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## **COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE** IN PERNICIOUS MEDDLING

**ENLARGING SCOPE OF THEIR OPERATIONS** TO INCLUDE ALL SCHOOL BOARDS

Manifest Intention of the Board Is to Bring Every Official of Carbon County, Except Themselves, Into Disrepute, if Such a Result Can Be Accomplished By Systematic Insinuations of Official Neglect.

On Saturday last the board of county commissioners passed a resolution reciting the employment by them of the alleged expert and certified accountant J. W. Edmunds to audit the accounts of Carbon county high school, and of the various school districts of Carbon county. The resolution further directed that the compensation of Edmunds should hereafter be agreed upon between Edmunds and the board of county commissioners, but should be paid by Carbon County High School and the several districts so directed to he audited, and further recited that the action of the board in the premises was in discharge of the duty made incumbent upon them by subdivisions 3 and 4 of Section 511 of Compiled Laws of Utah, 1907, and acts amendatory thereof. The statutes in question read as follows:

511x3. SUPERVISE COUNTY OFFICERS. To supervise the official conduct of all county officers and officers of all precincts, districts and other subdivisions of the county (except municipal corporations); see that they faithfally perform their duties; direct prosecutions for delinquenand when necessary, require them to renew their official bonds, make reports, and present their books and ac counts for inspection.

511x4. AUDIT ACCOUNTS. To examine and audit. at least every six months, the accounts of all officers having the care, management, collection, or disbursement of moneys belonging to the county, or appropriated by law or otherwise for its use and benefit.

Now as a matter of fact Carbon county high school district is a separate and distinct corporation, organized by legislative act, and having absolutely no connection with the county government subject to the supervision of the board of county commissioners, and the same is true of the several school districts existing within the county, and there is nothing in the subdivisions of the statute quoted granting any power whatsoever to the board of county commissioners authorizing them to supervise or audit any accounts whatso-ever except those of county officers, and of the officers of the various subdivisions in which the county government is

It would therefore seem that the action of the commissioners in the premises is predicated upon a strained con struction of the statute, and is wholly without precedent.

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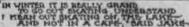
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## BULL MOOSE BOARD BACKS UP A LITTLE

Drawn by Special Advisor Nelson and Adopt One Drafted in Its Stend by County Superintendent.

Carbon county's bull moose com-missioners have discovered, through the assistance of their special logal advises. Mr. O. C. Nelsenn, a fancted duty which none of their predecessors have discovered nor any either set of county commis-sioners in the state. It is to super-vise and audit the accounts of the various school districts in the coun-ty every six months. In accordance various school districts in the county every six months. In accordance with thoir discovery, on Patriary list they adopted a resolution demanding the school tourds of the county for deliver to Mr. J. W. Edmunds & Co. Seir books for nuclit and impoction, the cost of the audit to be determined by the commissioners and Mr. Edmunds and deducted from any missey due the various school boards. A copy of the resolution was presented to Mr. Marcusen, who is president of the Carbon County High School beard. Marsueen, who is president of the Carbon County High school board, and he advised them that he kept no busis nor had he any accounts ritch they might audit and that he rould not willout the consent of the board order the cierk, Mr. C. C. McWhidney, of the Carbon County High School board to deliver the books. He would, however, present their communication at the next regular meeting of the board of advection.

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