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January 31, 1929

The Regents met in the Office of the President at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, January 31st, all members being present.

The minutes of the meeting of November 30th and of the Committee meeting of December 21st, 1928 were approved, on motion of Judge Brown, seconded by Mr. Wingfield, by the following vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

On motion of Mr. Wingfield, List No. 1, State Claims Nos. 1 to 11, inclusive, for the net sum of \$21,622.29, and List No. 1, Regents Checks, No. 9000 to 9017 inclusive for the net sum of \$45,074.47, were approved by the following vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

Comptroller Gorman read the following letters to the Board:

December 19, 1928

Mr. C. H. Gorman, Comptroller
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Dear Sir:

We take pleasure in forwarding you definitive certificates representing \$60,000 par value of 5% Collateral Trust Bonds

of Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation with the January 1st, 1929 and subsequent coupons attached, these certificates being numbered as follows:

11001/11060 - \$60,000

The above bonds are a part of an issue of \$120,000 par value of bonds in exchange for 1500 shares of the Mackay Companies preferred stock formerly registered in the name of the University of Nevada forwarded by Mr. Walter E. Pratt, Chairman, in a letter dated April 16th, 1928.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of these bonds by signing and returning the attached copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

W. J. Gates
Assistant Treasurer

December 29, 1928

Mr. C. H. Gorman, Comptroller
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Dear Sir:

We take pleasure in forwarding you definitive certificates representing \$60,000 par value of 5% Collateral Trust Bonds of Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation with the January 1st, 1929 and subsequent coupons attached, these certificates being numbered as follows:

11061/11100 - \$40,000

11292/11300 - 9,000

10647/10648 - 2,000

10877/10885 - 9,000

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Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of these bonds by signing and returning the attached copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

W. J. Gates
Assistant Treasurer

Mr. wingfield moved that the Comptroller of the University be authorized and directed to have the "definitive certificates representing \$120,000 par value of 5% Collateral Trust Bonds of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation, these certificates being numbered as follows:

11061/11100 - \$40,000
11292/11300 - 9,000
10647/10648 - 2,000
10877/10885 - 9,000
11001/11060 - 60,000"

registered as to principal and interest in the name of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

It was understood that subsequent securities, capable of registration, should also be registered by the Comptroller.

On motion of Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Wingfield, it was ordered that hereafter all University securities should be placed with the Comptroller of the University as custodian for the Board of Regents, in place of the Chairman of the Board as heretofore. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

Comptroller Gorman read the following letter to the Board:

January 30, 1929

The Honorable Board of Regents
University of Nevada

Gentlemen:

I am handing you herewith Depository Bond of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland in favor of the Board of Regents in the amount of \$35,000, as security for deposit of the Board of Regents in the Reno National Bank.

This amount, \$35,000, represents the average monthly deposit of the Board of Regents in the Reno National Bank for the past year.

Upon approval of this bond will the Board of Regents please authorize the State Treasurer to release to the Reno National Bank the bonds now on deposit with, and held by, the State Treasurer as security for the Board of Regents' deposit in the Reno National Bank?

Very truly yours,

C. H. Gorman
Comptroller

Judge Brown moved that the bond be accepted. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Not Voting |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

President Clark submitted the letters of appreciation from Mr. Smyth, Mrs. True and the D. A. E. Society.

The President recommended the granting of the following 21 indicated degrees and 5 high school diplomas, these having the approval of the University faculty:

Bachelor of Arts

Frances L. Gorman
Mazakazu Hotta
Ellen Harrington
James W. Kouldus
Laddie J. Miller
Robert A. Mitchell
Esther Breeze Oar
Comer Robertson
Wilda Talbot

George F. Wright

Bachelor of Science

Clair Harper

Justus Lawson

John B. Shields

Byron F. Stetler

Josef A. Zaruba

B. S. in Electrical Engineering

John W. Babcock

B. S. in Civil Engineering

M. Herbert Faulkner

B. S. in Mining Engineering

Lawrence E. Fish

Serge M. Glyachenkoff

Santos C. Murillo

Victor Pimental

Teachers' Diploma of High School Grade

Frances L. Gorman

Ellen Harrington

Justus Lawson

Esther Breeze Oar

Byron F. Stetler

Mr. Wingfield moved the adoptions of the President's recommendations. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

