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A meeting of the Board of Regents was held

February the very cheerful outlook for obtaining the gifts of \$250,000 for the Library and Administration building; the preparation of plans for beautifying the grounds, to be made without expense by a landscape gardener from New York.

Before going East, I had gone over

The Regents of the University of Nevada met at Room 9,
Gazette Pm

letter to M. George H Taylor, dated at San Francisco, January 4th:

My Dear M. Tay

Very cordially yours,

Charles B. Henderson

On Tuesday, January 18th, I met Mr. Henderson in New York and he said to me the more he thought about this proposition made to the Board of Regents the less he favored it, and his views in part are contained in the letter of January 18th which he wrote to Mr. Charles R. Lewers:

January 18, 1911

Mr. Charles R. Lewers
Gazette Building
Reno, Nevada

Dear Charlie:

You will recall my speaking to you about the Regents leasing a small tract of land on the Campus to the Historical Society and you questioned our right to lease any part of the Campus. I was talking to Dr. Stubbs about the matter today and I feel that before anything is done at the next meeting, which is set for the 14th of February, this point should be looked up and I suggested to him that the Regents at this meeting call on you for an opinion as to whether or not they can lease any part of the Campus. I wish you would try to find time to look the matter up and be ready to advise them definitely whether they can make such a lease. The Doctor says that he would also like to know. He will be in Reno about the 10th of February.

I received the letter you sent me and the more I think of the proposition, the less I favor it, for even if we have the power there is always a chance of complications arising when another corporation is on the Campus.

Yours cordially,

Charles B. Henderson

You will observe that Mr. Henderson doubts whether the Regents have the power to make any lease or contract to any other body or corporation or society, and suggested that before the matter is finally decided by the Regents that you should invite Mr. Charles R. Lewers before the Board and hear his views regarding the constitutionality of the proposed act allowing the Historical

Society, as a State organization entirely separate from the University, to place a building upon any portion of the grounds of the University.

It is to be carefully noted by the Board that there is no relation between any State University and any State Historical Society. The State Historical Societies in all cases, whether they are incorporated by the State, or are private organizations, or whether they receive State aid, or are supported by private benefactors, have also

The safest way and the best way for the University would be to assist the Society in getting a location on a desirable lot opposite the University grounds; for example - the home of Miss Wer, the building adjoining it and the one on the corner would make an admirable site, and would allow for a fine building to be placed upon it.

have absolute control at all times.

Now I want, as do the members of this Board, to do everything that we can do for the Nevada State Historical Society. It has done a valuable work in the collection of historical relics and old books and manuscripts. For myself, I have contributed of my slender means to its support by paying my dues and, during the last two years, a small amount that I could spare toward giving it additional support in its time of need. I advised Mr. Mackay that money given to this Society at this time would be money well spent. This interview was had when he was present in October, 1909. I want to see the Society prosper, but I want, also, no possible chance for any complications to arise in the future by reason of the Society having a habitat upon the grounds unless the Regents of the University have the control.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Stubbs, President

The President stated that the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate had promised to arrange a joint meeting of the two Houses, before whom he and the Board would appear on Wednesday afternoon, and it was the unanimous sense of the Board that they go to Carson on Wednesday morning to avail themselves of the opportunity to present the University requirements.

A communication from State Senator Dix Smith was read, wherein he stated that ex-President Theodore Roosevelt would be in Reno on April 3rd next, and expressed the hope that the University would arrange to have the President meet the students.

On motion of Regent O'Brien it was resolved to send a communication to Mr. Roosevelt inviting him to address the students, faculty and

Secretary