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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

HON. ELIAS M. AMMONS,

Governor of the State of Colorado.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado, for the biennial term ended on November 30, 1912; and to request that it be ordered to be printed.

Very respectfully yours,

E. B. MORGAN,
President.

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT

The report (within) of the Curator of the State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado was approved by the Directors of the Society, January 21, 1913, and referred to the members of the Society in annual meeting.

CHARLES R. DUDLEY,
Secretary.

At the annual meeting of the members of the State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado, held on January 21, 1913, the report of the Curator, for the biennial term that ended on November 30, 1912, was submitted, approved, and adopted as the report of the Society for the term; and also was recommended to be printed.

CHARLES R. DUDLEY,
Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE CURATOR

To the President and Other Directors of the State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado.

Gentlemen: The biennial term that began on December 1, 1910, and ended on November 30, 1912, was a period marked by much improvement and very substantial advancement in fulfilling the purposes of the State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado. Of the transactions that have yielded these results, I submit respectfully, on the present pages, a summarized account for your information and consideration.

The increase of worthy accessions may be taken as one of the means of measuring the usefulness of an organization such as ours; and I believe that true and permanent value characterizes all of the various additions that were made to the Society's collections during the term. These number, and are classified for the purpose of this report, as follows:

HISTORICAL ACCESSIONS

Books, for the general library.....	166
Pamphlets, leaflets, etc., for the general library.....	476

Books, for the historical library.....	198
Pamphlets, leaflets, etc., for the historical library.....	134
Excerpts, from magazines and other publications, for the historical library	8

642

340

Newspapers, given to the Society in bound form.....	12
Files of newspapers, given by their publishers and bound by the Society	225
Bound volume of the Denver Mirror, Vol. I, June, 1873, to May, 1874, inclusive, purchased by the Society.....	1

233

Other newspapers--

Unbound file of Harper's Weekly, of the year 1881, given to the Society	1
Copy of the Sawpit Hummer (Colorado), of the issue of January 29, 1897, given to the Society.....	1

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Manuscripts	23
Maps and drawings.....	12
Pictures, of persons, of places, and of things.....	296
Ethnological objects	18
Miscellaneous objects	16

NATURAL HISTORY ACCESSIONS

Birds' nests	3
Mammals	7
Reptiles and batrachians.....	2
Insects	10
Arachnida	3
Osteological objects	2
Geological objects	13

49

Total of historical accessions enumerated above.....1,592

Total of natural history accessions..... 40

Grand total of these additions..... 1,632

Besides the historical accessions that are enumerated in the foregoing, the Society continued to receive and preserve during the term, as in preceding years, a large aggregate of other and very valuable historical additions to its collections. These consist of newspapers and other publications, all of which, excepting one scientific magazine (bimonthly), are gifts from their publishers, and of which the number is stated in the following summary.

Colorado Publications—

Daily newspapers	24
Semi-weekly newspapers	3
Weekly newspapers and other weekly publications.....	217
Monthly magazines	27

 271

Publications from Other Sources—

Daily newspapers	7
Semi-weekly newspapers	17
Weekly newspapers	5
Monthly magazines	5
Bimonthly magazines	2
Quarterly magazines	9

 29

 Total of these publications..... 260

The sources of the newspapers of the second group are in Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, and New Mexico, with which political divisions our State has many historical and other connections. Nearly all of the magazines of the second group are either scientific or historical; and among these there are quarterly publications by several State historical societies in other States.

The reason why the number of accessions to the Society's department of natural history is small, comparatively, is that no field-work whatever in behalf of that division was done during the term. This was due to the lack of funds sufficient to defray the expense of conducting such work in a systematic and effective manner, as well as that of preparing the results of the work for preservation. Of the additions that were made to the natural history collections in the term thirty-five were gifts and five were acquired by the Society.

To describe here each of the large number of accessions that were made to the Society's collections in the course of the term would expand this report to dimensions that at present would be inexpedient. However, it seems desirable, for the purpose of indicating the character and extent of this division of the aims and work of the Society, to mention some of these; although, and while all of the additions are worthy, the number which so may be referred to must be much the lesser part of the whole.

The 642 books, pamphlets, etc.—166 of the former and 476 of the latter—that were added to the general library consist of publications that were, excepting a small number, acquired without

expense. A part of them are reports of the executive officers of Colorado and of the directors of our State institutions; the others, many of which are scientific in quality, were received from the Federal Government, from other State historical societies, and from personal sources.

The books bought for this collection during the term were:

Annals of the Congress of the United States. Beginning with the first session of the First Congress and ending with the last session of the Eighteenth Congress.

A History of the Birds of Colorado. By William L. Selater. 1912. (For the scientific subdivision.)

The Age of Mammals in Europe, Asia, and North America. By Henry F. Osborn. 1910. (For the scientific subdivision.)

Memoirs of the American Museum of Natural History.—Fossil Mammals of the Tertiary of Northeastern Colorado. By W. D. Matthew. 1901. (For the scientific subdivision.)

Of the books that were added to the historical library, 141 were purchased and fifty-seven were gifts; and of the 134 pamphlets, leaflets, etc., fifty-one were purchased and eighty-three were gifts. The cost of the purchased publications was defrayed from the Society's Expense Fund, appropriated by the State.

