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Utah Schools In Good Shape.

Superintendent Nelson Files An Exhaustive Report With the Governor—Says Interest in Education in Utah was Never Better—The Unit System and a School for the Feeble Minded Recommended.

State Superintendent of Schools A. C. Nelson today filed his biennial report for the year 1901-1902, with Gov. Wells. It is an exhaustive report on the educational conditions of the state and contains a number of important recommendations for the advancement of the educational interests of the state. Some very interesting statistics are also embodied in the report. Among the most important recommendations which call for special legislation in the consolidation of the school districts in each county into one district to be under the control of a county board of education, consisting of from three to seven members.

This is called the unit system and Superintendent Nelson states that it would remove many barriers that now retard educational advancement. It would simplify and strengthen the school system, would assure economy in the administration of school affairs, and would enable the schools to secure better teachers, thus making better schools in every respect. Superintendent Nelson strongly recommends the enactment of a law that will secure all these advantages.

SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MINDED.
Another recommendation of great importance is the establishment of a school for feeble minded children. There are now more than 50 of such children in the state and there is absolutely no provision at the present time for their advancement in educational matters. It is recommended that such a school be made a department of the school for the deaf and dumb and blind. There should also be a custodial department in connection with the school for the care of feeble minded persons beyond the school age, or such persons not capable of being benefited by school instructions.

PUBLIC INTEREST INTENSE.
The report states that public interest in education today in Utah is more intense than ever before; the teachers are alive to educational needs and opportunities, and there are signs of progress on every hand. The law-makers have also done their part towards insuring the best educational advantages. During the past two years the superintendent and his deputy have delivered 54 addresses to teachers' institutes throughout the state, and have made over 100 addresses to school purposes. The revenues for school purposes are increasing. In 1901 the total revenue was \$1,252,454.12 and in 1902 it was \$1,279,551.13, which is an increase of \$27,097.01. In 1901 there were 25,542 pupils attending school, the total amount expended for school purposes was \$1,252,454.12 or \$49.77 per capita of

school population. In 1902 there were 25,446 pupils attending school; the amount expended was \$1,279,551.13, or \$49.86 per capita.

EXPENDITURES.

That Utah is well up at the head of the column in the matter of expenditures for school purposes is shown by a comparison with a few other states of the Union. The amount per capita of the total population expended for school purposes in New York is \$4.60; Massachusetts, \$4.93; North Carolina, \$1.51; Georgia, \$1.51; Montana, \$2.51; Wyoming, \$2.74; Idaho, \$2.77; Colorado, \$3.15; Nevada, \$3.20. In Utah the amount in 1901 was \$4.03; in 1902, \$4.87, and in 1903, \$5.29.

THREE-MILL LEVY.

Under the present law the county commissioners are authorized to levy a county school tax of not more than four mills, and the district boards may levy a tax of five mills to defray the current expenses. Superintendent Nelson recommends that the levy be fixed by law at three mills, thus making it uniform and thereby relieving the difficulties under which some counties are struggling and will make the school term uniform in all districts. The practice of some districts of neglecting to spend their apportionment for the employment of teachers should be discouraged. There is now a balance in that fund of \$56,155.63 which has come from counties where the term of school has been shortened to five or seven months and where they have employed the cheapest teachers on the market. The superintendent argues that it is not a wise plan to accumulate money in such a manner and thereby deprive our boys and girls of the advantages for which the apportionment was made.

SCHOOL POPULATION.

During the past seven years the increase in school population has been 7,795; the increase in attendance, 6,496; and in valuation of school property, \$1,533,308.19. Seventy-three new school buildings have been constructed in the state during the past two years, costing \$3,025,121. In 1901 there was \$1,252,454.12 expended on school libraries, and in 1902, \$1,279,551.13 was spent for that purpose. It is recommended that a small tax levy be assessed each year by the trustees to provide a library fund. At the beginning of 1901 there were only five public high schools, while at the present time there are 19 in different parts of the state.

