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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

To His Excellency,
JOHN F. SHAFROTH,
Governor of the State of Colorado.

The following biennial report is respectfully submitted.

JULIA V. WELLES,
President.

MRS. ANNIE G. WHITMORE,
Secretary.

Denver, Colorado, Dec. 1, 1910.

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JULIA VON DER LIETH WELLES,
President of the Colorado Traveling Library Commission.

REPORT
OF THE
Colorado Traveling Library Commission

December 1, 1908—December 1, 1910

ACT CREATING THE COMMISSION

The act creating the Colorado Traveling Library Commission was introduced in the Fourteenth General Assembly by Senator Hume Lewis of Pueblo, was passed by that body and was signed by Governor James H. Peabody, April 13, 1903, and became a law July 1, 1903. The act is herewith appended.

(S. B. 167, by Senator Hume Lewis.)

An act for the establishment and maintenance of a system of free traveling libraries in the State of Colorado and appropriate money for the support of the same.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. That there be and hereby is created a board to be known and entitled, "The Colorado Traveling Library Commission," which shall consist of five members, who shall serve without salaries and any compensation whatsoever, and who shall be appointed by the Governor in the manner following, from a list of names which shall be submitted to him by the Executive Board of the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs. The Colorado Traveling Library Commission shall go into operation on July 1, A. D. 1903, and the terms of office of the members thereof shall date from July 1.

Sec. 2. That the first board hereby provided shall serve as follows: The first two persons selected by the Governor from a list of names submitted to him by the Executive Board of the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs shall serve for one year; the second two persons selected by the Governor from a list of names submitted to him by the Executive Board of the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs shall serve for a period of two years. The other members selected by the Governor from a list of names submitted to him by the Executive Board of the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs shall serve

for a period of three years; that upon the expiration of the terms of office of the members of the first board, appointments shall be made by the Governor as herein provided from a list of names submitted to him by the Executive Board of the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs, and the terms thereafter shall be for a period of three years or until their successors, respectively, are appointed and qualified.

Sec. 3. That the said Colorado Traveling Library Commission shall have power to take and to hold, in the name of the State of Colorado, title to all books, property and apparatus acquired by purchase or otherwise, and to do any and all things necessary to carry out the intention of this act to create and to keep in operation free traveling libraries for the State of Colorado; to make such reasonable rules and regulations for the government and control of said libraries, and of other property, as it may deem necessary and proper; that under such regulations as it may prescribe, the said Commission is required to send out and keep in circulation among the people of this State such books as may be required in any manner for the circulating libraries, and such books, when so sent out, shall be kept for the general use of the public, and said Commission shall distribute the libraries and at intervals change said libraries in such manner as to secure in the most practical manner the free use and enjoyment of said libraries by the people of the State.

Sec. 4. That the Board of Capitol Managers be and they are hereby authorized to set aside and provide suitable accommodations in the Capitol Building of this State for the use of the Colorado Traveling Library Commission to carry out the intent and purposes of this act.

Sec. 5. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the Treasury of the State of Colorado, from funds not otherwise appropriated for a period of two years, the sum of two thousand dollars, one thousand dollars of which shall be paid during the year 1903, and one thousand dollars during the year 1904, for the purchase of books, repairing the same for the general equipment of said libraries, and to meet the expenses in carrying out the purposes of this act; that said moneys hereby appropriated shall be paid out on warrants drawn and endorsed by the Chairman of the Colorado Traveling Library Commission.

Sec. 6. That the Auditor of this State be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Treasury of the State to the extent of the amount hereby appropriated and for the years for which the appropriation is made, upon vouchers or warrants properly certified by the Chairman of the Colorado Traveling Library Commission.

Approved April 13, 1903.

PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION.

The purpose of the Commission, as expressed in the law, is to maintain the Colorado Free Traveling Library system, through which books and magazines should be accessible to every community in the State, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as will secure in the most practical manner the free use and enjoyment of said libraries by the people of this State.

AIMS OF THE COMMISSION.

The aims of the Commission are to make the Traveling Library of the greatest usefulness, by finding out the needs of the community or district where the boxes are to be sent, and as far as possible supply these needs, to help small public libraries in getting on their feet, by supplying recent fiction, thus making it possible for them to invest their funds in reference and other books that are necessary in establishing a permanent library, to lend books to study clubs that can not get the material for their work, to co-operate with the teacher in the rural school in developing the children's reasoning power by placing in their hands good wholesome reading matter, thus guiding the children to the right sort of reading and creating in them the love for and the habit of reading good books. In fact, we aim to place within the reach of the citizens of every town in the State, no matter how small or how remote from the centers of civilization, one of our compact little traveling library boxes, and ultimately to have more good books read per capita than in any other state in the Union.

If the citizens who have access to fine buildings, and to the wealth of books so freely distributed through the libraries in the cities, could see the desolation of some of the people not so blessed, and their eagerness to avail themselves of the slightest opportunity, the city people would appreciate far more the great privilege they have and be more ready to help those less fortunate. A well known Denver woman told me that when she was living high up among our snow clad peaks, that all the printed matter that she saw of any kind while in her mountain home was a few standard volumes brought from her eastern home. These were read and re-read until they were worn out—the only way of leaving the mine for the greater part of the year was on snow shoes. A little girl of twelve in one of our rural schools went into hysteria when given a fairy book, and was told that she might take it home to read. She said that she had never had a story book all her own to read before in her life. Another woman wrote that until magazines and papers were sent them by the Traveling Library she had not seen a paper for eighteen months. These are but a few of many cases that come to our notice. The same conditions exist out on the

plains, where the people living on the ranches are often 75 miles from a railroad.

APPOINTEES ON THE COMMISSION.

Governor Shafroth re-appointed Mrs. A. M. Welles for a term of three years, commencing July 1, 1910. Mrs. P. J. McHugh of Fort Collins was appointed in place of Mrs. M. A. B. Conine, recently deceased.

IN MEMORIAM.

