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The Board of Regents met at their Office in Morrill Hall at two o'clock P.M. Monday, January 2, 1911. Present: Regents Henderson, Williams, Sullivan and Codd, and President Stubbs; also the new members of the Board, Dr. H. E. Reid and J. W. O'Brien. Absent: Regent Sutherland.

The minutes of the meeting held November 25, 1910 were read and, upon motion, approved.

The President of the University read his report as follows:

To the Honorable
The Board of Regents
of the University of Nevada

Gentlemen:

This report will do for both the old Board and the new Board of Regents.

The Report of the President to the Regents and the Regents to the Governor was finished, and was sent on the 28th of December to the Governor at Carson City, and at the same time a copy was sent to the State Printer.

On the 24th ultimo I met Governor-elect Oddie at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco and went over with him our budget as contained in the Regents' Report to the Governor, explained to him the budget, which the Regents had approved at their meeting on the 25th of November, 1910. The Governor expressed himself in this wise: That he wanted to give the University every dollar that it needed to continue the progressive policy that had marked the University for some years.

On the evening of the 27th of December, Mrs. Stubbs and I had the Governor's Private Secretary, Mr. Charles A. Norcross and his wife to dinner. After dinner I went over the budget with

Mr. Norcross, which I had suggested to the Governor would be a good plan, and which he had approved. On the 29th of December I sent to Mr. Norcross a copy of the Regents' Report to the Governor and the President's Report to the Board of Regents.

On Saturday evening, December 31st, I had a number of the members elect of the coming Legislature take dinner at my house, along with the members of the Board of Regents who could be present, and went over with them our budget with a view to informing them in advance of what we desired and securing their active cooperation.

Fuel Oil

At the Regents meeting held September 24, 1910, I presented two bids to supply fuel oil. Both of these bids (one from the Reno Fuel Oil Company and the other from the Ridenour Fuel Company, Mr. J. I. Allenbaugh, Manager) were exactly the same - 4 1/2 cents per gallon. The President was authorized to purchase fuel oil for this year from Mr. Allenbaugh at the rate of 4 1/2 cents per gallon. A week or two after this, oil unexpectedly tumbled in price on account of the unexpectedly large supply from the wells, and could be bought in Reno for 4 cents a gallon.

The Reno Fuel and Oil Company sent me a letter saying that they would agree to supply the oil for the rest of this year at 4 cents a gallon. I mentioned to Mr. Allenbaugh the reduced rate at which oil was offered to us, but he was not willing to make a change in the price and he has charged us 4 1/2 cents per gallon up to the present time. I wrote the following letter to him:

December 22, 1910

Ridenour Fuel Company
Mr. J. I. Allenbaugh, Manager
Reno

My Dear Sir:

In noticing your bills for oil for the University, I perceive that you have charged 4 1/2 cents a gallon. When the Regents gave you the privilege of furnishing us oil this year both you and your Reno competitor bid 4 1/2 cents a gallon. Shortly after that oil took a tumble on account of the overproduction. The University will pay 4 1/2 cents a gallon up to and including December 31, 1910, but from January 1, 1911 on, I would request you to furnish the oil at 4 cents a

gallon.

kindly let me know at once if this will be agreeable to you,
and believe me,

Yours sincerely,

J. E. Stubbs, President

I had no written contract with him. It seemed to me but fair, as a citizen of Reno, that he should give us the advantage of this reduction in price. I now submit to you the question of buying the oil from the first of January at 4 cents, or less, a gallon, as I can make a contract - to give him the first opportunity for furnishing it at that price, and if he is unwilling to do it, to give it to the Reno Fuel Oil Company.

Instructor in History

I recommend the appointment of Miss Nellie Godbolt as Assistant in History at a salary of \$400 for the months of January, February, March, April and May, or \$80 per month. She is very highly recommended by Professors of the University of California, where she has been a student. She has made History her major subject for 4 1/2 years. She passed the teachers' test as one of the two highest in the class and she has had experience in teaching.

Visit to Southeastern Nevada

I left on the 10th of December for a trip through southeastern Nevada. I visited Goldfield; Las Vegas, where I made an address; Caliente; Panaca, where I remained one day examining the county high school and made an address in the evening to a large audience; Pioche; and then on returning spent one day in Las Vegas schools, where I was joined by Regent Williams; and returned home on Sunday night, December 18th. While on this trip I looked into the matter of selecting a man for Deputy Superintendent for the 5th District. I advised that we transfer Mr. J. G. Mc Kay from Goldfield to Las Vegas to acquire citizenship, and appoint him to the place. He is a trained educator and I am convinced will give that district most excellent service.

