

The treasurer made his report for the month of May as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance May 1.....	\$102,791 88
Received from J. B. Morton, clerk.....	16 00
Total.....	\$102,816 88
Paid warrants.....	\$ 52,766 87

Balance May 31.....\$ 50,044 91

Referred to the committee on finance,

The finance committee was directed to advertise the sale of the bonds recently authorized to be issued.
Adjourned.

PROVO LETTER.

PROVO, June 10.—Tue Territorial Insane Asylum board was in session yesterday. Salaries for the month of May, amounting to \$1,233.20, and current expenses, \$2,784.66, were approved. The executive committee was authorized to have the asylum roof repaired, and to have the road behind the asylum moved further back into the mountains, the gravel and rock to be hauled away by Provo city and Utah county.

Dr. W. R. Pike, the medical superintendent of the asylum, reported the movement of patients in May as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Patients in asylum May 1.....	102	83	185
Admitted.....	3	2	5
Under treatment...	105	85	190
Discharged.....	2	1	3
Died.....	2	0	2
Remaining.....	101	84	185

In connection with this matter I wish to call the attention of the board to the fact that the larger portion of the cases being sent to the asylum are old, chronic cases for which there can be no possible hope of recovery—many of them aged and dying from senile decay. I am satisfied that a number that are in the asylum at the present time are here without regard to the law, which states that they shall not be cases of idiocy, imbecility or simply feeble-mindedness—cases that should be cared for by the counties from which they come, and not by the Territory at large. If this class of patients continues to come in the future as they have done in the past it will not be long before the asylum will be filled with chronic cases. It is very unjust to the asylum that this should be allowed, as it decreases the percentage of recoveries and largely increases the death-rate; also the cost of care and keeping increased, for many of these cases are filthy, destructive of their clothing, and a great care to those having charge of them. They require to be looked after just like little children, yet they are not dangerous as the term is applied to insane people. These cases should be cared for in the county poorhouses or other suitable places controlled by the counties, as it does not seem proper that the asylum should be filled with chronic demented, idiots, epileptics (except with mania), and simply feeble minded. All of these are practically incurable and not dangerous to others. In classifying the patients now in the asylum the following statement is approximately correct:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Epileptic.....	10	6	16
Feeble minded.....	6	8	14
Acute mania.....	5	2	7
Idiots.....	4	3	7
Acute dementia.....	2	1	3
Chronic mania.....	7	6	13
Chronic dementia.....	34	29	63
Totals.....	83	100	185

On motion of C. E. Allen, the above report was referred to a special committee consisting of J. D. Jones, George Sutherland and Dr. W. R. Pike, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Also, on motion of Mr. Allen, the medical superintendent was instructed to write to the probate judges of the several counties calling their attention to the class of patients which should not be committed to the asylum under the laws of the Territory.

NOTES.

A gasoline fire occurred at the residence of Mrs. Sarah E. Cluff on Thursday night. Mrs. Cluff left home early in the evening, after having used the gasoline stove, and under the impression that the gasoline had been turned off. On returning at 11 o'clock, however, there was a strong smell of gasoline in the frame kitchen where the stove was. She lit the lamp and immediately the whole room blazed up. Neighbors came to the rescue, and as soon as the gasoline vapor had burned out, the fire was easily extinguished with a few buckets of water. The damage was slight, the woodwork being scorched and the room smoked a little.

Robert Skelton, a local consul of the National Wheelmen's league, has received a communication from C. A. Emiso, Territorial chief consul, of Salt Lake City, in relation to a 100 mile wheelmen's relay trip from Salt Lake City to Provo and return, carrying a message from the mayor of the capital to the mayor of the Garden city and returning the answer. The cyclists will travel by pairs in relays of five miles. Provo's division is from Pleasant Grove to Provo and return. The round trip is to be made in seven hours, the two messengers leaving Salt Lake at 9 a. m. and returning at 4 p. m. The date proposed is July 19th.

Enoch Davis, the wife murderer, was to have been executed yesterday, but the delays of the law which have become proverbial saved his life a second time.

Howard R. Briggs, who teaches the "young idea" of Pleasant Grove "how to shoot," was presented at the close of school with an ebony writing desk and a gold pen by his pupils.

"Jim" Carter, of this city, while on the way to Eureka, stopped off at Payson, where his actions were so peculiar that he was locked up on the supposition that he was suffering from insanity. He will be brought back to Provo for examination. Carter has been a hard drinker for years, and he was recently divorced from his wife.

THE INFORMATION is furnished gratuitously that the motto "E Pluribus Unum" was taken from the title page of the *Gentleman's Magazine*, at the time of the Revolution having a large circulation in the Colonies.

CHOIR ARRANGEMENT.

Will Salt Lake and the Territory respond to the effort now being made to send the Tabernacle choir to Chicago to compete for World's Fair prizes?

A committee composed of eight prominent business men have just answered this question in the affirmative. This committee is made up of the following gentlemen:

W. B. Preston, John T. Calne, H. B. Clawson, H. G. Whitney, C. S. Burton, Spencer Clawson, W. C. Spence and James Jack.

The presence in this city last week of a committee of three representing the great Welsh Eisteddfod, or musical competition—whose errand it was to induce the Tabernacle choir to enter the lists—was duly noted in the NEWS. This committee met with the First Presidency several times, and on Monday at a final meeting, the eight gentlemen named above (except Mr. Burton, who is absent from the city) with Professor Stephens, were called in for a consultation. The unanimous opinion was that Utah could not afford to allow this opportunity to pass to show to the outside world something of her musical status and progress; further, that it would do more to advertise the Territory and to reflect more of the real conditions existing here, than any other sort of missionary work that could be attempted.

The committee of eight were then appointed to ascertain:

First—What will the railroads do in the way of a special rate?

Second—Whether the choir would agree to select 250 of its best members to serve without salary on payment of their expenses?

Third—Whether the necessary sum could be raised by subscription, by concerts here and concerts given in the large cities en route, if possibly one in Chicago aside from the competition?

The committee went to work immediately, and several members state that the assurances of aid already received are such as to render the trip and the competition beyond question—that is if the railroads will act with the generosity they are expected to exhibit; certainly an attraction of this magnitude will attract many people to Chicago who would not otherwise go, and the railroads could afford to offer the choir very handsome terms as a commercial proposition.

Last night the committee met with the choir in the Tabernacle. Nearly 400 of the members were out, and needless to say all were bubbling over with enthusiasm and expectancy. There was a big burst of applause when Mr. Calne arose and read the following proposition:

SALT LAKE CITY, June 6, 1893.

To the Tabernacle Choir:

A committee appointed by the First Presidency of the Church are endeavoring to make arrangements for the Tabernacle choir, to the number of 250 members, to be selected by Professor Stephens, to visit the Columbian Exposition at Chicago in September next, with a view to their taking part in the competitive musical program as the "Mormon Tabernacle Choir of Salt Lake City."

The committee propose to pay railroad