In the death of Mrs. Martha A. B. Conine, who had rendered valuable service as First Vice-President of the Traveling Library Commission for nearly four years, the Commission in common with the rest of the community feel that they have sustained the loss of one of their noblest women. Foremost in all work that was for the upbuilding of Colorado, the State she loved so well. God grant that from the splendor of the light into which she has gone there will forever stream and radiate the consciousness of herself and of her work.



MARTHA A. B. CONINE,
The First Vice-President Traveling Library Commission.

INCREASE OF TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The Commission has completed the seventh year of its work as a State Commission, previous to which its work had been carried on for two years by a committee from the State Federation of Women's Clubs. The Traveling Libraries have increased since our last report from 216 boxes of fifty volumes each to 241 boxes, with the same number of books in each box, an increase of 25 boxes. The total number of boxes are valued at \$12,000. Of these, 96 are juvenile and 145 miscellaneous boxes. In spite of the rapid increase in the number of boxes, the supply is still not equal to the demand, there being 8 unfilled applications on our list, owing to a lack of boxes, as this report goes to press.

LIST OF BOXES.

1. Annie G. Whitmore, C. F. W. C.
2. Adah Wiley Jones, Social Union.
3. Anne Hathaway, Shakespeare No. 1.
4. Anne Hathaway, Shakespeare No. 2.
5. Art and Literature, W. C. of Denver.
6. Alice Robinson, La Junta.
7. Art and Literature, North Side Woman's Club.
8. Amanda Kerr Lewis, Scio, Art Club.
9. Alfred Robinson, Memorial.
10. Alice Polk Hill, Round Table Club.
11. A. M. Stevenson, C. T. L. C.
12. Anna Willetts Stuard, Y. L. C. C.
13. Anne Beatrice Chittenden, Y. L. C. C. Memorial.
14. A. Merritt Welles, Jr., Memorial.
15. Amsie L. Hersey, National Congress of Mothers.
16. Argyle Club of Denver.
17. Ada S. McClure, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of D.
18. Bertha L. Wasson, Argyle Club of Denver.
19. Blanche Roosevelt-Machette, Memorial.
20. Ben B. Lindsey, W. C. of Denver.
21. Boulder Fortnightly, Boulder.
22. City Improvement Society, Denver.
23. Centennial Club, Colorado Springs.
24. Canon City Convention Souvenir Box.
25. Christ Sunday School, Canon City.
26. Columbine Club, Fort Collins.
27. Collegiate Alumnae, Denver.
28. Carrie Christian Kunkelly, Woman's Press Club.
29. Carrie Chapman Catt, New York.
30. Clio Club, Denver.
31. Carrie P. Dawson, C. T. L. Commission.
32. Colorado Chapter D. A. R.
33. Camilla Roberts Tedrow, Y. L. C. C.
34. Cora V. Curtius, Memorial Argyle Club.

35. Clara Cressingham, Memorial Argyle Club.
36. Caroline P. Smith, North Side Woman's Club.
37. Dr. Laura M. Porter, Memorial, Boston, Mass.
38. Denver Fortnightly Club, Quarto Centennial.
39. Dr. J. H. Kappas, Reviewers' Club.
40. Denver Circle National Congress of Mothers.
41. Dr. Cora S. Richards, Social Science Dept. W. C. of D.
42. Dora Kerngood Wile, Memorial Jewish Woman's Council.
43. Denver Fortnightly Club, Denver.
44. Elizabeth W. Goddard, W. C. of Denver.
45. Eliza A. Routt, Fortnightly Club.
46. Eurette K. La Barthe, W. C. of Denver.
47. Ethel Elsie Patch, Memorial T. L. C. C.
48. Elizabeth Allen, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
49. Effie Halleck, Argyle Club, Denver.
50. Emma Lentz, Memorial, Humane Educational Society.
51. Estelle Fulton, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
52. Eliza Folsom McClelland, W. T. K. Club, Greeley.
53. Equal Suffrage Association, Denver.
54. Emma M. Herey, Arapahoe County Teachers.
55. Ellis Meredith, First Charter Convention.
56. Edward Walter Hurlbut, Memorial.
57. Eliza Lentz, C. T. L. C.
58. Emily Meredith, C. F. W. C.
59. Emma C. Crowley, North End, W. C. T. U., Colorado Federation No. 3, C. F. W. C.
60. Francis B. Belford, Social Service Dept. W. C. of D.
61. First Congregational Church, Denver.
62. First Congregational Church Sunday School, Denver.
63. Fonetta Flansberg, City Federation, Colorado Springs.
64. Friends in Council Juvenile, Canon City.
65. Friends in Council, 1896, Canon City.
66. Friends in Council, 1901, Canon City.
67. Flora T. McHarg, Woman's Club of Denver.
68. Florence Kelley, Sunshine Society, New York.
69. Federation No. 11.
70. Francis A. Kimball, Ouray Woman's Club.
71. Forestry Committee, C. F. W. C.
72. Grace Roeschlaub Sibley, Y. L. C. C.
73. George Cushman, Memorial.
74. Hypatia Club, Boulder.
75. Hypatia Club, Trinidad No. 2.
76. Hypatia Club, Trinidad No. 2.
77. Hypatia, Pierian and Tourists' Clubs, Trinidad.
78. Helen M. Grenfell, Teachers' Institute, 1904.
79. Halsey V. and Merritt Welles, Denver.
80. Helen Leimer, Memorial, Pi Pi Kappa.
81. Harriet Scott Saxton, Social Science Dept., W. C. of Denver.