President Clark recommended that Colonel J. P. Ryan be elected Professor Emeritus of Military Science and Tactics, effective September 16, 1928 with no salary and with voice but not vote in faculty meetings. Judge Brown moved the acceptance of the President's recommendation. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

President Clark recommended that Colonel Wm. R. Standiford be elected Professor of Military Science and Tactics effective from and after September 16, 1928. Judge Brown moved the acceptance of the President's recommendation. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

On the recommendation of Director Creel, President Clark recommended that Joseph W. Wilson and Orpha A. Miller, Extension Agents, be each given the academic rank of Assistant Professor of Agricultural Extension, effective February 1, 1929. Mr. Williams moved the acceptance of the President's recommendation. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

President Clark read the following letter from Mr. Mackay:

253 Broadway
New York
December 12, 1928

Board of Regents
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Dear Sirs:

President Clark has forwarded me an extract from the Regents' minutes of November 30, 1928, wherein it is stated that, in connection with the new Mackay Science Hall for Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics, which has been under discussion between President Clark, Architect De Longchamps and myself for some time, "the Board desires

to assure Mr. Mackay that they will be glad to cooperate with him in the carrying out of his plans."

Therefore, I am writing this formal letter to say that, in accordance with my telegram to President Clark of October 24, 1928, as well as my letter to him of October 25, 1928, and President Clark's letter to me of December 1, 1928, I stand ready, at a cost not to exceed \$325,000, to finance the construction of the new Mackay Science Hall, in accord with plans and specifications approved by me and by the University specialists in the Departments to be housed in the building. In connection therewith I desire the President of the University, with such small committee as he may choose, to have supervision for me in the matter of preparing specifications, of letting bids, of selecting the winning contractor and of having charge for determining the times and supervising and construction of the building in accord with the plans and specifications as prepared by the architect. I stand ready, also, to sign from time to time such bills for construction as are forwarded to me with the approval of the architect and the President of the University.

If the above meets with your approval I would thank you to forward me formal acceptance of my terms, and I am, gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

Clarence H. Mackay

Judge Brown moved that the minutes show that this letter from Mr. Mackay was laid before the Board and thereupon the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of this University of Nevada accept the offer of Mr. Clarence H. Mackay as expressed in his letter of December 12, 1928, for the construction of the new Mackay Science Hall for Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics, and approve of and accept the terms contained in that letter, and further

RESOLVED, that the Board again expresses its gratitude to Mr. Mackay for his generous offer.

Vote:

Judge Talbot

Aye

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| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

Judge Brown moved that President Clark be authorized to have the site cleared for Mackay Science Hall. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

At the request of Director Doten, President Clark recommended the following advances in salary and rank for members of his staff, all salary advances to be covered by Federal Funds and to be effective February 1, 1929:

C. E. Fleming, from \$4000 to \$4200
B. F. Headley, from \$3600 to \$3900
George Hardman, from \$3300 to \$3600, and from Assistant to Chief in Irrigation and Agronomy
M. R. Miller, from \$3300 to \$3450
Andrew Young, from \$1800 to \$2400, and from Superintendent of Field Experiments to Assistant in Range Management
Matilda Marshall, from \$1650 to \$1800

At the request of Chairman Pratt, a committee from the Campus Players was permitted to present a request to the Board in behalf of Mr. Duerr. The committee consisted of Mr. Thurber Brockbank, Mr. Dan Mc Knight, Mr. Sam Trevitt, Miss Barbara Horton, Mr. Ralph Adamson and Mr. Bryon O'Hara. After presenting their request the committee withdrew.

President Clark recommended the following increases in Extension staff salaries, effective February 1, 1929:

Director Cecil W. Creel, from \$4500 to \$4800
Thomas E. Buckman, from \$3300 to \$3600
A. L. Higginbotham to receive \$1200 on Extension Funds, and to be reduced on State Funds from \$2700 to \$2400, making his total salary \$3600 per year, effective February 1, 1929

Mr. Wingfield moved the adoption of this recommendation. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
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| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

President Clark recommended that Walter S. Palmer should receive a salary of \$3200 from the Mackay Funds and \$1600 from the State Analytical Laboratory Funds, making his salary \$4800, effective February 1, 1929. Judge Brown moved the adoption of the President's recommendation. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | No |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | No |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

Recessed to take luncheon in the University Dining Hall.

Reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

Judge Talbot moved that the petition of the students given to Mr. Pratt by Dan Mc Knight be received and read on the condition imposed by the petitioners prior to presentation that no publicity be given it. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

On motion of Judge Brown, the petition regarding the teaching of Political Science was read and filed for future consideration. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

President Clark presented the following list of staff members for advances in salary, with 3 advances in rank, to be effective February 1, 1929:

Paul A. Harwood, from \$1800 to \$2000 and from Instructor to Assistant Professor of English

Edwin J. Duerr, from \$1500 to \$2000
 A. E. Hill, from \$3350 to \$3600
 E. G. Sutherland, from \$3000 to \$3300, with understanding that he is to go to \$3600 and full Professor and Head of Department as soon as he has his Ph. D. degree
 George W. Sears, from \$3400 to \$3600
 S. A. Lough, from \$1800 to \$2000 and from Instructor to Assistant Professor of Chemistry
 Charles R. Hicks, from \$2400 to \$2700
 John E. Martie, from \$3300 to \$3600, and full Professor and Head of Department, and to be granted a leave for the year beginning August 1, 1929 with an understanding that he will devote this year to advanced study in his professional field, will receive an allowance of \$1200, and will return for service at this University for at least 2 years after expiration of his leave.

Mr. wingfield moved the approval of the list. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | No, with explanation that in his opinion we cannot afford, because of our financial condition, to make so many advances but approving increase to Duerr of \$500 |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

President Clark recommended that George Philbrook, B. S., Notre Dame, be elected Assistant in the Department of Physical Education for Men, for the year beginning August 1, 1929, at a salary of \$1400. Judge Brown moved the adoption of this recommendation. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

President Clark recommended that Dr. L. W. Hartman be granted a leave of absence for the Fall semester of the University year 1929-30, on full pay. Mr. Williams moved the adoption of this recommendation. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | No, believing our financial condition does not warrant paying anyone on |
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| | leave |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

President Clark recommended that Miss Elsie Sameth be granted a leave of absence for the year beginning August 1, 1929 on 1/2 pay to pursue study elsewhere in her field. Judge Brown moved the adoption of this recommendation. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | No, believing our financial condition does not warrant paying anyone on leave |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

Mr. Wingfield moved that the Board of Regents, having had luncheon at the University Dining Hall, and having inspected all Departments of the Dining Hall, found everything in first class condition, food of good quality, well cooked and well served at a much lower cost than is charged in public boarding houses and cafes. Those in charge of the Dining Hall deserve a lot of credit for making ends meet and serving the quality of food they do. Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | Aye |
| Mr. Pratt | Aye |
| Mr. Wingfield | Aye |
| Judge Brown | Aye |

Judge Talbot mentioned that it would be well to transplant some of our small evergreens either as a border along the cement walk east of the walk at the west side of the Campus to shut out the view of the cemetery, or to plant these in clumps. President Clark suggested that Mr. Lynch had thought to work in cooperation with the City and perhaps plant these trees across the street and along the cemetery fence, thus leaving open the view of the Campus to motorists on the highway. The Judge considered that the Campus could be well seen by anyone coming to Reno over the highway, even though the trees should be planted on the east side of the roadway to the west of the Campus. He also spoke of the ragged appearance of the Campus from the ditch to the street along the steps leading to the Lake Street entrance and suggested that some of the small evergreens and

additional grass could be planted from the steps east to the natural clump of trees and shrubs.

The Board, having given consideration to Judge Talbot's motion as submitted on two typewritten sheets, as follows, the Secretary called the roll:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this Board, laboring without pay for the advancement of higher education and having in view the needs and welfare of the University, has given due consideration to existing conditions and to the following acts and conduct of President Walter E. Clark:

