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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.

LERAH G. McHUGH,

Vice-President.

MRS. ANNIE G. WHITMORE,

Secretary.

Denver, Colorado, December 1, 1912.



JULIA VON DER LIETH WELLES,  
President of the Colorado Traveling Library Commission from its  
Creation in 1903.  
Died December 7, 1912.

# REPORT

OF THE

## Colorado Traveling Library Commission

December 1, 1910—December 1, 1912

### 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."

The Eighteenth General Assembly passed an act, introduced by Senator Napier, increasing the appropriation for the support of the Traveling Library system, as follows:

(S. B. 215, by Senator Napier.)

"AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM OF FREE TRAVELING LIBRARIES OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1912, AND THEREAFTER.

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

"Section 1. For the general support and maintenance of the system of free traveling libraries of the State of Colorado, there is hereby appropriated from any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for the biennial period ending November 30, 1912, less \$600.00 heretofore appropriated for said biennial period (Senate Bill No. 195 of the Eighteenth General Assembly), two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) being for the fiscal year 1911, and two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) being for the fiscal year 1912, and also the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each and every fiscal year thereafter.

"Sec. 2. The amount hereby appropriated is intended to cover the annual appropriation provided for in House Bill No. 76 of the Seventeenth General Assembly, being Chapter 131 of the Session Laws of 1909 and is not an appropriation in addition thereto.

"Sec. 3. The Auditor of State is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants on the treasury of the State to the extent of the amount hereby appropriated, upon vouchers properly served by the chairman of the Colorado Traveling Library Commission.

"Sec. 4. In the opinion of the General Assembly an emergency exists; therefore, this act shall take place and be in force from and after its passage.

"Approved May 29, 1911."

#### 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 cannot 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.

The machinery of the Commission makes possible the distribution of reading matter to many who would otherwise be entirely removed from any opportunity of securing it, except through the uncertain and irregular kindness of individuals. Such are not only the dwellers on lonely ranches, many miles from any railroad, but the men in the convict road camps and the inmates of county poor farms. Many and many a box of books and magazines from the Commission's office has carried comfort and cheer and encouragement to the unfortunate for whose care the state is responsible.

The Commission solicits, and will be grateful for, any request or information that will tell us of any locality where there is a need for our books, and a welcome awaiting them. We beg the citizens of the state to remember that this is their own Circulating Library, subject to their wishes, established for their use and enjoyment; and that the members of this Commission hold office solely for the purpose of seeing that the help and the joy of books can be brought to every man, woman, and child in Colorado.

#### APPOINTEES ON THE COMMISSION

Since the submission of the last biennial report, Governor Shafroth reappointed Mrs. James D. Whitmore, July 1, 1911, for a period of three years, and Mrs. Fannie M. D. Galloway was newly appointed for the same period.

On December 7, 1912, the Commission suffered a terrible loss through the sudden death of its beloved president, Mrs. Julia V. Welles. No appointment has yet been made to fill the vacancy.

#### IN MEMORIAM

In the death of Julia V. Welles the Traveling Library of Colorado has sustained an irreparable loss. From the beginning she has been the mother of this work in Colorado, and from the time that she took the chairmanship of this committee of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, in 1901, it has grown steadily until it is a thoroughly established state institution, having been made a part of the administration in 1903.

Mrs. Welles was born in Nevada City, Nevada, 1859, and came to Denver as a bride. Having lived in the West all her life, far from the great public libraries that bring books and culture to the very doors in the East, she knew the needs of men and women who are living in remote places, where even the mail is not an every-day occurrence. From the very beginning she made this work especially her own, and in a very real and practical way; for in its lean years, when hampered by unfriendly state administrations and lack of funds, she has carried the expenses of the department, and paid the freight, waiting many months to be reimbursed.

A founder of the Woman's Club, the Denver Women's Press Club, the Clio Club, the Public Service League, and a director in the Equal Suffrage Association, she was one of Colorado's most useful women. She did not spare herself, nor her means. Among the many tributes paid her, it was noticeable that nearly every speaker dwelt most upon her rarely lovable nature. It is true that this is what we think of most, yet she was a woman of very great brain power. No one had clearer vision, or sounder judgment, or greater courage. She never waited for the roll to be called before she determined where to take sides. Even if she stood alone, she stood none the less firmly. If the event showed her that she was in error, none was so quick to acknowledge it, or so ready to retract; but this seldom happened, for she was guided by conscience and the will to do right. Sometimes, as must happen in the stress of politics, she was obliged to choose between friends, where a woman of less strength of character would have done nothing; but she never alienated a friend in this way. She was too dear to us, too much, to allow anything of that kind to interfere or break the cords of the many friendships she had gathered to herself.

The mother of two splendid boys, Merritt and Halsey, she was always interested in everything that would make the world better for the coming generation. When her eldest son died at the very dawn of his career, the blow prostrated her for a time. Then she realized, as she had not before, that—

"Brief life is here our portion,  
Brief sorrow, short-lived care;  
The life that knows no ending,  
The tearless life, is there."

Those who were intimately associated with her know that from that time until her death she lived always like a citizen of two worlds, who, having here no continuing city, will shortly remove to one "whose builder and maker is God."

