UTAH'S EXHIBIT.

Action of the World's Fair Commissioners Last Night.

MR. EMPEY'S REPORT.

Provision to be Made for the People of This Territory.

President Chambers presided over the meeting of the World's Fair commissioners last night, all the members being present.

Commissioner Empey presented the following interesting report:

Gentlemen—In pursuance of the order of the commission Secretary Madsen and myself visited Chicago, leaving here on the 26th of May and arriving in Chicago on the morning of the 28th.

This being Decoration Day and the weather very stormy, we did not make an official call on the director general until the following day.

An informal visit was made to the grounds on the afternoon of May 30, at nothing except a burned view was taken of Utah's location.

On the morning of May 31, we called on Director-General Davis, at his office in the Rand-McNally block. Mr. Davis had been looking for us for several days, having been advised by the secretary of our intended visit.

The director-general treated us with the utmost consideration, devoting several hours of his valuable time to us, making numerous suggestions and issued numerous orders to his assistants in order to facilitate business for us. He gave us a letter to the chief of construction directing that we be shown every attention and that all the information possible be supplied us in regard to the erection of a building for Utah.

We called on the chief of construction, Mr. Burnham, that afternoon and made an appointment to meet him on the grounds on the morning of June 1st, on which occasion I took formal possession of the site assigned to Utah.

Permit me here to say a few words in regard to the Utah site. After making a careful inspection of the grounds and the location assigned to other States and Territories, I have no hesitancy in saying that the site assigned to Utah is by far the best of any that has been assigned to any State or Territory. This is saying a great deal, yet my opinion is shared by the secretary and all the World's Fair officials at Chicago from the director general down.

Mr. Burnham, chief of construction, advised that a building be erected for Utah of moderate cost ranging from $5,000 to $12,000, that it be temporary in character to be torn down when the exposition closes. He advised against a portable building to be erected of iron and glass as has been suggested, saying that a building of any size and of an attractive appearance suitable for Utah would cost from $25,000 to $40,000 and would be a very unsatisfactory investment for the Territory because it would be in the nature of a "white elephant" and cost, under the most favorable circumstances, a large sum of money to take down and remove to Utah.

Hedged that a building is keeping with the dignity of the Territory and in proportion to our wealth and population could be erected for the figure named and that the rest of the money could be used to good advantage in the preparation of an exhibit and entertaining at Utah's headquarters. After giving the matter careful consideration, I must say that I agree fully with Mr. Burnham, and at the proper time will embody his suggestions to my recommendations.

The extent of the World's Columbian exposition cannot be comprehended by anyone who has not visited Chicago. So much has been said and written about this exposition that most people have an idea that it is an immense affair, yet they cannot realize its vastness until they have visited the grounds and noted the work of preparation now in progress. While there we met a number of distinguished people, among them some of the foreign commissioners. Notable among these was a portion of the French commission, and they all united in saying that it promised to be by far the greatest exposition the world has ever known or will ever witness again until the United States ladies take another World's Fair.

At the request of the director general we visited the several chiefs of departments and in every instance we were shown marked attention. Mr. W. I. Buchanan, chief of the agricultural department, and acting chief of the department of live stock and forestry was very much interested in Utah's exhibits in the departments over which he presides and urged that an exhibit be made in each one.

He gave us some very valuable hints in regard to the arrangement of our exhibit in the agricultural department, which I shall take pleasure in communicating to the chief of that department of our exhibit when appointed.

Mr. Samuels of the horticultural department was also very kind and gave us some very valuable information in regard to the preparation and preservation of fruits.

Mr. Ehlie, chief of the department of mines and mining took a special interest in Utah and her exhibit and gave us some very valuable information. He was very familiar with our resources in the mineral line and urged that our exhibit in this department be made as extensive as possible, having a care at all times for quality rather than quantity.

Mr. Allison, of the manufactures department, devoted considerable time to us and gave us some very important information in regard to a movement on foot to appropriate a very distinctive feature of Utah's exhibit for a private scheme, for which we are under great obligations to him. This matter will be treated in a special report later on.

Mr. Ives, of the fine art department, was away, but his assistant promised to have Salt Lake designated as a "day point," when all the artists in this portion of the West would be requested to send their work to be examined for admission to the art department.

All of the other chiefs were very kind, and while it is possible that in some of the departments Utah may not be represented, it will not be because she cannot be, but for want of interest among people who are able to prepare exhibits for them. A portion of these are the fish and fisheries, industry, transportation and forestry departments. In the department of liberal arts and ethnology Utah will be represented in some divisions if not in all.

One point which all the chiefs impressed upon us was the necessity of "filling space," as they expressed it. They insist that nothing but the very best should be sent. To illustrate: Take the department of agriculture, while each farmer is entitled to come, say a bushel of wheat, it is a question fact that if he offers a bushel of his farmer it will be the very best sample on exhibition here. Consequently, it behoves the exhibit it is very apparent that this sample is far superior to all of the rest, it would be unwise to send the others, because if the principal work in Utah, the farmer empire would stand no show of refining it. Therefore, it is urged that care be the very best of each class of exhibits be sent, and that all exhibits be required to pass that the standard. In regard to the building to be erected by this commission, I would suggest that the general idea be as good looking as possible, the interior light, and that it be built in wood, covered with staff to represent stone.