1. He has failed to prohibit and has condoned and encouraged drunkenness by students by setting aside the mild penalty unanimously imposed after investigation by the Student Affairs Committee. Since that action by him students have been arrested for being drunk and disorderly and for assaulting an officer in the Red Light District after midnight, a student by reason of drunkenness has been killed by the University grounds and, on another occasion, a drunken student prowling at night was shot in the leg by a watchman. After these occurrences and after the Regents in regular session requested him to notify a student who had been guilty of repeated drunkenness in public places not to return, he has allowed this student to return and now has him enrolled in the University.
2. He has encouraged cheating and opposed discipline by overriding and setting aside the regular and proper penalty imposed by members of the faculty upon a student for cheating on examination.
3. He has failed to report to this Board any of these drunken acts or cheating, or offenses, or the death or shooting of students resulting from drunkenness, or his setting aside the corrective action of Professors or of the Student Affairs Committee.
4. He has failed to visit numerous Departments of the University so as to know whether the work therein is being properly performed.
5. He has failed, when authorized and directed by this Board, to supervise the construction and alteration

of buildings and improvements.

6. Before a faculty meeting he made a "smoke screen" address, criticizing, misrepresenting and attempting to subordinate the Constitutional and lawful control of this Board and implying the practice of deception by the Regents.
7. He has drawn all of the \$1000 per year allowed him by this Board for entertaining, has spent a small part of it for entertaining, has pocketed the remainder, a large part of it, when it was allowed not as extra salary in addition to his compensation which is about \$15,000 per year, but only for the purpose of entertaining on behalf of the University.
8. He has made misleading statements regarding financial conditions and recommendations to this Board, which if followed, would have resulted in a deficit and default in payment of salaries and claims and in just censure of the Regents. He has omitted to budget Federal Funds required to be disbursed by this Board.
9. He has maintained a requirement that all women students, notwithstanding their objections and tears, be photographed nude, and the plates have been taken for treatment by photographers away from the University grounds. To justify this he has misrepresented to this Board, and to the public Press, that this practice has long been in very general use by American Colleges when in fact it has not been so in general use.
10. Some of the best members of the faculty have departed for other fields of labor rather than remain and serve under the conditions existing at the University as created by the President.

WHEREAS, this Board, the faculty and the great majority of the students and people are opposed to drunkenness, crime and cheating by students, and this Board is in favor of correcting and prohibiting these practices by a few students which reflect on the good name of the University and have a bad influence on some other students, and

WHEREAS, President Clark, by setting aside the unanimous corrective action of the Student Affairs Committee and of members of the faculty, and other conduct, has encouraged and condoned these offenses and is an obstacle to their

prevention and to the proper management of the University by this Board, the faculty and the student body, and to the maintaining of the high standard desired,

RESOLVED, that Dr. Walter E. Clark is requested to now place his resignation as President of the University of Nevada with the Chairman of this Board, effective within one month.

Vote:

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| Judge Talbot | Aye |
| Mr. Williams | No |
| Mr. Pratt | There is a great deal of discussion at the University and having further knowledge that the President's salary matter is contemplated in the Legislature, I think we are still in a great controversy. I shall have to agree with the boys that something should be done. I vote - Aye. |
| Mr. Wingfield | No |
| Judge Brown | No |

Mr. Pratt then nominated Judge Talbot as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing two years. Judge Talbot declined the nomination, but because of Mr. Pratt's long experience, nominated Mr. Pratt.

Mr. Wingfield inquired how long Mr. Pratt had been Chairman. Having been told for 6 years, he suggested that it would be well to pass things around a bit. He himself is too busy to accept the Chairmanship, but he nominated Judge Brown as Chairman. Mr. Williams seconded the nomination of Judge Brown. No further nominations, the Secretary called the roll, which resulted in a tie, since Judge Brown passed his vote. Judge Brown then voted for himself and made 3 votes for himself against 2 for Mr. Pratt. Mr. Pratt then voted for Judge Brown. Judge Talbot then changed his vote to a vote for Judge Brown. Judge Brown was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board.

Judge Talbot was placed in nomination for Vice Chairman and was unanimously elected.

Mr. Wingfield and Mr. Pratt were unanimously elected as the members of the Finance Committee.

Judge Brown notified the members that we would appoint the Committees of the Board in writing, after considering the matter.

Adjourned.

George S. Brown
Chairman

Carolyn M. Beckwith
Secretary

Later, by letter of date April 11, 1929, Judge Brown named to the Secretary the following committees:

Property Committee - George wingfield
Instruction Committee - Frank williams
Library Committee - George F. Talbot
Student welfare Committee - George S. Brown