

iron age. Iron in these days is being used for a thousand articles which twenty years ago were made of wood or stone, and the preference for iron for various purposes is on the increase. California and Nevada on the west of us do not seem to have the facilities for the production of iron, and while they now get their supplies from the east, this of course could then be intercepted by the Utah product. If the people of Salt Lake City can afford to give \$100,000 to secure a copper plant, it may be asked what can the Territory do toward the erection of iron works? Let the people organize in some shape to bring about this much-needed industry or offer a bonus that would draw the attention of outside capitalists.

Nevertheless, bonus is a thing to be avoided as much as possible from the fact that it does not guarantee the success of an enterprise and the money thus raised may be used for experimenting only.

Parties asking a bonus should be responsible for mistakes on their own part either from point of mismanagement or the overrating of facilities. The people in this thing are not supposed to be the experimenting party, but if the bonus be paid over too soon his may be the case. W. D. W.

### THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The city school board met in regular weekly session last night, President Nelson occupying the chair. The members were all present except Mr. Dooley. The matters disposed of were as follows:

Rudolf Buttkofer and Fred Seals asked for positions as Janitors. Committee on furniture and supplies.

P. P. Johnson asked to be employed as engineer at one of the new buildings. Committee on furniture and supplies.

H. B. Windsor & company, insurance agents, Sprague & Sharp, also insurance agents, asked that at the next insurance distribution they be kindly remembered by the board. Committee on sites and buildings.

The committee on teachers and school work recommended that they be granted authority to purchase fifty dozen blackboard erasers and 500 copies of Barnes' complete geography (provided the books so ordered contain the manuscript furnished by the board; that Mrs. Susie Root be employed for the balance of the year at \$100 per month to teach physical culture to teachers and supervise their work; that their action in instructing Superintendent Millsbaugh to purchase slate pencils be approved. Adopted.

The committee on finance reported adversely on the claim of Building Inspector Hamlin for \$126.30 for the inspection of school buildings. Adopted.

The clerk of the board was instructed for a sidewalk along Second South street from Fifth West street west.

Besides disposing of a number of other matters of minor importance the following appropriations were made:

Mason & Co., lumber.....	\$ 16 32
James Spencer - Bateman Co., smokestack for Jackson school.....	230 20
Odell & Son, plastering room at H. S.....	6 50
James Spencer-Bateman Co., smokestack for Washington school.....	249 87
J. H. Hamlin, graining entrance doors at Lincoln school.....	21 00
Fesler & Doran, plastering partitions at rented house on Sixth street.....	10 00

R. Kletting, architect, architectural services at Washington school.....	250 00
R. Kletting, architect, architectural services at Lowell school.....	415 08
Z. C. M. L., for window shades to fit up Lowell school.....	171 45
Mason & Co., for 52 tables for use in public schools.....	97 00
R. L. Conely, for plating addition and subdivision, Sixty-sixth district.....	10 00
Elroy Schuler, material and labor making tables.....	51 00
Anna Robins, compiling reports for superintendent, five months.....	50 00
George Q. Cannon & Sons, team Royal Kenilworth paper.....	4 80
Tribune Printing Co., advertising.....	10 00
E. C. Coffin Hardware Co., house numbers and thermometers.....	34 15
Salt Lake Lithographing Co., treasurer's warrants.....	30 50
Miss E. McPherson, services as teacher at Sixty-sixth district.....	175 00
Carrie A. Morgan, services as teacher at Sixty-sixth district.....	105 00
Alex Colquhoun, rent of building Sixty-sixth district.....	30 00
Carrie A. Morgan, services as teacher at Sixty-sixth district.....	45 00
O. H. Weeks, taking census Sixty-sixth district.....	9 00
Fanny Perkins, services as teacher at Sixty-sixth district.....	175 00
George A. Burgon, services as trustee at Sixty-sixth district.....	50 00
Samuel J. Paul, services at Sixty-sixth district, also insurance.....	56 92
Midgley & Sons Co., heating and ventilating Lowell school.....	2267 73
Total.....	\$4571 52

### MORTUARY REPORT.

The monthly mortuary report for January has just been received from the health office. It sets forth that during that month there were sixty-three deaths in this city, the proportion being estimated at 70,000, rate per 1000, 10.80. Birth 56. The causes of death are classified as follows:

