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The Board of Regents met at their Office at 7:30 o'clock P.M.,
Saturday, October 7, 1899. Present: W. E. F. Deal, J. N. Evans
and H. S. Starrett.

Minutes of June 10 and August 21 read and approved.

President Stubbs presented his report touching on matters con-
nected with the University and Experiment Station as follows:

NEVADA STATE UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

October 7, 1899

To the Honorable the Board of Regents:

Gentlemen:

I have the honor herewith to submit a partial report for the month of September. It is my purpose this year to prepare a report at the end of each calendar month, covering the operations of all Departments of the University, in order that the Regents may be fully advised regarding the life and progress of the University. This present report is only partial and is to be followed by a complete report within a few days.

1. The University opened for admission to students Tuesday, August 29th, and recitations were begun in all Departments Monday, September 4th.
2. Professor L. W. Cushman of the Department of English and Associate Professor G. F. Blessing of the School of Mechanical Engineering entered upon their duties at the beginning of the term. With the approval of the Board, Instructor Anna H. Martin of the Department of History was granted a leave of absence for purposes of study for a period of two years, and Miss Jeanne Elizabeth Wier of Stanford University was appointed Acting Instructor.

3. The total enrollment of students is two hundred and seventy three. Of these, one hundred and fifty nine are in the University Schools -- eighty men and seventy nine women. In the Preparatory Schools the total enrollment is one hundred and fourteen -- fifty eight men and fifty six women.

4. The work and life of the University for the month have been quite satisfactory. The Professors report a studious spirit among their students. The interest in Athletics continues and the organization of Athletics among the students is better than hitherto. This being the season for foot-ball, from thirty to forty young men may be found on the foot-ball field every evening. The Athletic Association has employed a Coach from the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. A. King Dickson, who seems to be doing good work and seems to exercise a moral influence among the young men. The young ladies have taken up basket-ball with considerable zeal and many of them may be found every afternoon, practicing either in the Gymnasium or upon the field in the open air.

5. On September 9th, Professor R. D. Jackson asked for a leave of absence for three months, offering at the same time to place Mr. Jacobs in charge of his work in the University.

I felt it my duty to refuse to grant the request and communicated my action to the members of the Board, receiving from them letters of approval of my action. On September 20th, Professor Jackson notified me that it was absolutely necessary that he have a leave of absence, and that unless it was granted, he must tender his resignation, to take effect as soon as I should return from Missoula, Montana. On October 2nd, immediately upon my return, I had an interview with Professor Jackson upon the subject of his request for leave of absence and his resignation. I found that he did not wish to resign his position; that his business affairs were such as to require his personal attention to avoid considerable personal loss, and that he did not need all the time asked for. Before the interview closed, Professor Jackson agreed with me that the principle upon which my refusal was based was sound. Pending a meeting of the Board of Regents, I told him that I would not grant him the leave of absence, but that when it was necessary for him to be away, I should make no objection if he left his classes and his work in charge of Mr. Jacobs, but that I would hold him responsible for the results in his Department. This subject is a very important one, and I shall discuss it further with the Board in an oral way.

6. Under appointment of the Board of Regents and also of the Governor of the State, I have attended the eighteenth session of the National Irrigation Congress, at Missoula, Montana. I left Reno on the morning of September 21st and returned home at noon, Monday, October 2nd. It fell to my duty to act as temporary Chairman of the Congress and to made an address on Monday evening, September 25th, upon "The Relation of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations to the Irrigation Movement". I also acted as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions. I append herewith quite a full report of the proceedings of the Convention and direct your attention especially to the resolutions which present the best thought and final purpose of the present National Irrigation Movement. My expenses amounted to Seventy Five Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents.

7. The several funds of the University are in a satisfactory condition, as is shown by the balances remaining in the funds on August 31st, and the bills which are submitted to you today for your approval. It was suggested at the opening of the year that we ought to advance the price of board at the Dining Hall, owing to the advance in the prices of the staple articles of food. I was averse to making any change in the expenses of living to our students, and I am

glad to say that we are able to make such contracts for meat, flour and groceries for the year as to give assurance of being able to carry on the Dining Hall successfully without any advance in the price. The Dining Hall was opened on August 16th. All the bills for supplies and labor now due have been paid. At the close of the month of October Miss Elizabeth Stubbs, Secretary-Treasurer of the Dining Hall, will be able to make a balance sheet which will show to the Regents the exact condition of the Dining Hall receipts and expenditures.

8. The following is the number of young ladies in the Cottage: 45. There were more applications at the beginning of the year for rooms in the Cottage than we could meet. Consequently I had to rent two rooms in a private house for the use of some of our girls. The following is the number of young men in Lincoln Hall: 88, being the largest number since the Hall was opened. It must be very clear to the Regents and to all friends of the University, that the building of Lincoln Hall and the University Cottage has made possible the growth of the University. It is to be hoped that the Cottage can be enlarged and a Dining Hall attached to Lincoln Hall before many years shall have elapsed.

9. The work in the Experiment Station for the past month covers the following subjects: Professor Mc Dowell and Professor Wilson have completed a delayed bulletin on the Sugar Beet, which is now passing through the Press. Professor Wilson has made a very careful selection of soils in the eastern portion of the State, upon which he will base a series of careful studies. Professor Hillman is completing a work upon the seeds and forage grasses of the State. Mr. Doten has taken charge of Meteorology and Climatology, and is assisting the Department of Entomology and Botany. With the approval of the President of the Board of Regents, I sent Mr. Doten to the City to make a study of the equipment and methods of the Department of Agriculture in Meteorology. By the courtesy of Mr. F. G. Mc Adie, Weather Observer in San Francisco, Mr. Doten had a very fine opportunity for study in the Office of the Weather Observer in San Francisco for the period of a month. The sugar-beets grown by John Harrison of Lovelock this year show a remarkably high percentage of sugar and purity coefficient. It would seem as though the Lovelock valley offers suitable conditions for the establishment of a beet sugar factory. It is my purpose, as soon as possible, to make a careful study of all the conditions, including limestone, water and fuel, with a view to making a report on the commercial value of

Lovelock Valley as a sugar producing section of the State.

10. I have some suggestions to offer to the Board on the subject of buildings which I will present in an oral way instead of submitting in writing.

Respectfully yours,

J. E. Stubbs

President Stubbs placed in nomination Mr. B. F. Buffum for the position of Irrigation Agriculturist in the Experiment Station, which was confirmed.

Upon motion of W. E. F. Deal, seconded by H. S. Starrett, it was ordered that the salary of President Stubbs be increased to \$4500 per annum, to take effect October 1, 1899, and to be paid as follows: \$3000 from the Agricultural and Mechanical College Fund, \$1500 from the Experiment Station Hatch Fund.

Upon motion of Regent Deal, it was ordered that the Secretary of the Board be authorized to advertise for bids for a model stock barn for the new Experiment Station Farm as soon as the plans and specifications were ready. Cost of said barn not to

exceed (\$4000) Four Thousand Dollars.

President Stubbs recommended that Miss Anna H. Martin be appointed Assistant Professor of American and European History, which was confirmed.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

J. N. Evans

President

Geo. H. Taylor

Secretary