She did so many things, she was the inspiration of so much that was true and fine in our public life, from her labors in the first Charter Convention to the last box of books gathered together for the use of those who live at the Poor Farm, in all good

work in which women have taken an active part, that it is small wonder that those who would praise her are at a loss to choose, and speak rather of what she was than of what she did. In either case words fail and the tears start. Yet we may truly say of her:

"Alike are life and death,  
When death in life survives,  
And the uninterrupted breath  
Inspires a thousand lives.  
  
Were a star quenched on high,  
For ages would its light,  
Still traveling downward from the sky,  
Fall on our mortal sight.  
  
So, when a great man dies,  
For years beyond our ken,  
The light he leaves behind him lies  
Upon the paths of men."

ELLIS MEREDITH.

The Traveling Library Commission at its January meeting passed the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, The death of Mrs. Julia V. Welles has brought a great grief to the state, and a heavy loss to this work which claimed so much of her time and affection; and

"WHEREAS, Mrs. Welles was officially connected with Traveling Library interests through the years when they were under the care of the women's clubs, and has been the president of this Commission since it was established by statute nearly ten years ago; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Colorado Traveling Library Commission, here record our deep sorrow at her untimely passing, and our sincere admiration of her noble character and her unceasing devotion to the duties of her office.

*Resolved further*, That these resolutions be included in, and form a part of, the biennial report of this Commission, as a lasting testimonial to our beloved president.

[Signed] "LERAH G. McHUGH,  
Vice-President.

"ANNIE G. WHITMAN,  
Recording Secretary.

"MAGGIE E. SNYDER.

"FANNIE M. D. GALLOWAY.

## WORK OF THE COMMISSION

This report covers the work of the Commission through the ninth year of its existence as one of the state institutions. The biennial period just closed promised to be the most successful in its history, owing to the increased appropriation made by the Eighteenth General Assembly. Unfortunately, however, the available state funds were sufficient to meet only 50 per cent of the appropriation. For the larger part of the past year of 1912 the work was carried on solely through the generosity of those whose services were necessary to its operation. As a consequence, we are not able to report such an extension of the work as we had hoped to. It must not be forgotten that much of the expense of maintenance goes to the repair or replacing of worn-out books and boxes. The standard of equipment must be preserved before anything new can be added.

In spite of all this, however, we can still show a creditable gain. The Traveling Libraries have increased since our last report from 241 boxes, of fifty volumes each, to 265 boxes, with the same number of books in each box—an increase of twenty-four boxes. The total number of boxes is valued at \$13,250.

Forty-seven towns have been added to our list, making 349 altogether, and every day brings requests for a further extension of our work. A glance at the appended lists and map will show more vividly than any figures just what this office is managing to accomplish:

### 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. Annie L. Hersey, National Congress of Mothers.
16. Argyle Club of Denver.
17. Ada S. McClure, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of D.
18. Adella Bailey, W. C. of D., 1911.
19. Bessie Duling, Y. L. C. C., 1911.
20. Bertha Rollo, Y. L. C. C., 1912.
21. Bertha L. Wasson, Argyle Club of Denver.



22. Blanche Roosevelt-Machette, Memorial.
23. Ben B. Lindsey, W. C. of Denver.
24. Boulder Fortnightly, Boulder.
25. City Improvement Society, Denver.
26. Centennial Club, Colorado Springs.
27. Canon City Convention Souvenir Box.
28. Christ Sunday School, Canon City.
29. Columbine Club, Fort Collins.
30. Collegiate Alumnae, Denver.
31. Carrie Christian Kunkelly, Woman's Press Club.
32. Carrie Chapman Catt, New York.
33. Clio Club, Denver.
34. Carrie P. Dawson, C. T. L. Commission.
35. Colorado Chapter D. A. R.
36. Camilla Roberts Tedrow, Y. L. C. C.
37. Cora V. Curtius, Memorial Argyle Club.
38. Cora D. Martinstein, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of D.
39. Clara Cressingham, Memorial Argyle Club.
40. Caroline P. Smith, North Side Woman's Club.
41. Doane Hughes, Y. L. C. C., 1911.
42. Denver Socialists, 1912.
43. Dr. Laura M. Porter, Memorial, Boston, Mass.
44. Denver Fortnightly Club, Quarto Centennial.
45. Dr. J. H. Kappas, Reviewers' Club.
46. Denver Circle National Congress of Mothers.
47. Dr. Cora S. Richards, Social Science Dept., W. C. of D.
48. Dora Kerngood Wile, Memorial Jewish Woman's Council.
49. Denver Fortnightly Club, Denver.
50. Elizabeth W. Goddard, W. C. of Denver.
51. Eliza A. Routt, Fortnightly Club.
52. Eurette K. La Barthe, W. C. of Denver.
53. Ethel Elsie Patch, Memorial T. L. C. C.
54. Elizabeth Allen, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
55. Effie Halleck, Argyle Club, Denver.
56. Emma Lentz, Memorial, Humane Educational Society.
57. Estelle Fulton, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
58. Eliza Folsom McClelland, W. T. K. Club, Greeley.
59. Equal Suffrage Association, Denver.
60. Emma M. Herey, Arapahoe County Teachers.
61. Ellis Meredith, First Charter Convention.
62. Edward Walter Hurlbut, Memorial.
63. Eliza Lentz, C. T. L. C.
64. Emily Meredith, C. F. W. C.
65. Emma C. Crowley, North End, W. C. T. U., Colorado
66. Edith Culbertson, Y. L. C. C., 1912.
67. Friday Musical Club of Boulder, 1911.
68. Fanny M. D. Galloway, Social Science Dept., W. C. of D.
69. Florence McKeon Knight, Y. L. C. C., 1911.
70. Federation No. 3, C. F. W. C.

