

COLLECTOR HOLLISTER RE-PLIES AGAIN.

THE following reply of U. S. Collector Hollister to the strictures of the ring organ upon him in regard to the dissensions of the Republicans of this city and county, has been published—

SALT LAKE, Feb. 29, 1876.

*Eds. Tribune:* Judge Robertson yesterday told me you were going to publish an answer to our statement, and asked me to reply. Really, I don't see anything to reply to. We stated that *The Tribune* had been abusive of Grant for months, because he removed McKean, and thereby had forced the friends of Grant to come to his defense. You deny it. You might as well deny that *The Tribune* is published at all, or that the sun shines on a clear day. So much for the issue.

As to the convention, you do not deny, and you cannot, that you attempted to seize it by calling it to order in advance of time. You might as well have held your convention the previous day; then our "ruffians" would not have been there, and you would have had it all your own way. Again, you do not deny, and you cannot, that you abandoned the convention when you found there was opposition to your cut-and-dried programme, leaving it in the hands of the opposition.

We insist that these two steps of yours, the one an outrage, the other a mistake, vitiate all that you pretend to have done on that occasion, and would leave you without a case in any impartial political gathering to which you might appeal.

You say we had no right to the floor when Heffernan called the convention to order, until their motion made by Strickland that Robertson take the chair had been put and decided. Had Heffernan not taken the floor in advance of time there might be weight in this, but, as he did, there is none. From the moment you ignored parliamentary usage, relying on your "ruffians" to carry your points anyhow, you lost the right to appeal to it. The opposition was obliged to resort to the same tactics in self-defense.

You parade a great number of signers to your statement, but you took six days to get them; they embrace Democrats, and Republicans, and Mormons, many of the names for all that anybody knows to the contrary may have been taken from a San Francisco directory; one of them at least was at the Black Hills at the time; and certainly you would not say upon honor that one-tenth of them had read your paper or heard it read.

You say that we filled the building with ruffians, and came there to make a disturbance. We got what men we could of our way of thinking to go there, and so did you. We went with a programme, and so did you. So far it is even. But once there you let Bedlam loose by attempting, as has been stated, to carry out your programme in advance of time, and thereby made yourselves responsible for whatever disturbance occurred.

You say that the Federal officers have not led and inspired all non-Mormon political action here, and if they have they have effected nothing. Go and read the history of this contest for a score of years. Begin at Babbitt killed by the "Indians," do not skip Gunnison, also murdered by the "Indians," remember Stiles, Harding, Waite, Drake, Connor, Hempstead, Titus, Shafer, Hawley, Strickland, McKean, Woods, Maxwell, Black, Carey. If they have effected nothing it must be granted it was not for want of effort. If they have not led and inspired all non-Mormon political action in Utah, it is a wonder that they have drawn all, absolutely all, of the fire of the enemy. Others have done their share, especially in the later years, but the Federal officers have had the abuse to bear. They have been held up to the people of Utah by all the Church papers, as the worst of men, all of them, all of the time. This is at least a curious misapprehension on their part if what we said were not true.

But we didn't say it for the purpose of glorifying them; we said it to justify their claim to the right of a voice in shaping the policy which they were to execute and become responsible for.

I write this and sign it in behalf of all of the signers of our statement, as a committee of one.

O. J. HOLLISTER.

AN ACT.

*Providing for the Establishment and support of District Schools and for other purposes.*

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah: That the county courts shall divide their respective counties into school districts where not already so divided, number the same, prescribe limits, change the boundaries thereof, and may consolidate two or more school districts into one should the public good so require; provided, that where school districts have built school houses by a tax on the whole district, said district shall not be divided, until equitable provision has been made for school-houses in the new districts to be organized. Settlers on or near county lines of two or more counties, may be formed into school districts, by the mutual agreement of the county courts of such counties.

SEC. 2. In each school district there shall be three school trustees, who shall be elected by the qualified voters, resident in the district; said trustees shall qualify by taking and subscribing an oath of office, and give bonds to the county court of the county in which they reside in such sums and with such sureties as the Probate Judge thereof may approve, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their offices. Their term of office shall be for two years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. The trustees shall provide suitable school houses and keep the same in repair, employ teachers, and furnish fuel, maps, charts, and other suitable articles for school purposes, and may at their option collect tuition fees. They are also hereby empowered to assess and collect annually, a tax of one-fourth of one per cent. on all taxable property within their district, for school purposes, and shall have power to remit taxes, to prescribe the manner in which schools shall be conducted, to establish out-houses, playgrounds, and other appurtenances.