The State Historical Society

I beg leave to submit herewith a copy of the letter which I addressed to Miss Wier on December 21st, and her reply to it under date of December 24th.

Lincoln Day Address

I have invited and have the acceptance of, Samuel W. Belford to deliver the address commemorative of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on Saturday, the 11th day of February. We have planned exercises for that day which will include an address by Governor Tasker L. Oddie, as well as that by Samuel W. Belford. At that time we expect the pleasure of entertaining the members of the Legislature and attaches, and the State Officers at the University to listen to those addresses. We will probably provide a luncheon for the members of the Legislature, so that they will have ample time to inspect the buildings and grounds of the University.

Letter from E. W. Allen

I have this morning received a letter from the Assistant Director of the Office of Experiment Stations. I sent to Dr. True, the Director, a copy of our report. In the absence of Dr. True, Mr. Allen has answered it. I will read you the letter.

Legislative Committee

I would suggest that the incoming Board of Regents, together with Dr. Sullivan, be constituted a Committee to look after our bills and general appropriations in the Legislature. There are 3 members of the incoming Board who reside in Reno and Sparks, who can look after matters very carefully. Also one of our members has been a member of the Legislature and knows how things are done in that body. I submit as a part of this report a letter to the Joint Committee of Ways and Means of the Senate and Assembly to be signed, if you see proper. This letter suggests to the Joint Ways and Means Committee the appropriation for the needs of the University amounting to \$158,502.70; building a dam, \$5,000.00; for permanent improvement, \$10,000.00; for the College of Education, \$24,000.00; for maintaining a greenhouse, \$3,000.00; for the support of the Experiment Station and the Mt. Rose Weather Observatory, \$5,000.00; for the support of the State Hygienic Laboratory, \$10,000.00; for the support of Pure Food and Drug Control, \$12,000.00; for the support of the Elko County Dry Farm, \$10,000.00.

In addition, I herewith submit bills which I have prepared for the different buildings and the farm which we have asked for. These bills are as follows:

1. An Act to provide for the erection of a Biological building

at the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada - \$70,000. It has been suggested that we give this bill to Dr. Ascher and let him introduce it immediately upon the convening of the Legislature in the Senate.

2. An Act to provide for the erection and equipment of an Electrical building at the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, appropriating \$40,000, \$25,000 for the building and \$15,000 for equipment. This bill should be presented in the House at the beginning of the session.
3. An Act to provide for the purchase and equipment of a University Farm - \$5,000.

Assemblyman Mark G. Bradshaw of Nye County wants to introduce the bill providing for the purchase of the President's House in the sum of \$9,439.05. He thinks that the bill will go through the Assembly at this session. If the Regents favor it, I will present this bill. I should say that \$1,550.00 of these various small claims will be given to the University for a loaning fund to students.

Hartung Estate

I have been informed that the Odd Fellows cannot and will not comply with the conditions which Mr. Hartung as preliminary to the conveyance of his Estate, or the interest of it, to the I. O. O. F. and it is probable that we can get the Supreme Lodge of the I. O. O. F. to take official action that they will not accept the gift under the provisions which the late Mr. Hartung made. It is probably also that the School District of Reno will refuse to comply with the conditions, and they may take such action as will release the Estate and permit it to revert to the University under the conditions of the will. This is, of course, a confidential matter which I propose to look into and see just what can be done. I urged Mr. Hartung originally to make this bequest direct to the University, but his mind was fixed on making the present will and nothing that I could say or do would change it.

Russell Estate

I have asked Mr. Charles Lewers of Henderson and Lewers to look into the adjustment of the Russell Estate as soon as he could. I understand that the claimants as heirs have withdrawn their suit and that it remains simply to be adjusted. The University of Nevada will get a certain portion of the interest or income each year, which is to be placed to the benefit of poor students.

Payrolls for January

I have left word for Professor Lewers, Vice President of the University, to announce that no salaries or claims would be paid until from the 15th to the 20th of February. I expect now to return home by the 6th of February, in case my plans carry all right, and I want a little time to adjust matters in the office after my return.

Letter from Chief Webster

This morning I received the following letter from Chief Webster:

Dr. J. E. Stubbs
President N. S. U., Reno

Dear Sir:

You are respectfully notified to equip Morrill Hall, Stewart Hall, Hatch Hall and Lincoln Hall with approved fire escapes as soon as possible. City Ordinance No. 124 requires that the above named buildings be so equipped.