71. Francis B. Belford, Social Science Dept., W. C. of D.
72. First Congregational Church, Denver.
73. First Congregational Church Sunday School, Denver.
74. Fonetta Flansberg, City Federation, Colorado Springs.
75. Friends in Council Juvenile, Canon City.
76. Friends in Council, 1896, Canon City.
77. Friends in Council, 1901, Canon City.
78. Flora T. McHarg, Woman's Club of Denver.
79. Florence Kelley, Sunshine Society, New York.
80. Federation No. 11.
81. Francis A. Kimball, Ouray Woman's Club.
82. Forestry Committee, C. F. W. C.
83. Grace Roeschlaub Sibley, Y. L. C. C.
84. Gertrude Allen, Y. L. C. C., 1912.
85. Governor John F. Shafroth, C. T. L. C., 1912.
86. George Cushman, Memorial.
87. Hypatia Club, Boulder.
88. Hypatia Club, Trinidad No. 2.
89. Hypatia Club, Trinidad No. 2.
90. Hypatia, Pierian and Tourists' Clubs, Trinidad.
91. Helen M. Grenfell, Teachers' Institute, 1904.
92. Halsey V. and Merritt Welles, Denver.
93. Helen Leimer, Memorial, Pi Pi Kappa.
94. Harriet Scott Saxton, Social Science Dept., W. C. of Denver.
95. Helen M. Wixson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1911.
96. Hattie U. Stevens, Parliamentary Aux., W. C. of D.
97. Home and Educational Dept., W. C. of Denver.
98. Helen Marsh Wixson, Woman's Press Club.
99. Historic Art Club, Denver.
100. Helen M. Reynolds, Memorial.
101. Health Box, W. C. of Denver.
102. Honora McPherson, H. and C. Dept., W. C. of D.
103. Henry Dudley Tupper, Memorial.
104. Helen Ring Robinson, Woman's Press Club.
105. Isabella Tourists' Club, Gunnison.
106. Ione T. Hanna, H. and E. Dept., W. C. of Denver.
107. Inah Lewis Fox, Monday Extension, W. C. of D.
108. Inez Thornburgh, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
109. Isabelle Churchill, C. F. W. C.
110. Inez Thornburgh, Y. L. C. C., 1912.
111. Jessie D. A. Stockton, North Side Woman's Club, 1912.
112. Jennie Hilton Baker, Woman's Club of Boulder.
113. Julia von der Leith-Welles, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
114. James H. Peabody, C. F. W. C.
115. Janet R. Storr, Social Science Dept., W. C. of D.
116. Jessie I. Hanna, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
117. Julia Lyter, Argyle Club.

118. Jessie I. Purrier, Isabella Tourists' Club, Gunnison.
119. Julia M. Estey, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
120. Jeanette Starr, North Side Woman's Club.
121. Junior Clio Club, Denver.
122. J. Warner Mills, Memorial Arena Club.
123. Julia von der Leith-Welles, No. 2, C. F. W. C.
124. Jessica Stebbins, Y. L. C. C.
125. Jewish Woman's Council.
126. Jacob von der Leith Memorial.
127. Kate-Reynolds Lobinger, Collegiate Alumnae.
128. Kliothelean Club, Greeley.
129. Katherine Grafton Patterson, Woman's Club.
130. Katherine Grafton Patterson, No. 2, Denver Fortnightly.
131. Kate Russell, Denver Woman's Press Club, 1912.
132. Logan County Teachers, C. T. L. C.
133. Lucy A. Davidson, Memorial.
134. Lerah G. McHugh, C. T. L. C., 1912.
135. Lulu M. Sawyer, Woman's Club, Colorado Springs.
136. Liska Stillman Churchill, A. L. Dept., W. C. of D.
137. Ladies' Fortnightly, Boulder.
138. Lola Maloney, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of Denver.
139. Lillian H. Kerr, Woman's Club, Colorado Springs.
140. Lucy E. Peabody, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of D.
141. Pearl Arnold, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of D.
142. Mrs. Eugene C. Stevens, Reviewers' Club.
143. Modesta W. Mott, Press Club Memorial.
144. Margaret Hubbard, Memorial, W. C. of D.
145. Mrs. Fred Dick, C. F. W. C.
146. Mrs. A. E. Thayer, Memorial Press Club.
147. Mrs. Bushnell, Fortnightly Club, Memorial.
148. Mrs. James B. Grant, Regent, Colorado Chapter D. A. R.
149. Margaret Tupper True, End. Com., N. C. of Mothers.
150. Mrs. Gilbert R. Ware, Denver, 1912.
151. Marietta A. Cassell, Searchlight Club, 1912.
152. Mrs. A. J. Peavey, Denver Fortnightly Club.
153. Mabel Thornburgh, Y. L. C. C.
154. Martha E. Gildersleeve, Memorial, North Side W. C. T. U.
155. Mae Edgecomb, Argyle Club.
156. Minnie Harbaugh, Ninth District, W. C. T. T., Colorado Springs.
157. Mrs. John L. McNeil, Denver.
158. Margaret E. Snyder, C. T. L. C.
159. Mary E. Drinkwater, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of D.
160. Martha B. Rogers, Century Club, Denver.
161. Mrs. Tilden, Memorial, Y. W. C. T. U.
162. Mary M. Collins, Georgetown.
163. Mary E. Parks, North Side Woman's Club.
164. Minnie C. T. Love, M. D., H. and E. Dept., W. C. of D.
165. Mary B. Stover, Fort Collins.