82. Hattie U. Stevens, Parliamentary Aux., W. C. of Denver.
83. Home and Educational Dept., W. C. of Denver.
84. Helen Marsh Wixson, Woman's Press Club.
85. Historic Art Club, Denver.
86. Helen M. Reynolds, Memorial.
87. Health Box, W. C. of Denver.
88. Honora McPherson, H. and C. Dept., W. C. of D.
89. Henry Dudley Tupper, Memorial.
90. Helen Ring Robinson, Woman's Press Club.
91. Isabella Tourists' Club, Gunnison.
92. Ione T. Hanna, H. and E. Dept., W. C. of Denver.
93. Inah Lewis Fox, Monday Extension, W. C. of D.
94. Inez Thornburgh, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
95. Isabelle Churchill, C. F. W. C.
96. Jennie Hilton Baker, Woman's Club of Boulder.
97. Julia von der Leith-Welles, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
98. James H. Peabody, C. F. W. C.
99. Janet R. Storr, Social Science Dept., W. C. of D.
100. Jessie I. Hanna, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
101. Julia Lyter, Argyle Club.
102. Jessie I. Purrier, Isabella Tourists' Club, Gunnison.
103. Julia M. Estey, Loung Ladies' Clio Club.
104. Jeanette Starr, North Side Woman's Club.
105. Junior Clio Club, Denver.
106. J. Warner Mills, Memorial Arena Club.
107. Julia von der Leith-Welles, No. 2, C. F. W. C.
108. Jessica Stebbins, Y. L. C. C.
109. Jewish Woman's Council.
110. Jacob von der Leith Memorial.
111. Kate Reynolds Lobinger, Collegiate Alumnae.
112. Kliothalean Club, Greeley.
113. Katherine Grafton Patterson, Woman's Club.
114. Katherine Grafton Patterson, No. 2, Denver Fortnightly.
115. Lulu M. Sawyer, Woman's Club, Colorado Springs.
116. Liska Stillman Churchill, A. L. Dept., W. C. of D.
117. Ladies' Fortnightly, Boulder.
118. Lola Maloney, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of Denver.
119. Lillian H. Kerr, Woman's Club, Colorado Springs.
120. Lucy E. Peabody, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of D.
121. Pearl Arnold, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of D.
122. Mrs. Eugene C. Stevens, Reviewers' Club.
123. Modesta W. Mott, Press Club Memorial.
124. Margaret Hubbard, Memorial, W. C. of D.
125. Mrs. Fred Dick, C. F. W. C.
126. Mrs. A. E. Thayer, Memorial Press Club.
127. Mrs. Bushnell, Fortnightly Club, Memorial.
128. Mrs. James B. Grant, Regent, Colorado Chapter D. A. R.
129. Margaret Tupper True, End. Com., N. C. of Mothers.

131. Mabel Thornburgh, Y. L. C. C.
 132. Martha E. Gildersleeve, Memorial, North Side W. C.
 T. U.
 133. Mae Edgecomb, Argyle Club.
 134. Minnie Harbaugh, Ninth District, W. C. T. U., Colorado Springs.
 135. Mrs. John L. McNeil, Denver.
 136. Margaret E. Snyder, C. T. L. C.
 137. Mary E. Drinkwater, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of D.
 138. Martha B. Rogers, Century Club, Denver.
 139. Mrs. Tilden, Memorial, Y. W. C. T. U.
 140. Mary M. Collins, Georgetown.
 141. Mary E. Parks, North Side Woman's Club.
 142. Minnie C. T. Love, M. D., H. and E. Dept., W. C. of D.
 143. Mary B. Stover, Fort Collins.
 144. Minnie Lahn Harding, C. F. W. C.
 145. Mrs. B. F. Stickley, C. F. W. C.
 146. Mary B. Ragan, North Side Woman's Club.
 147. Myrtle Ruble, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
 148. Mrs. O. G. Otis, C. F. W. C.
 149. Mame M. Sprague, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
 150. Martin P. Pels, Memorial, Denver.
 151. Martha B. Tuttle, Centennial Club, Colorado Springs.
 152. Mann and Winthrop Page, Denver.
 153. Mrs. Mahlon D. Thatcher, Pueblo.
 154. Mary L. Shears, North Side Woman's Club.
 155. Mrs. J. J. Brown, Denver.
 156. Minnie J. Reynolds, Woman's Press Club.
 157. Minnie J. Reynolds, No. 2, C. F. W. C.
 158. Mary C. C. Bradford, Social Science Dept., W. C. of D.
 159. Mrs. Albert Forbes, Reviewers' Club.
 160. Mrs. James Cowie, Boulder.
 161. Marietta Jefferson, Friday Musical Club of Boulder.
 162. Margaret White O'Leary, Western Slope.
 163. Margaret Patterson Campbell, Collegiate Alumnae.
 164. Mary B. Morris, Art and L. Dept. W. C. of Denver.
 165. Mira S. Sprague, Colorado W. C. T.
 166. Mary N. Perkins, New York.
 167. Monday Evening Clio, Denver.
 168. Monday Literary, Denver.
 169. Monday Literary No. 2, Denver.
 170. Mrs. L. M. Barney, Woman's Literary, Colorado Springs.
 171. Mrs. Clay B. Steele, Reviewers' Club.
 172. McKinley No. 1, F. A. Reynolds, Canon City.
 173. No. 2, Mrs. A. R. Guemar, Florence.
 174. Mary C. Bancroft, Denver Fortnightly.
 175. Mary N. Chase, North Side Woman's Club.
 176. Mary Byers Robinson, Denver.
 177. Nellie W. Wood, Tourists' Club, Trinidad.
 178. Nettie Hubbard Bolles, M. D., H. & E. Dept. W. C. of D.