In developing the historical library (which is known commonly as the "Edward B. Morgan Collection") the policy is to have it contain the printed history, not only of Colorado's domain, but of that of our section of the Great West as well; because the history of our State is involved largely with that of the part of the middle area of the United States that lies between the Missouri River and the Utah Basin.

Among the accessions made to this collection during the term were:

The Stone Age in North America. In two volumes. By Warren K. Moorehead, A.M. 1910. An exhaustive work, which as implied by its title, includes our part of the West.

Pioneer Spaniards in North America. By William Henry Johnson. 1903.

Memoirs of Explorations in the Basin of the Mississippi. Vol. I. Quivira. John V. Brower. 1898. Quivira was the fabulous golden city sought by Coronado.

The Spanish Settlements within the Present Limits of the United States. By Woodbury Lowery. 1911.

Louisiana under the Rule of Spain, France, and the United States. 1785-07. In two volumes. By James Alexander Robertson. 1911. The great French Province, of olden times, is the "Louisiana" of this work, which contains a large store of the early history of the region between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains.

Sketches Historical and Descriptive of Louisiana. By Major Amos Stoddard. 1812. The "Louisiana" of this volume, as in Robertson's work, is the great French Province, which was pur-

chased by President Thomas Jefferson. Major Stoddard was the official representative of the United States in the ceremony, at St. Louis, of transferring to its new owner all of that part of the Province lying west of the Mississippi River. His book, which is excessively scarce, contains some account of a French attempt to establish a trading post upon soil of Colorado about fifteen years before the United States came into existence.

The Leading Facts of New Mexican History. In two volumes. By R. E. Twitchell. 1911 and 1912. A monumental work, reaching backward into the time of the first Spanish explorations of the Southwest.

New Voyages to North America. In two volumes. By the Baron de Lahontan. A reprint (of the English edition of 1703), edited by Reuben Gold Thwaites. 1905.

The Expedition of Lewis and Clark. In two volumes. A reprint (of the edition of 1814), edited by James K. Hosmer. 1905.

Gass's Journal of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. By Sergeant Patrick Gass. A reprint (of the edition of 1811), edited by Reuben Gold Thwaites. 1904.

Leonard's Narrative: Adventures of Zenas Leonard, Fur Trader and Trapper. 1831-36. A reprint (of the edition of 1839), edited by W. F. Wagner, M. D. 1904.

Report of an Expedition under Colonel Henry Dodge to the Rocky Mountains, in the summer of 1835. 1836. Colonel Dodge was the first commander of the First Regiment of United States Dragoons; and it was with several companies of that regiment that this expedition into the Pike's Peak country was made. Copies of this report, which is a very interesting narrative, now are exceedingly rare; and it has been unknown by historians of Colorado. I know of but two other copies that are in existence in our State.

A Journey to the Rocky Mountains in 1839. By A. Wislizenus, M.D. Translated into English from the original edition (in German), of 1840, by F. A. Wislizenus, M.D. The Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, 1912. Our Society obtained from Germany, in August, 1910, a copy of the original edition of this valuable book; and it is said that only two other copies of it now exist in the United States.

Memoir of a Tour in Northern Mexico, Connected with Colonel Doniphan's Expedition in the Years 1846 and 1847. By A. Wislizenus, M.D. 1848. Printed in German. Dr. Wislizenus, an intelligent and educated observer (the same who made a journey to our section of the Rocky Mountains in 1839) was attached to Colonel A. W. Doniphan's regiment of Missouri Volunteers, which was a distinguished organization in General Stephen W. Kearny's Army of the West, that made a bloodless conquest of New Mexico. While in the West at that time, Dr. Wislizenus surveyed and mapped the Santa Fe Trail. A copy of this map, together with two other maps, accompanies the publication.

The Mormons or Latter Day Saints in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake. By Lieutenant J. W. Gunnison, 1852. The author, for whom our Gunnison River, Gunnison County, and city of Gunnison were named, was killed by Utah Indians, in October, 1853, while in command of a survey of a central route for a railway to the Pacific coast. A copy of a German edition of Gunnison's book, published at Hamburg and Leipsic, in 1855, also was obtained in the term.

Reports of Explorations and Surveys to Ascertain the Most Practicable and Economical Route for a Railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Coast. In four volumes, 1853-54. Given by Mr. C. H. B. Seybolt, of Denver, who added a duplicate of the first volume.

El Gringo; or, New Mexico and Her People. By W. W. H. Davis, 1857.

With Kit Carson and Fremont. By Edwin L. Sabin, 1912.

Kit Carson's Life and Adventures. By DeWitt C. Peters, M.D., 1858.

Geary and Kansas. Governor Geary's Administration in Kansas; with a Complete History of the Territory Until July, 1857. By John H. Gihon, M.D., 1857.

The Great Deserts of North America. In two volumes. By Abbe Em. Domenech, 1860.

The Trails of the Pathfinders. By George Bird Grinnell, 1911.

Report of the Exploring Expedition from Santa Fe, N. M., to the Junction of the Grand and Green Rivers, of the Great Colorado of the West, in 1859. By Professor J. S. Newberry, 1876. This expedition, which was commanded by Captain J. N. Macomb, of the United States Corps of Topographical Engineers, traversed the southwestern section of Colorado's area.

