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STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

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A. Dromiack.....	Reno	C. W. Reufro.....	Fallon
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Reay Mackay.....	Fallon	Frank McDermott.....	Fallon
R. B. Govan.....	Tonopah	F. J. Button.....	Winnemucca
E. L. Bingham.....	Fallon	Joe Jarvis.....	Fallon
R. L. Douglass.....	Fallon	H. J. Amigo.....	Reno
W. A. Keddle.....	Fallon	Fred Dangberg.....	Minden
Henry Stevens.....	Sparks	George Wingfield.....	Reno

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

W. A. Keddle,	Joe Jarvis,	F. J. McDermott,
R. L. Douglass,	Reay Mackay,	

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Lewis, R. W.....	Austin	Williams, Frank.....	Goodsprings
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Mapes, Jas.....	Reno	Wheeler, D. C.*.....	Reno
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Marzen, Joseph.....	Sacramento	George Wingfield.....	Reno

*Deceased.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
FALLON, NEVADA, December 31, 1918.

HON. EMMET D. BOYLE, *Governor of the State of Nevada.*

SIR: Complying with the requirements of the statutes governing the Nevada State Agricultural Society, we have the honor and beg to herewith present to you an accounting and report of the proceedings had by this body during the biennial period 1917 and 1918, together with the financial report of the Secretary showing all the receipts and disbursements for this period.

At a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture held at Reno, June 18, 1917, nine members being present, Mr. George Wingfield presiding, in compliance with your wishes, in order to adjust the term of each of the sixteen members, it was decided to draw lots to determine in which each member would serve, which resulted as follows: Mr. A. Dromiack, I. H. Kent, Reay Mackay, and R. B. Govan, one-year terms; E. L. Bingham, R. L. Douglass, W. A. Keddle, and Henry Stevens, two-year terms; C. W. Renfro, D. E. Williams, Frank McDermott, and F. J. Button, three-year terms, and Messrs. Joe Jarvis, H. J. Amigo, Fred Dangberg, and George Wingfield, four-year terms.

The chairman then announced that the next order of business would be the election of officers.

Mr. George Wingfield was placed in nomination for President, but declined the nomination on the ground that as the State Fair, being held at Fallon, required the presence of a presiding officer, the society could be better served by a resident of Fallon. The name of Mr. W. A. Keddle was then presented and duly seconded. There being no other nominations Mr. Keddle was declared unanimously elected to serve for the ensuing year or until his successor was elected and qualified.

Mr. George Wingfield was placed in nomination for Vice-President, which was duly seconded. There being no other nomination Mr. Wingfield's election was made unanimous.

Mr. C. L. Noble of Fallon was placed in nomination and unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer, and his bond fixed at one thousand dollars.

On motion duly seconded and carried it was ordered that the President be allowed to make the necessary appointments for the various committees.

On motion duly seconded and carried it was ordered that the Reno race-track be leased to the Reno Business Men's Association for the purpose of conducting race-meets, and that the rental therefor would be twenty-five hundred dollars for a twenty-five day race-meet, or one hundred dollars per day, the money from such rental to be applied on the note held by the Reno bank, amounting to about \$8,000.

The sum of four thousand dollars having been appropriated by the last Legislature for the purpose of constructing an exhibit building on the State Fair Grounds at Fallon, we beg to report that after careful estimates and calculation the best we could do with that amount of money would be to complete the exterior of such a building so that it would

serve the purpose until such time as the necessary funds would be available for its completion. This building, with a floor space of 60x110 feet and a large gallery, when completed will lack nothing of the artistic design and architecture of buildings of its kind.

This board in presenting the Fairs of 1917 and 1918 did so with a full realization of the fact that the conditions in the State and Nation were abnormal, that they would be laboring under obstacles brought about by war conditions, but with an earnest desire to meet the needs of the hour. The President of the United States having called for increased food production and for conservation, increased the duties of the society. The demands for more and better soil and livestock production were never more urgent. The fairs of our country, having been inaugurated and maintained for years to serve this very end, the need was intensified many-fold by existing conditions.

Keeping in touch with the patriotic demands of the day, every problem in the increased food and livestock production and conservation was given attention at the fairs; every producer was encouraged to show his best output that others might profit by his experience and the best interest of the State and Nation be served, there being an urgent demand for everything that could possibly be produced in the State, and a market to absorb it all. The problem was to meet the demand and at the same time maintain conditions of stability throughout the State.

