

Second, that the purchase be made at once of the text books mentioned in exhibit "A," attached to and made part of this report.

Third, the committee asked for authority to advertise in one or more of the city papers for bids on school supplies, such as slate pencils, etc., and authority to contract for the same if a satisfactory bid is received.

Fourth, that a communication had been received from the authorities of the Deseret University offering to furnish school rooms for pupils, as was done last year; for the present year. The committee recommended that the offer be accepted.

Adopted.

Applications for the position of janitor were received from Wm. L. George, E. C. Stevens, Mrs. Baker, John O. Donnel, Maggie Lordan, and Charles Robinson. Committee on furniture and supplies.

A NEW CLERK.

The finance committee reported on the resignation of the assistant to the clerk of the board, recommending the appointment of Mr. Charles Stanley Price to that office at a salary of \$50 per month, to begin his services at once. Adopted.

FOR NINETEENTH SCHOOL.

Mr. Young moved that this board purchase from the contractors of the Lowell school building the Kyune stone now out for and designed to be used in said building at the contract price thereof, and to furnish the same for use in the Nineteenth or Washington school, providing the contractor of the latter building will relinquish his right under his contract to furnish the equivalent of the stone to be purchased and supplied by the board as herein provided, the inspector of buildings to attend to getting a memorandum of the stone and the contract price, the attorney to prepare the relinquishment and consent to vary specification contemplated by this motion, and, provided further, that the contractor for the Lowell building will consent to furnish Diamond Creek brown stone in place of the Kyune stone specified in the contract." Adopted.

Adjourned for one week.

AT COLONIA PACCHECO.

The most remote "Mormon" colony in Mexico celebrated the Twenty-fourth of July in good style. There was a salute of guns at daybreak, another at sunrise and the hoisting of the Mexican flag by Joseph A. Moffett. The people gathered in the public square at 9:30 and formed in procession under direction of the marshal of the day, A. P. Spillsbury. Following the music of the Sierra Madre band, led by Brother J. T. Whetten, came Apostle George Teasdale, Patriarch Henry Lunt, on the lead, followed by Bishop J. N. Smith, Jr., and the Priesthood of the ward in their order; then the Relief Society and Sabbath School. They marched to the school house, which the sisters had nicely decorated, and all very much enjoyed the following exercises: The choir sang, "Come we that love the Lord;" prayer by the chaplain, Brother John Rowley; choir sang, "High on the mountain top;" oration by the orator of the day, Bro. F. Spencer; "Standard of Zion," by the choir;

Pioneer addresses, by Father J. G. Hardy and Bro. John R. Young; German song, by Sister Anna Naegle; representative of the "Mormon" Battalion, Bro. John C. Naegle; music by the band; stump speech, "The Parson and the Miracle," by G. W. Hardy; song, "There's a good time coming, etc.," by Jos. Spencer and Sister N. E. Durfee; "The Dutchman's Snake," by the Dutchman, Geo. C. Naegle; song, "I'll love you, if you'll let me," by Hyrum Cluff and wife; sentiments, by Apostle Teasdale and Patriarch Lunt; The choir sang "Nearer Home;" benediction by W. R. R. Stowell.

The day was a most favorable one. The afternoon sports comprised foot-racing, wrestling, base ball, etc., with dancing for the little folks. The day wound up with a pleasant social party, interspersed with songs, recitations, etc.

The health of the people is good, and after a long session of drought we have had refreshing showers of late. The grass and crops promise well, and we anticipate fair returns to both the farmers and dairymen.

GEO. C. NAEGLE, Ward Clerk.

COLONIA PACCHECO, Chihuahua, Mexico, July 25th, 1892.

ABOUT PRESERVING FRUIT.

We have noticed articles lately in several papers regarding the preserving of fruit by the California Cold Process. Some write as though it was a patent and difficult to obtain the right to use; but such is not the case. The material employed is the compound extract of salyx which any druggist, if he does not have it in stock, can easily obtain. It has been used for years, so that the system is well established.

