

Educational Progress in State, City and County.

EVER before in the history of the state have the schools shown greater progress than in the year 1906. The progress has been general throughout the entire state, and Utah's reputation as being one of the leaders in the Union in regard to educational matters has certainly been upheld. Everything possible has been done to promote the interests of the schools and the people have shown their appreciation of the high schools particularly by voting at the recent election in favor of amending the Constitution so as to make the state district school fund available for the establishment of high schools should the legislature see fit to authorize the use of the fund in that manner.

State Supt. of Public Instruction A. C. Nelson has received very gratifying reports from every county in the state in regard to the school work. New school buildings are being constructed in several counties. The most important work of the year has been the establishment of additional high schools throughout the state and the increased attendance in the high schools heretofore established. In Utah county there are 460 pupils attending the high schools and in Manti there are 125 in the high school. In Salt Lake county the high schools show a good increase in attendance. The Nephth high school installed



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NEW FOREST SCHOOL, GRANITE DISTRICT.

by the board of education about the first of the coming year.

Two fine new school buildings have been constructed in the city during the year, one in Poplar Grove and the other in Oakley. In a number of the school districts the attendance has been so heavy that it became necessary for the board to secure rooms outside the school buildings and establish an annex. Such an annex has been established in the Summer school district, the Grand and the Franklin districts. Music has received unusual attention during the year and Supervisor Wetzel has organized an orchestra in the High school and several others in the grade

schools for the advanced study of music. These orchestras will no doubt be ready to make a public appearance in concert before very long.

IN THE COUNTY.

The second year of the consolidated school system in this county is well advanced and the results justify the conclusion that school conditions have been greatly improved by the change. County Supt. of Schools J. W. Smith reports that under the consolidation by which the school districts of the county were reduced from 36 to two the daily attendance has increased 23 per cent in the Jordan district and

19 per cent in the Granite district. The two districts are under the control of regular school boards and the result has been that better system prevails and more efficient work has been secured than under the old plan.

More teachers were employed in the schools of the county this year than ever before and the work has been more efficient in every respect. The consolidation has made the high school work more successful than ever before. Under the old system only one district in the county had a high school and there were only seven pupils in the class. Last year when the consolidated plan went into effect the high schools of the

county had 63 pupils enrolled while at the beginning of this year there were 118 students in the high schools, making an increase of nearly 100 per cent. Since the consolidation was effected the Jordan district has completed fine school buildings at West Jordan, Crescent and at the Highland Bay at Bingham, while others are in course of construction at Union, Sandy and South Jordan. The total cost of these buildings will be \$100,000. In the Granite district new buildings have been constructed at Sugar, Pleasant Green, Taylorsville and Mill Creek and others are now under process of construction in South Cottonwood, Mill Creek and Granger. The total cost of these buildings will be \$150,000.

The people have full confidence in the new system and the ability of their boards of education to administer it as was fully emphasized in the school bond election held in March. In that election the people in each of the two districts voted to increase the sum of \$600,000 for the erection of new school buildings. The vote on the bonds was overwhelmingly in favor of their issuance in both districts.

Utah's School Children Crowd 100,000 Mark.

ACCORDING to reports filed with State Supt. of Schools A. C. Nelson there are 95,790 children in the State of Utah of school age, that is between the ages of 6 and 18 years. This is an increase in the school population this year over last year of 3,230 pupils, which is certainly a very substantial increase. Of the total number of children of school age in the state, 48,179 are boys and 47,611 are girls, thus showing that the boys outnumber the girls by 568. It appears from the figures accompanying that the girls invariably outnumber the boys in the cities but the boys make up for it in the country districts. In each of the five cities mentioned the girls are in the lead while nearly every county outside of the city the boys are in the majority. Following is a table showing the number of boys and girls and the grand totals of both in each county and city in the state:

Counties.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Beaver	643	567	1,210
Boulder	1,914	1,916	3,830
Cache	2,362	2,468	4,830
Carbon	880	788	1,668
Davis	1,537	1,461	2,998
Emery	1,012	832	1,844
Garfield	538	578	1,116
Grand	170	159	329
Iron	564	628	1,192
Juab	1,334	1,275	2,609
Kane	277	289	566
Millard	891	847	1,738
Morgan	347	371	718
Plute	362	355	717
Rich	326	329	655
Salt Lake	4,019	3,851	7,870
San Juan	78	57	135
Sanpete	2,422	2,422	4,844
Sevier	1,548	1,494	3,042
Summit	1,367	1,317	2,684
Tooele	806	801	1,607
Uintah	935	1,036	1,971
Utah	4,817	4,932	9,749
Wasatch	911	879	1,790
Washington	820	763	1,583
Wayne	321	312	633
Weber	1,747	1,700	3,447
Cities.			
Salt Lake City	9,155	9,310	18,465
Ogden	3,360	3,331	6,691
Provo	1,549	1,516	3,065
Logan	1,058	1,118	2,176
Murray	587	593	1,180
Totals	48,179	47,611	95,790

City School Children Now Number 18,000.