166. Minnie Lahn Harding, C. F. W. C.
167. Mrs. B. F. Stickle, C. F. W. C.
168. Mary B. Ragan, North Side Woman's Club.
169. Myrtle Ruble, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
170. Mrs. O. G. Otis, C. F. W. C.
171. Mame M. Sprague, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
172. Martin P. Pels, Memorial, Denver.
173. Martha B. Tuttle, Centennial Club, Colorado Springs.
174. Mann and Winthrop Page, Denver.
175. Mrs. Mahlon D. Thatcher, Pueblo.
176. Mary L. Shears, North Side Woman's Club.
177. Mrs. J. J. Brown, Denver.
178. Minnie J. Reynolds, Woman's Press Club.
179. Minnie J. Reynolds, No. 2, C. F. W. C.
180. Mary C. C. Bradford, Social Science Dept., W. C. of D.
181. Mrs. Albert Forbes, Reviewers' Club.
182. Mrs. James Cowie, Boulder.
183. Marietta Jefferson, Friday Musical Club of Boulder.
184. Margaret White O'Leary, Western Slope.
185. Margaret Patterson Campbell, Collegiate Alumnae.
186. Mary B. Morris, Art and L. Dept., W. C. of Denver.
187. Mira S. Sprague, Colorado W. C. T.
188. Mary N. Perkins, New York.
189. Monday Evening Clio, Denver.
190. Monday Literary, Denver.
191. Monday Literary No. 2, Denver.
192. Mrs. L. M. Barney, Woman's Literary, Colorado Springs.
193. Mrs. Clay B. Steele, Reviewers' Club.
194. McKinley No. 1, F. A. Reynolds, Canon City.
195. No. 2, Mrs. A. R. Guemar, Florence.
196. Mary C. Bancroft, Denver Fortnightly.
197. Mary N. Chase, North Side Woman's Club.
198. Mary Byers Robinson, Denver.
199. Mrs. Eugene C. Stevens, Reviewers' Club of Denver.
200. Metta E. von der Leith, presented by her family, 1912.
201. Martha A. B. Conine, Memorial, W. C. of D.
202. Nellie W. Wood, Tourists' Club, Trinidad.
203. Nettie Hubbard Bolles, M. D., H. and E. Dept., W. C. of D.
204. Nettie Edwards Casper, 22d Avenue Club.
205. Norma Purchase, C. F. W. C.
206. Nettie C. Jacobson, A. and L. Dept., W. C. of D.
207. Nettie K. Gravett, C. F. W. C.
208. Mrs. Gertrude Bullen Hollister, C. F. W. C.
209. Ouray Woman's Club, Ouray.
210. Pierian Club of Denver.
211. Professor Cora McDonald, Reviewers' Club, Denver.
212. Pearl Gallup, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
213. Pierian Club, Trinidad.
214. Pearl B. Wheeler, Young Ladies' Clio Club.

215. Progress Club, Greeley.
216. Patience Conrad Brinker, In Memoriam, Y. L. C. C., 1912.
217. Queen Esther Branch Sunshine Mission, New Haven, Conn.
218. Rebecca P. Utter, Memorial, Unity Alliance.
219. Round Table Club, Denver.
220. Rev. J. Monroe Markley, First Congregational Church.
221. Reviewers' Club, Denver.
222. Rene C. Pels, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
223. Rebecca P. Utter, Memorial No. 2, Monday Literary.
224. Senator Horace T. De Long, C. T. L. C.
225. Susan B. Anthony, Memorial, Colorado Equal Suffrage Association.
226. Senator Casimiro Barela, C. T. L. C.
227. Sadie E. Flint, North Side Woman's Club.
228. Sarah K. Walling, Jane Jefferson Democratic Club.
229. Senator Hume Lewis, C. F. W. C.
230. Susan R. Ashley, Fortnightly Club.
231. Sarah Platt Decker, W. C. of D.
232. Scio Art Club, Denver.
233. Sophia Lovejoy Dickinson, W. C. of D.
234. Susan Moffatt Hayward, Clio Club.
235. Social Science Dept., W. C. of D.
236. Sara A. Blanchard, North Side Club.
237. Sarah C. Irish, North Side Woman's Club.
238. Social Art Club, Littleton.
239. Sphinx Club, Denver.
240. Thomas Scott Hayden, Jr., Memorial, Denver.
241. Tribune Sunshine Society, New York.
242. Tuesday Musical Club, Denver.
243. Twenty-second Avenue and Around the World Club, Denver.
244. Tourists' Club of Trinidad.
245. Theodosia Ammons, Memorial, C. F. W. C.
246. The Daisy Library, Memorial.
247. Twenty-second Avenue Study Club, Memorial, 1911.
248. Valeria N. Church, Memorial, Denver.
249. Violet Toovey, Young Ladies' Clio Club.
250. W. M. Church, Memorial, Denver.
251. William N. Byers, Memorial.
252. Woman's Club of Leadville.
253. Woman's Press Club, Denver.
254. Woman's Club of Grand Junction.
255. W. T. K. Club of Greeley.
256. Woman's Club of Canon City.
257. Wednesday Current Events and Fourth Avenue Reading Club.
258. Wednesday Morning Club of Pueblo.
259. Woman's Club of Denver.
260. Woman's Club of Littleton.
261. Woman's Literary Club of Colorado Springs.

