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A special meeting of the Board of Regents was held at their Office Monday, February 19, 1900, at 8:15 P.M., a full Board being present.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of President Stubbs at the National Stockmen's Convention held at Fort Worth, Texas, January 16th to the 19th inclusive, be approved and that same be printed in pamphlet form for distribution as follows:

NEVADA STATE UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

February 19, 1900

To the Honorable the Board of Regents

of the Nevada State University

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith completed report of work done during my leave of absence, from January 12th until February 15th.

Under the commission from the Governor of the State I was present at the National Stockmen's Convention, at Fort Worth, Texas, from January 16th to the 19th inclusive. At the afternoon session of the Convention, on the 16th, at the request of Mr. John Sparks, I made a report upon the condition of the stock industry in the State of Nevada. I wish to say in this connection that in preparing this report I could find no reliable statistics either in the State Land Office or the State Controller's Office. The fault lies, however, not in the Officers, but in the law which relates to the gathering of statistics pertaining to the live stock and agricultural industry of the State. I am indebted to the courtesy of Governor Sadler, State Controller Davis, Surveyor-General Kelley and the Honorable George S. Nixon of Winnemucca, for the valuable data upon which my report to the Convention was based.

At the last session of the Convention, on the 19th, I made an address upon the subject, "What Stockmen of the West and South Demand of the Federal Government". An abstract of the paper, prepared before I left the University, was given to the General Manager of the Associated Press; but during the week of the Convention I took occasion to revise my paper, the result of which was the preparation of an entirely new address. I have a copy of this address as reported by the stenographer of the Convention, and take pleasure in submitting the same to the Regents. The daily papers published very full accounts of the proceedings of the Convention. Copies of these papers were sent to the members of your Board, so that you might judge of the value of the work of this Convention from the standpoint of the interests of our State. The leading features of the Convention was the debate upon the question of the leasing of the public lands by the Federal Government. The discussion was very able and very earnest, and showed that there are difficulties connected with this question which will require very careful consideration before just legislation can be secured. The resolution as adopted by the Convention declares that such of the public lands of the United States as are adapted to grazing should be subject to lease by stockmen who are citi-

zens, at a reasonable rental, and under such conditions as shall tend to preserve the grasses from destruction and improve the value of the grasses thereon.

It is not probable that any legislation on the subject of leasing the public lands will be accomplished at the present session of Congress. The next meeting of the Convention will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, in January, 1901, when this question will likely come up again for consideration. As this Convention will be attended by a larger number of the representative men of Nevada, our State will have an opportunity to be fully heard upon this subject.

The question of the storage and conservation of flood waters and of irrigation in the semi-arid states seemed to be the most important one for the State of Nevada, and it was to this question that I gave first consideration in my address before the Convention.

On my way from Fort Worth to Washington I spent one day at the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, to make a study of their Experiment Station work, and in particular, to look over the plans of the new stock barn, recently built at a moderate cost, and embracing the improvements of the best

modern stock barns that have been built on several leading Experiment Station Farms.

I arrived in Washington Sunday morning, January 28th. On the following Monday I called upon the Secretary of Agriculture and received from him the assurance that the Department of Agriculture would give all possible aid to the State of Nevada. I took up, further, with Director A. C. True of the Office of Experiment Stations, the matter of the appointment of an Irrigation Engineer for Nevada. As the Regents are aware, such an appointment has been the subject of considerable correspondence between Director True and the President of the University. It gives me pleasure now to report to the Board that one of the most experienced Irrigation Engineers has been selected by the Department of Agriculture for work in the State of Nevada. This Engineer will become a member of the staff of the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station, and will devote all his time to the study of the irrigation problems of the State. The salary and expenses of this Engineer will be paid by the Department. The University will provide office and equipment for the Irrigation Engineer and give him such assistance as will enable him to accomplish the best work for the State. Should there be any demand for instruction in Irrigation Engineering in the Uni-

versity, it can be arranged for without interfering with the special work of the investigation.

On Tuesday the 30th I arrived in New York and gave careful study to the Schools of Science and the School of Mining and Metallurgy at Columbia University. I am indebted to Dean Hutton of the School of Mines, to Professor Monroe, Professor of Mining Engineering, to Professor Howe, Professor of Metallurgy, and to Dr. James H. Canfield, Librarian, for many valued courtesies.

I arrived in Boston Friday evening, February 2nd, and remained there until Monday night, February 5th. While in Boston my time was given to the study of the School of Mines at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and to the School of Applied Science at Harvard University. I am indebted to Professor Richards of the Institute of Technology and to Dean Shaler, Professor Marks and Professor Parker of Harvard University for many and valued favors. One special object in going to Harvard University was to meet Mr. Peter Frandsen, a graduate of the Nevada State University, 1895, a graduate of Harvard University, 1897, and for the past two years an Assistant in the Department of Zoology, while pursuing his research work for the Doctor's degree.

