

LEGISLATION RESPECTING SCHOOLS.

One of the most important subjects which will demand attention from the Legislature at its coming session, is that of legislation in regard to district schools.

The present school law is so incomplete, vague and ambiguous that it is very difficult to administer. Even if no change is made in the present system, there exists an urgent necessity for its complete reworking.

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2. Let each school district as now organized be a sub-district of the county district.

3. Constitue in each county a board of education of five members, two of whom to be annually by the county court, and three to be elected at the same time and in the same manner as selections.

4. Confer upon this board power to consider, determine and execute all matters pertaining to the public schools of the county.

5. Make the assessor, collector and treasurer of the county, like officers of the board of education.

6. The Board of Education shall have power to district the county for the purpose of education and to revise the boundaries and proportions of the districts when it may deem necessary.

7. To abolish all district lines altogether; to establish, organize, classify and grade schools, and in every way regulate and control the same; to determine the text books that shall be used; to collect tuition fees; and to make such provisions as it may deem necessary for the support, conduct, good order and completion of the district schools of the county and the interests, and shall have and exercise all the powers, trusts and privileges that are now conferred upon district trustees in reference both to each sub-district and to the county district.

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9. In each sub-district there shall be one local trustee who shall be elected and qualified as trustees are now elected and qualified, and whose duties shall be prescribed by the Board of Education.

10. That all moneys now provided by taxation or otherwise for the support of public schools in the territory shall be apportioned by the commissioner to each county district in proportion to the total school attendance during the previous year.

INDICATE A DELIBERATE CONSIDERATION OF THE PROSPECTS OF THE TERRITORY, AND THOUGHTFUL EFFORT TO REMEDY ITS DEFECTS.

IN THE INTERESTS OF AGRICULTURE.

DURING the session of the forty-ninth Congress a bill was passed providing for the appropriation of the sum of \$10,000 for each of the States and Territories of the United States for the purpose of establishing stations devoted to agricultural experiments.

The passage of the bill, however, was so construed that no funds could be drawn last season for that purpose. A bill has this season been introduced in the Senate which is designed to eliminate any ambiguity in its provisions, and to make the funds available for distribution to the various territories as contemplated.

Of course Utah will be the gainer, with the other territories, to the extent of \$10,000.

A GROWING PROBLEM.

EARLY statements of the Southern States realize that the rapid growth in numbers of the negro race constitutes a problem of the gravest gravity.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

The Mexican Government Extending Encouragement to Foreign Mining Companies. A Race Revolt which Results Seriously at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Three Men are Probably Fatally Injured and a Number are Badly Injured.

Encouraging Mining. CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 4.—The government is giving special encouragement to all mining enterprises which may aid in augmenting the gold production of the country.

A RACE REVOLT. Probable Fatal Blow at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. ST. LOUIS, January 4.—A revolt occurred at Jefferson barracks yesterday afternoon, between white and colored troops, which resulted in the injury to many men. Probably it will cost three lives at this station.

A CHURCH BURNED. Opposing "Mormonism" with Arson. Two Elders Arrested. BY QUINN, Perry Co., Ill., Dec. 29, 1887.

Editor Deseret News: I left my home in Glenwood, Sevier County, Utah, April 9, 1886, to take a mission to the North and West.

VERY MUCH EXCITED. I continued my discourse, when suddenly we were again visited by another shower of stones. This caused the breaking up of our meeting.

THE STRUGGLE. In the meantime the white soldiers and gathered in forces, marching on the colored troops, and the colored troops were given to them. The officers reloaded and prepared for battle.

THE IRON TRADE. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—In its review of the American iron trade for the year 1887, General Manager James M. Brown of the American Iron and Steel Association, says: The year which has just closed was one of great activity and fair prosperity for the iron industry.

PACIFIC COAST NOTES. CUILED FROM LATEST WESTERN EXCHANGES. On the 27th ult., at San Francisco, Cal., an Indian committed suicide by hanging.

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