

two persons be accepted and arrangements at once be made to secure the title thereto on such terms as the board may determine. It will be observed that both these offers are for cash, but your committee believe that on payment of \$1000 to Mrs. Fenton and \$1000 to Mr. Buttle that deeds can be secured vesting title in this board and said deeds deposited in escrow with the county recorder or one of the banks in this city on conditions that the deferred payments of \$4000 and \$2500, respectively, draw interest at 8 per cent. per annum with the understanding that the board take immediate possession of the property and proceed to improve the same. On consultation with some of the members of the finance committee it was deemed advisable to discontinue all negotiations for sites for bonds, as a sale of a few of the bonds in this way would prevent a consummation of a sale of the remainder to the bond buyers.

A discussion followed, which ended in the committee being authorized to accept the offers of Mrs. Fenton, Mr. Buttle and Mr. Poulton.

SCHOOL HOUSE PLANS.

The same committee offered the following report, which was adopted:

We have also examined plans for school houses and recommend the building of a hall in the third story for the use of the schools in entertainments, general exercises and political meetings, etc. Your committee ask that they be authorized to solicit bids for the erection of such buildings and recommend the adoption of the plans by G. D. Spohr, Geo. F. Costerisan, J. J. Huddart and Monheim, Bird & Proudfoot.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

The following recommendations from the committee on school work were adopted:

We, the committee on school work, recommend that a purchase of school maps be made so that each school may have one complete set. This will necessitate the purchase of seven full sets and twenty single maps at a total cost of \$315.70 net.

2—We recommend that the superintendent be authorized to have painted on the blackboard in primary rooms, staffs of gray lines for use in teaching penmanship. The cost will not exceed 25 cents per linear yard and the total number of yards will probably not exceed \$150.

3—We recommend that a partition be constructed in the south upper room of the Armstrong building in order to secure a recitation room. The arrangement will permit of our relieving a greatly overcrowded primary room and at the same time grant the principal needed apartments for supervising his school. An additional teacher is contemplated in this recommendation.

4—We recommend that the committee on buildings secure, if possible, an additional room for use of the primary department in the second school. This will make it possible to use the smaller room in the Second for relief of the larger, which is greatly overcrowded. This plan also contemplates the employment of an additional teacher.

5—We recommend that the lease for the basement of the Lutheran church be cancelled upon the payment of the rent in full to January 1, and that the department occupying that building be transferred to the Woman's Industrial Home building.

6—We recommend the purchase of books for the high school as selected by the principal and teachers. The cost of these books is about \$130, and a balance of about \$20 of the amount appropriated by the board for such purpose will be left for future needs.

7—We recommend the adoption for use

in the fourth and higher grades as supplementary books on penmanship, exercise books A and B of Appleton's standard system of penmanship.

PLANS ADOPTED.

The committee on sites and buildings reported the following:

We recommend the adoption of the four plans of Architects George S. Spohr, George F. Costerisan, J. J. Huddart Monheim, Bird & Proudfoot.

The object of the committee in recommending the adoption of the four plans is to encourage different styles of architecture and to promote competition both as to construction and convenience between the architects themselves.

We are advised by these architects that the cost of these eight-roomed buildings will not exceed \$30,000 each for two stories and basement, but the committee suggest that they be authorized to solicit bids from reliable contractors that in the construction of said buildings will be the best evidence of their cost, and your committee add to the plans a large hall as a third story.

We present for your favorable consideration and adoption the following plans, without, however, recommending any special system of heating or sanitation suggested by the different architects, reserving that for further consideration, and all other plans be returned to the different architects presenting the same with the thanks of the board for the energy and public spirit manifested by them.