Zymotic diseases.....	12
Constitutional diseases.....	5
Local diseases.....	31
Developmental diseases.....	11
Death by violence.....	4
Zymotic Diseases—	
Alcoholism.....	2
Croup (membranous).....	3
Diphtheria.....	3
Pyæmia.....	1
Scarlet fever.....	3
Constitutional Diseases—	
Cancer.....	1
Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	3
Rheumatism.....	1
Local Diseases—	
Apoplexy.....	1
Bright's disease.....	2
Bronchitis.....	1
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	3
Convulsions (infantile).....	4
Disease of heart.....	5
Disease of liver.....	1
Epilepsy.....	1
Intestinal hemorrhage.....	1
Intestinal Ulceration.....	1
Infantile disease.....	1
Paralysis.....	1
Pneumonia.....	9
Development Diseases—	
Exhaustion.....	1
Infantile asthenia.....	5
Marasmus and inanition.....	1
Old age.....	3
Purpura.....	1
Deaths by Violence—	
Accidental.....	2
Suicide.....	2

### DEATHS CLASSIFIED BY NATIVITY.

Nativity.	Male.	Female.	Total
Utah.....	16	15	31
Other parts of the U. S.....	9	1	10
Canada.....	1		1
Denmark.....		1	1
England.....	2	4	6
Germany.....		1	1
Ireland.....	2		2
Not given.....	3		3
Russia.....	1		1
Scotland.....	1		1
Sweden.....	1	2	3
Switzerland.....	2		2
Wales, South.....		1	1
Total.....	38	25	63

### DEATHS REPORTED AS OCCURRING IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Holy Cross hospital (Eleventh ward), 5; St. Mark's hospital (Twelfth ward), 1; Deseret hospital (Seventeenth ward), 1; Total, 7. Deaths—Physicians in attendance, 51; midwives in attendance, 2; no attendance reported, 5; coroner's certificates furnished, 5. Total, 63. Residents (one year and over), 54; non-residents (under one year), 7; unknown 2. Total, 63. Still born (not included in death rate)—Males, 6; females, 2. Total, 8. Received for interment from points outside city limits—Males, 3; females, 1. Total, 4. Marriage licenses issued (taken from county records), 49.

### THAT RATE CONFERENCE.

For many days last October a secret conference was carried on in the Knutsford Hotel of this city. The people of the city and Territory represented by Salt Lake business men formed one side of the great gathering, the railway kings of the country the other. The question that brought them together was an important one. It was nothing more nor less than that of unjust discrimination in the matter of Utah railway freight rates.

The affair terminated in a compromise. The public hoped that the settlement would be a just and a satisfactory one, but had no opportunity to judge for themselves until recently. Now that the new schedule of rates has gone into effect, patrons of the railway discover that in some instances the "compromise" has worked a hardship on them they never experienced nor dreamed of during the time they were being discriminated against and from which they sought relief.

In support of this statement the following is given for consideration by the public: A carload of glass weighing 37,800 pounds was recently received in this city. The old rate from the Missouri river to Salt Lake was \$1.25 per hundred, but under the compromise this rate was reduced to \$1.00 per hundred. The manipulation in the reduction was a most clever one, as the railways now receive a greater compensation than before. Under the old schedule common window glass came in sizes as large as 50x74 inches, but the railway companies made the rate so that external measurements of eighty-six united inches only could be benefited, or, say, glass measuring 50x36 inches. All shipments in the car over these sizes are labeled at \$3.05 per 100 pounds. The result is that on the shipment in question the consignee paid \$65.65 more than he was compelled to under the old exorbitant rate. He says that when he called the attention of the railway people to this fact he was answered as follows:

"Well, you fellows asked for an amended schedule, didn't you?"

"Yes, we did."

"Well, you've got it, haven't you?"

Now this gentleman takes the stand that the citizens' committees should not have yielded to a compromise, but that it should have dictated the terms and thus saved millions of money for Utah yearly.

A SINGLE room 24 feet square and 24 feet high would hold all the gold in the world. If the yellow metal were treated with as much unfriendliness as the white, the government would never rest till it had the whole supply snugly fastened in that room.