

committee on territories, at the last session, now says that he will do nothing more against them than to cast his own vote, and Senator Perkins, whose influence was actively against the admission of Utah at the last session, is now earnestly working for its admission. If parties and politics did not enter the question it would be perfectly safe to predict that four more states would be added to the Union before the 4th of March. It is nothing but politics that makes the outcome doubtful. A member of the Senate committee said: "If any get in all will get in. My own impression is that an omnibus bill including them all will be put through." The Republican senators expect to caucus on the question this week.

The Canadian railroads are apparently more interested in the bill introduced by Representative Johnson, of Ohio, requiring those roads which cross any portion of the United States to secure licenses from the inter-state commerce commission, and to file a bond agreeing to obey the orders of the commission and to produce any evidence that may at any time be required, than in the Presidential message on the subject now daily expected. The Grand Trunk and Canada Pacific roads are opposing the bill, through counsel, while competing American roads are advocating its passage.

Senator Stewart, who refused to go into a Republican caucus held Saturday night to consider the Sherman bill to repeal the law for the purchase of silver, says he has made a careful canvass of the Senate and that it will be impossible to pass the bill. He says that some of the Democratic senators who voted for free coinage last session may be induced by Mr. Cleveland's influence to support the bill, but that he has positive assurances from every Republican senator who voted for free coinage last year that they will vote against it, and also from Senators Carey, Warren and Hansbrough, who voted against free coinage last year, and that half a dozen other Republicans who are opposed to free coinage will vote against the bill, because they are opposed to any legislation on the subject at this session. The fact that the Republican caucus made no attempt to compel the members of that party to vote for the bill seems to bear out the correctness of Senator Stewart's statement.

BOX ELDER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Box Elder Stake of Zion was held in the Brigham City tabernacle, January 22nd and 23rd, 1893.

There were present on the stand the Presidency of the Stake, the High Council, a good representation of the Bishops of the various wards, and Elders Goulden Kimball, Harry Mathews and Deansmore Duncan, as visitors.

The time of the two meetings held on Sunday, January 22nd, was taken up by several of the Bishops, who reported the condition of their various wards, and by Prof. Angus M. Vance, who spoke of the temptations coming into our midst to lead away our young people. The young should be made to realize what talents are planted in them by proper instruction and train-

ing. To obtain the best results, theology should be taught together with the other branches of education.

Acting Superintendent Peter Baird reported the Sunday schools of the Stake as being in a good condition. The children are well cared for and are making good progress.

Elder Goulden Kimball said our young people are confronted with temptations now that have never been known before. They will get their knowledge just as every child of God gets it, and will not obtain knowledge and salvation through the labors of their parents.

On Monday, January 23rd, two well attended meetings were held.

Bishop Abraham Zundell reported the Willard ward as being in a good condition, also spoke of the mercies we should extend to each other. If we will not forgive or brethren we can not expect the Lord to forgive us.

Elders Duncan and Mathews said they were called to labor in the interest of mutual improvement in Box Elder and Weber Stakes. Gave some excellent instructions to the young people regarding the responsibilities resting upon them.

President Rudger Clawson reported that the presidency of the Stake had visited all the wards in the Stake since our last quarterly conference and found a good feeling existing throughout the Stake. There are but few difficulties to be settled by the High Council or by Bishops' courts. Advised the people to pay their tithes and their offerings and to live holy lives preparatory to their entering the Salt Lake Temple in April next.

After the opening of the afternoon services were taken up principally by the remarks of Elders Samuel Smith and Charles Kelly, both of whom gave fatherly counsel and instructions well adapted to all present.

Elder Goulden Kimball occupied thirty minutes in a very logical and pleasing manner. Said we were left to do as we pleased, and if we made any mistakes we must pay for it ourselves. Advised the Saints to live Godlike lives, that we may not fall short of that salvation which has been promised to the faithful.

After the choir had sung an anthem and benediction pronounced, the people dispersed, feeling they had been well paid for meeting together.

NIELS JENSON, Clerk.

BRIGHAM CITY, Jan. 23, 1893.

THE TERRITORY'S FINANCES.

Territorial Auditor Pratt and Territorial Treasurer Barnett have filed the reports of their offices for the last year with Governor Thomas. As they are of interest to the public they are here with presented:

Auditor's Report.

OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AUDITOR.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 31, 1892.