THE public school census for the year 1906 shows that there are 18,465 children in this city of school age. This is a total increase this year over the census of last year of 1,583 pupils. Part of this increase is due to the annexation of Waterloo to the city. There are 225 school children in the territory annexed thus making the actual legitimate increase in the school population as compared to last year, 1,357 pupils.

Last year the increase over the previous year was only 83 pupils but the very poor showing was due to an in-

correct census. The increase this year over last is above the normal increase in school population and certainly indicates the rapid growth of the city in population. Following is a comparative statement showing the census by section districts for the year 1905 and 1906:

Districts.	1905.	1906.
No. 1	1995	1911
No. 2	557	571
No. 3	647	641
No. 4	474	474
No. 5	425	425
No. 6	143	143
No. 7	312	312
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Totals	16,932	18,465

State School Money Nearly Half Million.

DURING the year 1906 the total sum of \$439,920.51 was apportioned by State Supt. of Schools Nelson among the schools of this state out of the state district school fund and the rental and interest on the state school lands. This is an increase of \$7,812 over the apportionment for last year. The amount was apportioned upon the basis of a school population of 95,790 school children, and is at the rate of \$4.59 per capita—an increase of 2 cents per capita this year over last. Following is a table showing this apportionment by counties and cities for the year:

Counties and Cities.	School Population.	Apportionment.
Beaver	1,117	\$5,140.71
Boulder	3,830	17,479.45
Cache	4,830	22,359.45
Carbon	1,668	7,758.30
Davis	2,998	13,962.05
Emery	1,844	8,502.60
Garfield	1,116	5,138.16
Grand	329	1,522.59
Iron	1,192	5,481.68
Juab	2,609	12,192.09
Kane	566	2,622.56
Millard	1,738	8,058.42
Morgan	718	3,314.22
Plute	717	3,312.57
Rich	655	3,032.55
Salt Lake	7,870	36,021.30
San Juan	135	622.58
Sanpete	4,844	22,442.52
Sevier	3,042	14,175.06
Summit	2,684	12,518.76
Tooele	1,607	7,474.83
Uintah	1,971	9,072.09
Utah	9,749	44,645.01
Wasatch	1,790	8,182.59
Washington	1,583	7,272.03
Wayne	633	2,932.53
Weber	3,447	15,832.53
Salt Lake City	18,465	84,845.25
Ogden	6,691	30,692.55
Provo	3,065	14,092.55
Logan	2,176	10,002.55
Murray	1,180	5,481.68
Totals	95,790	\$439,920.51

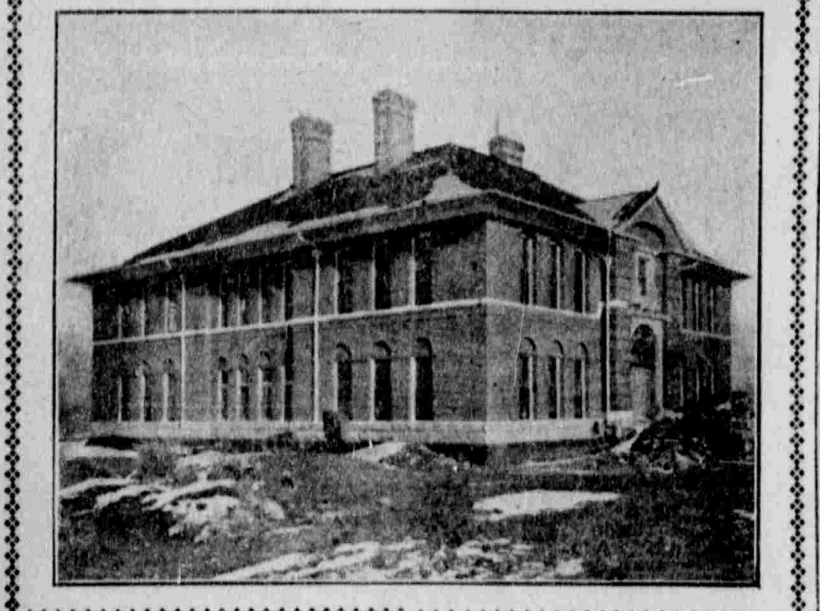


Photo by Johnson. NEW POPULAR GROVE SCHOOL.

a physical laboratory during the year at a cost of \$50, while the Springville high school also installed one at a cost of \$350.