262. Woman's Lunch Club, Denver.
263. Woman's Club of Victor.
264. Woman's Club of La Junta.
265. West Side Woman's Club.
266. Young Ladies' Clio Club, Denver.

#### 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 persons 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.
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 anyone 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 Building.

## 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.

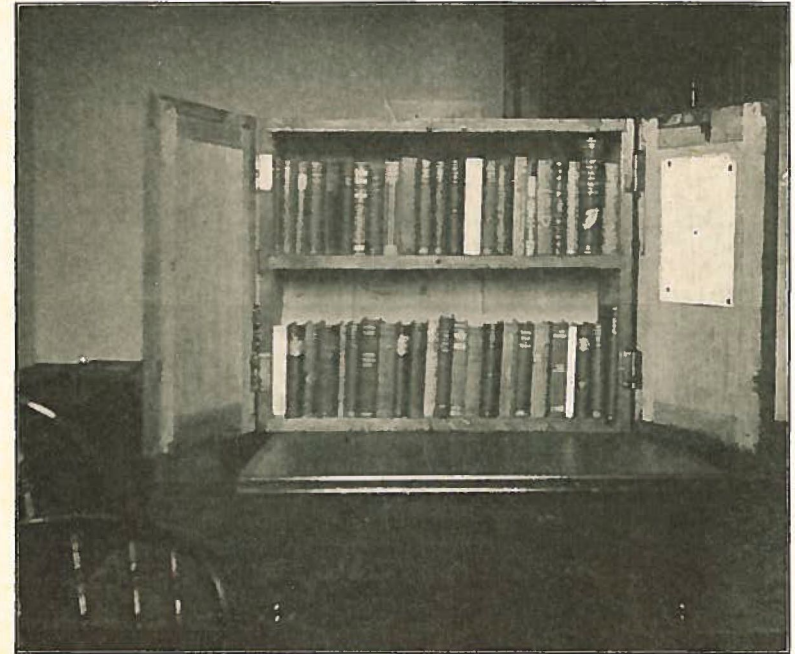
Second—The juvenile boxes, composed entirely of the best juvenile books, chosen with a view to their relation to the school work, as well as to the tastes and ages of the children generally. These are for use in the country schools, Sunday schools, and the industrial schools. There are also fifty books 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 leaflets are short stories taken from the magazines, and daintily mounted in such a way that invalids and convalescents can hold them without becoming tired.

A BOX OF BOOKS FROM THE TRAVELING LIBRARY  
READY 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!"

## SPECIAL BOXES

Much interest has been manifested 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, and a box for the blind, are also included.

## DISTRIBUTION OF PERIODICALS

Many 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.

The following extracts from a few of the many appreciative letters received testify eloquently to the good work of the libraries:

"Am returning box of books, which have been a blessing to us and our neighbors, this cold, stormy winter, and have helped us pass many a pleasant hour."

"I feel that nothing is doing our young folks more real good than the sets of books we have been receiving. The W. C. T. U. has an established reading-room here now, and a number of books have been donated; also ever so many periodicals are given us, and a daily newspaper always on our table. These are subscribed for by home people. And all this has been brought about by the Traveling Library."

"Soldiers' Home, Monte Vista.—I am shipping the two cases of books, and assure you the old soldiers appreciate them and your kindness very much."