Superintendent Nelson recommends that a levy of one mill on state tax be made for the maintenance of the state university and the Agricultural college, instead of depending upon the biennial appropriation from the state legislature. It is also recommended that the free textbook system be adopted throughout the state as it would save thousands of dollars each year, the boards being able to purchase books at 10 per cent less than the retail price.

MEETING OF SCANDINAVIANS

Big Gathering in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Rooms.

AN INTERESTING TIME HAD.

Refreshments Served and Addresses Delivered Touching on Scandinavian Meetings.

The annual meeting of the Scandinavians interested in the maintenance of the Scandinavian religious services under the direction of the authorities of the Salt Lake Stake and the general church, was held yesterday afternoon in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms. There were present somewhat over 200 persons, who partook of the refreshments provided by the ladies of the Scandinavian committee, listened to the addresses and the other features of the program, and enjoyed themselves in old country games and dances until about 10 o'clock in the evening. The Bishop John Smith was present.

Bishop Carl Ek, of the Twenty-fifth ward, was the first speaker of the evening. He told of the harmony existing in his ward, where Saints of different nationalities labored together in brotherly love and union, for the building up of the kingdom.

Elder John Hagman read the financial statement for the year. This showed that the income of the committee from expositions and entertainments amounted to \$1,020.02; donations to the committee in Copenhagen \$1,756.67; other donations, \$200, making a total of \$2,976.70. The balance on hand is \$1,362.70.

The statement, on motion of Elder C. V. Anderson, was unanimously accepted, and a vote of thanks offered to Elder Hagman for his labors during the year as treasurer.

Elder M. Christopherson reported the progress of the Scandinavian home mission work of the Scandinavian committee.

Elder J. M. Sheldahl spoke of the Scandinavian meetings and explained the financial statement. He paid a high tribute to the states interested in the work.

The other speakers were Bishop Taylor, Elder Jesse W. Fox, Elder J. E. Jensen, Elder Aug. Nordvall, H. P. Jensen, Elder John Smith and Elder P. O. Carlsson.

Refreshments were served and a solo, as did Elders C. Kjer and Axel Johnson. And lastly a vote of thanks was offered to State P. W.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED.

J. R. Turner Arrested on a Warrant From Blackfoot.

Deputy Sheriff Raleigh today arrested J. R. Turner upon a warrant from Blackfoot, Ida., charging the man with embezzling \$600. The prisoner was, until recently, running a gambling joint in Blackfoot together with L. D. Jameson, and it is claimed that it is the funds of the business that he embezzled, Jameson being the complaining witness. The sheriff from Blackfoot will arrive in the morning and Turner will accompany him back to Idaho without the formality of requisition papers.



LAURA BIGGAR, HER EX-HUSBAND AND THE LATE MILLIONAIRE BENNETT.

A very interesting case is that of Laura Biggar, the former actress, accused of conspiring with others to get the millions of Henry M. Bennett. She claims he married her in January, 1898. A peculiar phase of the case is that her ex-husband, McConnell, traveled from Wisconsin to New Jersey to testify in her behalf.

WANTS THRONE FOR ANOTHER.

Moroccan Pretender is Not Fighting for Himself,

BUT FOR SULTAN'S BROTHER

He is Mubal Mohammed, Surnamed The "One-Eyed"—His Release Has Been Ordered.

Tangier, Morocco, Jan. 2.—The pretender has issued a proclamation announcing that he is not fighting for the throne for himself but for the sultan's imprisoned brother, Mubal Mohammed, surnamed the "One Eyed." It is now confirmed that the sultan has ordered his brother's release and that the honors of his rank be paid to him. The governor, at a recent conference with the Kabyle chiefs, pointed out to them that they are responsible for the safety of the roads running through their territory.

The Spanish sloop of war Infanta Isabel has arrived here. Advances from Fez, under yesterday's date, have been received here. Guns were then being mounted on the walls for the defense of the city, but the rebels remained inactive. They have not sent any supplies for expeditions.