Yours truly,

W. W. Webster,
Chief R. F. D.

I replied to this letter as follows:

W. W. Webster, Chief
Reno Fire Department, Reno

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter in regard to equipping Morrill Hall, Stewart Hall, Hatch Hall and Lincoln Hall with fire escapes. As soon as the Legislature makes our appropriation we will see that the fire escapes are put on as required by Ordinance No. 124.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Stubbs
President

Advertising Board

I thought it might be a good step to erect an advertising board on the right of way of the Southern Pacific Company setting forth briefly the advantages of Reno as an educational center. There are hundreds of people going through every day, east and west, that would be attracted by an advertisement of this kind. I submit now in a general way what we propose to do for your approval, or disapproval.

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. Stubbs,
President

Upon motion of Regent Henderson, seconded by Regent Sullivan, the appointment of Miss Nellie Godbolt by the President of the University as Assistant Teacher in History at a salary of \$400 for the months of January, February, March, April and May, or \$80 per month was approved.

Upon motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, the President was authorized to have sufficient copies of the letter of Dr. E. W. Allen printed to supply the members of the Nevada Legislature.

Upon motion of Henderson, seconded by Williams, the incoming Board, including Dr. Sullivan, was appointed a Legislative Committee to attend to all Legislative matters relating to the University.

Upon motion to Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Regent Henderson, the President of the University was authorized to place or erect an advertising board on the right of way of the Southern Pacific Company west of the depot setting forth the advantages of Reno as an educational center.

Regent Williams moved and was seconded by Regent Henderson, that the Secretary of the Board of Regents be authorized and directed to have published a letter in the Gazette and Journal denying the published reports regarding Professor Thurtell being paid a salary from the University since September 1, 1905, the date of the beginning of his leave of absence from the University.

The following letter was prepared and published in the two Reno dailies on January 5, 1911:

At the meeting of the Board of Regents, held January 2,

1911, I was instructed to have published in the Gazette and Journal, a denial of the articles published in the Gazette at various times with reference to Professor Henry Thurtell receiving a salary from the University while holding another State Office.

Professor Thurtell was granted a leave of absence from the University by the Regents from September 1, 1905 to September 1, 1907, without salary. From September 1, 1905 to the present time no compensation whatever has been paid to him by the University.

Professor Thurtell, during the years 1908 and 1909, did such teaching at the University as his duties of Railroad Commissioner permitted, but for this service he has never asked or received any compensation whatever.

Yours very truly,

George H. Taylor,
Secretary of the Board of Regents
of the University of Nevada

Upon motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Regent Henderson, there being no further business, the Board adjourned sine die.

The new Board of Regents met at four o'clock P.M., January 2, 1911, at their Office in Morrill Hall. Present: A. A. Codd, Frank Williams, Charles B. Henderson, Dr. H. E. Reid, and J. W. O'Brien, also President Stubbs.

Upon motion of Regent Henderson, seconded by Regent Williams, A. A. Codd was elected Chairman of the Board.

Upon motion of Williams, seconded by Henderson, George H. Taylor was elected Secretary of the Board.

After some discussion the Board took a recess to eight o'clock P.M. January 2, 1911.

The Regents of the University of Nevada met at Room 9, Gazette Publishing Company building, at 8 o'clock P.M. January 2, 1911. Present: Regents Codd, Reid, Williams and O'Brien. Absent: Regent Henderson and President Stubbs.

Representing the Nevada Historical Society were Miss Jeanne E. Wier, Dr. Hershiser and Senator A. W. Holmes.

The object of the meeting was for the purpose of discussing the Nevada Historical Society, its building and management. After a lengthy discussion, Regent Williams offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Regent Reid and carried, all members present voting yes.

RESOLVED,

- (1) That we, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, recommend that a piece of ground between Stewart Hall and the Chemistry building, of sufficient size for a Historical Society building, be leased for a period of ten years, with an assurance of successive renewals, to the Nevada Historical Society.
- (2) That any building erected thereon shall be the property of the said Nevada Historical Society.
- (3) That two members of the Board of Regents, through virtue of their election as such, become ex-officio members of the Executive Council of the Nevada Historical Society.
- (4) That, as a condition to successive renewals of the above mentioned lease, the building shall be used exclusively for Nevada Historical Society purposes, and that no changes be made at any future time on the exterior of said building without the consent of the Regents at an authorized meeting of the Board of Regents; and, further, that a specified portion of the building be reserved for the use of the University for Library purposes until such time when a new Library building be provided for the University Library.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

A. A. Codd
Chairman

Geo. H. Taylor
Secretary