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The Board of Regents met at their Office in the University on Saturday, January 30, 1909, at 9 o'clock A.M. There were present Regents Sunderland, Williams and Codd and President Stubbs. Absent Regent Henderson and Regent Sullivan.

The minutes of January 5, 1909 were read and approved.

President Stubbs then read his report as follows:

To the Honorable the Board of Regents

of the University of Nevada

Reno, Nevada

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report for the month ending January 30, 1909.

The first semester of this year closes today and the second semester begin on Monday, February 1st. The first two days, Monday and Tuesday, are given over to examinations and registration, and lectures and recitations begin on Wednesday, February 3rd.

I have submitted three bills to the Legislature. They are numbered Assembly Bills 29, 30 and 31 and were presented by the Washoe County Delegation. These are the bills mentioned in my report calling for \$35,000 for the building and equipment of a Biological building, \$25,000 for building and furnishing an annex to Manzanita Hall, and \$2,290 for the purchase of additional land on the east side of the Campus. The bill for the President's House was dealt with in the following manner:

I met the Joint Committee of the House and the Senate on Ways and Means on last Tuesday. I explained the conditions under which the house was built and under which it was held. I said further that I did not wish to present the bill unless I was

assured beforehand that the bill would pass, inasmuch as the bill had failed of passage three times, although it had been recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means. The Joint Committee said that when the bill came into their hands they would report it favorably with the recommendation that it be passed. I then gave the bill to Mr. Dodge in the Assembly with the request that he make a poll of the House, and made the same request of Senator Holmes with regard to the Senate. If it appears from this poll that they will pass the bill, I have told Mr. Dodge to submit the bill which I have left with him.

I recommend to the Regents the presentation of the following bill, which is not given in my report for the reason that we did not know that it was needed, asking for an appropriation of \$4,500 for putting in the heating pipes, water pipes, electric and telephone wires, a five or six inch sewer, and lining the ditch in the rear of the training quarters with a good concrete wall on the west side and a good rubble masonry wall on the east side.

The Nevada State Historical Society is requesting the Legislature for an appropriation of \$30,000 to build the central part of a Library building for that Society. The entire cost of the Library building will be from \$60,000 to \$75,000. Miss Wier will

appear before the Regents at 11 o'clock to ask them if they are willing to deed or lease a tract of the University Campus 175 feet on Ninth Street and 100 feet on Virginia Street to the Historical Society.

I recommend that the Regents of the University go to Carson as their time permits and let the Legislature know the need of our bills and of our general appropriation. The expenses of the trips of the Regents will be paid out of our appropriation. I think it will be well to have Mr. Williams remain until after the 12th of February and Mr. Codd also, if he can spare the time.

On the 12th of February, the University will observe Lincoln's Birthday. I have invited the Assembly and the Senate, their attaches, and the State Officers to attend and the Senate and the Assembly have accepted the invitation by formal resolutions.

In the morning at 10:30 there will be brief addresses, the principal one by Honorable George D. Pyne, President of the Senate, and one other by the Honorable Sam P. Davis, Chairman of the Publicity Committee. There will be music by the Cadet Band and a song by the Girls' Glee Club. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Reverend Charles R. Brown of Oakland will deliver his famous lecture upon Lincoln followed by an address by Honorable Clay Tallman. After luncheon at the Dining Hall,

there will be a few after-dinner speeches by the members of the Legislature. In the evening at 8 o'clock there will be a Military Ball in the Gymnasium to which the members of the Legislature, Attaches, and State Officers are invited. I would like very much to have the members of the Board of Regents present on that day and therefore I have suggested that Mr. Williams does not return home unless business calls him.

On the 8th of February, my uncle, Honorable David G. Gray of Columbus, Ohio, arrives at his 80th birthday and his brothers and sisters and their children are going to assemble there to celebrate his birthday in the proper manner. He is the President of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Wesleyan University and has given freely of his time and of his wealth to that Institution especially. It is insisted by the members of the family that my wife and I be present. I could leave on Wednesday, February 3rd, be present at the celebration on the 8th, and return home by the morning of the 12th of February. Whether I go at the present time depends upon the action of the Board of Regents.

Lately there has been a good deal said, especially in 3 or 4 papers of the State, that the word had gone forth, from whom I do not know, that the President of the University was to be de-

posed by the Board of Regents. One paper has gone so far as to indicate the choice of the President's successor. I am going to read to you the article from the Tonopah Sun and the very scurrilous article from the Carson Appeal.