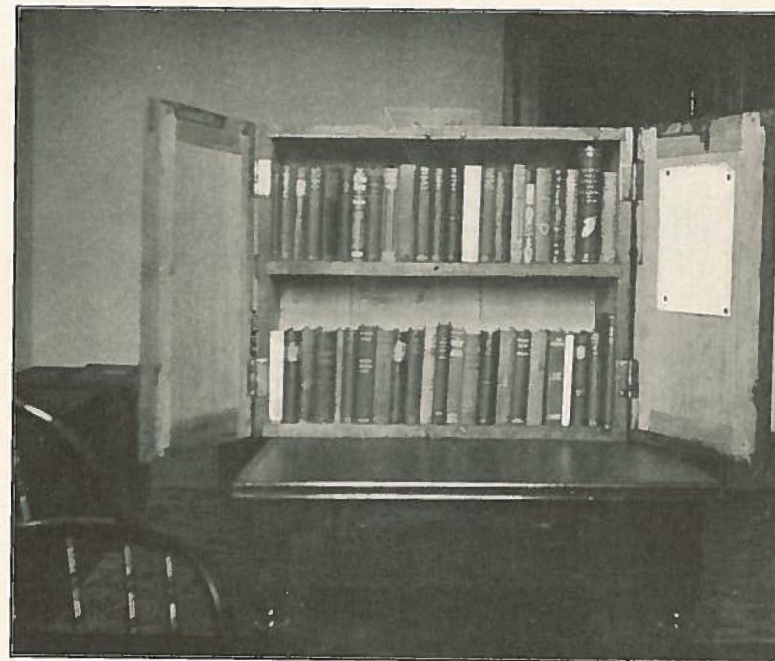
179. Nettie Edwards Casper, 22d Avenue Club.
 180. Norma Purchase, C. F. W. C.
 181. Nettie C. Jacobson, A. and L. Dept. W. C. of D.
 182. Nettie K. Gravett, C. F. W. C.
 183. Mrs. Gertrude Bullen Hollister, C. F. W. C.
 184. Ouray Woman's Club, Ouray.
 185. Pierian Club of Denver.
 186. Prof. Cora McDonald, Reviewers' Club, Denver.
 187. Pearl Gallup, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
 188. Pierian Club, Trinidad.
 189. Pearl B. Wheeler, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
 190. Progress Club, Greeley.
 191. Queen Esther Branch Sunshine Mission, New Haven,
 Conn.
 192. Rebecca P. Vetter, Memorial, Unity Alliance.
 193. Round Table Club, Denver.
 194. Rev. J. Monroe Markley, First Congregational Church.
 195. Reviewers' Club, Denver.
 196. Rene C. Pels, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
 197. Rebecca P. Utter, Memorial No. 2, Monday Literary.
 198. Senator Horace T. De Long, C. T. L. C.
 199. Susan B. Anthony, Memorial, Colorado Equal Suffrage Association.
 200. Senator Casimiro Barela, C. T. L. C.
 201. Sadie E. Flint, North Side Woman's Club.
 202. Sarah K. Walling, Jane Jefferson Democratic Club.
 203. Senator Hume Lewis, C. F. W. C.
 204. Susan R. Ashley, Fortnightly Club.
 205. Sarah Platt Decker, W. C. of D.
 206. Scio Art Club, Denver.
 207. Sophia Lovejoy Dickinson, W. C. of D.
 208. Susan Moffatt Hayward, Clio Club.
 209. Social Science Dept., W. C. of D.
 210. Sara A. Blanchard, North Side Club.
 211. Sarah C. Irish, North Side Woman's Club.
 212. Social Art Club, Littleton.
 213. Sphinx Club, Denver.
 214. Thomas Scott Hayden, Jr., Memorial, Denver.
 215. Tribune Sunshine Society, New York.
 216. Tuesday Musical Club, Denver.
 217. Twenty-second Avenue and Around the World Club,
 Denver.
 218. Tourists' Club of Trinidad.
 219. Theodosia Ammons, Memorial, C. F. W. C.
 220. The Daisy Library, Memorial.
 221. Logan County Teachers, C. T. L. C.
 222. Lucy A. Davidson, Memorial.
 223. Valeria N. Church, Memorial, Denver.
 224. Violet Toovey, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
 225. W. M. Church, Memorial, Denver.

- 226. Woman's Club of Leadville.
- 227. Woman's Press Club, Denver.
- 228. Woman's Club of Grand Junction.
- 229. W. T. K. Club of Greeley.
- 230. Woman's Club of Canon City.
- 231. Wednesday Current Events and Fourth Avenue Reading Club.
- 232. Wednesday Morning Club of Pueblo.
- 233. Woman's Club of Denver.
- 234. Woman's Club of Littleton.
- 235. Woman's Literary Club of Colorado Springs.
- 236. Woman's Lunch Club, Denver.
- 237. Woman's Club of Victor.
- 238. Woman's Club of La Junta.
- 239. West Side Woman's Club.
- 240. Young Ladies' Clio Club, Denver.
- 241. Martha A. B. Conine, Memorial, W. C. of D.
- 242. Wm. N. Byers, Memorial.

RULES GOVERNING STATE TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

1. The person to whom this box is sent shall be held personally responsible for the safe return of its contents.
2. This box of books is free to the public. No charge is made by the State for its use, and no charge is to be made by any person in authority, except to replace books lost or destroyed.
3. The only requirement made by the State is that this box and contents be returned at the end of six months in as good condition as when received, barring natural wear and tear.
4. If a book is lost, one of the same standard and in equally good condition must be substituted for it.
5. In order that the person in charge of a box may protect themselves, they should loan only to persons known to them, or to those presenting satisfactory references. A second book should not be loaned to any person until the first is returned in as good condition as when loaned.
6. These books have been given by friends of free libraries. The State asks all borrowers to treat them well, for the sake of those to whom they may give pleasure and profit after leaving you.
7. Address all communications and applications to the president, stating whether you wish a miscellaneous, a juvenile or a reference box. Always state what road you are on, and exactly how to direct box.
8. Return all boxes to transportation clerk by freight, Room 10, Capitol building, care Colorado Traveling Library Commission. Notify her of the return of a box and enclose bill of lading. Always advise her of the receipt of a box, otherwise she has no means of knowing that it has reached its destination.
9. Always return boxes by freight.

A BOX OF BOOKS FROM THE TRAVELING LIBRARY
READ FOR ITS MISSION OF EDUCATION.



"He ate and drank the precious words,
His spirit grew robust,
He knew no more that he was poor,
Nor that his frame was dust;
He danced along the dingy ways,
And this bequest of wings
Was but a book. What liberty
A loosened spirit brings!"

10. Do not fasten boxes with nails—it damages them very materially. Proper bolts for fastening are always sent with each box.

11. State whether you are willing to pay transportation charges or not.

12. A second box will not be sent to any one failing to comply with these rules.

APPLICATION BLANK.

The undersigned asks that the Colorado Traveling Library Commission ship to one of the traveling libraries, and promise to take personal charge of the books sent..... and to keep a record of their circulation in the form provided by the library, guaranteeing their return to the library in good condition, and the return of the library to Denver by freight at the end of the specified time. The commission reserves the right to withdraw this privilege at any time on non-compliance with these conditions.