SEC. 4. Whenever more than one-fourth of one per cent. per annum shall be necessary to purchase, build, repair, or furnish school houses or for other school purposes, an estimate of the approximate cost thereof shall be made by the trustees, and the rate per cent. may be increased to any sum not exceeding three per cent. per annum, as shall be decided by a two-thirds majority vote of the qualified voters resident in the district, present at a meeting called for that purpose. Provided that except by virtue of

the annual tax of one-fourth of one per cent., provided for in section three of this act, the property of non-residents shall not be liable to tax for the payment of teachers.

SEC. 5. For the calling of a meeting for the election of trustees, or for voting on the rate per cent. of tax to be assessed, notice shall be given ten days before the time appointed for holding such election or taking such vote, by advertising at least three times, in some newspaper published in the county and having a general circulation therein, if there be such paper published in the county, and by posting up notices in three public places in the district; said advertisement or notice shall state distinctly the time, place and object of said meeting. Said notice shall be given by at least five permanent residents of the district, but if the district be organized, then said notice shall be given by the trustees. At such meeting, trustees may be elected, or a tax levied *viva voce* or by ballot, as the meeting may determine.

SEC. 6. The trustees shall have power to appoint a clerk, an assessor, collector and treasurer, and prescribe their qualifications.

SEC. 7. The assessor shall, within such time as the trustees may direct, make an assessment of all the taxable property in his district, and report the same to the trustees, and when appealed to, the trustees shall have power to examine said assessment, and if necessary, correct the same; and their decision shall be final.

SEC. 8. The collector shall pay all moneys or property received on taxes, to the trustees or to the treasurer, as the trustees may direct; and whenever taxes shall have been assessed in accordance with this act, and the tax payers shall have been duly notified of the amount due, a majority of the trustees or the collector shall have power to commence suits at law in any court having jurisdiction, against any tax payer who shall neglect or refuse to pay said tax, and upon any judgment so recovered no real or personal property shall be exempt from execution to make the amount of such taxes and costs, and any conveyance of such property made by the trustees shall be valid.

SEC. 9. The trustees shall visit officially, each school in their respective districts at least once during each term; and, on or before the second Monday in October, in each year, take a census of the children between the ages of six and sixteen years, residing in their districts; and within ten days thereafter, shall make a report to the County Superintendent hereinafter provided for stating the condition of the school or schools under their supervision, and particularly the items contained in the following form:

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

*Annual Report of School District No., in the Co. of, U.T., ending, 18., Trustees*

No. of district.	No. of schools.	Grade of schools.	Branches taught.	No. of male teachers.	No. of female teachers.	No. of male children in district between the ages of six and sixteen years.	No. of female children in the district between the ages of six and sixteen years.	No. of male scholars enrolled.	No. of female scholars enrolled.	Average daily attendance.	Amount paid to teachers.	To males.	To females.	No. of days schools have been taught during the year.	No. of school libraries.	No. of volumes in each.	Present condition of school buildings, etc.	Amount of building funds raised.	Amount of taxes appropriated to the use of schools.	Value of school property.	REMARKS.
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Trustees failing to so report shall be liable to prosecution on their bonds for neglect of duty; said suit to be prosecuted by the County Superintendent, and any amount so recovered shall revert to the benefit of the district.

SEC. 10. All schools organized under the direction of the Trustees in the respective school districts of the Territory, shall be known, in law, by the name and title of district schools, and shall be entitled to a just and equitable apportionment of any public school fund,

arising from the General Government or by legislative enactment of the Territory.

SEC. 11. The County Court of each county shall appoint, in their respective counties, where not already done, a Board of Examination, to consist of three competent persons, who shall judge of the qualifications of school teachers applying for schools; and all applicants of a good moral character, considered competent, shall receive a suitable certificate signed by the board, without which no person shall be

eligible to employment, as teacher, by the Trustees.