History of the Gold Discovery on the South Platte River. By Luke Tierney, 1859. Tierney was a member of the historic Russell Expedition to Pike's Peak, in the summer of 1858, and which was the immediate cause of the permanent settlement of the Pike's Peak country by Anglo-Saxon people, and also of the founding of Denver. His history contains details of the journey of the Russell party and of its prospecting operations, nearly all of which were made in the vicinity of Denver. Of this publication, which is the first printed chapter of the modern history of Colorado, copies now are excessively rare; and it is unknown by all published histories of our State.

Private Laws of the Territory of Kansas, 1860. A large part of the contents of this volume consists of measures, enacted in the winter of 1859-60, creating a most interesting variety of corporations to operate in the Pike's Peak country.

Narrative of the Surrender of a Command of U. S. Forces, at Fort Filmore, N. M. By Major James Cooper McKee, 1886. Major McKee was the post surgeon at Fort Filmore, and the disgraceful affair, which is the subject of his narrative, occurred

in the Confederate invasion of New Mexico, early in 1862, under General Henry H. Sibley, whose command was destroyed, as an army, by the First Regiment of Colorado Volunteers.

Forty Years of Nebraska, at Home and in Congress. By Thomas Weston Tipton. 1902. The author was a United States Senator from Nebraska in 1867-75. His book contains much western history.

A Brief History of the New Gold Regions of Colorado Territory. By Edward Bliss. 1864. The author was a prominent pioneer of Denver, and copies of his history now are extremely scarce.

The Indian War of 1864. By Eugene F. Ware. 1911. The field of this valuable addition to the history of our State covers northwestern Kansas, southwestern Nebraska, southeastern Wyoming, and northeastern Colorado. Given by the author.

The Indian Campaign of 1864-65. By Major General Grenville M. Dodge. 1907.

Over the Plains in '65. By George H. Holliday. 1883.

Across the Plains in 1865. By Frank C. Young. 1905.

Record of Engagements with Hostile Indians within the Military Division of the Missouri, from 1868 to 1882. By Lieutenant General P. H. Sheridan. 1882.

My Life and Experiences. By Major General O. O. Howard. 1907. General Howard participated in campaigns against the Indians of the Great Plains.

Silver Mining Regions of Colorado. By J. P. Whitney. 1865.

Le Colorado aux Etats-Unis d'Amerique. Par J. P. Whitney. 1867. A copy of a German edition of this publication also was obtained.

Four volumes printed in the Mormon alphabet. Published in 1868 and 1869. Given by the Desert Museum, Salt Lake City, Utah. Copies of these unique books are scarce.

Buffalo Land. By W. E. Webb. 1872.

Western Wilds, and the Men Who Redeemed Them. By J. H. Beadle. 1877.

The Total Solar Eclipse of July 29, 1878. Observations at Pike's Peak, Colorado. By Professor S. P. Langley. 1878.

Sporting Adventures in the Far West. By J. Mortimer Murphey. 1880.

The Pawnee Indians. By John B. Dunbar. 1880.

Traditions of the Arikara (or "Ariekarees"). By George A. Dorsey. 1904.

The Bison. By William T. Hornaday.

The Border and the Buffalo. By John R. Cook. 1907.

In Praise of Valor; an Oration. By Rev. Thomas Edward Green, D.D. Pronounced on the Capitol grounds in Denver, immediately following the close of the war with Spain.

Representative Men of Colorado. A volume consisting of a collection of small photographic portraits reproduced by half-tone engraving.

New Mexico's Struggle for Statehood. By L. Bradford Prince. 1910. Dr. Prince formerly was Governor of the Territory of New Mexico.

Iowa Biographical Series. Henry Dodge. By Louis Pelzer. The subject of this biography is the Colonel Henry Dodge who commanded an expedition into the Pike's Peak country, in 1835.

History of Larimer County, Colorado. By A. Watrons. 1911. A large and excellent contribution to Colorado's history.

A large "Scrap-Book," filled with newspaper reports of the first State election, and accounts of the inauguration of the State Government of Colorado. Given by the late Hon. Clarence P. Elder, of Denver. In this accession we have a great collection of information in convenient form.

A large "Scrap-Book," filled with newspaper reports of the proceedings of the State Constitutional Convention of 1875-76, arranged in order of time. Given by the late Hon. Clarence P. Elder, who was a member of the convention. This gathering contains many details and "sidelights" that do not appear in the official record.

While some of these publications are of exceptional value and historical importance, the average of them in these respects is not very far above that of the total of this class of accessions.

For various contributions to the libraries, not mentioned in the foregoing, the Society is indebted to Professor Ellsworth Bethel, Professor George L. Cannon, the Clio Club, Mr. F. C. Grable, Dr. Walter A. Jayne, Mr. Roy McDonald, Mr. Felix A. Richardson, Dr. John H. Tilden, and the Woman's Club, all of Denver; and Professor Edward R. Warren, of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The 225 volumes of our newspaper files which were bound by the Society during the term consisted entirely of Colorado weekly newspapers; and the cost of the work was \$308.40. This was defrayed from the Society's Incidental Fund, appropriated by the State. The contents of these bound volumes range from two years' issues to six years' issues of the given paper. The files of some of these had been accumulating for more than twelve years; and files for a large number of such volumes still remain unbound. The twelve volumes that were received in bound form contain two years' issues of the Denver Republican, given by the publishers of that newspaper, and who also supply a copy of each issue of the Republican for another file.