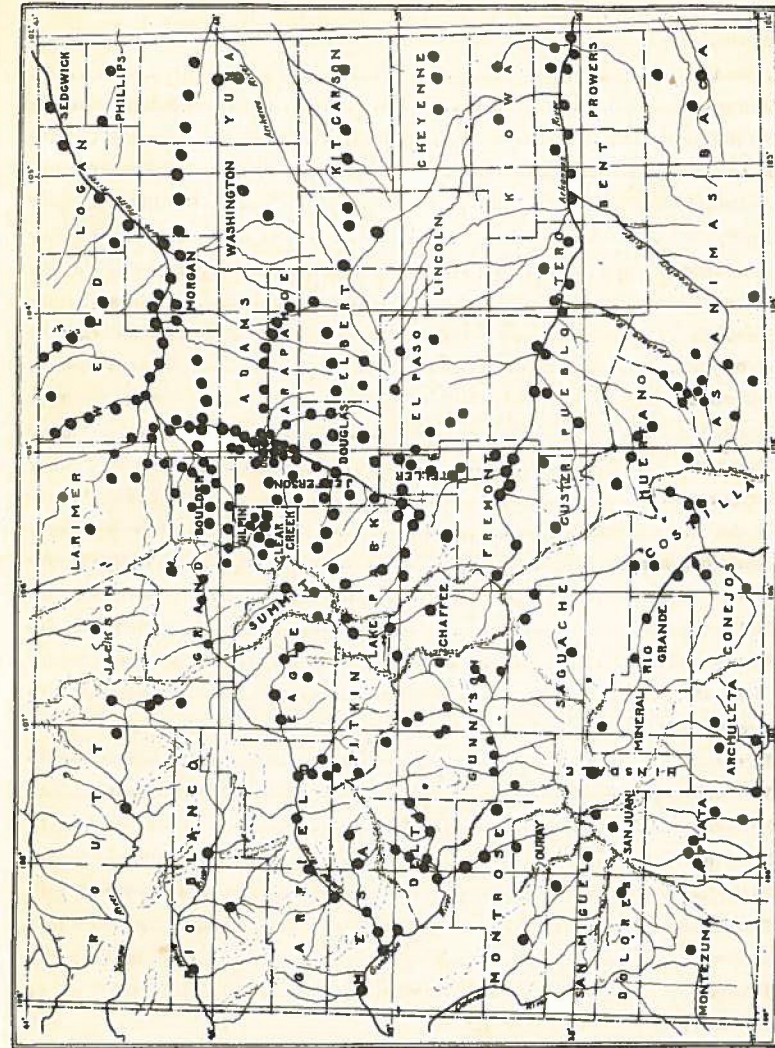
"The box arrived safely at its destination, and had you been able to see the pleasure depicted upon the faces of some of our young men, and the evident satisfaction which found utterance in the expectation of the enjoyment of reading matter ahead for many days, I believe you would realize more fully than ever the great pleasure the boxes give."

“State Road Camp, Morrison.—The box of books arrived safely, and the boys of the camp join me in thanking you for them.”

“State Road Camp, Morrison.—The box of magazines which you kindly sent to the boys of this camp arrived all right, and I assure you they will be highly appreciated.”

“I must thank you for these books. We are thirty miles from a railroad, four miles from neighbors. We have a dry claim. The hail came and left us nothing, and my husband and one son had to go away to work. Not more than once in four or five weeks do we see anyone. I cannot think what we would have done without the books. We are not able to buy books or anything. Certainly, of all charities this is the greatest.”

“I am writing to see if it will be possible for us to get a box of books. We have nothing of the kind in our little town, and there is great need for something of the kind. If we can get the books, one of the editors of the county paper will let us have room in his office where the people can have access to the books. If you can send the books, we will advertise the fact in the newspapers, and I am sure that a lot of good will be done in this way.”



TOWNS VISITED BY THE LIBRARIES

No.	Town	County
1	Aguilar	Las Animas County
2	Alcott	Denver County
3	Arvada	Jefferson County
4	Akron	Washington County
5	Arriba	Lincoln County
6	Allison	La Plata County

No.	Town	County
7	Austin	Delta County
8	Adena	
9	Aurora	Adams County
10	Avondale	Pueblo County
11	Agate	Elbert County
12	Anthracite	Gunnison County
13	Amity	Prowers County
14	Arapahoe	Cheyenne County
15	Allison	La Plata County
16	Antonito	Conejos County
17	Avon	Eagle County
18	Alamosa	Conejos County
19	Bovina	Lincoln County
20	Bonanza	Saguache County
21	Brighton	Adams County
22	Bland	Elbert County
23	Buffalo Springs	Park County
24	Buena Vista	Chaffee County
25	Balley	Park County
26	Brush	Morgan County
27	Bennett	Adams County
28	Broomfield	Jefferson County
29	Byers	Arapahoe County
30	Breckenridge	Summit County
31	Brookside	Fremont County
32	Berwin	Las Animas County
33	Bristol	Prowers County
34	Burlington	Kit Carson County
35	Baldwin	Gunnison County
36	Blanca	Costilla County
37	Blackhawk	Gilpin County
38	Bowie	Delta County
39	Berthoud	Larimer County
40	Beacon	El Paso County
41	Buckingham	Weld County
42	Bayfield	La Plata County
43	Boone	Pueblo County
44	Crystal	Gunnison County
45	Conrad	Park County
46	Colona	Ouray County
47	Conifer	Jefferson County