The city of Fez continued quiet but the dearth of food was causing discontent. If the situation becomes more grave the sultan will abandon the capital, retire to Rabat and summon the border tribes to a holy war. The sultan then will proclaim himself shereef and defender of the faith, renounce all European loans and then at the head of a new force attempt to release Fez.

SPAIN COUNTERMANDS ORDERS.

Gibraltar, Jan. 2.—The dispatch of Spanish reinforcements to Morocco has been countermanded.

The latest advices from Fez say that that city remains calm.

ORDERED TO MOORISH FRONTIER

Paris, Jan. 2.—Telegrams received here from Oran, Algeria, announce that detachments of zouaves (French troops) have been ordered to the Moorish frontier.

EXPLOSION KILLS THREE MINERS

Tottsville, Pa., Jan. 2.—A quantity of dynamite exploded in one of the gangways of the Oak Hill colliery, one mile south of Minersville today, instantly killing three miners and severely injuring a dozen others.

THE DEAD.

Michael Onder, 37 years old, married, wife and four children.

Andrew Onder, married, wife and four children.

Jos. Prokop, married, wife and two children.

Thos. Dunn, colored, hanged.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—Thomas Dunn, colored, was hanged today for the murder of Peter Jackson, a negro, with whom he had quarreled some time ago. The prisoner spent his last hours in prayer and said he was ready to die.

The execution was witnessed by nearly 400 persons, among them being several women and children, who had crowded their way into the jail yard.

FROM ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Combined Squadron at Culebra and Visits Various West Indian Ports.

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A ROGUE'S GALLERY CASE.

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Castro Made A Proposition

Wanted the Executive of an American Republic to Act as Arbitrator in the Venezuelan "Dispute"—Same Objections Arise Here That Caused Mr. Roosevelt to Decline—Has an Adversion to Hague Tribunal.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The condition which President Castro attached to his response to the allies' arbitration proposal was in the nature of alternative proposition. Almost from the beginning showing an aversion to The Hague tribunal, Castro, while accepting the principle of arbitration, asked that the case be tried by one of the American republics. As President Roosevelt already had declined to act in the capacity of arbitrator, and as some of the reasons which inspired him in his declination would apply with equal force to the chief executive of any American state other than the United States he was obliged to withhold any endorsement of this proposition of President Castro. Therefore, it may be dismissed from the field of possibilities and unless Castro is unexpectedly inconsistent upon his own plan, the original proposition in reference to The Hague tribunal will carry.

There were no developments over New Year's day in the way of cables containing news from European capitals or from Venezuela.

RABBIT HUNTERS ARE HOME.

Had a Merry Time of It Exterminating Long-Eared Jacks—Over 1,500 Killed and Shipped Here for Distribution Among the Poor—Banquet and Dance.

This morning there arrived at the Oregon Short Line depot 10 happy hunters and their wives, also a carload of bunnies minus their ears. As ears are worth five cents a pair down in Utah county they were left behind, but the rabbits, some 1,500 in number, will doubtless taste just as well without them and will be just as acceptable. The gory corpses were consigned to the presiding Bishop of the Church by Bishop Paries of Nephi for distribution among the poor.

From glowing accounts brought back from the scene of the battle the slaughter of the innocents was terrific. In all over 3,000 long-eared ruminants were howled over, which will mean at least 3,000 bushels of grain saved to the farmers of Utah county. Had it not been for the actions of divers pirates from Levan, who shot over the country for a week past and made the bunnies thereby as timid as bashful maidens in the vicinity of a spring of mistletoe, the slaying of the innocents would have killed a thousand more.

In all there were over 150 guns in action, not counting the buccaners from Levan who hung on the flanks of the hunters and got several wagonloads on their own account. No one was hurt, although three hunters fell down and got the barrels of their guns choked with snow so that when they pulled the trigger there were surprising results in the form of barrels bursting.