Among the twenty-eight accessions of manuscripts received in the term were:

A Short History of Bent's Fort, by William M. Boggs, of Las Animas, Colorado, recounting events, incidents, and his experiences at that famous trading post, and which was written about eight years ago. The manuscript originally consisted of fifty-three large and closely written pages; but, unfortunately, page 37 had been lost. This is one of the Society's many docu-

ments that should be printed in book form. It was given by Hon. Henry L. Lubers, of Las Animas.

A translation into English of Dr. A. Wislizenus' narrative, published in German, of his Journey to the Rocky Mountains in the Year 1839, made and given by Mr. Alfred Patek, of Denver.

A commission issued by Governor R. W. Steele, of "Jefferson Territory," on December 14, 1859, to Thomas H. Warren, a pioneer of Denver. Given by Mr. Warren, who is living now at Biloxi, Mississippi.

A letter written by Governor John Evans, of Colorado, at Washington, D. C., on February 27, 1868, to Edward H. Collins, of Denver. Given by Mrs. E. H. Collins, of Denver.

Extracts from an address delivered by Mr. M. H. Fitch, on Pioneer Day, 1909, at Pueblo, Colorado; and which is accompanied by an autograph letter from Mr. Fitch to Judge Wilbur F. Stone, of Denver. The two were given by Judge Stone.

A cash-book, used at the Planters' Hotel, in Denver, from January 12 to March 31, inclusive, 1863. It contains the names of many pioneers of Colorado. Given by Mr. J. S. Brown, of Denver.

A day-book, containing financial records of sundry wagon-road, bridge, stage-coach, and other companies in Colorado in the years 1866-67. Given by Miss Isabelle Steck, of Denver.

A letter written at Washington, D. C., by General James W. Denver, on November 14, 1890, and containing historical data in relation to the founding of the city of Denver. Purchased by the Society.

Six freight receipts, issued in Denver by the Overland Stage Line, in the summer of 1865. Given by Mr. Edward Chase, of Denver.

A report, by Edward H. Collins, city tax collector of Denver, dated March 31, 1865. Given by Mrs. E. H. Collins, of Denver.

Of the twelve additions that were made to the Society's collection of maps and drawings, the more important are:

A photographic reproduction of a large map that accompanied the report of Colonel Henry Dodge's expedition into the Pike's Peak country, in 1835. So far as I have been able to ascertain, the earliest record of the application of Lieutenant Pike's name to his famous peak appears on this map. The reproduction was made by the Society.

A map of Kansas and Nebraska Territories, published by Mellen & Company, Chicago. While it is not dated, the map bears evidence that it was issued either late in 1854 or early in 1855. Purchased by the Society.

A map of Colorado Territory, "drawn by Frederick J. Ebert under direction of the Governor William Gilpin." Published by Jacob Monk, Philadelphia, 1862. Purchased by the Society.

Blanchard's New Map of the Territories, as in the year 1867. Published by Rufus Blanchard, Chicago. Purchased by the Society.

A reproduction of a map of Denver that was made in 1868, and on which are manuscript notes indicating the value of real estate in various parts of the city at that time. Given by the President of the Society.

Clason's great sectional map of Colorado, published in 1911, by the Clason Map Company, of Denver. Given by the publishers.

All of the 293 pictures, of persons, of places, and of things, are of distinct historical value, and nearly all are identified with the early history of the Pike's Peak country, with the history of Colorado, and with that of parts of the States that adjoin ours. Many of them are photographic enlargements, all of which were made by the Society, from its collections. Among this group of accessions are:

An excellent photographic enlargement of an engraved portrait of Lieutenant Zebulon M. Pike, the original of which is the frontpiece of the first edition of his narrative of his expedition to the Rocky Mountains, in 1806-07. The Society possesses the original.

Seven photographic enlargements of landscape views, and of one other picture, from illustrations that accompany the published account of Major Stephen H. Long's expedition into what is now the domain of Colorado, in the summer of 1820. The originals of these landscape views, which are possessed by the Society, certainly are the earliest pictures of scenes in the land of Pike's Peak.

A photographic enlargement of an engraved portrait of Major Long, as he appeared about the time of the Mexican War. The Society has the original.

A photographic enlargement of an engraved portrait of Thomas Say, one of the naturalists who accompanied Major Long. The original is possessed by the Society.

A photographic enlargement of an engraving of an oil portrait of Colonel Henry Dodge, who, with a part of his regiment (the First United States Dragoons), marched to our section of the Rocky Mountains in the summer of 1835. The original is possessed by the Society.

A photographic enlargement of an engraving of an uncommon portrait of John C. Fremont, whose first entrance into the area of Colorado was made in the summer of 1843. The Society possesses the original.

A photographic enlargement of an engraving of an oil portrait of Colonel Stephen W. Kearny, who, with a part of his regiment (the First United States Dragoons, formerly commanded by Colonel Henry Dodge), made an expedition into the Pike's Peak country in the summer of 1845. The original is in the Society's possession.

