

Maps and plats in the counties .....	3,622 00
Jurors and witnesses in criminal cases .....	15,950 20
Half-salaries, county attorneys, treasurers and assessors .....	17,127 44
Rent of State offices .....	5,000 00
Mileage State officers .....	12 25
Deseret News company .....	7,416 43
Tribune Job company .....	4,293 42
Supreme court reports purchased .....	1,160 00
Interest on bonds .....	43,000 00
Miscellaneous accounts .....	9,280 71
Authorized expenditures—	
Recording marks and brands charged to appropriations of 1896 .....	47 50
From general appropriation account .....	33,341 71
Expense of sheriff delivering prisoners .....	6,004 67
Bounties on wild animals and birds .....	985 50
Gratuities to discharged convicts .....	3,036 60
Fugitives from justice .....	437 75
University land fund .....	1,340 84
State district school fund .....	102,028 21
	328,411 12

Total disbursements on account, 1896 and 1897 .....	\$ 947,041 14
Paid congressional fund to Agricultural college .....	23,000 00
Warrants outstanding December 31, 1896 .....	\$102,829 25
Warrants outstanding December 31, 1897 .....	72,200 25
	30,629 00

Total disbursements for the year 1897 .....	\$1,000,670 14
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## THE TREASURY'S CONDITION.

Balance in treasury December 31, 1896 .....	\$ 420,950 38
Receipts from all sources, 1897 .....	964,090 03

Total .....	\$1,385,040 41
Disbursements for 1897 .....	1,000,670 14

Balance in treasury December 31, 1897 .....	\$ 384,370 27
Distribution by funds—	
General fund .....	\$ 126,287 89
State district school fund .....	244,140 51
State school fund .....	2,512 30
University land fund .....	11,369 57

Total .....	\$ 384,370 27
Warrants issued, redeemed and outstanding—	
Warrants outstanding December 31, 1896 .....	\$ 102,829 25
Warrants issued during 1897 .....	947,041 14

Total .....	\$1,049,870 39
Less warrants redeemed December 31, 1897 .....	977,670 14

Warrants outstanding December 31, 1897 .....	\$ 72,200 25
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Of the warrants outstanding, \$71,429.37 are on general fund account and \$770.88 on State district school fund account.

Liabilities—	
Bonded indebtedness .....	\$ 900,000 00
Outstanding warrants .....	72,200 25
State school land fund .....	2,512 30
State district school fund .....	243,369 63
University land fund .....	11,369 57
Outstanding court certificates (Territorial) .....	957 06
Half-salaries of county officers .....	2,513 38
Jurors and witnesses (estimated) .....	3,000 00
District school fund (uncollected taxes) .....	48,000 00
Bounty on wild animals and birds .....	1,200 00
Contingent expenses of departments (estimated) .....	750 00
Due county collectors (overpaid accounts) .....	518 18

Miscellaneous accounts .....	1,179 52
Abatements of taxes (estimated for 1897) .....	20,000 00

Total liabilities December 31, 1897 .....

Resources—	
Cash in treasury Dec. 31, 1897 .....	\$ 384,370 27
Due on taxes of 1897 .....	147,764 24
Due on taxes prior to 1897 .....	10,435 00
From J. W. Beasley (ex-clerk of court) .....	177 60
Excess of liabilities over resources .....	764,882 78

Total .....	\$1,307,629 89
Bonded indebtedness .....	900,000 00
Excess of liabilities .....	764,882 78

Available resources .....

## THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

Omaha, Nebraska,

Jan. 22, 1898.

Since our last conference (Oct. 10 and 11, 1897) the work of the Lord has been progressing slowly, and is still gaining favor in the eyes of the people here, the majority of whom treat the Elders with considerable respect.

The work of proselyting is being carried on quite efficiently by the Elders in a "house to house" canvas. Thus the Gospel seed is being sown, which we hope will generate, bud, and in the future bring forth an abundant harvest.

