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The Board of Regents met at the call of the President at the Office of the Governor. Present: H. G. Blasdel, C. N. Noteware and A. N. Fisher.

A communication from the Hon. J. S. Wilson, Commissioner of General Land Office at Washington, transmitting to the Governor certified copy of List No. 1 of Lands Selected as Indemnity of School Section Sixteen and notifying of approval of said selection by the Secretary of the Interior, was received and ordered on file (see file "N").

A communication from the State Register under date December 28, 1867, concerning lands situated near the base of the Sierras

on the Truckee River included within what is known as the United States Timber Reserve, was read, ordered on file (see file "O"), and selection of the even sections of said Timber Reserve was ordered in part satisfaction of such Grant or Grants as may be determined by the State Register, title of Grant and number of acres so selected to be reported to this Board as soon as ascertained.

A communication from the same under date February 1, 1868, requesting selection on application of John Munson was read, ordered on file (see file "P"), and selection ordered under such Grant as may be determined by the Register, information to be reported as provided in preceding selection.

A communication from the same under same date, requesting selection on application of Joseph French, was read, ordered on file (see file "Q"), and request denied, lands applied for being double minimum lands and amount deposited being only at the rate of \$1.25 per acre.

A communication from the same under date February 14, 1868, concerning Township Plots for use in his Office, was read, ordered on file (see file "R"), and request referred to the President of the Board with instructions to confer and report.

A letter from Britton & Gray, Attorneys of the Board, under date Washington, D. C., November 27, 1867, was read and ordered on file (see file B & G - One).

Concerning conflict of State's application with preemption claims A. G. A. Allen recited in said letter, on motion the State Register was instructed to procure abandonment of claim by said Allen, or failing therein, to submit to local United States Land Office proof of abandonment of claim by said Allen.

Concerning List No. 3 named in said letter, the Register was instructed to ascertain why said list has not been forwarded and report to this Board.

With reference to List No. 4 and the best mode of curing objections of General Land Office to selections within C. P. R. R. reservation, it was voted that we concur in the opinion expressed in said letter as to the desirability of an Act of Congress accommodating of present law controlling selections.

Concerning the statement of said letter as to action of the C. P. R. R. Agent at Washington looking toward withdrawal of lands from selection in their favor, thereby preventing selection

on the part of the State, the Secretary stated that upon receiving said letter, deeming the interests of the State prejudiced by such withdrawal upon conferences with member Noteware, member Blasdel being absent from town, it was thought advisable to instruct Messrs. Britton & Gray by telegraph to file counter-plated caveat, whereupon, on motion, this action was endorsed by the Board.

A letter from Britton & Gray under date December 13, 1867, was read and ordered on file (see file B & G - Two). Also from same, letter under date January 3, 1868 (see file B & G - Three).

On motion, the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, it is decreed highly necessary that Congress pass such Act, or Acts, as will permit this State to select, in satisfaction, or PRO TANTO satisfaction, of Grants of land heretofore made to this State by the United States, these lying within the limits of the Pacific Railroad reservation (in this State) contained in the even sections (excluding the 16th and 36th); that said State should have an extension of the time in which to select lands in satisfaction of the Capital and State Prison Building Grants, of twenty (20)

sections, each under the Act of March 21, 1864; that this State should have the privilege of selection, in part satisfaction of said Grants, lands known as "The Upper Timber Reserve" on the Truckee River; and

WHEREAS, this State should have the privilege of disposing of its lands, after selection, to those not actually settled upon or in possession thereof, therefore,

RESOLVED, by the Board of Regents of the State of Nevada, that A. N. Fisher be, and is hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington City and represent this Board before any Committee of either branch of Congress or Department of State with a view to securing the above specified legislation.

On motion adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

H. G. Blasdel

President

A. N. Fisher

Secretary