A photographic enlargement of a lithograph of a view in the valley of the Las Animas (or Purgatory) River, Colorado, the original of which was drawn in the year 1846. The original is in the Society's possession.

A photographic enlargement of a lithograph of a view on the Santa Fe Trail, in the northeastern section of New Mexico. The original of this also was drawn in the year 1846. The Society has the original.

An excellent drawing, on which there are many notations by the artist, of the historic Fort Bent, by the venerable William M. Boggs, of Las Animas, Colorado, who was familiar with the great trading post in the times of its prosperity. Of this picture (which was drawn with pencil and pen) a fine photographic enlargement, nearly double the size of the drawing, has been made. The original was given to the Society by Hon. Henry L. Lubers, of Las Animas.

Photographic enlargements of eight lithographs of landscape views in Colorado's area, which illustrate the narrative of the Beale Expedition from Westport, Missouri, to Los Angeles, California, in the summer of 1853. This expedition traversed centrally the area of our State from east to west. The Society has the originals.

Photographic enlargements of fourteen lithographs of landscape views in northwestern New Mexico, the southwestern part of the domain of Colorado, and the present eastern border of Utah, from illustrations that accompany the account of the Macomb Expedition from Santa Fe to the confluence of the Green and Grand Rivers, in the summer of 1859. The originals are possessed by the Society.

An engraving of the first portrait (made in 1845) of Kit Carson. Given to the Society by Colonel R. E. Twitchell, of East Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Five large photographs of the site and ruins of the ancient Pueblo of Pecos and of the hoary mission church, at Pecos, New Mexico. Given by the Creator of the Society.

A water-color sketch of the pioneer buildings on a ranch that was established by Joseph and William Hodgson, in 1859, on Bear Creek, in a locality in our present Jefferson County. Given by Mrs. Edward H. Collins, of Denver.

A photographic enlargement of an engraving of a drawing, made in 1865, of Fort Collins, a military post that became the germ of our city of that name. From a copy of the engraving possessed by the Society.

Ten photographs of views in the business section of Denver, made at various times between the spring of 1864 and the close of 1867; and a photograph of the pioneer Jarvis Hall, at Golden. Given by Mrs. Charles G. Cheever, of Andover, Massachusetts.

A photographic enlargement of an early photographic portrait of William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), garbed in the costume of a frontiersman of the plains. The original, made in 1867, is owned by Mrs. Olive Oakes, of Denver.

A photographic enlargement of a photograph of a standing group, consisting of Judge Hiram P. Bennet, Governor A. C. Hunt, Daniel C. Oakes, George M. Chilcott, Lafayette Head,

Albert G. Boone, U. M. Curtice, Edward Kellogg, and William J. Godfrey, all of whom were pioneers of Colorado, and eight Colorado Ute Indians, one of whom was the noble Ouray. This party went to Washington city in the winter of 1867-68, and the "Treaty of 1868" was one of the results of the visit. The original photograph, which was made in Washington, is owned by Judge Hiram P. Bennet, of Denver.

Photographic enlargements of two early photographs of views in Denver. The originals, one of which was made in 1864 and the other in 1866, were given to the Society by Mrs. Charles G. Cheever, of Andover, Massachusetts.

A photographic enlargement of an early photograph of a group consisting of Daniel C. Oakes, Charles S. Stobie, and James ("Old Jim") Baker, pioneers of Colorado. The original is owned by Mrs. Olive Oakes, of Denver.

A photographic reproduction of a written contract entered into, in Douglas County, Kansas, on September 13, 1858, by H. P. A. Smith, E. W. Wynkoop, and five other men, for the purpose, among other intentions, of founding a city in the Pike's Peak country. The original is in the Society's possession.

Photographic enlargements of eight photographs—four of which were made about the year 1865, one about 1867, two about 1869, and one in 1875—of views in the business section of Denver. The originals are in the Society's possession.

Photographic enlargements of eight wood-cuts, made in 1873, of scenes in Colorado and farther east in the times of the open and free range of the Great Plains. The originals are in the Society's possession.

A group of photographic portraits representing all of the members of the Colorado Constitutional Convention of 1875-76. Given by the late Hon. Clarence P. Elder, of Denver. It is believed that no duplicate of this accession, which is of priceless value, is in existence.

A photographic enlargement of a wood-engraved view of the "Switch-Back," near Trinidad, Colorado, and by which the Santa Fe Railway originally crossed the Raton Range and entered New Mexico; and a like picture of a similar device between Black Hawk and Central City, Colorado. The originals are in the Society's possession.

Photographic enlargements of four photographs of views—one made in 1879, and the others in 1889—in the newer parts of that section of Denver formerly known as "East Denver." The originals are in the Society's possession.

A large photograph of a group consisting of the late William N. Byers, L. N. Greenleaf, and the late Edward O. Collins, bearing their insignia as High Priests of the Grand Chapter of the Masonic Order in Colorado. Given by Mrs. Edward H. Collins, of Denver.

Photographic enlargements of twelve views—wood-cuts and lithographs—in our city of Leadville, as in 1880 and 1881. The originals are in the Society's possession.

A print of a large wood-engraving of a view of Manitou, Colorado, in 1889. Given by the Curator of the Society.

A photograph of the first excursion train to the summit of Pike's Peak and of the passengers whom it carried. Given by Mrs. W. W. Dilworthy, of Beloit, Kansas, and who was one of the passengers.