Manual training and domestic science has received much attention this year in the schools of the state, and more advanced work in those lines has been accomplished. The manual training course now includes mechanical work, wood work and iron work. Domestic science is now being taught in general in the high schools.

The county school districts of the first class have been placed on the same basis as schools in cities of the first and second class, and have been consolidated so as to place them under the control of a board of education. There are three of these consolidated districts in the state now, namely, Jordan and Granite districts in Salt Lake county, and the Weber district in Weber county. Under the consolidated plan the work is more efficient and better systematized, resulting in a much higher grade of work than under the old system.

During the year the total sum of \$439,920.51 was apportioned among the schools of the state. This was quite a substantial increase over the apportionment of the year 1905. The total school population of the state this year is 95,790 children.

THE CITY SCHOOLS.

The increase in the attendance in the schools of Salt Lake City during the year has been without precedent, according to the report of City Supt. of Schools D. H. Christensen. Last year at the opening of school there were 13,400

pupils in attendance, while at the opening of schools this year the attendance was 14,662 pupils, an increase this year over last of 662 children. Of that increase 76 are in the high school and the remainder are divided among the grade schools. In order to meet this increased attendance the teaching force has been increased accordingly, and there were employed 91 more than last year. Thirty-six of the new teachers were graduates of last year's normal class in the University of Utah, 25 came from strong educational centers outside the state, and 30 were teachers of experience from other schools in the state.

On this point Superintendent Christensen says: "Salt Lake City has been very fortunate in securing so many experienced teachers of exceptional ability from other cities in the Union. They have been a source of great strength to the home corps, and they constitute a material factor in giving this city its prestige among important city school systems of this country. Comparatively few places have graduates from so many normal schools, colleges, and universities as has Salt Lake City. This liberal policy of the board in the selection of its teachers, is to be commended in the highest degree. Merit, and merit only, has governed in the appointment, and non-residence has in no case been a barrier to one's candidacy."

ATHLETICS AND GYMNASIUM.

One of the leading features of the city school system this year was the creation of a board of athletic control which has jurisdiction over all athletic contests. This gives an importance and dignity to athletics never before attained as the board requires a student who desires to take part in athletic contests to be up to the average in scholarship, deportment and attendance. Hence participation in athletics is an indication that the student has a good standing in school.

The new gymnasium on the High school grounds will be completed by the end of the year and will stand as a monument to the interest in physical education aroused since the establishment of that department a year ago. The building will be formally opened



Photo by Johnson.

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM.

A Leading Utah Soprano Named For Important Place



MRS. LIZZIE THOMAS EDWARD.

Who Has Been Chosen as the First Musical Director of the Mormon Relief Society.

A new office has been created in the general board of the Relief Society of the Church, and Mrs. Lizzie Thomas Edward has been named to fill it. The position is that of musical director of the great organization that claims the distinction of being the first auxiliary instituted within it, and which dates from March 17, 1842. It had long been felt that the society needed a musical director, and at a meeting recently held, Mrs. Edward was unanimously chosen a member of the general board, to act as supervisor of music. A happier choice could scarcely have been made. Mrs. Edward is one of the foremost vocalists of the state, and is well versed in the art of music, as well as being the possessor of a splendid soprano voice. Her singing never fails to please, and her splendid talents have been exercised for the public benefit more frequently and without cost than perhaps any other local musician. Mrs. Edward has accepted the position, and the Relief Society is to be congratulated in having secured so able a leader in the direction indicated.

PROF. JOSEPH SMITH,

Teacher of Music, and the Musicians With Whom He Studied.



Special Correspondence.

Lehi, Dec. 10.—Prof. Joseph Smith, late of the department of music at the Brigham Young university, Provo, was born in Lehi, Utah, 26 years ago. The early life of the young artist is known more familiarly among the laboring men of the district where he lived. At the age of 14 he left the farm, and for several years devoted himself earnestly to the occupation of an engineer and mechanic at the Utah Sugar factory. At the close of the campaign in the winter of 1899, yet a boy with only two years' high school experience, he aspired to higher and better opportunities, and in December of the same year, he came to Salt Lake, where for six months he was a diligent student, pursuing a general business course at the Latter-day Saints' university.

It was in the latter part of this school semester that his preliminary work in music commenced, for he placed himself under the direction of Prof. J. J. McClellan, to whose tuition and friendship he was greatly indebted. At the close of this school year, duty called the young student away from the work he so much loved, and his mind and energies were turned to securing means to continue his career.