Conforming with the newly outlined policy of closer cooperation between the various State Fairs and the Government in the work of helping to bring the war to a successful conclusion by increased food production and conservation with the help of the Extension Department of the University of Nevada, the Nevada State Fairs have become food-training camps, and, had it not been for transportation conditions, there is no doubt but that an enormous exhibit of war trophies would have been displayed at Fallon as was done at nearly all of the eastern state fairs.

One of the most important phases of the fair work, and which appeals to all, is the necessity of maintaining public spirit. It has been well said that a happy and contented nation can solve any problem of war or peace, and the duty of the hour was to work for that condition, believing that a reasonable degree of relaxation with proper recreation and amusements would go far toward diverting the thoughts of our people from the war and its terrors, convincing them of the commercial stability and permanent prosperity of our country, the experience of other countries proving that the normal recreation and activities of the country are the best remedies for public depression. Reports show that during the past three years the great exhibitions of several of our Allies, especially those at Lyons, France, were maintained as a safeguard against national pessimism.

The Executive Committee, working in conjunction with our State University, recognized the great need of educational facilities in our public schools for shaping our students for farm life, and to this end offered liberal premiums for the successful members of the boys and girls clubs, which developed a spirited contest among the boys and girls for supremacy. The State Fair is looked upon by the members of these clubs as their annual goal, and therefore this part of the exhibits, together with their demonstrations conducted at the fair, created more interest than any other department. The State of Nevada, following the example of many other States, should continue to lend all the encouragement

possible to this branch of education, it having been well stated that there can be no great permanent improvement in our agriculturists until they shall have become more thoroughly educated in the business of farming, and this must be done, if done effectively, or at least begun, while the farmer is yet a child.

In the matter of entertainment at the fairs we wish to state that this feature of the fairs was turned over to special committees appointed for that purpose, which financed the racing by public subscriptions and gate receipts, a report of which will, no doubt, be made through the State Racing Commission, this matter being kept entirely separate from the agricultural part of the fairs.

In conclusion, we wish to state that, in our opinion, it costs the State less to maintain and operate the State Fair of this State, which, at the same time, does more practical good in the development of our State's resources, than any other branch of the State Government.

The conditions in this State require that more attention must be given to agriculture in its various branches. Fortunate in soil and climatic conditions for the production of many kinds of soil products we must, in a measure, rely on them for returns. Sufficient flood-waters are going to waste in the several rivers of this State to irrigate and make productive millions of acres of our unoccupied lands. All that is needed is the capital and personal touch. What else have we with more promise to furnish the necessary funds to supply our commercial wants?

The United States Reclamation Service having expended nearly nine million dollars to develop the agricultural possibilities of this part of our State, we feel that our State can afford to do no less than to continue the State Fair in the metropolis of this great reclamation project, which will, by the stability of its organization and the permanency of its annual exhibitions, establish itself in a commercial sense with the people of Nevada. They will look to it for the opportunity to present their best products for exhibition and educational purposes, which is in every way deserving of more public support than it has received. The more permanent this organization the more effective will be the result, and we earnestly solicit your efforts and support in retaining and enlarging the State Fair at Fallon.

The accompanying detailed statement shows the disbursement of the four thousand dollars appropriated for the construction of the exhibit building on the State Fair Grounds at Fallon, and the receipts and disbursements of the 1917 and 1918 State Fairs at Fallon.

• Respectfully submitted,

W. A. KEDDIE, *President.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the State Board of Agriculture, Fallon, Nevada.

GENTLEMEN: The State having appropriated the sum of four thousand dollars in 1917 for the purpose of constructing necessary exhibit buildings on the Nevada State Fair grounds at Fallon, I beg to submit the following statement of the disbursements of this appropriation:

Verdi Lumber Co., lumber	\$382.12
Joe Jarvis, cash paid laborers	51.00
Robinson & Hammond, contractors	1,800.00
Flanigan Warehouse Co., cement, etc.	252.00
The I. H. Kent Co., hardware and building material	761.63
Erkild's Electric Shop, electric work and supplies	49.25
Verdi Lumber Co., additional lumber	104.00
	\$4,000.00

STATE FAIRS AT FALLON

To the State Board of Agriculture, Fallon, Nevada.

