

weather in Montana. There is very little snow on the plains, and in the mountains there is an abundance to furnish water next spring and summer to the placer miners and ranchmen. Reports indicate that the acreage of crops will be greater during the coming season than last year. The winter has been very favorable to fruit so far. Apple trees are in fine condition and promise a heavy yield next summer. A ranchman at South Boulder has eight acres of as fine strawberry plants as ever grew in any country. He says he has them all mulched and they seem as fresh and green as though they were growing in a tropical climate. There is some fine sleighing in western Montana and the weather is simply glorious.

On Sunday morning Dr. G. H. Kennedy, whose room is in the Clelland block at Canon City, Col., awoke, and, smelling something strange, arose and, going into the hallway, found the office of G. W. Clelland, justice of the peace, in a mass of flames. He sounded the alarm. At about the same time Grant Gillette, who was sleeping with Justice Clelland, he being an invalid, awoke, and on opening the door leading to the office, was confronted with a mass of flames. He closed the door and, picking Mr. Clelland up, carried him onto the back porch and ran back for his clothes, barely having time to do so. The fire department was soon on the ground, and by heroic efforts prevented the spreading of the flames farther than the one room, the contents of which were totally destroyed, causing damage to the amount of \$500, and it may be that valuable papers were destroyed, which will make the loss much greater. Had the fire broken out two hours earlier nothing could have saved the entire block, as the wind was blowing a hurricane, but had subsided and at the time of the fire all was still. No insurance was carried on the office fixtures, but the building is fully insured.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The city school board met in regular weekly session Thursday. The members were all present and they transacted business as follows:

The appropriations of W. V. Black, Niel Melander and W. H. Archart were referred to the committee on furniture and supplies.

The committee on sites and buildings reported recommending the acceptance of the bids of Midgley & Sons Co. to do certain work in the Lowell school; that the general contractor of the Jackson school be authorized to permit the sub-contractors for the plumbing to substitute certain other materials referred to in a letter from them of recent date; that the committee be authorized to contract for certain work needed in the Lowell, Lincoln, Hamilton and Franklin school buildings; that Midgley & Sons be requested to run the heating plant at the Lowell school each day until the commencement of the new term on Monday, January 30th, the board to pay for the fuel and the persons in charge of the plant. Adopted.

The committee on furniture and supplies recommended that authority be given them to have ten tables made for use in first grade

rooms in the public schools; twelve tables for use as lunch tables, and for the purchase of clocks for the Hamilton, Lincoln, Bryant and Lowell schools; also for the placing of numbers on each door of the new school buildings. Adopted.

The committee on teachers and school work recommended the employment of the following teachers at schools named and at the salaries opposite their names:

Miss Elizabeth Qualtrough, principal, Hamilton school, \$125 per month.
F. D. Keeler, principal, Lincoln school, \$125 per month.

Miss Hattie Arnold, Tenth ward school, \$70 per month.

Flora Smith, Hooper school, \$65 per month.

Miss Grace Young, Hunter school, \$50 per month.

Miss Barbara Hoffer, Hunter school, \$70 per month.

Miss Mary Sercombe, Lincoln school, \$70 per month.

Miss Nellie V. Clark, Lincoln school, \$65 per month.

Miss Florence Leavenworth, Lincoln school, \$70 per month.

Miss Mary A. Cauffuld, Thirteenth school, \$65 per month.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Appropriations were made as follows:

Cunnington & Co., supplies.....	\$ 123 45
J. F. Millsapugh, telegrams.....	5 40
United States School Furnishing company, school desks.....	1,984 97
Houghton, Millin & Co., books.....	16 38
E. A. Stout, drayage.....	20 00
Salt Lake Gas company, gas consumed at High School building.....	14 50
Tribune Job Printing company, printing.....	13 97
Rieben & Co., for slop hoppers Lincoln school.....	99 65
Jennings & Caine, insurance on Bryant school.....	27 00
Rieben & Co., waterclosets at Sixteenth school.....	19 00
The District Electric company, messenger service.....	2 00
Elroy Schuler, setting up desks.....	103 45
Total.....	\$2,428 87

Mr. Young moved that a sufficient sum be appropriated to reimburse the city for the cost of constructing the sewer on E street from midway between South Temple and First streets to a point midway between Second and Third streets, and that the committee on sites and buildings be authorized to take the necessary steps to make the necessary deposit and to push the construction of the sewer. Also that the warrant shall issue upon the approval of the committee on sites and buildings and the committee on finance. Carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Clerk Moreton filed his report of the receipts and disbursements of the board for the year ending December 31, 1892, as follows:

SCHOOL FUND.