The following two years he was a student at the Brigham Young university, pursuing a normal course, specializing so far as possible in physics and music. After acquiring a good general education (which he believes indispensable for the music student) and graduating from the public high school and the state universities, Prof. Smith left his home and took up his abode in Germany. For three years he lived there and worked under the counsel of some of the world's greatest musicians in the city of Berlin, the center of culture and art.

His principal schooling in piano technique he received at the Scherwenka conservatory, and under the roof of the grand master, Scherwenka himself, Hertha Dehmlow, a concert singer, in Berlin and Leipzig, for two

years trained him in voice culture and solo singing. He received no regular instruction from Emma Destine, the solo soprano at the Berlin Royal Opera, but was intimately associated with her in his studies, and in this way was the recipient of her valuable and wonderful vocal experience. The environment the artist was constantly surrounded by, and the way he retained his standing with the great musicians, have proved of high value, and will certainly give him the entire to the best music organizations in America.

Prof. Smith has always been an active Latter-day Saint, and during the many dark hours when misadventures were prevented from working abroad, he was ever found ready to defend the principles in which he believed.

Prof. Smith, in addition to his musical gifts, has a deep poetic instinct, and in his idle moments has written many fugitive verses, mostly devoted to his youth in his mountain home, and to the lessons taught him from the study of nature. In addition to being associated with the musical department of the B. Y. university of Provo, under Prof. A. C. Lund, Prof. Smith has had considerable business experience, having been associated for the past 14 months with his brother, State Senator-elect John Y. Smith in the office of the Utah Banking company at Lehi. His experience in this well known institution has been of decided benefit to him as a commercial man.

Prof. Smith's many friends will be pleased to learn that he has made arrangements to teach two terms in every week in Salt Lake; his terms for 10 lessons are \$10.

Salt Lake Building And Manufacturing Co.

A SPLENDID record has been established this year, not alone in Salt Lake City, but throughout Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada, by the Salt Lake Building & Manufacturing company. The record established, too, clearly illustrates that the company is one of the most enterprising concerns of its character, not alone in the great intermountain region, but in the entire West.

Briefly, this year the Salt Lake Building & Manufacturing company erected in Salt Lake City alone a theater, a new hotel, two splendid business blocks and several residences. The new Halloran building just completed was erected by the company, as was the block of seven stores on south State street, opposite the Knutsford hotel. The latter block, which is of brick construction, was erected in record breaking time for Mr. Mulrooney, owing to the fact that several of the stores were really rented before the excavations were started. The actual time of construction on the block from start to finish was six weeks.

With the Salt Lake Building & Manufacturing company there is no such thing as failure to complete construction work within or even in advance of time specifications. Whenever work is accepted and contracts signed there need be no fear on the part of intending builders that work will lag. No task is too herculean in the building and manufacturing line for the company, for it is equal to every emergency that may arise in its various departments.

No better illustration of construction work accomplished by the company is necessary than the handsome Orpheum theater, which structure is one of the finest in Salt Lake City, and which the Salt Lake Building & Manufacturing company constructed in the face of great difficulties in securing necessary material as rapidly as needed.

As the company always carries large supplies of everything needed in the building and material line, it was able to complete its work on schedule time, where another and smaller company might have suffered a penalty.

It is one important factor with the Salt Lake Building & Manufacturing company in all its work to make a thorough job of every contract. The smallest or largest of the work does not enter into the matter at all. Every contract receives the same attention to detail. That is one of the established rules of the company, and one which has largely aided in the rapid growth of the concern.

Architects can rest secure when plans are turned over to the Salt Lake Building & Manufacturing company, that the designs and details even to the very smallest will be given careful attention and fully carried out without wringing a hair from the head of the architect. With every building erected under the supervision of the company, an advertisement in its favor is carried for each building and residence built, pleasing to the eye and highly satisfactory to the architect and owner.

There can be no denying the fact that a heavy load is laid upon the shoulders of the architect or the architect-lifted from the mind of the architect, that there is a company such as the Salt Lake Building & Manufacturing company, which can do all the above all complete all contracts within specified time limits. Perhaps the best that such conditions can be compared with, is the fact that the Salt Lake Building & Manufacturing company takes his contract that he can set his mind at ease, so far as worrying about details, and company never fails to carry out every promise to the eye and in the plans designated.

The Salt Lake Building & Manufacturing company has done a splendid business this year in its work. Its previous records were surpassed by the company along that line this year, and it is a highly satisfactory character, and a very good price for the work done.