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Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 21st, 1899.

President Lorenzo Snow, City.

Dear Brother:-

I take great pleasure in informing you that the circulation of the Semi-weekly News has this day reached a total of 15,400. I am also pleased to hand you with this a check on the State Bank of Utah for \$5000.00, making a total of \$10,000.00 which we have been able to deposit with you since the first of the present year to aid in the construction of our new home.

The business has greatly prospered in all its branches during the present year. Our gains in circulation since January 1, 1899, have been as follows: On the Daily issue 40%; on the Semi-weekly issue 50%; on the Saturday issue 70%. The advertising for 1899 is 55% over that of 1898.

The Job and Bindery Departments have run most of the year to their full capacity, and the Church publication department has done a volume of business greater than ever before in its history.

A detailed financial statement of the years' operations will be forwarded you later.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am sincerely yours,

H. G. Whitney

Business Mgr. THE DESERET NEWS.

The First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

P.O. No. 2.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 21st, '99

H. G. Whitney, Esq., Business Manager News.

Dear Brother:

I acknowledge with thanks your favor of today enclosing a check for \$5000.00 (the second for this amount this year) which you desire placed to the credit of the News to be used toward the erection of its new building. I note with pleasure what you say, that the Semi-weekly has now reached a circulation of 15,400, and that since the first of the year its circulation has increased 50%, the Daily 40% and the Saturday issue 70%, that the advertising department for 1899 was 55% over that of 1898, and that the general business was in a prosperous condition.

I feel very much gratified at this favorable showing, and sincerely hope that the New Year will bring you an increased volume of business. I also hope, and I may say it is a wish very near to my heart, that the day may soon come when a copy of the Deseret News, Daily or Semi-weekly, will be found in the household of every member of the Church, not simply because of the increased business such an increase in your subscription list would bring, but because of the great good which would naturally result therefrom.

Respectfully, Your Brother,

Lorenzo Snow

Fac-Similes of Two Letters which will form Pleasant Reading to friends of the News.

SALT LAKE AS A SCHOOL CENTER

Not a little of Salt Lake City's importance is due to the fact that it is the educational center of the Intermountain region. To secure for their children the advantages offered here has brought to this city many students from surrounding States, and with the further development that is to mark the immediate future, Salt Lake will be able to present even stronger inducements.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

At this time the new University building is being erected on the sixty-acre tract on the Fort Douglas reservation, near the United States. This site on the high bench land and overlooking the entire city and valley, is an ideal one. The new buildings are to cost upwards of \$100,000, and it is expected that they will be ready for occupancy next fall.

The Normal school—J. E. McKnight, principal; Katherine E. Dapp, Bureau of Education; Alvin May, Bureau of Education; Valeria Britton, Anna Youngblood, Nellie Clark, Emma Kimball, Lottie Birch, Virginia R. Stephens, Lillian Hanson.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

The special pride of Salt Lake is its free school system, which is second to none in the United States. Its advancement and continued development has been due to the faithful and indomitable efforts of the board of education during the years since it was established, and to the fact that the most advanced ideas gradually evolved from long experience in the East were adopted for the new system here. In a few cities there are school buildings fully equal to those of Salt Lake, but in no city in the United States, say the experts, are all of the buildings up to the grade of those here.

SILK CULTURE IN UTAH.

Among the many local industries that are claiming marked attention from the outside world is a viceroyalty, this industry was started many years ago and has been gradually gaining in extent and development until it now promises to be one of the important industries of the State. One of the first bills passed by the Legislature after Statehood, was that providing for the encouragement of silk culture and a commission was appointed by Governor Wells to take charge of the interests of the industry.

ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE

All Hallows college, under the auspices of the Catholic church, has a corps of twelve instructors who have been especially trained for the work. This is a boarding as well as a day school and has a large number of students from neighboring States. The attendance this year is the heaviest since the institution was established, and Thomas Lewis, the principal, reports that the new college building to be erected in the southern part of the city will soon become a necessity.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

St. Mary's academy, a boarding school for young ladies, conducted by the sisters of the Holy Cross, shows an increase of fifteen per cent in attendance, practically all of the students coming from Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Nevada, Colorado and the towns outside of Salt Lake.

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BEECHAM'S PILLS Cure Constipation and Sick Headache. Quicker than anything else. 10 cents and 25 cents—Druggists.

STATE TEACHERS MEETING.

Important Gathering of Pedagogues to be Held Next Week.

The sixth annual meeting of the State Teachers' association will be held next week commencing on Wednesday, the 21st, and ending with a banquet of a class in Great Art, Monday, which will be conducted by Miss Jordan, principal of the McTear high school in Chicago, which she has made famous for its work in this line.

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