Signed.....

I recommend the above applicant as a responsible person and promise to make good to the library any loss that may be occasioned by his failure to comply with the above requirements.

Signed.....

Application blanks will be furnished upon application to the Transportation Clerk, Miss Carrie M. Cushing, Room 10, Capitol Bldg.

BRANCHES OF THE WORK.

First—We have the miscellaneous boxes, composed of recent fiction, with a judicious admixture of travel, history, biography and sociology, intended for the general public and suited to the general taste. Each box contains fifty books.

Second—The juvenile boxes, composed entirely of the best juvenile books, chosen with a view to their relation to the school work, as well as to the tastes and ages of the children generally. These are for use in the country schools, Sunday schools, and the industrial schools. There are also fifty books in each of these boxes.

Third—Small collections of reference books for the use of clubs and study classes. If you write for books of this class you must be resigned to some delay, for they often have to be ordered from the East.

Fourth—Magazines and paper-bound books. These are shipped to farmers, millmen, railroad men, barns, hospitals, engine houses, stations, jails, reformatories and prisons.

Fifth—Leaflets for the sick. Sent to hospitals, relief corps and societies, and branches of the Sunshine Society. These leaf-

lets are short stories taken from the magazines and daintily mounted in such a way that invalids and convalescents can hold them without becoming tired.

SPECIAL BOXES.

Much interest has been manifested during the past year in preparing boxes along specific lines, and placing them in the hands of a librarian, who will send them to clubs and individuals studying along certain lines. For instance, the art committee to have charge of books upon art; teachers' box, prepared for teachers, in charge of county superintendent; household economics committee, books upon their work; outlook and extension books to help students along their line of work; forestry committee, books upon forestry; and the different circles of the Mothers' Congress, books to help both mother and child. A Health box, in which are books upon the prevention and care of tuberculosis.

BOX FOR THE BLIND.

A feature of the annual meeting of the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs was the presenting of a traveling library box filled with books for the adult blind, and named in honor of their retiring president, "Gertrude Bullen Hollister." This box is to be part of the Traveling Library system, but will be placed for distribution in the hands of Dr. Argo, at the school for the Deaf and Blind at Colorado Springs.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERIODICALS.

Three thousand magazines and unbound books have been distributed since our last report. We do not require that these be returned, but that they be used and passed on until they are worn out—thus enabling a score of readers to see them before they become waste paper. There is no more valuable material for reference work than that found in periodical literature, which often contains material not found in any other form. If you have a magazine which you have read, pass it on. You can do this by sending it to Room 10, Capitol building.

A FEW EXPRESSIONS QUOTED FROM LETTERS RECEIVED.

"Up here in this stormy, snow-bound country the luxuries of life are somewhat limited, and the magazines, books and papers are good material for occupying the mind, and many pleasant hours will be spent as a result of the kindness of the C. T. L. C."

"If the traveling libraries you send elsewhere are as much appreciated as the ones I have charge of here in Pine Grove, the club women certainly are doing a great and a glorious work."

"For every book I have given out I have said, 'The Colorado Traveling Library Commission send these gratis,' and they all

reply, 'How very kind!' So, you see, kind, grateful thoughts are vibrating toward you, and the snow-capped peaks which stand between us can not keep these vibrations from reaching you."

"The books were greatly enjoyed; in fact, they have been in constant use since their receipt. Another box of the same kind will be greatly appreciated."

"The Colorado Traveling Library Commission has not only been a great aid, but the whole thing for communities far removed from Carnegie and other libraries, and the longer it lives the more firmly will its merits be appreciated by the people."

"I wish you might know what a treasure your box has been to us, how it has been appreciated, with what enthusiasm received, with what eagerness read, and how thankful we all are to you."

"The Traveling Library Box arrived three weeks ago, and I assure you it is a boon to this village."

"Through the Traveling Library our community for several years has been provided with a high standard of literature, appreciated by the adult and juvenile, the summer guests, the shut-ins, and most by the students from the School of Mines, who convene here during the summer."

"We rank the Traveling Library as among the strongest educational agencies. The fact that tired miners, who find it as hard to read as to dig coal, will take these books home or to the reading room and read them, is one of the strongest evidences of the good work that the books are doing."

"Sterling, Logan Co.—We have had a number of the Federation libraries in this county and have enjoyed them more than we can tell. I am setting on foot a movement among my teachers to collect from them fifty good teachers' books to be donated to the Federation for a strictly Teachers' Box. Would this be acceptable? If the books were sent to you would you furnish the case and name it 'Logan County Teachers?' I should like to hear from you."

"Dear Mrs. Welles—I want to thank you for the books that I have read out of your library. I have read 'Blue Fairy Book,' 'Little Women' and Longfellow's poems. I like the stories very much. Miss Graham has read some of the books to us. Miss Graham is my teacher. I liked 'Little Women' the best of all.

"Yours truly,

"GERTRUDE HARRISON,

"Blend School."

"Dear Mrs. Julia Welles—I have read some stories from the 'Blue Fairy Book,' out of the Traveling Library. I have read 'Snow White and Rose Red,' 'The Forty Thieves,' 'Hans and Gretchen,' 'The Sleeping Beauty in the Woods,' 'The Tales of a

No.	Town	
6	Agate	Elbert County
7	Anthracite	Gunnison County
8	Amity	Prowers County
9	Arapahoe	Cheyenne County
10	Allison	La Plata County
11	Antonito	Conejos County
12	Avon	Eagle County
13	Alamosa	Conejos County
14	Bovina	Lincoln County
15	Bonanza	Saguache County
16	Brighton	Adams County
17	Bland	Elbert County
18	Buffalo Springs	Park County
19	Buena Vista	Chaffee County
20	Bailey	Park County
21	Brush	Morgan County
22	Bennett	Adams County
23	Broomfield	Jefferson County
24	Byers	Arapahoe County
25	Breckenridge	Summit County
26	Brookside	Fremont County
27	Berwin	Las Animas County
28	Bristol	Prowers County
29	Burlington	Kit Carson County
30	Baldwin	Gunnison County
31	Blanca	Costilla County
32	Blackhawk	Gilpin County
33	Bowie	Delta County
34	Berthoud	Larimer County
35	Crystal	Gunnison County
36	Conrad	Park County
37	Colona	Ouray County
38	Conifer	Jefferson County
39	Calhan	El Paso County
40	Chase	Park County
41	Cripple Creek	Teller County
42	Como	Park County
43	Cotopaxi	Fremont County
44	Canon City	Fremont County
45	Cardiff	Garfield County
46	Crested Butte	Gunnison County