GENTLEMEN: I beg to submit the following report showing the financial transactions of my office during the years 1917 and 1918, covering the State Fairs at Fallon for these years, and the receipts and disbursements of the rentals from the Reno grounds of this association:

Statement for 1917

<i>Receipts</i>	
Cash on hand	\$10.16
Borrowed from Churchill County Bank	200.00
Received from Pavilion ticket sales	339.05
Received from rental of Reno race-track	2,500.00
Received from state appropriation	5,110.50
Total receipts, including cash on hand	\$8,159.71
<i>Disbursements</i>	
Bill posters	\$80.56
Printing and advertising	313.01
Insurance Fallon property	285.00
Secretary's bond and filing	12.50
Lumber and other supplies	288.43
Tank for cesspool	15.00
Telephone	5.00
Plumbing and pipe fixtures	126.26
Labor	1,448.00
Telegrams	32.66
Postage	16.88
Electric supplies	27.09
Judges' expenses	55.15
Silver cups and engraving	46.95
Grain for poultry	11.30
Lights and lighting	73.93
Hay	287.52
Straw	20.00
Office rental	15.00
Paid Reno National Bank to apply on notes	2,500.00
Paid Churchill County Bank borrowed money and interest	208.00
Premiums—Horses	95.50
Cattle	396.00
Sheep	63.00
Swine	224.00
Dairy products	40.00
Field crops	70.00
Fruits	173.00
Flowers	9.00
Garden truck	139.25
Needlework and fancy work	168.50
Canning	36.00
Baking	40.00
Boys and Girls Club work	229.00
Other school work	16.00
Poultry	108.40
Indian exhibits	216.00
	\$7,891.89
Balance on hand	267.82
Total disbursements	\$8,159.71

Statement for 1918

<i>Receipts</i>	
Cash on hand from 1917 operation	\$267.82
Reno Business Men's Association, rent of Reno track	1,900.00
Borrowed from Churchill County Bank	300.00
Exhibitors' ticket sales	195.00
Pavilion ticket sales	314.00
Resale of hay	147.85
From state appropriation	6,000.00
Total receipts	\$9,125.47
<i>Disbursements</i>	
Insurance on Reno property for 1917	\$380.00
Advertising for 1917	30.00
Silver cup and engraving, 1917	17.15
Hardware and express	9.14
Sign posters	297.75
Hay	550.00
Lime and spray pump	14.80
Disinfectants	5.40
Plumbing and fixtures	95.65
Water and connections	20.90
Carpenter work	114.00
Tickets and entry supplies	60.76
Windows	188.00
Labor	1,477.46
Jitney service	21.75
Postage and express	15.31
Judges' expenses	51.18
Contract price on band	350.00
Meals for band at Fallon	104.40
Rooms for band	54.00
Telephone	5.00
Fish ladder for Reno grounds	18.40
Straw	24.30
Lumber and supplies	332.47
Printing and supplies	80.00
Electric work and supplies	46.45
Telegrams, W. U. T. Co.	1.93
Express	12.93
Insurance Fallon property	66.00
Renewal Secretary's bond	7.50
Silver cups and engraving	128.80
Office rental	10.00
Reno National Bank to apply on note	1,900.00
Churchill County Bank, borrowed money and interest	307.50
Premiums—Horses	100.00
Cattle	226.00
Sheep	108.00
Swine	92.50
Dairy products	3.00
Field crops	62.00
Fruits	162.00
Flowers	12.00
Garden truck	118.25
Bees and honey	24.00
Needlework and fancy work	153.75
Canning	31.00
Baking	8.00
Indian exhibits	249.00
Boys and Girls Club work	356.80
Poultry	118.75
Total disbursements	\$8,623.98
Cash now in treasury	501.49
Total disbursements	\$9,125.47

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. NOBLE, *Secretary.*

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Receipts	
From State Appropriation	1,000.00
From Sales	144.75
From Donations	114.00
From Interest	105.00
From Rents	30.00
From Other Sources	1,000.00
Total Receipts	2,699.75
Disbursements	
For Salaries	1,200.00
For Printing	200.00
For Stationery	100.00
For Travel	50.00
For Fuel	100.00
For Repairs	50.00
For Telephone	50.00
For Postage	50.00
For Office Expenses	100.00
For Contingencies	100.00
For Interest	100.00
For Depreciation	100.00
For Other Expenses	100.00
Total Disbursements	2,600.00
Balance Forward	99.75
Total	2,699.75



J. B. Young, Secretary