A large and framed oil painting of a landscape view near Leadville, Colorado, by W. H. M. Cox, 1887. Given by Dr. William S. Ward, of Denver. This painting is a valuable contribution.

A large and framed oil painting of a political parade and "jollification," in Denver, in the evening of November 12, 1888, in celebration of the election of Benjamin Harrison to the Presidency and that of Job Cooper to be Governor of Colorado. This picture, which was placed in the Capitol soon after it was painted, was transferred to the custody of the Society at the instance of Mr. W. K. Burchinell, Secretary of the State Board of Capitol Managers. It is a very interesting addition to our collection of pictures.

A photographic copy of an oil portrait, of life size, of General James W. Denver. The original is in the Denver Public Library.

A photographic enlargement of a photographic portrait of General Bela M. Hughes, a leading pioneer and long a distinguished citizen of Denver. The original is owned by Mr. Henry L. Dennison, of Denver.

A photographic enlargement of an uncommon photographic portrait of Governor William Gilpin, which was made about three years before his death. The original is owned by Mr. Henry L. Dennison, of Denver.

A photographic reproduction of a photograph of the judges (in a group) of the United States Court of Private Land Claims, which determined the titles to old Spanish land-grants in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming. The original is owned by Judge Wilbur F. Stone, of Denver, and who was one of the judges.

A picture, in water-colors, of the new Central High School, in Pueblo, Colorado. Given by Mr. R. S. Roeschlaub, of Denver.

A group of photographs in which are represented all of the members of the Senate of the Sixteenth General Assembly of Colorado; and another in which all of the members of the House of Representatives of that Assembly are represented. To these were added four similar groups, in which the members of the Senate and those of the House, of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Assemblies likewise are represented.

A series of five large photographs of the buildings upon the block bound by Broadway, Colfax Avenue, Acoma Street, and

West Fourteenth Avenue, in Denver, made by the Society a few days before the beginning of the work of razing these structures in preparation for the Civic Center of Denver.

Three great panoramic photographs, and another, of smaller size, made from central points in Denver, and embracing nearly one-half of the city's area. These were purchased by the Society.

In the first year of the term the beginning was made of a collection of portraits of notable Indians who, in former times, lived in our region of the Great West. At the close of the term this gathering consisted of forty-three individual portraits, thirteen groups, and five groups in which white men also appear; making a total of sixty-one pictures, which number is a part of the total of the accessions of historical pictures during the term. These are photographic results from old lithographs, from wood-engravings, and from photographs, the individual portraits being of a standard size—4½ by 6¾ inches. It is the intention further to develop this collection, and to have its components framed in groups, in order that they may be seen by our visitors.

Contributors to the Society's collection of historical pictures in the course of the term, other than those who have been mentioned in the foregoing, are:

Mr. S. H. Babcock, Miss Daisy Butterfield, Professor George L. Cannon, Dr. C. N. Hart, Mr. John P. Lower, Mr. E. S. Rnbridge, Miss Edith W. Smith, Mr. William S. Smith, and Major J. B. Thompson, all of Denver; Mrs. Roy Copeland, of Boulder, Colorado; Captain George L. Sanborn, of Seattle, Washington; Mr. Phillip K. Stephens, of Cedar Ridge, Colorado; and Mr. P. M. Williams, of Kansas City, Missouri.

By photographic enlargements of historical pictures that are too small to be placed on the walls of our rooms, we are enabled to exhibit many interesting portraits and views which the public otherwise would not see. As this report shows, much work of this kind was done during the term. The results are very satisfactory. In every instance the enlargement, as a picture, is as good as its original, and in many instances much better. I may remark here that our exhibits of this class of accessions receive a large share of the attention of our visitors. The cost of this work was defrayed from the Society's Expense Fund, appropriated by the State.

Besides having acquired rather a large number of various historical pictures, the Society has had framed during the term 155 of such accessions. These consisted of thirty-four that long had been in the collections, and 121 of the additions that were made in the term. Included in the former number is a large photographic portrait of William H. Russell, of the firm of Russell, Majors & Waddell, which was engaged in pioneer times in transporting passengers and freight across the central part of the Great Plains, and that established the famed Pony Express, of which Mr. Russell was the projector. Twenty others of these pictures are the lithographs, in colors, of the fine drawings of

scenes and places in Denver and elsewhere in Colorado, made about the year 1865 by A. E. Mathews. The latter number consists of selections from those which have been mentioned above, and includes eleven label-pictures. The cost of this work was defrayed from the Society's Expense Fund, appropriated by the State.

Among the eighteen ethnological objects that were acquired in the term are:

A very large metate found near a ruined building of the "Cliff Dwellers," in the far-southwestern section of Colorado. Given by Mr. A. B. Hardin, of Denver.

Several corn tassels (considered as a mit) from "Cliff Dwellers'" corn, from a source the same as that of the large metate. Given by Mr. A. B. Hardin, of Denver.

Three buckskin paint-pouches made and used by Indians of the plains. Given by Miss Annie R. Parker, of Denver.

Three examples of ancient Peruvian pottery. Given by Dr. Joseph Cuneo, of Denver. These are valuable for comparison with our own aboriginal pottery.