The inhabitants of this state in general are industrious and highly civilized class of people, the majority of whom are church-going members, fairly well versed in holy writ, and somewhat set in their ideas of worship. Thus it may be seen at a glance that the Elders have no little to do in convincing them that after the days of Christ and His Apostles the Gospel was taken from the earth, and that during the ages following man has been destitute of the authority thereunto belonging. Still the Elders are encouraged, being confident that when Nebraska has been canvassed, as has been many of her sister states in the Sunny South, she will have produced proportionately as many converts.

There are thirty-six counties within the state, three of which have been thoroughly and four only partially canvassed; twenty-nine counties have never seen an Elder.

There are sixteen members of the Church in Omaha, who were favored by a branch organization being effected January 9th, 1898, with L. S. Mecham as presiding Elder. Sunday school was organized same date, prior to which it had been carried on in an unorganized condition, but with good results. Church members and investigators alike taking part and one of the Elders presiding.

On the evening of the 9th inst., Elders and Saints alike were favored by a pleasant visit paid them by Elder Lewis Shurtliff of the Weber Stake, who was here on Transmississippi exposition business.

He showed his interest in the work of the Lord, by meeting with a little handful of His servants and hand-maidens, and in a kind fatherly spirit, related to them some of his experiences with the Church during many of its deprivations and hardships, from the days in Kirtland, until it was permanently established in the peaceful vales of Utah, and still further by his hearty invitation to the Elders to dine with him at 1 o'clock on the morrow at the Millard hotel. After dinner arrangements were made and all went to and walked over the grounds and through the buildings of the Transmississippi exposition, which from all appearance will be one of the wonders of the age.

Our services are held Sundays at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., in K. P. block hall, No. 24 and Charles streets.

The Elders are all enjoying good health and are in good spirits.

Any of the Saints having relatives or friends in the state whom they would like the Elders to visit, will confer a favor by sending letters of introduction.

The "News" is always a welcome visitor.

The following are the addresses of the Elders:

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P. J. WILLIAMS,  
President Nebraska Conference.

## IN TEXAS.

Fort Worth, Texas, January 16, 1898.

I left my mountain home at Elba, Idaho, November 17, 1896, for a mission to Indian Territory, and was set apart December 2nd and 3rd, bade farewell to all that was near and dear to me to carry the glad message of the restored Gospel to the world. Arriving at St. John, Kansas, I was assigned to labor in the Chickasaw conference, where I arrived on the 12th of December following.

At the conference held in the following February, the two conferences of Chickasaw and Oklahoma were united under the one presidency and called the Oklahoma conference, with J. A. Eardley president. Experience has taught us that it was a very wise move.

I labored for the first nine months in that conference with the following companions successively: Chas. A. Robinson of Montpelier, Idaho; B. D. Nebeker of Salt Lake City, Utah; J. M. Kearns of Gunnison, Utah; and J. A. Eardley of Salt Lake City, Utah. I had the privilege of leading two souls down into the waters of baptism on July 25, 1897.

In the latter part of August, Elder Gallacher and I received notice from Elder William T. Jack to meet him at the railroad and proceed to "The Lone Star conference." A very interesting conference was held at Delbi, Texas, at which it was divided into two conferences, the southern is called the "Lone Star," and the northern the "North Texas Conference."

Joseph Coulam from Salt Lake City was appointed president of the new conference with J. W. Hess as his assistant.

Fort Worth was decided upon as the distributing point for the new conference. Accordingly it was decided that Elder Coulam and I should canvass this city. By the city officials and the newspaper men we were treated very courteously, but were informed by the mayor that we could not preach on the streets, as there was an ordinance against it. We then tried some of the churches but were refused. Then we applied to the sheriff for permission to preach on the court house steps, which was granted us.

The county building is a beautiful brown stone structure costing \$750,000. It stands at the head of Main street, facing south. The newspapers gave notice of the Mormons being in the city and of our meetings, so we had large crowds for the first few days, and the people seemed astonished at the doctrine we preached, since in connection with Mormonism they could think of nothing but polygamy. We also held public meetings at the public square, but public interest soon died out, so we devoted our entire time to visiting the people at their homes and distributing our literature.