

**DESERET EVENING NEWS**  
**THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS**

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**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

Rev. S. Skabo, formerly pastor of the Lutheran church in this city, died recently at Asheville, N. C., and will be interred at Hayward, Minn.

A 40-foot snake was taken up Dry Creek, which is considered a constant menace to campers and a trap for live stock. It is contrary to law to have a shaft open and unprotected.

A teamster employed at Fort Douglas named O. Z. Kilborn was injured yesterday by being thrown from his cart by the breaking of the king bolt. Kilborn was cared for at the post hospital.

The 21 members of the Boys' club of Westminster church took an outing yesterday afternoon in Parley's canyon in the shape of a hay ride. Rev. Davis, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Meigs accompanied the boys.

A special meeting of the city board of education was held yesterday evening to receive the annual report of the superintendent of buildings. The committee on teachers and school work will meet just before the board meeting.

An advance of the High school cadets urges that the boy and men graduates of the school organize a veteran association, which can parade on public occasions with the undergraduates, and be organized for social purposes as well as to have in view united action for the advancement and benefit of the school.

The funeral services over the remains of the late George Cannon, who died in his home in Taylorsville, Utah, June 12, aged 74 years, 16 months and 3 days, a native of New York state, will be held Thursday, at 11 a. m. from the Taylorsville meetinghouse. Friends are invited to attend. Interment in Salt Lake City cemetery about 2 p. m.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION.**  
The following figures show the financial standing of the library during the year:

**REPORT OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Show That Salt Lakers Are Not Slow to Appreciate a Good Thing.**

**AN INCREASE IN CIRCULATION.**

**Gain in Membership for the Year Was 3,295—Cash Balance of \$5,020.75**

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the free public library yesterday afternoon the annual report of Librarian Sprague for the year ending June 1, 1905, was submitted. There has been a steady increase in circulation and also in the number of volumes accessioned. The gain in membership for the year was 2,735 and the total number of volumes accessioned was 5,024, while 744 volumes were discarded, lost or destroyed. The report in detail is as follows:

**MUSE SPRAGUE'S REPORT.**

I have again to report a year of growth and increased interest in and use of the library by the people of the city. The circulation each month has been less than in the corresponding month of last year, and our reading rooms have been filled, a part of the time rather beyond the point of comfort.

Among our additions to the library this year have been some unusually valuable works of reference.

The addition of a separate room for the children, under the care of Miss Beth Ward, and the Sunday opening of the reading rooms from 4 to 6 p. m.

The children's room has not only received conditions up stairs, but it has been greatly appreciated by the children. The attendance in the library has nearly doubled, and that in a desirous class of books. The open shelf system in this department has proved so much of a success from every point of view, that I should very much like to get it into effect in the main library where we move into the new building as we anticipate doing within a few months.

While the Sunday opening has been in the nature of an experiment, the average daily attendance of about 80 persons would seem to indicate a demand which would justify its continuation.

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**TWO PERSONALLY CONDUCTED EXCURSIONS, CHICAGO TO ASBURY PARK VIA NEW YORK.**

Over the Pennsylvania lines, leaving Chicago Thursday eve, 2:30 p. m. via the Hinsdale Route at 10:05 a. m. fare \$21.50. Also, Saturday July 1st, at 1:00 p. m. over the Fort Wayne Route, \$23.50 Round Trip. Coach and sleepers on both trains through without changes. Tickets also sold for regular round trip. July 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Tickets via Washington at same rates. Stays allowed at Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, and New York. For full information address Geo. T. Hull, D. A. 119 17th St., Denver.

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**GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP...**

Total membership June 1, 1905 ..... \$10,222.62

On hand June 1, 1905 ..... \$5,620.75

INTERESTING FIGURES.

The total number of volumes in the library on June 1, 1905, was 25,477. Following are some interesting figures in regard to the circulation of the library:

Membership June 1, 1904 ..... 12,588

Membership cards issued during year ..... 2,588

Membership cards cancelled during year ..... 288

Gain in membership ..... 2,265

Total membership June 1, 1905 ..... 14,883

Books loaned out and in use ..... 108,344

Average daily loans ..... 357

Borrowing ..... 178,82

Rebinding ..... 665,55

Stationery and printing ..... 174,95

Furniture and fixtures ..... 44,29

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Catalogue ..... 49,35

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