No.	Town	
47	Coal Basin	Pitkin County
48	Castle Rock	Douglas County
49	Caddoa	Bent County
50	Cedarhurst	Las Animas County
51	Corona	Grand County
52	Cheyenne Wells	Cheyenne County
53	Carbondale	Garfield County
54	Collbran	Mesa County
55	Critchell	Jefferson County
56	Crook	Logan County
57	Colorado Springs	El Paso County
58	Carr	Weld County
59	Cedaredge	Delta County
60	Crews	El Paso County
61	Central City	Gilpin County
62	Crawford	Delta County
63	Cascade	El Paso County
64	Del Norte	Rio Grande County
65	Dyke	Archuleta County
66	Daffodil	Douglas County
67	Dillon	Summit County
68	Dumont	Clear Creek County
69	Delta	Delta County
70	Denver	Denver County
71	Downer	Boulder County
72	Dacona	Weld County
73	Deer Trail	Arapahoe County
74	De Beque	Mesa County
75	Doyle	Gunnison County
76	Durango	La Plata County
77	Edgewater	Jefferson County
78	Englewood	Denver County
79	Evans	Lake County
80	Engleville	Las Animas County
81	Eastonville	El Paso County
82	Elizabeth	Elbert County
83	Empire	Clear Creek County
84	Eagle	Eagle County
85	Eaton	Weld County
86	Eckhart	Delta County
87	Edlowe	Morgan County

No.	Town	
88	Eldora	Boulder County
89	El Nura	Las Animas County
90	Eckley	Yuma County
91	Elbert	Elbert County
92	Eads	Kiowa County
93	Evergreen	Jefferson County
94	Florence	Fremont County
95	Fort Lupton	Weld County
96	Fondis	Elbert County
97	Florissant	Park County
98	Fort Logan	Arapahoe County
99	Franktown	Douglas County
100	Firestone	Weld County
101	Fowler	Otero County
102	Flagler	Kit Carson County
103	Fort Collins	Larimer County
104	Fulford	Eagle County
105	Fountain	El Paso County
106	Gulch	Pitkin County
107	Glendale	Fremont County
108	Grover	Pueblo County
109	Garos	Park County
110	Granada	Prowers County
111	Gault	Weld County
112	Gardner	Huerfano County
113	Glenwood Springs	Garfield County
114	Grand Junction	Mesa County
115	Georgetown	Clear Creek County
116	Grant	Park County
117	Glacier	Gunnison County
118	Granite	Chaffee County
119	Golden	Jefferson County
120	Guffey	Park County
121	Grand Lake	Grand County
122	Goodrich	Morgan County
123	Green Canon	Las Animas County
124	Granby	Grand County
125	Grand Valley	Garfield County
126	Garos	Park County
127	Harris	Adams County
128	Howville	Gunnison County

No.	Town	
129	Harvey	Garfield County
130	Henry's Spur	Jefferson County
131	Haxtum	Phillips County
132	Holly	Prowers County
133	Hardin	Weld County
134	Highland Lake	Weld County
135	Hudson	Weld County
136	Howard	Fremont County
137	Henderson	Adams County
138	Holyoke	Phillips County
139	Hotchkiss	Delta County
140	Hammond	Park County
141	Harman	Denver County
142	Howbert	Park County
143	Hillrose	Morgan County
144	Hartman	Prowers County
145	Hooper	Costilla County
146	Hyde	Washington County
147	Hugo	Lincoln County
148	Henry	Washington County
149	Hazeltine	Adams County
150	Hoyt	Mesa County
151	Iola	Gunnison County
152	Irwin	Gunnison County
153	Jamestown	Boulder County
154	Johnstown	Weld County
155	Jefferson	Park County
156	Kokomo	Summit County
157	Kiowa	Elbert County
158	Kersey	Weld County
159	Keensburg	Weld County
160	Kremmling	Grand County
161	Littleton	Arapahoe County
162	La Salle	Weld County
163	La Jara	Conejos County
164	La Veta	Huerfano County
165	Lyons	Boulder County
166	Longmont	Boulder County
167	Livermore	Larimer County
168	Leadville	Lake County
169	Loveland	Larimer County

No.	Town	
170	Lamar	Prowers County
171	Lawson	Clear Creek County
172	Louisville	Boulder County
173	Lafayette	Boulder County
174	Lake George	Park County
175	Las Animas	Bent County
176	Limon	Lincoln County
177	Lakewood	Jefferson County
178	Lynn	Las Animas County
179	Lake City	Hinsdale County
180	Melvin	Arapahoe County
181	Maher	Montrose County
182	Morrison	Jefferson County
183	Maitland	Huerfano County
184	Masters	Weld County
185	Merino	Logan County
186	Minnequa	Pueblo County
187	Montrose	Montrose County
188	Manzanola	Otero County
189	Midway	Teller County
190	Mosca	Costilla County
191	Meeker	Rio Grande County
192	Mt. Carbon	Gunnison County
193	Marshall	Boulder County
194	Milliken	Weld County
195	Montezuma	Summit County
196	Masonville	Larimer County
197	Minturn	Eagle County
198	Mesa	Adams County
199	Mt. Morrison	Jefferson County
200	Morley	Las Animas County
201	Monte Vista	Rio Grande County
202	New Windsor	Weld County
203	New Castle	Garfield County
204	Otis	Washington County
205	Oversteg	Gunnison County
206	Orient	Saguache County
207	Ohio City	Gunnison County
208	Oak Creek	Routt County
209	Ordway	Otero County
210	Olney Springs	Otero County

