHA, Dec. 19.—A special from Camp Carr, on the Cheyenne River says: John Farnham, a scout, was today placed under arrest. Farnham is suspected of giving information concerning the movements of troops to the hostiles. He is a squaw man. The troops are ready for movement as soon as orders are received, and will have no difficulty in penetrating to the Indian stronghold. Several easy routes have been found in and out of the so-called impregnable stronghold.

FORT YATES, N. D., Dec. 19.—Bullhead's body was buried today with military honors. His squaw, who was upon Cannonball River when she heard of the fight, started at once for Fort Yates and walked eighty miles without rest. She reached her husband before his death and fell in a faint when admitted to the room.

More than forty of Sitting Bull's followers have reported to the agent and are now in camp close by. The remainder are reported to be south of the reservation, near Moreau River.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 19.—A Guthrie dispatch says a number of Creek Indians today asserted that their people had no sympathy with the Messiah craze, although Sitting Bull had sent couriers to all the different tribes to incite an uprising. They had been successful only with the uncivilized Indians.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education met on Dec. 18th in regular session at 7:30. The following members were present: Armstrong, Colbath, Johnson, Nelson, Pike, Snow and Young. President Scott in the chair.

Williams reported that the amount of taxes enjoined in the tax cases was \$4900. He expected that the question would be determined at the coming session of the Supreme Court.

The claim of Taylor, Romney & Armstrong represented that they held a note for \$5000, given by the trustees of the Eleventh School District, and they wanted the cash. Referred to the committee on finance.

Miss Lizzie Keim, one of the public school teachers, tendered her resignation on account of ill health. Accepted.

The building committee reported that the Fourteenth Ward school building has been finally completed and there was due the contractor about \$7000. Accompanying this was a communication from Architect Monheim, in which he recommended that the building be accepted and that the penalty against Contractor Baldwin for delay be not enforced, as the delay could not be avoided and the contractor had lost between \$4000 and \$5000 on the building because of the advance in the price of material.

Mr. Pike thought it might be well to find out whether there was any mechanic's lien on the building, but on Mayor Scott's statement that a lien would not hold against a city building, this was dropped.

Mr. Johnson stated that he knew there had been a great difficulty in obtaining building material.

Other members stated that, on investigating the matter, they had come to the conclusion that Mr. Baldwin was not to blame for the delay.

A motion to pay the contractor, accept the building and not enforce the penalty, was carried.

Attorney Williams, to whom was referred the claim of Hanlon & Benson, who were awarded a contract for erecting the Fifteenth Ward school building and did not get a chance to carry it out, and who therefore claimed damages \$1,700, the amount of profit they would have made, reported that the parties were entitled to some compensation, but he thought a few hundred dollars would satisfy them. As a matter of law, the measure of damages would be the profits they might have made if the contract had been performed. Referred to the committee on buildings.

P. J. Moran offered to put in the Fourteenth Ward building a 50-gallon boiler and heating apparatus for \$110. Referred to the committee on building.

Mr. Armstrong, of the committee on furniture, reported that another carload of desks had been ordered from the Grand Rapids Company. The two school bells had arrived and were ready to be hung. Adopted.

The committee on teachers reported that another room in the Exposition Building had been fitted up for school purposes. They had instructed the superintendent to extend the holidays from Friday until the first Monday in the New Year. The committee recommended that Harper's series for supplemental readers be adopted; that east and west side high schools be consolidated into school Fourteen, and that the superintendent utilize in that school the teachers now employed in the east side school, the

consolidation to take effect immediately after the holidays. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Pike, the committee on buildings was authorized to make such disposition of the east side high school building as might be deemed best, as soon as it becomes vacant.

The committee on finance, to whom was referred the matter of compensating P. L. Williams, as attorney of the board, recommended that the compensation be not fixed, but that Mr. Williams be required to furnish bills for services from time to time.

The committee also reported several accounts referred to them.

The same committee sent in the following report:

In accordance with the provisions of section 121, chapter 72, Laws of Utah, 1890, your committee on finance beg leave to submit their estimate and financial statement as therein required. The revenues estimated to be available for the schools of this city for the current year ending June 30 next are as follows:

From the district taxes, as per Collector Hardy's reckoning, leaving out amount in litigation	\$114,000
Territorial school fund apportionment	60,000
Total	\$174,000

The expense will be as follows:

Current cost of running schools, expenses of board, official salaries, etc.	\$130,000
Finishing Fourteenth district school (part already paid)	26,000
Furniture	6,500
Old district liabilities (probably payable this year)	8,700

Total	\$170,200
Leaving a surplus this year of	3,800

For the succeeding year, beginning July 1, 1891, our estimates are:

Current expenses	\$135,000
Furniture	8,000
Extraordinary expenses	2,000

Total	\$140,000
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To meet this we reckon upon as much territorial apportionment as we shall receive this present year, which would have been \$76,200, to be raised by taxation. A tax of 1½ mills on the dollar will almost exactly be the sum required, and we there ore recommend that our levy be made at that rate.

WM. NELSON, Chairman.
JOHN N. PIKE,
H. W. YOUNG,
HIRAM JOHNSON.

The following bills were allowed:

F. Auerbach & Bros.	\$ 171 60
A. L. Williams	177 20
R. L. Polk & Co.	5 00
W. D. Gaby	224 50
Kelly & Co.	46 95
Adams & Brown	45 80
Rachel Cunningham	5 00
Joseph Tremayne	21 00
Deseret News Co.	5 55
Tribune Co.	35 50
W. J. Newman	37 00
W. S. Emery	20 00
Joslin & Park	36 00
T. C. Armstrong	73 00
George Low	31 20
Jacob Weiler	233 30
J. B. Walden	7 50
Alex McRae	60 00
V. G. Matthews	25 00
J. E. Dooly	1,075 00
M. S. Woolley	45 00
William Fowler	4 00
Total	\$2,878 35

SITTING BULL.

I suppose there can be no doubt any longer about the fact that an aged Indian chief, Sitting Bull, has been killed. A natural question now is: What was the crime for which the aged chief and his son had to be cut off from the land of the living? As far as can be