We let the contract to the Tenth Ward Building and Lumber association for fence and coal house on the school ground for \$37.95, also recommend the execution of a new lease on Whitney building original to the Utah National bank, to include the renting of the third room, \$70 per month for the three rooms, in the Second precinct. We rented a room 20x30 for \$20 till July 1 from J. Hicke, and we also recommend the officers to be authorized to execute lease. We also recommend the form of deed we will present for your approval transfer of school property to this board.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following appropriations were made:

Raybold & Reiber, on account.....	\$1000 00
David James & Co., plumbing.....	95 75
Tremayne & Covey, leveling Fourteenth school grounds.....	65 00
McAllister & Gibbs, maps of school districts.....	169 00
Utah Title Insurance & Trust Co., interest.....	166 66
Rand, McNally & Co., five atlases.....	37 50
Utah Paint & Oil Co., repairing Twenty-first school.....	3 70
Grant Bros. Co., for snarey.....	4 00
Thomas Winters, moving desks.....	5 00
Rock Springs Coal Co., coal.....	110 25
L. S. Whitehead, cleaning carpet.....	6 45
Times Co., printing notices.....	12 40
Tribune Job Printing Co., printing supplies.....	578 58
Salt Lake Transfer Co., drayage.....	7 85
Walker Bros. & Tyler Co., supplies.....	15 38
E. M. Husbands, labor.....	25 55
Joseph T. Kingsbury, services as examiner.....	48 00
O. S. Baxtor, services as examiner.....	48 00
George W. Reed, note of Fifty-first district.....	60 10
Hartford Courier, advertising bonds.....	52 00
Boston Journal, advertising bonds.....	69 00
Neve & Child, repairing and supplies.....	59 50
Salt Lake Hardware Company supplies.....	361 02
Total.....	\$3108 02

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Superintendent Millsbaugh submitted the following report of the public schools, showing their condition at the close of first month of last year and at the close of the first month this year:

Total enrollment—	This Year.	Last Year.
For the month.....	5,875	3,922
Average number belonging.....	5,108.3	3,429.7
Average daily attendance.....	4,712	3,131
Received by transfer.....	127	166

Lost.....	585	430
Remaining at end of month.....	5,250	3,658
Per cent. of attendance.....	91.3	91.9
Number cases tardiness.....	2 082	2,210
Suspensions for irregular attendance.....	3	5
Suspension for bad conduct.....	9	6
Cases of corporal punishment.....	26	19
Visits by members of board.....	161	0
Visits by parents and citizens.....	293	90

There have been 1751 pupils not absent or tardy this year. Teachers have made 288 visits to parents.

Number of pupils per teacher this year.....	50
Number of pupils per teacher last year.....	53

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was moved and carried that the salary of Janitor Job Reynolds of the Eighth schoolhouse be raised from \$25 to \$35 per month.

It was moved and carried that J. W. Sanders be engaged as janitor of the school held in the African M. E. church, also that Francis Edmunds be employed as janitor of the Tenth school, vice W. J. Harris resigned.

The following motion carried:

Whereas, The board of education regards it as a menace to the moral welfare of the school children entrusted to its care that any saloon be located in the immediate neighborhood of any school building and that the City Council be requested not to grant or renew any license to any saloon within twenty rods of a schoolhouse.

This motion also carried:

That a night school be opened, provided not less than thirty persons within a month signify their intention to attend. Not more than one school to be opened and not more than two teachers engaged.

THE GILMORE CONCERT.

It has been said, we believe, that the public of Salt Lake City are not particularly enthusiastic in their appreciation of musical entertainments, and to some extent this may be true. A community in which nearly everybody is an ardent worshiper of Apollo, must naturally be critical and accept with deference any attempts of but ordinary merit. But when a musical treat, like the one provided in the Tabernacle last night by Professors Gilmore and Stephens, awaits the public, it is otherwise. There must have been over four thousand persons present, and if the profound, breathless silence with which this vast audience eagerly listened to every note, every accord that filled the immense building; if the thundering rounds of applause that again and again burst forth from the otherwise spellbound listeners are true signs, the directors and performers last night had a demonstration of appreciation that left no doubt as to its genuineness.

And justly so. For the Gilmore concert was grand. The selections were all specimens of the compositions of the greatest masters the world ever produced, and were highly interesting, as giving an opportunity of comparing the different schools of musical art. There were the wild strains of artistically arranged discords of Wagner, roaring, piercing, screaming like the autumn storms round an old German castle; the æolian, melting harmonies of Verdi and the grand accords of that master of masters, Handel, whose chorus sounded as the roars of many waters and yet sweet as