No.	Town	
211	Piceance	Rio Blanco County
212	Petersburg	Arapahoe County
213	Pinon	Montrose County
214	Powers	Bent County
215	Parker	Douglas County
216	Pagosa Junction	Archuleta County
217	Paonia	Delta County
218	Platteville	Weld County
219	Pine	Jefferson County
220	Pemberton	Douglas County
221	Pueblo	Pueblo County
222	Primero	Las Animas County
223	Parachute	Garfield County
224	Pitkin	Gunnison County
225	Pinecliffe	Boulder County
226	Pagosa Springs	Archuleta County
227	Portland	Teller County
228	Peoria	Arapahoe County
229	Pinneo	Washington County
230	Quimby	Arapahoe County
231	Rye	Pueblo County
232	Robinson	Summit County
233	Rouse	Huerfano County
234	Redstone	Pitkin County
235	Rand	Larimer County
236	Rockvale	Fremont County
237	Rocky Ford	Otero County
238	Rifle	Garfield County
239	Roggen	Weld County
240	Ridgway	Ouray County
241	Russell Gulch	Gilpin County
242	Rugby	Las Animas County
243	Ramah	El Paso County
244	Round Oak	Huerfano County
245	Russell	Costilla County
246	Semper	Jefferson County
247	Sedalia	Douglas County
248	Sterling	Logan County
249	Salida	Chaffee County
250	Silver Plume	Clear Creek County
251	Silverton	San Juan County

No.	Town	
252	Steamboat Springs	Routt County
253	Segundo	Las Animas County
254	Starkville	Las Animas County
255	Smuggler	San Miguel County
256	Sopris	Garfield County
257	Stewart's Mesa	Delta County
258	Sulphur Springs	Grand County
259	Sugar Loaf	Boulder County
260	Seibert	Adams County
261	Strong	Huerfano County
262	Sedgwick	Sedgwick County
263	Snyder	Morgan County
264	Sugar City	Otero County
265	Sargents	Saguache County
266	Swallows	Pueblo County
267	Siloam	Pueblo County
268	South Platte	Jefferson County
269	Springfield	Baca County
270	Silt	Garfield County
271	Saguache	Saguache County
272	Sheridan Lake	Kiowa County
273	Texas Creek	Fremont County
274	Tin Cup	Gunnison County
275	Torres	Las Animas County
276	Turret	Chaffee County
277	Twin Lakes	Lake County
278	Trinidad	Las Animas County
279	Thurman	Washington County
280	Teller	Mineral County
281	Tinmath	Larimer County
282	Two Buttes	Baca County
283	Tobasco	Las Animas County
284	Undercliff	Pueblo County
285	Victor	Teller County
286	Vernon	Yuma County
287	Villa Grove	Saguache County
288	Vilas	Baca County
289	Walden	Jackson County
290	Wagon Creek	Costilla County
291	Winfield	Chaffee County
292	West Creek	Douglas County

No.	Town	
293	Wanamaker	Jefferson County
294	Watkins	Adams County
295	Walsenburg	Huerfano County
296	Westcliffe	Custer County
297	Woodland Park	Teller County
298	Wray	Yuma County
299	Wetmore	Custer County
300	Wiggins	Morgan County
301	Yampa	Routt County
302	Yuma	Yuma County

In addition to the towns visited, the following State institutions have been supplied with books:
 State Industrial School for Boys.
 State Industrial School for Girls.
 State Reformatory.
 The Detention School.
 And The Soldiers' Home at Monte Vista.

BOOKS ADDED

New books purchased	800
Second-hand books purchased	250
Contributed by Mrs. Crawford Campbell	200
	1,250

SAMPLE LIST OF BOOKS.

The following list of books, in the Lucy E. Peabody box, will give you an idea of the grade of books contained in an average miscellaneous box. The juvenile boxes are even better.

NEWS SECURES FREE LIBRARY.

Colorado Federation of Women's Club Sends Box of Books and Will Exchange Them as Needed.

Recognizing the need of a free public library in Lafayette The News some time ago wrote to the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs for one of their traveling libraries. The first box was received this week and will be kept until all have had a chance to read any of the books it contains. While there are only about fifty titles, the list is quite well selected and will prove of real value to those who desire to read the best of modern fiction. There is no charge of any kind on these books, but those who desire to do so may contribute either money or

books at The News office for the founding of a permanent library in Lafayette.

The Traveling Library titles are as follows:

Audrey.
 A Window in Thrums.
 At the Foot of the Rockies.
 Black Rock.
 Cuba.
 Chile Con Carne.
 Crucifixion of Philip Strong.
 Daughters of Niji.
 Education of the Central Nervous System.
 For the White Christ.
 Graustark.
 How Count Tolstoy Lives and Works.
 History of Equal Suffrage in Colorado.
 In the Arctic Sea.
 Life on the Mississippi.
 Memoirs of a Baby.
 Masqueraders.
 Prodigal Son.
 Princess Passes.
 People of Our Neighborhood.
 Plutarch's Lives.
 Romance in Transit.
 Romance of an Old Fashioned Gentleman.
 Reign of Law.
 Soldiers of Fortune.
 Successward.
 Science and Health.
 The Undercurrent.
 Tarry Thou Till I Come.
 The Silent Places.
 The Deliverance.
 The Two Van Revels.
 The Canoe and the Saddle.
 The Stowmarket Mystery.
 Story of an African Farm.
 On the Heights.
 Rupert of Hentzau.
 Square Pegs.
 Mdlle De Berney.
 In Old Bellairs.
 The Voice of the People.
 The Despot of Broomsedge Cove.
 Rue With a Difference.
 Under the Willows.
 Unity of Good.
 Whosoever Shall Offend.
 When a Man's Single.

Where Is My Dog?
 With Star and Crescent.
 The Weavers.
 The Circular Staircase.
 The War in the Air.
 The Making of Bobby Burnit.
 The Patience of John Morland.

ORIGIN AND GROWTH OF TRAVELING LIBRARIES IN COLORADO.