No.	Town	County
48	Calhan	El Paso County
49	Chase	Park County
50	Cripple Creek	Teller County
51	Como	Park County
52	Cotopaxi	Fremont County
53	Canon City	Fremont County
54	Cardiff	Garfield County
55	Crested Butte	Gunnison County
56	Creede	Mineral County
57	Clifton	Mesa County
58	Craig	Moffat County
59	Cory	Delta County
60	Cheraw	Otero County
61	Coal Basin	Pitkin County
62	Castle Rock	Douglas County
63	Caddoa	Bent County
64	Cedarhurst	Las Animas County
65	Corona	Grand County
66	Cheyenne Wells	Cheyenne County
67	Carbondale	Garfield County
68	Collbran	Mesa County
69	Critchell	Jefferson County
70	Crook	Logan County
71	Colorado Springs	El Paso County
72	Carr	Weld County
73	Cedaredge	Delta County
74	Crews	El Paso County
75	Central City	Gilpin County
76	Crawford	Delta County
77	Cascade	El Paso County
78	Del Norte	Rio Grande County
79	Dyke	Archuleta County
80	Daffodil	Douglas County
81	Dillon	Summit County
82	Dumont	Clear Creek County
83	Delta	Delta County
84	Denver	Denver County
85	Downer	Boulder County
86	Dacona	Weld County
87	Deer Trail	Arapahoe County
88	De Beque	Mesa County

No.	Town	County
89	Doyle	Gunnison County
90	Durango	La Plata County
91	Dover	Weld County
92	Edgewater	Jefferson County
93	Englewood	Denver County
94	Evans	Weld County
95	Engle	Las Animas County
96	Eastonville	El Paso County
97	Elizabeth	Elbert County
98	Empire	Clear Creek County
99	Eagle	Eagle County
100	Eaton	Weld County
101	Eckart	Delta County
102	Edlowe	Teller County
103	Eureka	San Juan County
104	Edgewater	Jefferson County
105	Eastlake	Adams County
106	Eldora	Boulder County
107	El Moro	Las Animas County
108	Eckley	Yuma County
109	Elbert	Elbert County
110	Eads	Kiowa County
111	Evergreen	Jefferson County
112	Florence	Fremont County
113	Fort Lupton	Weld County
114	Fondis	Elbert County
115	Florissant	Teller County
116	Fort Logan	Arapahoe County
117	Franktown	Douglas County
118	Firestone	Weld County
119	Fowler	Otero County
120	Flagler	Kit Carson County
121	Fort Collins	Larimer County
122	Fulford	Eagle County
123	Fountain	El Paso County
124	Firstview	Cheyenne County
125	Frederick	Weld County
126	Fort Morgan	Morgan County
127	Gypsum	Eagle County
128	Garland	Costilla County
129	Gulch	Pitkin County

No.	Town	County
130	Glendale	Fremont County
131	Grover	Weld County
132	Garos	Park County
133	Granada	Prowers County
134	Gault	Weld County
135	Gardner	Huerfano County
136	Glenwood Springs	Garfield County
137	Grand Junction	Mesa County
138	Georgetown	Clear Creek County
139	Grant	Park County
140	Glacier	Boulder County
141	Granite	Chaffee County
142	Golden	Jefferson County
143	Guffey	Park County
144	Grand Lake	Grand County
145	Goodrich	Morgan County
146	Green Canon	Las Animas County
147	Granby	Grand County
148	Grand Valley	Garfield County
149	Garos	Park County
150	Harrisburg	Washington County
151	Howville	Gunnison County
152	Haskell	San Miguel County
153	Henry's Spur	Jefferson County
154	Haxtum	Phillips County
155	Holly	Prowers County
156	Hardin	Weld County
157	Highland Lake	Weld County
158	Hudson	Weld County
159	Howard	Fremont County
160	Henderson	Adams County
161	Holyoke	Phillips County
162	Hotchkiss	Delta County
163	Hartsel	Park County
164	Harman	Denver County
165	Howbert	Park County
166	Hillrose	Morgan County
167	Hartman	Prowers County
168	Hooper	Costilla County
169	Hyde	Washington County
170	Hugo	Lincoln County



No.	Town	County
171	Henry	Washington County
172	Hazeltine	Adams County
173	Hoyt	Morgan County
174	Hereford	Weld County
175	Hesperus	La Plata County
176	Hayden	Routt County
177	Iola	Gunnison County
178	Irwin	Gunnison County
179	Jamestown	Boulder County
180	Johnstown	Weld County
181	Jefferson	Park County
182	Kokomo	Summit County
183	Kiowa	Elbert County
184	Kersey	Weld County
185	Keensburg	Weld County
186	Kremmling	Grand County
187	Keota	Weld County
189	Ludlowe	Las Animas County
190	Loma	Mesa County
191	Littleton	Arapahoe County
192	La Salle	Weld County
193	La Jara	Conejos County
194	La Veta	Huerfano County
195	Lyons	Boulder County
196	Longmont	Boulder County
197	Livermore	Larimer County
198	Leadville	Lake County
199	Loveland	Larimer County
200	Lamar	Prowers County
201	Lawson	Clear Creek County
202	Louisville	Boulder County
203	Lafayette	Boulder County
204	Lake George	Park County
205	Las Animas	Bent County
206	Limon	Lincoln County
207	Lakewood	Jefferson County
208	Lynn	Las Animas County
209	Lake City	Hinsdale County
210	Melvin	Arapahoe County
211	Maher	Montrose County
212	Morrison	Jefferson County