Receipts—	
Balance on hand July 1, 1892, as per report of finance committee.....	\$ 5,098 84
Received from E. R. Olute, balance city tax for 1891.....	1,958 24
Received from D. R. Allen, balance Territorial appropriation for 1891.....	25,447 92
Received from F. J. Leonard, tax for 1892.....	98,319 72
Total.....	\$118,884 72
Disbursements—	
General expense.....	\$ 12,761 13
Interest on bonds.....	11,230 00
Teachers' salaries (12 weeks).....	31,039 75
Janitors' salaries.....	3,914 00
Janitors' supplies.....	418 46
Fuel.....	938 25
Books and supplies.....	941 82

Maintenance and repairs.....	3,389 90
Rents.....	4,251 00
Total.....	\$ 63,944 01
Cash on hand December 31, 1892, to credit of school fund.....	59,940 71
Total.....	\$128,894 72

BUILDING FUND.

Receipts—	
Balance cash on hand July 1, 1892, as per report of Finance Committee.....	\$24,350 75
Received from sale of second series of 150 ten-year 3 per cent bonds, denomination \$1000 each dated August 1, 1892, etc.....	150,000 00
Premium on same.....	1,802 00
Accruing interest for 4 months and 26 days.....	3,042 09
Total.....	\$154,444 08

Received for furniture sold University of Utah.....	567 58
Received for old house on Jackson site.....	60 00
Received for old house on Lincoln site.....	5 00
Total.....	\$380,227 41

Disbursements—	
Real estate.....	\$ 40,800 00
School buildings.....	184,635 68
Furniture and apparatus.....	3,679 73
Special school tax for 1890 refunded.....	8,231 08
Total.....	\$237,406 49

Cash on hand to credit of building fund Dec. 31, 1892.....	\$142,820 92
Total.....	\$380,227 41

Cash in treasurer's hands Dec. 31, 1892.....	\$202,761 63
School fund credit.....	59,940 71
Building fund credit.....	142,820 92
Total.....	\$202,761 63

DEATHS.

DAVIS.—In the Fourteenth Ward, this city, of dropsy, May Davis, aged 74.

ROGERS.—On Friday, January 20, Willie, son of G. S. and E. Rogers; aged 3 years and 3 months. Deceased was born in San Francisco.

PRATT.—At Big Cottonwood, December 26th, 1892, Esther Pike Pratt; born August 18th, 1817 in Waterford, Hartfordshire, England; came to Utah in 1862.

GABBOTT.—In Salt Lake City, January 18th, 1893, of pneumonia, Elizabeth Haslam, widow of the late Edward Gabbott, in the seventy seventh year of her age.

DENNIS.—At Nephi, Utah, January 11th, Elizabeth Dennis, daughter of Benjamin and Ellen Howarth; born in Manchester, England, April 5th, 1844. Deceased leaves a husband and three children.

ADAMSON.—At Pleasant Green, Salt Lake county, at 10 o'clock a.m., Monday, January 23rd, 1893, of appendicitis, Adam Adamson, son of Alexander and Elizabeth Adamson, after an illness of three weeks. Deceased was 19 years, 11 months and 29 days old.

LAIRD.—Laura Snow Davis Laird, daughter of Darius and Lois Davis, was born February 20, 1813, in Danby, Rutland county, Vermont. During her childhood her parents removed from the state of Vermont to Crown Point, Essex county, New York, where, on December 22nd, 1832, she was united in marriage to Jerome Bishop. Seven children were the result of this union, five boys and two girls. In the year 1840 they embraced the Gospel, removed to Nauvoo in October, 1847, and in connection with her husband she passed through all the trials and sufferings connected with the exodus of the Saints from there; removed to Keosauqua county, Iowa, in 1846, where they resided until the husband was taken with sickness which proved fatal in a few weeks in the latter part of the year 1849, after which she removed to Council Bluffs. She emigrated to the Salt Lake Valley with her family in 1852, arriving in the month of October during Conference, and located near the northern part of Ogden, Weber county. In the fall of 1853 she was united in matrimony to John Laird. One son was the issue of this union. After several removals and changes of residence they finally located at Millville, Cache county, where she resided until the decease of Brother Laird and about three years after, when she removed and spent the remainder of her days with her son-in-law and daughter, Brother and Sister Stephen W. Perry, Sen., at Slaterville, Weber county, where she passed away after two weeks' sickness on the 11th of January, 1893, the primary cause being a paralytic stroke. She died as she had lived, a true and faithful Latter-day Saint.