The chief of construction informed me that he should require that all state buildings should embody some feature that would make them distinctively characteristic of the State they were intended to represent, and I have in mind several suggestions on this point which I will embody in a special report.

I think that the building should be provided with commodious offices for the commission and secretary and so arranged that the special territorial exhibits can be used in decorating the principal exhibit rooms. A gallery should be provided for the second floor where space can be set apart for the display of relics of our territory. I would also recommend that sleeping rooms be provided for the officers and employes, so that they can stay on the grounds.

I find that such provision are being made by most of the other states. I think that an annex should be erected in the rear of the building for a restaurant. This concession has been granted us through the intercession of the director-general. I do not think that a restaurant is a specially desirable feature, all things considered, yet I am satisfied that it will be a necessity, because a great many Utah people will want to have some place where they can go and get a meal at a reasonable price, and it will be the duty of this commission to take care for Utah visitors. Many of the other States are making arrangements for a restaurant.

I in regard to the several departments, I recommend that the following departments be occupied:

Agriculture—To include food and food products, farming machinery and appliances, live stock, domestic and wild animals, horticulture, forestry and forestry products.

Mines—To include mining and metallurgy and mining industry.

Manufactures—To include all manufactured products, transportation and electricity.

Fine Arts—To include pictorial, plastic and decorative art, engineering, public works, architecture, music and drama.

Education—To include the public and private school exhibit, progress of labor and invention.

Ethnology and Archeology—Isolated and collective exhibits.

Bureau of Information—For the dissemination of general and special information in regard to our Territory.

In regard to the appointment of several chiefs of departments, I would recommend that the utmost care be exercised.

A part of the chiefs should commence work at once and their compensation should be regulated in regard to the time and labor required of them. Special arrangements should be made with each individual.

In the education, fine arts and manufactures departments, for the present, the work can be carried on by correspondence, and compensation of the chiefs should be minimal for the present.

In the agricultural, ethnology and mining departments considerable time and labor will be required and the compensation will have to be regulated accordingly.

The secretary, under the rules, is chief of the bureau of information.

I desire to make the following recommendations and suggestions:

That the executive commissioner be given authority to suspend work in any department if he deem it necessary, or suspend a chief for cause, or when, in his judgment, the work accomplished does not justify the expense. Also that he be given authority to assign special work to any chief. That the department of women's work be placed under the control and charge of the board of lady managers when appointed.

That Utah architects be invited to compete for the plans and specifications of the Utah building and that complete data in regard to the building be furnished all architects desiring to compete.

That the leading citizens in each county be requested to form county World's Fair associations and that each contributor of membership be prepared by his commission and supplied to county committees at cost.

In commission permit me to say that while in Chicago I secured a good space in the highest terms of praise of the work of Hon. F. H. Lannan, national commissioner for Utah, and the president elect had made no mistake in the excellent site for building purposes, and we found ourselves under many obligations to him for the kindly manner in which we were received.

I will add that after visiting Chicago I have no fear for the success of Utah's exhibit at the World's Fair.

THE REPORT ADOPTED.

Executive Commissioner Empey's report was discussed and adopted.

The commission decided to at once advertise for plans for the Utah building, the size and character of the same to be outlined in the advertisement.

A THIN DEMONSTRATION.

A Wing of the Liberal Party Turns Out and Parades.

Two men each wearing a rather cheap-looking duster, escorted with striped umbrellas bearing the words "Tuscarora of Utah," preceded by two fantastically dressed darkeys, carrying yellow cockades, and a brass band, marched along the principal streets for about an hour yesterday evening. It was styled a "parade," but the strain produced upon the proprietors by such a demand must bring them all but to the breaking point. Less than fifty persons all told with only half of them "uniformed" as stated, may realize the Tuscaroras ideal of what a parade should be, but not that of the great majority of those who looked at the demonstration. The minarets made by speculators at the museum fired past were not at all complimentary. One (obviously a Democrat) said: "Just to the full strength of the free trade wing." Another said: "It is a good thing they are practicing on walking, for such a long way from Chicago." "A third "shipped in" Mr. Cleveland, not any, and if there was, what good would it do? They'll never know of it in the east at war." And so on. There were others that were sullen, but a blank away, and the whole thing fell very flat. It took on some of the characteristics of a mock minstrel parade, but was not equal to all respects to many of those we have had.

Salt Lake Academy.

The exercises of the graduating class at Hammond Hall last evening were largely attended by those having an interest in the Salt Lake Academy. The room was prettily decorated, and the programme was greatly enjoyed by all present. It was as follows:

Piano solo (selected) ..... Prof. C. E. Nelson
Tableau—Ancient Greek Dance ..... Miss E. A. Ellis and Class
Vocal selection ..... Mr. Bennett
Recitation—Lady Clare ..... Miss A. F. Neal
Recitation—Ulalume ..... Miss E. Ellis
Vocal selection ..... Mr. Bennett
Recitation—Ode to Mark Antony ..... Miss Ella Ellis
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