I beg to say to the Honorable Board of Regents and, through them, to the Legislature and the people of this State, that I stand upon my record, which cannot be equalled by any College President of any Institution in the United States, and further that every achievement in the way of gifts has been gained by thoroughly straightforward and manly policy. The President of this University has not sat around in anterooms seeking interviews with wealthy people and begging them to give to the University -- a matter which has become the reproach of many College Presidents in the United States whose zeal for their College and desire for improvements has outrun their discretion. Two years from next June, I will have finished 25 years as the President of the University of Nevada, and of Baldwin University, Ohio. If, at the end of that time, the Regents and the people of this State should desire a change, I will be ready to further that change in the proper way and to resign the President's Office, provided that the Legislature approves the acceptance of the provisions of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

I have not said anything at all in the Press concerning these 3 or 4 articles that have been published and sent broadcast for the reason that it seemed to me that respect for my Office, the dignity of my position, would not allow me to answer these articles which were a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end.

I herewith submit the payrolls for the State and for the Agricultural and Mechanical College Funds. Also the claims on the Agricultural and Mechanical College Fund, but have acted upon none of the State claims and will not do so until after our appropriation is made.

Since writing my report I have seen the Journal of January 30, referring to Senator Mack's bill creating the Office of a University Auditor. I respectfully ask the Regents to ask the Senate and Assembly to appoint a Committee of three members from each House to investigate all of these and other questions respecting the University, which, at present, seem to be engaging the attention of some of the papers and of some of the Legislators.

Mr. O. F. Heizer has presented to the Mackay School of Mines

a collection of the rocks occurring in the Nevada Hills Mines,  
both surface and underground; and in addition a set of thin  
slides for use with the microscope. This collection will be  
of service to the Department of Geology in its petrographical  
work.

I am,

Very respectfully your obedient  
servant,

/s/ J. E. Stubbs

President

On motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Regent Codd, the  
Regents recommended the appropriation by the Legislature of  
\$4,500 for the purpose of putting in a concrete stone wall in  
the rear of the Training Quarters, heating pipes, electric light  
and telephone wires, water and gas pipes and a sewer from the  
Training Quarters to Ninth Street.

On motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Regent Codd, President  
Stubbs was granted a leave of absence to attend a family reunion  
at Columbus, Ohio, for two weeks from February 2, 1909.



On motion of Regent Codd, seconded by Regent Williams, the following statement to the Press was prepared by the Regents, adopted, and the Chairman of the Board requested to obtain permission of the absent Regents to affix their names to the same:

An Open Letter from the Regents of the  
University of Nevada

To the Public:

Having noticed in the Press throughout the State numerous articles bearing on the changes supposedly anticipated by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada in regard to the Presidency of the University, we take this occasion to state officially that we hereby express our confidence in President J. E. Stubbs and in the work that he is doing.

It is the desire of the Board of Regents, with the cooperation of the Legislature, to carry out the improvements recommended by the Honorary Board of Visitors and outlined in the Report of the Board of Regents to the Governor. In considering the plans for the welfare of the University during the administration of this Board of Regents, we are

glad to say that these are in accord with the recommendation of the Governor, who says, "In recommending ample appropriations I refer more particularly to maintaining a high faculty standing in all Departments."

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John Sunderland, Chairman

J. J. Sullivan

C. B. Henderson

Geo. H. Taylor

A. A. Codd

Secretary

Frank Williams

On motion of Regent Codd, seconded by Regent Sunderland, Regent Williams was requested to be present with the Legislature in the interest of all University appropriations.

On motion of Regent Codd, seconded by Regent Williams, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that it is the sense of the Board of Regents that they deed to the State for the Nevada Historical Society a strip of land midway between Center and Virginia Streets fronting on Ninth, 175 feet long by 125 feet deep,

provided the Legislature passes an act appropriating money  
sufficient to build in part or as a whole a fire-proof  
building for the use of the Historical Society.

Claims were allowed from the several funds as follows:

#### Contingent Fund and Interest Account

January Payroll, Prof. & Instructors	\$2834.36
January Payroll, Students	324.40
A. A. Codd	48.20
Frank Williams	76.70
C. B. Henderson	88.90
J. E. Souchereau	7.95
Total	\$3380.51

#### Mackay School of Mines Instruction Fund

January Payroll, Prof. & Instructors	\$ 450.00
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#### A & M College, Morrill Fund

January Payroll	\$2078.56
Union Lumber Company	2.00

Spencer Lens Company	.80
Bausch & Lomb Optical Company	15.45
Eugene Dietzgen Company	9.14
Ward's Natural Science Establishment	17.74
Mc Graw Publishing Company	7.16
John Wiley & Sons	13.80
Reno Power, Light & Water Company	143.85
Nevada Hardware & Supply Company	107.55
The Kny Scheerer Company	4.18
Flaherty & Bates	5.00
Palace Dry Goods House	1.95
Reno Mill and Lumber Company	16.15
Union Lumber Company	5.30
Nevada Hardware & Supply Company	2.80
Rosenthal and Armanko	1.50
Reno Printing Company	8.75
Total	\$2446.18

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned to meet

March 13, at 9:00 A.M.

John Sunderland

Chairman

Geo. H. Taylor

Secretary