No.	Town	County
213	Maitland	Huerfano County
214	Masters	Weld County
215	Merino	Logan County
216	Minnequa	Pueblo County
217	Montrose	Montrose County
218	Manzanola	Otero County
219	Midway	Teller County
220	Mosca	Costilla County
221	Meeker	Rio Blanco County
222	Mt. Carbon	Gunnison County
223	Marshall	Boulder County
224	Milliken	Weld County
225	Montezuma	Summit County
226	Masonville	Larimer County
227	Minturn	Eagle County
228	Mesa	Adams County
229	Mt. Morrison	Jefferson County
230	Morley	Las Animas County
231	Monte Vista	Rio Grande County
232	McClave	Bent County
233	Nunn	Weld County
234	New Windsor	Weld County
235	New Castle	Garfield County
236	Otis	Washington County
237	Overton	Gunnison County
238	Orient	Saguache County
239	Ohio City	Gunnison County
240	Oak Creek	Routt County
241	Ordway	Crowley County
242	Olney Springs	Crowley County
243	Olathe	Montrose County
244	Orchard	Morgan County
245	Piceance	Rio Blanco County
246	Petersburg	Arapahoe County
247	Pinon	Montrose County
248	Prowers	Bent County
249	Parker	Douglas County
250	Pagosa Junction	Archuleta County
251	Paonia	Delta County
252	Platteville	Weld County
253	Pine	Jefferson County

No.	Town	County
254	Pemberton	Douglas County
255	Pueblo	Pueblo County
256	Primero	Las Animas County
257	Parachute	Garfield County
258	Pitkin	Gunnison County
259	Pinecliffe	Boulder County
260	Pagosa Springs	Archuleta County
261	Portland	Fremont County
262	Peoria	Arapahoe County
263	Pinneo	Washington County
264	Perins	La Plata County
265	Pallsades	Mesa County
266	Plainview	Jefferson County
267	Quimby	Arapahoe County
268	Rye	Pueblo County
269	Robinson	Summit County
270	Rouse	Huerfano County
271	Redstone	Pitkin County
272	Rand	Larimer County
273	Rockvale	Fremont County
274	Rocky Ford	Otero County
275	Rifle	Garfield County
276	Roggen	Weld County
277	Ridgway	Ouray County
278	Russell Gulch	Gilpin County
279	Rugby	Las Animas County
280	Ramah	El Paso County
281	Round Oak	Huerfano County
282	Russell	Costilla County
283	Rangeley	Rio Blanco County
284	Rowena	Larimer County
285	Strasburg	Adams County
286	Sunlight	Garfield County
287	Saplnero	Gunnison County
288	Service	Routt County
289	Semper	Jefferson County
290	Sedalia	Douglas County
291	Sterling	Logan County
292	Salida	Chaffee County
293	Silver Plume	Clear Creek County
294	Silverton	San Juan County

No.	Town	County
295	Steamboat Springs	Routt County
296	Segundo	Las Animas County
297	Starkville	Las Animas County
298	Smuggler	San Miguel County
299	Sopris	Garfield County
300	Stewart's Mesa	Delta County
301	Sulphur Springs	Grand County
302	Sugar Loaf	Boulder County
303	Seibert	Adams County
304	Strong	Huerfano County
305	Sedgwick	Sedgwick County
306	Snyder	Morgan County
307	Sugar City	Otero County
308	Sargents	Saguache County
309	Swallows	Pueblo County
310	Siloam	Pueblo County
311	South Platte	Jefferson County
312	Springfield	Baca County
313	Silt	Garfield County
314	Saguache	Saguache County
315	Sheridan Lake	Kiowa County
316	Texas Creek	Fremont County
317	Tin Cup	Gunnison County
318	Torres	Las Animas County
319	Turret	Chaffee County
320	Twin Lakes	Lake County
321	Trinidad	Las Animas County
322	Thurman	Washington County
323	Teller	Mineral County
324	Tinmath	Larimer County
325	Two Buttes	Baca County
326	Tobasco	Las Animas County
327	Undercliff	Pueblo County
328	Victor	Teller County
329	Vernon	Yuma County
330	Villa Grove	Saguache County
331	Vilas	Baca County
332	Vallery	Morgan County
333	Walden	Jackson County
334	Wagon Creek	Costilla County
335	Winfield	Chaffee County

No.	Town	County
336	West Creek.....	Douglas County
337	Whitewater .....	Mesa County
338	Willard .....	Logan County
339	Weldona .....	Morgan County
340	Wanamaker .....	Jefferson County
341	Watkins .....	Adams County
342	Walsenburg .....	Huerfano County
343	Westcliffe .....	Custer County
344	Woodland Park.....	Teller County
345	Wray .....	Yuma County
346	Wetmore .....	Custer County
347	Wiggins .....	Morgan County
348	Yampa .....	Routt County
349	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.  
 Detention School.  
 Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Monte Vista.

#### 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.

The 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.  
 Mlle. 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 195 boxes, making a total number of 265 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 schoolhouses, 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 schoolhouse 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 established over Colorado, in places so small and new that one would not expect to find them there. It is not for the community amply 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 con-

tain 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 \$45 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 forty-eight 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.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The Federation Committee that will co-operate with the Traveling Library Commission is composed as follows: Miss Carrie Cushing, Denver; Mrs. J. P. Wright, Denver; Mrs. D. 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.