A pipe, carved from gypsum, said to have been taken from the grave of an Indian, near Morrison, Colorado, in or about the year 1908. Given by Professor George L. Canon, of Denver.

A pitcher of uncommon form, exhumed near the remains of ruined buildings of "Cliff Dwellers" situated about one and one-half miles east of Mancos, Colorado, by M. C. Blackburn, and which was purchased from him and given to the Society by the Curator.

Of objects which, in this report, are classified as "Miscellaneous," the Society had a fair number of interesting accessions during the term. Among these are:

A plaster mask of Abraham Lincoln, made in Chicago, in 1860. Given by the late Hon. Clarence P. Elder, of Denver.

A "treasure box," used for carrying gold dust, money, and other valuables, on the Spottswood & McClelland Stage Line, operated between Denver and Breckenridge, Colorado, by way of Fairplay, in the early seventies. Given by Mr. R. A. Leimer, of Denver.

A silver badge, worn by the donor when he was a member of the old Third Ward Hose Company, of Denver; and a bronze "Souvenir International Range Cattle and Horse Growers' Association, Denver, 1886." Given by Mr. John B. Vroom, of Denver.

A scalp taken from an Indian warrior at the battle of Sand Creek, Colorado, on November 29, 1864. Given by Mrs. Jacob Downing, of Denver.

A "bomb-shell," of a type made before and in the period of the Civil War, found at Las Animas, Colorado, by John Kimmel. It is supposed to have had some connection with the Indian War of 1864. Given by Benjamin Lontz, of Denver.

A double-barreled rifle, brought from An Sable, New York, to Denver, in 1859, by Joseph H. Hodgson, a brother of the donor.

It was carried and used by Hector Hutchinson in the battle of Sand Creek, and with which he killed two Indians in the course of the fight. Given by Mrs. Edward H. Collins, of Denver, and who contributed several other objects to this group.

An old-fashioned revolver, in a holster, used by Albert G. Parker, while he was in the service of the Federal Government, on the plains, in the early sixties. Given by Miss Annie R. Parker, of Denver.

A coin-pouch, used by the donor's father—who was a California Argonaut—for carrying gold coins on his person when traveling from California to New York. Given by Miss Mary F. Lathrop, of Denver.

A folding camp-chair, used by Colonel Kit Carson, in 1866-67, when he was commandant of Fort Garland, a United States military post in the San Luis Valley, Colorado, but abandoned long since. Given by Judge Wilbur F. Stone, of Denver.

The character and sources of the additions to the collections in the natural-history division, together with the names of donors, are stated in the following:

Of the three birds' nests, one was taken by the Museum Assistant, one was given by Mr. Andrew Templeton and one by Dr. G. W. Miel, both of Denver.

Of the seven specimens of mammals, five were bats; one of which, a red bat, obtained near Littleton, Colorado, proved to be the second taken within the State. It was given by Mr. Charles M. Smyth, of Denver. George F. Lewis, David Bellrose, Antone Elzi, and C. J. Carlson, of Denver, each donated a single specimen of these winged animals, all of which were taken at Denver. The two other specimens are antelope skins, acquired by the Society.

The two specimens of cold-blooded vertebrates were gifts—one, a salamander, from Mr. Frank Raymer, of Denver; the other, a snake-skin, from Mrs. E. M. Fowle, of Morgan County, Colorado.

Of the ten accessions of insects, all but two were taken in Denver County. Of these local specimens, one was given by Mr. A. McConkey, two by Dr. J. M. Barney, one by Mr. W. P. J. Dinsmoor, and one by Mr. William O. Bryant (all of whom reside in Denver); one by Mr. C. F. Leach, who resides at Sedalia; and one was taken by the Museum Assistant. Two moths, from Gunnison County, were given by Mr. Frank E. Adams, of Ohio City, Colorado.

The three specimens of the arachnida were gifts. Two, jointed spiders, were received from Mr. David Tressler, of Denver; and the other, a giant whip-scorpion, from Mr. G. D. Robinson, of Deming, New Mexico.

The two osteological accessions were:

A skeleton of a species of the mustelidae, given by Mr. Harlan Peck, of Denver.

A horn, of peculiar form, of a member of the deer family, given by Mr. R. M. White, of Littleton, Colorado.

The accessions to the Society's geological collections were:

Three pieces of weather-worn sandstone, which resemble familiar objects made and used by men. One was given by Mr. Abraham Taff, of Denver; and the others by Mr. A. B. Hardin, also of Denver.

Samples of meerschamm, from the vicinity of Silver City, New Mexico. Given by Mr. J. B. F. Reynolds, of Denver.

A piece of calcite, from the cretaceous formation in Douglas County, Colorado. Given by Mr. C. F. Leach, of Sedalia, Colorado.

A piece of petrified palm wood, taken from an excavation in the northern part of Denver. Given by Mr. M. B. Cressingham, of Denver.

A fossilized tooth, excavated near Littleton, Colorado, and appearing to be that of a prehistoric horse. Given by Gustave Ephraim, of Denver.

A large and peculiar fossilized bone or tusk, found near Bosler, Wyoming, by Mr. W. W. Conine, of Kiowa, Kansas, and by him given to the Society. This object is puzzling, and has not yet been identified.

A bone of a prehistoric animal, excavated in Denver, and given by Professor George L. Cannon, of Denver.

