

presented by the state engineer for the promotion of the development of the irrigable lands of the state.

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During that period, one small bank was subsequently placed in the hands of a receiver upon the application of the secretary of state, it having become financially embarrassed as a result of management. However, it was re-opened shortly afterward and is now in operation and in good financial condition. No loss was sustained by the state.

It will be seen by the report of the secretary of state that the banks are in a flourishing condition, and the comparative schedules show a steady increase in commercial and savings deposits and general volume of business transacted.

COAL MINE INSPECTOR.

From the report of the state coal mine inspector it appears that the industrial depression was felt in the coal and coke production of Utah during the past year, resulting in a decrease of total tonnage output. Since Sept. 1, however, the mines have worked full-time. The production of coal in 1908 was 1,544,549 tons; coal, 125,349 tons. Two thousand six hundred and eighty men found employment in connection with the coal and hydro-carbon mines and coke plants during the year.

I enclose in the recommendation of state coal mine inspector that the same should be so amended as to include the inspection of all coal mines regardless of the number of men employed, and commend to your attention the further recommendations and suggestions of this official.

NATURAL RESOURCES.

Amendments to the state fish and game law have greatly increased the work of the state fish and game commissioners. His report indicates a growing interest in the provisions of the law, and a general compliance with the regulation relating to licenses. During the year 1907 and up to Dec. 31, 1908, the department issued 45,491 licenses. After deducting the statutory license made to justices of the peace or the issuance of licenses, the revenue from the issuance of licenses, the revenue reached the handsome sum of \$15,141.

The state fish hatchery established in 1909 has operated continuously, but the present facilities for raising fish are deemed insufficient to meet properly and economically the demands being made. During the biennial period 1908 trout were raised in the state hatchery and planted in state waters. The report of the game commissioners details their distribution by counties and streams.

Under the operations of the fish and game law, this department during the past two years has not only been supporting, but was able to turn into the treasury a sum in excess of \$12,000.

We are all interested in the preservation of our fish and game, and any measure which looks to an improvement in this direction have my unanimous endorsement. Your particular attention is invited to the following recommendations, contained in the biennial report of the fish and game commissioners:

That the Murray hatchery be increased to at least three times its present capacity, and that two additional hatcheries be established.

A law defining rights of way along public streams.

That each game warden be made a full warden.

The establishment of a law requiring the screening of all ditches or streams flowing from the public waters at the expense of the owners of such ditches or streams.

FOOD COMMISSIONERS.

The work of the dairy and food commissioners' department is of a most important nature, his duty being to enforce all laws regarding the production, manufacture, and sale of dairy products, or the adulteration of any article of food or drink, etc.

The office of dairy and food commissioner was created by the legislature in 1897, and since that time our state has forged gradually to the front in the matter of dairy and food regulation. The department is disseminating information through public notices and bulletins sent to retailers and jobbers, seeking to give the public power over better products.

I would strongly recommend at your biennial legislature in connection with the food and dairy law as will give our statutes in harmony with the government regulations in this particular state, also with the laws of the several states. Such provision will greatly facilitate the work of the department and be of material aid in the enforcement of the law.

The work of this department is extensive, and its operations of so benefit to a nation as to entitle it to an appropriation of an amount sufficient to meet the employment of additional officers and increased funds for traveling expenses.

STATE CHEMIST.

Over 1,500 analyses, covering nearly every variety of food and drink, were made during the past two years by the state chemist. In addition to this he also performs the analytical work for the state board of health. About 50 analyses were made and filed with the secretary of the board of health.

With its report to the dairy and food commissioners' department, the state chemist had a summary of the articles examined, the statement that the percentage of actual adulteration, i.e., the substitution of one article for another or deficiency of the vital constituents will be less than 4 per cent.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

Under an act of the legislature approved March 14, 1907, provision was made for a state board of medical examiners. The work of this board has given general satisfaction and the results have proved beneficial to the protection and to the public in insuring a high standard in the work of doctors, dentists and a conformity to the requirements of the state board of health.

During the past two years 76 persons have applied for certificates to practice medicine and surgery. Fifty-five took the examination in October, and the results during the past two years.

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BOARD OF OPTOMETRY.

The state board of optometry was created by the legislature of 1907 for the purpose of regulating the practice of optometry in the state. The law is being complied with and the board reports its operations productive of much good.

A recommendation is made that the appointment of its members be for a period of four years instead of for two at present.

BARBER EXAMINERS.

Under the operation of the law passed by the fifth session of the legislature, the state board of examiners of barbers report marked improvement in the sanitary conditions in barber shops and a corresponding decrease in the number of diseases reported.

LAND TRANSFERS.

The vast accumulation of the records pertaining to the several departments of our state county and municipal governments, and also of the various courts, and to land titles by frequent transfers—warrants serious consideration.