America was the first country in the world to conceive the idea of a free school within reasonable reach of every child. If the plain people of America are at all superior in general intelligence to corresponding classes in the rest of the world it is undoubtedly due to the consistent pursuit of that ideal throughout our history. In 1892 Melvie C. Dewey, State Librarian at Albany, New York, assisted the club women of New York to put in operation the traveling library system now so widely used in America. This idea he borrowed from Australia, to which country belongs the honor of having devised and put in operation the traveling library system. This idea is supplementary to that of the public school and rendered necessary by it. The development since 1892 of this system of the placing of a public collection of good books within reasonable reach of every citizen is almost incredible. In the great movement to make the public library as common as the public school in America, Colorado has borne her part. In 1899, the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs, at its annual meeting, voted \$50 with which to purchase and start on its mission of education the first traveling library box. In 1903, through the efforts of the club women, the library was made a State institution and the Federation turned over to the State the \$4,000 worth of books and boxes which it had accumulated. Since then the State has accumulated 171 boxes, making a total number of 242 at the present writing. These boxes go into communities 100 miles from the railroad at times. They have gone into counties in Colorado in which there has not only never been a library but never a bookstore in the history of the county. They go to remote hamlets and school houses, to struggling frontier churches, mining camps and lonely ranches; they are taken charge of by teachers, school superintendents, clergymen, Sunday schools, editors, station agents, professional men, club women, mine superintendents, postmasters and farmers' wives. They go to the high hills where the people are almost cut off from communication with the outside world during the long winter months. They supplement the history and geography lessons of the country school house with bright, readable books on the subject which fill the growing minds of the country children of Colorado with ideas and information which they could attain in no other way. Through the encouragement of a box of fresh books coming in every six months, a remarkable number of small, local, libraries and reading rooms have been es-

tablished over Colorado, in places so small and new that one would not expect to find them there. It is not for the community-ably able to provide its own library facilities that the traveling library is designed. It is for the people who will in no other way have access to a public collection of books. It is an institution of incomparable educational value in a young State of vast distances and shifting population. Its benefits are being worked into the civilization of Colorado, into the mind and character of the people and the type of citizen she is developing. The ninety juvenile boxes are filled with the best known books for children, selected largely from suggestive lists sent in by teachers. The boxes for adults contain the best current fiction and standard novels, and works upon history, biography, travel, science, art, literature and sociology. When the boxes first were sent out each book was read from one to three times. The present average is from one to seven times. Children who had never before in their lives seen a story book have received them from our libraries, people hundreds of miles from any public library have had their minds broadened and their lives enriched by the visits of our little boxes. Surely this is a work worthy of a great State, a work which only a highly civilized people could conceive and carry out, and it has had its effect upon other States. The traveling library of Rhode Island was started by the club women of that State after consultation with the chairman of the Colorado Traveling Library Commission. A missionary in India first heard of traveling libraries in Colorado and made inquiries preparatory to starting them in that country. Nevertheless Colorado is dishearteningly behind other States in this work. States far older and more thickly settled than Colorado and needing traveling libraries correspondingly less have systems which dwarf that of Colorado. New York State has thousands of boxes in circulation in her rural communities and the headquarters of the work occupies one floor of one wing of the great capitol at Albany. There in the packing room one may see men working all day, lifting and trucking the boxes, manual labor too heavy to be suitably performed by women, as it is in our Colorado office. In Kansas the traveling library, modeled originally on ours, has a suite of three handsome rooms, which is one of the show places of the capitol. It has an annual appropriation of \$3,000 for books and expenses entirely aside from salaries. It pays a librarian \$1,000 per year and employs two stenographers and a man for heavy work. The Colorado commission has no stenographer, no man for heavy work, no paid employe, but one shipping clerk at \$40 per month. The State Teachers' Association, which met in Denver in November, voted to ask for the enactment of legislation which would insure the privileges of the traveling library to school districts of the third class. This was spontaneous action, unsought by the commission to seek to push the work, for it has no means or facilities to meet the demand which instantly results. On one occasion the chairman of the commission wrote to the County Superintendent of Schools of

Logan county, explaining the work. A response came immediately for 48 boxes for circulation among the schools of that county. The commission had only five on hand with which to fill this request. Under such limitations an attempt to widen the field of the library's usefulness is out of the question. All that is possible is to keep up with the demand which the people themselves make as knowledge of the library passes from one to another.

The friends of library extension will this session introduce a bill to amend the Constitution in such a way as to make it possible to create the office of State Librarian, and place all of the library activities of the State in charge of this officer. Our State library work would then be on a par with that of other States. Under this new head would be placed the State Library (now in charge of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction), the Traveling Library (the Commission going out of existence), the Historical Society, the Teachers' Reading Circle, and the Library Commission; there would be established a Legislative Reference Department, a Library Training School and any other library activities that might be demanded by the people. A Legislative Reference Department—modeled after that department in the Wisconsin Library—which has proved to be of immense value to the Legislature of Wisconsin, has been demanded by the legislators of Colorado. A bill for the establishment of such a department was introduced by Senator De Long at the last General Assembly, but failed of passage. A Library Training School is much needed in Colorado at present; all trained Librarians must now be supplied from outside the State. Such a school could be maintained at little expense, as the students could get their practical training by performing the library work of the State, under professional guidance. May we hope that after reading our report the members of the Eighteenth General Assembly will be convinced of its value to the extent that they will be willing to recommend to the people the passage of the amendment to the Constitution as introduced at this session.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Federation Committee that will co-operate with the Traveling Library Commission are as follows: Miss Carrie Cushing, Denver; Mrs. Katherine Thompson, Denver; Mrs. E. A. Sawyer, Colorado Springs; Mrs. Dexter T. Sapp, Gunnison.

Office of the Commission, Room 10, Capitol Building.

Regular meetings of the Traveling Library Commission will be held subject to the call of the President.

AN URGENT REQUEST.

Will patrons of the Traveling Library bear in mind that, under all circumstances, boxes must be returned by "Freight"?

Address all boxes to Room 10, Capitol Building, care of Colorado Traveling Library Commission.