A tooth of a mammoth—a fine specimen—taken at a great depth in a gravel-pit, near Riverside Cemetery, Denver. Purchased by the Society.

Two groups of fragmentary parts of skeletons of large and prehistoric animals, taken from the Denver Pressed Brick Company's gravel-pit, in Denver. One of the groups consists of remains of a mammoth; the components of the other appear to be relics of a great camel. Teeth of each were found with the bones. It was through the courtesy of the Denver Pressed Brick Company that the Society obtained these accessions.

I deem it proper to mention here that some small fishes which the Society caused to be taken from the South Platte River, near Julesburg, Colorado, late in the last biennial period, have been determined to be a species new to ichthyology.

In August, 1911, the late Hon. Eugene F. Ware, of Kansas, and formerly United States Commissioner of Pensions, asked the Society if it would undertake to distribute in our State, as gifts from him, one hundred copies of his recent book, entitled *The Indian War of 1864*, which I have mentioned on a preceding page. On behalf of the Society, I accepted the commission; but Mr. Ware's sudden death, at Colorado Springs, a few days later, delayed the receipt of the books until near the end of the following month. His request as to their disposition was that they should be distributed among public libraries, editors of newspapers in the northeastern fourth-part of Colorado, and also among persons who are deeply interested in the history of our State. The books have been placed according to his directions, and were highly appreciated by every recipient. Mr. Ware

was a soldier in the war of which his book contains a vivid account, and previously had seen hard service in military operations in the War for the Union.

The Eighteenth General Assembly appropriated for the Society's Incidental Fund the sum of \$300 for each of the two years of the term, and for the Society's Expense Fund the sum of \$500 for each of the two years of the term. At the close of the term there was an unexpended balance of \$14.85 left in the Incidental Fund, and an unexpended balance of \$126.71 left in the Expense Fund. As statements of the expenditures from these funds appear in the report of the State Treasurer, they need not be recapitulated here.

During the winter of 1911-12 the State Board of Capitol Managers caused all of the storage rooms in the sub-basement of the Capitol to be plastered, fitted with steel doors, and provided with new fixtures for lighting. This work required that the whole of the Society's great collection of books, bound and unbound files of newspapers, and much other material, which was in ten of the eleven rooms occupied by the Society in that part of the building, should be taken out and placed in the main corridor of the sub-basement, to enable the workmen to make the improvements; and the contents of the eleventh room were disarranged greatly. Moreover, all of the shelving in the vacated apartments had to be taken down and out. It was not until near the end of last spring that the shelving was restored and the removed collections were returned into the rooms from which they had been taken. Prior to this interruption, the work of classifying and rearranging the contents of all of these rooms had been well advanced; but, as it was impossible to keep order in the removal and return, all of the previous work was undone by these operations. However, the resultant improved conditions in the quarters occupied by these collections are well worth the inconvenience, additional labor, and delay in completing the classification and rearrangement, which their making entailed. But it will be yet several months before that undertaking can be finished.

In the course of the term the work of producing more orderly conditions among the Society's other collections was continued. This included the cleaning and refitting of most of the cases that hold exhibits of parts of the collections, and rearranging, adding to, and identifying their contents, and providing these with sufficient and appropriate labels. In dealing with some of the cases in which we have on view a variety of specimens from the natural-history division, a number of changes were made in their holdings, which also were supplied with new and more befitting labels. The others of this group of cases require and are to receive similar attention. Such work necessarily is tedious. The new labels, of which several hundreds already have been provided, are handsome products of careful penmanship by the Museum Assistant.

As in preceding years, the quarters occupied by the Society were kept open to the public at all times in which the doors of other departments in the Capitol were open. The number of our visitors steadily is increasing. While we have no means of ascertaining the attendance accurately, I believe that it has averaged during the term not far from three hundred daily. Of the total, much the greater part is to be credited to the summer months. There has been also an increase in public use of the Society's resources; and especially of its files of Colorado newspapers and of the contents of the historical library.

The number and variety of the accessions that were made in the term have contributed so largely to the crowded conditions in the rooms occupied by the Society that the limits of capacity are near at hand. But to arrange properly the exhibited collections would require double the space which the present quarters afford.

Nothing but the lack of financial means prevents the Society from producing valuable and interesting historical publications, from the resources which it has at hand; to say nothing of like material that can be reached without difficulty, and yet is not accessible to the public. Our Society's inability to reciprocate in any manner still is increasing its obligations to similar organizations, which have continued to favor us with copies of their publications without receiving anything in return. The State historical societies of Missouri, Iowa, and Kansas, and the Desert Museum, of Utah, have been generous to us.

Collections of the historical records and mementos of a State constitute a real public asset, which, instead of depreciating as the years pass by, becomes more and more valuable as time sweeps on. While this is true of each of our States, it is emphasized strongly in the case of our own, the history of which is so unusual, so picturesque, and so interesting. The results of our Society's work will, under proper care, endure indefinitely; and whatever be the value which we may assign to these results, the appraisal of them will be exalted higher and higher as generations come and go. It is not difficult to foresee the absorbing interest with which intelligent people in long-hereafter times will regard the fruitage of our organization.

JEROME C. SMILEY,

Curator.

Denver, December 31, 1912.





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