In many states these matters have caused the adoption of systems, the results being sufficient to justify careful and painstaking investigation on our part.

Recognizing that it is impossible for a committee of the legislature, burdened with other duties, to make a complete check looking into these systems, I recommend the passage of a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a special commission or quindine personnel, to be appointed by the legislature, who shall act without compensation, and be charged with the duty of examining into the various systems now in use in all the departments of the state, county and municipal governments, and particularly to such as pertain to the courts and to land transfers, and report their facts to the next session of the legislature, with recommendations.

PUBLIC LIBRARIAN.

The last legislature made it possible for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition to be held at Seattle, Washington, to review and execute plans to properly represent the state at this exposition the last frontier. A special commission, composed of the governor and four members,

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I may suggest that the particular subjects in which you will have the greatest interest are not only the welfare of the citizens, but the ability to carry out successfully the functions of government but also the disbursement of the public funds, because therein our national interest lies directly affected; however, you could not confine your labors within those limits. Your work comprehend the social, educational and moral welfare of the public specifically, and the public welfare generally.

I especially impress upon you that there should be such expedition in your legislative work at this session, as will be consistent with the importance of this compilation interfere with or limit the wise and proper development and application of these resources but to find ways to use them so as to distribute the enjoyment of our natural wealth.

I therefore, recommend the creation of a state commission on the conservation of natural resources, to consist of three members who shall serve without compensation.

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LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

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GOOD ROADS.

There has been considerable discussion of the improvement of our public roads. This subject will be one of the most important and interesting subjects of consideration. It is a problem requiring much thought and attention, and care should be taken that no mistakes are made in the final disposition of the money.

Therefore, recommend an appropriation of \$100,000 for the construction of roads in the various parts of the state, and a like amount for the maintenance of the roads.

PUBLIC SERVICE.

The farmers of our state constitution wisely imposed upon the legislature the duty of protecting the individual citizen from the unscrupulous and dishonest combinations of persons or associations for the purpose of controlling prices, whether of manufacturers or of commerce, or of production or of the cost of exchange.

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BOARD OF PHARMACY.

During the past two years we have

been making arrangements for the registration of pharmacists as registered pharmacists and assistants have been examined by the state board of pharmacists in reviewing its work, this board reports a marked improvement

in the spirit of conservatism and fairness in both individual and corporate interests, such as has characterized the past history of the state, and which will make for the public good.

For the statement of this end, I recommend the formation of a state commission to be composed of citizens weighty in importance. The commission should be granted with ample power to make investigations and recommendations to the public welfare in this regard. Such a commission should be entirely separate from all of the people upon all of the subjects with which it deals, and the law be sufficiently broad to include every public utility operating within the state. The present adjustment upon an equitable and inexpensive basis of the many different and varied forms of business in this class of business should be provided for in creating a commission of this character, which thus would be sufficient to give every interest involved in fair play in the creation of a public service commission should not be longer delayed.

Gas on the Stomach

The Experience of a Minneapolis Woman in Finding a Remedy for Indigestion.

Is Not Necessary to Accept It as Hopeless Since There Are Many Well Authenticated Cures.

Death Comes to Him Suddenly At Ogden Hot Springs.

HEART FAILURE THE CAUSE

Was in Apparent Good Health a Short Time Before the Final Summons Called Him Beyond.

The news that reached this city yesterday of the death of Hon. Lorin Farr occasioned much surprise and sorrow and was the more regrettable from the fact that the end of his remarkable career bordered on the tragic. Shortly after 4 o'clock the body was found in about four feet of water, at Hot Springs, a few miles north of Ogden, where he had gone for a bath. Half an hour before he was apparently in usual good health, in fact expressed himself to effect in a conversation with friends. It is supposed that he was stricken with heart failure, and expired in the water without being able to cry for help.

Mr. Farr was perhaps as well known throughout the state as any man in Utah and he was loved and respected by a degree enjoyed by few. His figure was almost as familiar on the streets of this city as in his home city, Ogden; and his personality and genial manner would attract the attention of even the casual passerby. Only three or four days ago he was seen here, and walked with elastic step and erect form, despite his nearly 89 years.

Mr. Farr performed the marriage ceremony which united him to Nancy B. Chase at Nauvoo in 1845. With the pioneers of 1847 he made his way with his people to the west. When the "move" of a decade later became necessary, he led the people of Ogden on the southern exodus, and was first of all those who went south to break camp and return to the deserted home.

In 1856 a serious accident came necessitating the life of Elder J. W. Wilder, a member of the Weber Stake.

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In his death the people of the whole Church will mourn the passing of a sturdy worker for a cause whose advancement has always been his chief concern, and in whose life there has ever been present the qualities of de-

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PIONEER ACTIVITIES.

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