Nephi, Provo and Salt Lake contributed to the slaughter, there being about 75 residents from the Garden City and their wives who went down. The train was met at Jubb by a committee who took charge of the ladies and undertook to entertain them. Then the train pulled out to a point about two miles north of Jubb, where the gunners split in two parties on either side of the track, and worked down toward the Nephties, who were coming from the opposite direction. There was considerable shooting as the crowd finally surrounded a big 40-acre field at 2 p. m. Here, out on the snow in plain sight, the rabbits held a convention, about 1,000 delegates more or less agitated being present. It was a case of guns to the right of them, guns to the left of them, and a few shots in the snow, nevertheless a very heavy percentage got clean away.

Owing to the nature of the frost of the snow the party was decidedly fagged out when 5 o'clock came, and they returned to Nephi. Here they were met by the committee and escorted to the Reed and Bryan hall, where a sumptuous banquet of hot chicken and meats was provided for their debilitation. After the viands had been discussed, dances, one at the opera house and the other at the meetinghouse, were in order. The Provo visitors danced until 11:30, when they returned home on special. The Salt Lakeers, however, remained over until this morning. One and all voted the affair a joyous one, while the proceeds of the bounty of five cents per pair of rabbit ears came in very handy as a means of defraying a portion of the expenses of the entertainment.

Among the Salt Lakeers who assisted at the banquet were George A. Smith, O. C. Beebe, Mrs. L. W. Snow, E. C. Wright and C. W. Gates, Daniel Harrington and Capt. Bartlett, the expert shot.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLARENCE H. MACKAY.

New York, Jan. 2.—Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph Cable company and the Commercial Cable company, has received the following message from Honolulu and the Pacific coast relative to the successful landing of the cable at Honolulu and its connection at San Francisco with the overland line of the Postal and Cable company:

The first is from the secretary of Hawaii and was sent by him during the absence of President Dole.

"Honolulu, Jan. 1, 1903.—Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, president Commercial-Pacific Cable company:

"We send this token of our appreciation of the completion of the great enterprise undertaken by your company of laying a telegraphic cable from the coast of California to the islands. Mingled with our joy there is a feeling of deep regret that John W. Mackay did not live to see the completion of his project and we assure you that his name will ever be cherished in fond remembrance by our people."

"Signed, HENRY E. COOPER, Secretary of Hawaii."

"Honolulu, Jan. 1, 1903.—Geo. G. Ward, New York: Congratulations on completion of the first link of new system. Great excitement here. Everything passed off without a hitch. Mailing papers and will write fully first

A COUNTERFEITERS' DEN.

Secret Service Agents Uncover One In Wilmington, Del.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 2.—Secret Service Agent George Foster of Washington after a long investigation, succeeded in locating a counterfeiters' den at 322 West Second street, this city today, and it was raided by the police. Ignazio Malenrose better known as "Mike Ross," 34th St. Malenrose, his wife, and Nicolo Di Pace, his brother-in-law, were arrested and the plant captured. It was an unusually large one, comprising 19 moulds, a number of mixing pans, dies, presses and other counterfeit paraphernalia. The parties will have a hearing before Acting United States Commissioner Hollis. Among the material captured were about 100 counterfeit dollars and some partly finished nickels.

VICTIM OF DRUNKEN ROW.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 2.—During a drunken quarrel yesterday James O'Leary of Omaha received injuries from which he died at a local hospital today. His slayers, Henry Rogers, J. W. Pate, and supposedly Frank Powell, were arrested.

LECOMPTÉ DEFICIENT.

Utah Cadet Fails in His Mathematical Examination.

Edward Dexter Lecompté of Park City, and a member of the Sophomore class at the United States Military academy, has been found deficient in mathematics at the semi-annual examinations, and ordered home to await orders from the war department. The young man has been confined to his bed by sickness for nearly a month and was in no condition to go through the ordeal of an examination. So he has gone to Washington to see the secretary of war and ask for another examination later, when he shall have had an opportunity to study up, or be set back a year, and given the time to recuperate. Senator Rawlins appointed Lecompté, and when his attention was called to the matter today, said the young man had not notified him yet, but that when he did, the senator would take such steps as may be necessary in seeing that justice is done.