SEC. 12. Teachers of schools shall

furnish their respective Trustees with a quarterly report of their schools, in the following form:

SCHOOL TEACHER'S.

*Quarterly Report of School No., District No., Co. of, U.T., ending, 18., Teacher.*

NUMBER OF PUPILS.	Ages from to	No. of males.	No. of females.	Average daily attendance.	BRANCHES TAUGHT.										School books used.	REMARKS.
					Alphabet.	Spelling.	Reading.	Writing.	Geography.	Grammar.	Arithmetic.	Book-keeping.	History.	Music.	Drawing.	

SEC. 13. A majority of the Trustees shall have power to transact business; and in case of a vacancy in any school district, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the remaining Trustees shall immediately call an election to fill such vacancy.

SEC. 14. At the general election for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and biennially thereafter, a Territorial Superintendent of District Schools shall be elected, whose term of office shall be for two years, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; and before entering upon the duties of his office he shall qualify by taking and subscribing an oath and giving bonds with approved sureties to the people of the Territory of Utah in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, said oath, bond, and securities to be approved and filed with the Auditor of Public Accounts. At the same general election and biennially thereafter, there shall also be elected, for each county in the Territory, a Superintendent of District Schools, whose term of office shall be for two years, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified, and before entering upon the duties of his office he shall qualify by taking and subscribing an oath of office and giving bonds, with approved security, in such sum as shall be prescribed by the Probate Judge of the county, which oath and bond shall be filed with the Clerk of the County Court.

SEC. 15. The Territorial Superintendent shall keep a record of the condition of district schools throughout the Territory, shall furnish each County Superintendent with a record headed according to form for trustees, reports, and also blank forms of said reports, together with blank forms of school teachers' reports, as contemplated in this act; and he shall cause to be printed such a number of the forms described in this act as shall be necessary for distribution to the trustees and teachers throughout

the Territory, and distribute the same.

SEC. 16. The Territorial and County Superintendents and the President of the faculty of the University of Deseret or a majority of them shall, at a convention called by the Territorial Superintendent of the district school for that purpose, decide what text books shall be adopted in the schools, and their use shall be exclusive and mandatory in all the district schools of the Territory; provided that no text book so adopted shall be changed within a period of five years from its adoption, except for sufficient cause. The County Superintendents with the trustees in their respective districts, shall regulate the school terms, allowing such holidays and vacations as may be advisable.

SEC. 17. The County Superintendent shall take the general supervision of the schools in his county and visit them at least twice in each year, examine and audit the trustees' books, and see that the trustees are diligent in the discharge of their duties. He shall keep a correct account with the County Treasurer and with the trustees of school districts of all funds received and disbursed for school purposes in the county, shall audit all school accounts against the County Treasurer and draw his warrant in favor of the several school districts for the payment thereof. He shall transmit to the Territorial Superintendent of district schools, on or before the first Monday in November annually, a full and complete financial statement of all funds received in his county, including amount of taxes collected by the trustees in each district, voluntary contributions, and amounts arising from the general government, or by Legislative enactment of the Territory of Utah, or from any other source whatever, and amounts disbursed for buildings, furniture and all school appurtenances, the actual tuition fees, together with a statistical statement in the following form:—

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

*Annual Report for Co., ending first Monday in Nov., 18., County Supl.*

Names of Districts.	No. of districts in County.	No. of districts reported.	No. of schools.	No. of Male teachers.	No. of Female teachers.	No. of Boys in County between the ages of six and sixteen years.	No. of Girls in County between the ages of six and sixteen years.	Total between six and sixteen.	No. of Male scholars enrolled.	No. of Female scholars enrolled.	Total enrolled.	Per centage of names enrolled.	Average daily attendance.	Per centage of school population actually attending school.	Amount paid to Male teachers.	Amount paid to Female teachers.	Total paid to teachers.	No. of days schools have been taught during the year.	Present condition of school buildings.	Amount of building funds raised.	Amount of taxes appropriated to the use of schools.	Real value of school property.	REMARKS.

SEC. 18. The County Superintendents of district schools are hereby authorized and required to proceed against all delinquent district pound keepers, or other parties, who have failed or shall fail to pay

the school funds due, or which may hereafter become due, arising from the sales of estrays or from other sources, and shall pay all amounts thus collected into the county treasury, quarterly.