I returned to Washington on Tuesday, February 6th, where I was engaged for several days in work connected with the American Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations.

Leaving Washington on Saturday the 10th, I stopped over two hours at Baltimore with Doctor and Mrs. W. Mc N. Miller.

Dr. Miller is pursuing research in Pathology and Bacteriology at Johns Hopkins University and desires a leave of absence for next year that he may continue his studies in Europe.

I arrived in Chicago Monday, the 12th, met President Harper of the University of Chicago by appointment, on the subject of graduate study in Washington -- a subject which is now under consideration by the Regents of the Smithsonian Institute, by a special committee from the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations and by a special committee from the National Educational Association. This is one of the most important educational movements at the present time, and should the work now being done result in opening up the rich treasures of the Departments at Washington to graduates of the Colleges and Universities of the Country, it will prove very advantageous to the graduates of our own Uni-

versity. There is to be a meeting of the two committees -- one from the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations and the other from the National Educational Association -- at the University of Chicago, Monday, February the 26th. It was my purpose to remain East until after this important meeting, but the President of the Board of Regents thought best that I should return home as soon as possible after the meeting was closed in Washington. Whether I shall return to this meeting at Chicago depends wholly upon the judgment of the Board of Regents.

I had a conference with the Adjutant-General of the Army on the subject of the detail of an Army Officer to this University. The present Commandant, Captain F. M. Linscott, recently of the United States Volunteer Army in the Philippine Islands, has made an exceptionally fine Officer for the University Cadets. I think it is not too much to say that no Regular Army Officer hitherto detailed to the service of the University has done more efficient work for the Military Department than Captain Linscott. I felt justified, therefore, in asking the Adjutant-General if it were possible to secure an appointment for Captain Linscott, either in the Volunteer Service or in the Regular Army, with the understanding that he would then be detailed to this University



and placed in charge of the Military Department. The Adjutant-General replied that the law would not permit any Officer to be detailed to the University except a Regular Army Officer and one who had already had five years of service. I submit herewith a list of the retired Officers of the Army, furnished by the War Department, who have signified a desire to accept detail to College service. You will observe that in this list some names are checked, which indicates that in the judgment of the War Department these Officers would be suitable men in point of character and ability for College service. Inasmuch as Captain Linscott does not wish to continue in charge of the Military Department of the University without an Army appointment, I recommend that the Regents pass a resolution asking the War Department to detail an Army Officer for service at this University.

I submit herewith the following nominations, with the recommendations which have been filed in connection with each name:

I nominate Mr. Peter Frandsen to the position of Assistant Professor of Zoology and Physiology in the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts; and to the Department of Zoology and Bacteriology of the Experiment Station. I recommend

that this appointment take effect July 1st, 1900, and that the salary shall be \$1000 for the first year of service. I recommend also that Mr. Frandsen be given a leave of absence for the months of July and August for the purpose of special duty in the Bureau of Animal Husbandry at Washington. I am assured by Dr. True that Mr. Frandsen will be given opportunity to make certain special studies that will fit him the better for his work in our Experiment Station.

Second, I recommend P. Beveridge Kennedy, Ph. D. to be Associate Professor of Botany and Horticulture in the University and to the Department of Botany and Horticulture in the Agricultural Experiment Station at a salary of \$1500 for the first year. This appointment to take effect the first day of July, 1900.

I have the honor to remain, gentlemen,

Very respectfully yours

J. E. Stubbs

President

On motion of Regent Deal, seconded by Regent Starrett, the Pres-

ident of the University was requested to ask the Secretary of the War Department to detail a retired Army Officer for duty at the University.

President Stubbs placed in nomination Mr. Peter Frandsen to the position of Assistant Professor of Zoology and Physiology in the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and to the Department of Zoology and Bacteriology of the Experiment Station, to take effect July 1, 1900, and that the salary be One Thousand per annum for the first year of service.

Upon motion, the above nomination of Mr. Frandsen was duly confirmed.

President Stubbs also recommended that a leave of absence for the months of July and August be granted to Mr. Frandsen for the purpose of special study in the Bureau of Animal Husbandry at Washington, which was granted.

President Stubbs placed in nomination Dr. P. Beveridge Kennedy to be Associate Professor of Botany and Horticulture in the University and to the Department of Botany and Horticulture in the Agricultural Experiment Station, at a salary of \$1500 for the first year. This appointment to take effect the first day of

July, 1900.

Upon motion, the above nomination of Dr. Kennedy was duly confirmed.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

J. N. Evans

President

Geo. H. Taylor

Secretary