Hon. Arthur L. Thomas, Governor Utah Territory:

Dear Sir:—In accordance with the requirements of the Territorial law, I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of this department from December 31st, 1891, to December 31st, 1892.

First—The following is a statement of the total assessed value of property in the several counties of the Territory of Utah

for the year 1892, and the revenue arising therefrom at the rate of five mills on the dollar.

Counties.	Value of Property Assessed	Amt. of Terr. and Dis. School Tax.
Box Elder.....	\$1,087,770 00	\$20,189 85
Beaver.....	1,175,590 00	5,877 06
Cache.....	8,888,888 00	31,919 18
Davis.....	8,888,730 00	17,943 95
Emery.....	1,856,089 00	9,253 41
Garfield.....	866,820 00	2,913 13
Grand.....	808,880 00	4,529 40
Iron.....	766,416 00	3,832 08
Juab.....	2,819,244 00	11,596 72
Kane.....	853,888 00	4,918 91
Morgan.....	777,754 00	3,878 77
Millard.....	1,243,888 00	6,219 04
Plute.....	265,624 00	1,328 13
Rich.....	789,424 00	3,997 12
Salt Lake.....	51,838,772 00	234,681 86
Summit.....	4,070,416 00	20,362 08
Sanpete.....	4,434,270 00	22,171 35
Sevier.....	1,441,056 00	7,220 28
San Juan.....	838,544 00	1,903 72
Tooele.....	1,730,670 00	8,633 35
Utah.....	10,830,246 00	50,151 28
Uintah.....	568,624 00	2,843 12
Weber.....	17,420,904 00	87,104 52
Wasatch.....	1,148,430 00	6,742 15
Washington.....	930,882 00	4,634 41
Wayne.....	288,750 00	1,429 75
Total.....	\$110,353,098 00	\$596,793 49

Total amount of Territorial and District School tax due from counties December 31, 1892:

Box Elder.....	\$ 8,693 50
Beaver.....	1,270 00
Cache.....	21,919 18
Davis.....	11,084 97
Emery.....	1,932 97
Garfield.....	483 27
Grand.....	661 93
Iron.....	1,127 08
Juab.....	2,116 92
Kane.....	4,143 79
Morgan.....	1,587 17
Millard.....	1,905 80
Plute.....	460 17
Rich.....	787 70
Salt Lake.....	105,148 47
Summit.....	11,412 60
Sanpete.....	10,171 37
Sevier.....	2,788 69
San Juan.....	1,992 72
Tooele.....	2,633 35
Utah.....	12,349 08
Uintah.....	500 89
Weber.....	32,104 52
Wasatch.....	531 88
Washington.....	4,988 41
Wayne.....	568 75
Total.....	\$ 239,147 27

The above counties will be credited the compensation of assessors and collectors, and rebates allowed them by the county courts, which I estimate for the year 1892 to be about \$46,790.49.

FIRST APPORTIONMENT TERRITORIAL DISTRICT SCHOOL FUND.

Counties and Cities.	School Population.	Appor-tion-ment.
Beaver.....	1,114	\$ 8,798 74
Box Elder.....	2,585	8,818 95
Cache.....	7,798	19,764 36
Davis.....	2,428	8,279 43
Emery.....	1,992	6,792 72
Garfield.....	1,024	3,491 84
Grand.....	128	439 89
Iron.....	945	3,222 45
Juab.....	1,643	5,602 63
Kane.....	662	2,257 42
Millard.....	1,422	4,849 02
Morgan.....	628	2,141 48
Plute.....	494	1,684 54
Rich.....	612	2,083 93
Salt Lake (outside city).....	5,763	18,051 92
Salt Lake City.....	10,681	30,978 91
San Juan.....	114	383 74
Sanpete.....	4,711	16,064 57
Sevier.....	2,409	8,214 69
Summit.....	2,576	8,784 16
Tooele.....	1,370	4,330 70
Uintah.....	1,386	4,444 26
Utah (outside of Provo City).....	7,101	21,214 41
Provo City.....	1,898	6,163 83
Wasatch.....	1,363	4,664 88
Washington.....	1,107	4,797 87
Wayne.....	625	2,131 25
Weber (outside Ogden City).....	2,984	10,175 44
Ogden City.....	4,001	13,643 41
Total.....	69,358	\$236,510 78

The above is the first apportionment of Territorial school money for the year 1892, as made and reported to me by the Hon. Jacob S. Boreman, com-