It is not necessary to heat or seal the fruit, but just to put it in the vessels you wish to keep it in and pour the solution over the fruit and it will keep its natural color and taste for years. You can keep currants on the stem, green corn on the cob, and fruit or vegetables of any kind in a perfectly natural state. The cost is only about one cent per quart, and the labor is almost nothing. A bushel of berries can be put up in ten minutes easily. We have put up hundreds of packages of fruit by the California cold process, and we never knew it fail to give satisfaction, and have shipped fruit to all points of the United States. The salyx is made especially for preserving fruit and vegetables, and the druggist from whom it is bought will give complete directions for using. We have berries, cherries, grapes and pears kept this way, and we do not believe any one could tell them from fresh pickled fruit. Beside the plan is so cheap and so little trouble is involved that any one can derive great benefit by adopting the California cold process. We feel that any person who once tries it will never put up another can of fruit or adopt any other method.

THE OHIO FRUIT CO.

NEW CONCORD, Ohio, July 19, 1892.

Ex-PREMIER CRISPI of Italy is reported to be in danger of losing his sight, his right eye having already become practically useless.

LEGENDS ABOUT THE POTATO.

When potatoes were first introduced into Russia by a Mr. Rowland (the exact date of the introduction of the tuber into that benighted country being a subject of controversy, but usually set down at 1791) the people would neither plant nor touch them. They declared them to be the devil's fruit, and that they were given to his satanic majesty on his complaint to God that he had no fruit. God told him to "search the earth for food." Whereupon the poor devil fell to digging in the earth and found potatoes growing therein.

A similar legend seems to have obtained credit among the staid Britishers, in Berwickshire, England. In that shire the introduction of potatoes is popularly attributed to Sir Michael Scott, once known all over Britain as "The Wizard of the North." According to story, Michael and the devil formed a copartnership and took the lease of a farm on the Mertown estate, called the "Whitehouse." Michael was to manage the farm; the devil the capital; the produce was to be divided in the following manner:

The first year Michael was to have all that grew above the ground, and the devil all that grew beneath the surface; the second year shares were to be divided in just the opposite way. His satanic majesty, strange to say, was badly beaten by the wily Michael, for that personage, with true Scottish foresight, sowed all the land to wheat the first year and planted it all in potatoes the second. So the poor devil got nothing but wheat stubble and potato tops. How these absurd legends originated, no one seems to know, but the fact remains that the peasants of both Russia and England even to this day frequently allude to potatoes as "Devil's Fruit."

THE establishment of one of Herr Krupp's plants within Russian territory is not without significance. Europe may not be, probably is not, on the eve of a general war, but when such outbreak comes the Czar means to be ready.

DEATHS.

TWITCHELL.—In Salt Lake City, August 2, 1892, of old age, Luther Twitchell; aged 87 years and 6 months.

SMITH.—At 1:30 p.m. yesterday, of brain fever, Milton Matthew, son of Thomas O. and Sarah E. Smith; aged 11 months and 29 days.

KINNERSLEY.—At Brighton's Hotel, Silver Lake, Aug. 2nd, of cholera infantum, Martha Statham Kinnersley, daughter of William E. and Barbara M. Kinnersley; aged 1 year.

SMITH.—In the Eighth ward of Salt Lake City, at 4:30 a.m., August 2nd, Eva Margaret Smith, of cholera infantum, after an illness of two weeks. Deceased was the infant daughter of George G. and Eva H. Smith.

HENDERSON.—In the Third ward, this city, at 8:20 p.m., August 1st, 1892, of old age and general debility, Mary Ann Milliken Henderson; born in Glasgow, Scotland, October 10th, 1805; embraced the Gospel in 1848, emigrated to Utah in 1863.

GOATMAN.—In Mendon, on July 23rd, of dropsy, Mary Goatman, wife of George Goatman and daughter of Thomas and Esther Moulder; born Feb. 20th, 1824, at Churchdown, Gloucestershire, England; baptized into the Church Sept. 17th, 1852, and emigrated to Utah in 1866. She was a kind and indulgent mother and an affectionate wife, and a faithful Latter-day Saint.

Millennial Star, please copy.