

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES**

August 14-15, 1917

**For the confidential information
of the Board of Trustee**

The Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming met this date upon the call of the President of the Board, in accordance with the plan adopted at the June 30th meeting. There were present in the chair Judge T. F. Burke and Mrs. Mary B. David, W. S. Ingham, C. D. Spalding, Dr. A. B. Hamilton, Lyman H. Brooks, Joseph M. Carey and President C. A. Duniway. The minutes of the meeting of June 30th were read, and upon motion were approved.

It was reported to the Board that the W. H. Holliday Company had made an error in its figures with reference to the Music Building contract. The matter had been brought before the Executive Committee at its meeting held July 17th, and the Secretary read a portion of the minutes of that meeting referring to the same. Upon motion of Judge Carey, the following resolution was adopted:-

RESOLVED:- That the Board confirm the action of the Executive Committee in allowing the raise in the bid of the W. H. Holliday Company as set forth in the action of the Executive Committee upon July 17th.

Mr. Burke then presented the report of the committee consisting of Judge Carey and himself with reference to the matter of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of President Duniway. The Secretary read this report. Mr. Brooks moved that the report be accepted and ordered placed on file. There then followed a lengthy discussion with reference to this entire matter.

At this point, Dr. F. F. Nalder appeared before the Board with reference to the matter of the presidency. After an informal discussion of the situation with the members of the Board and answering their questions, he retired.

Mr. Burke then presented a letter from Mr. R. L. Maxwell with reference to an independent refinery to be built at Glenrock. This letter was read by the Secretary, and then Mr. Maxwell came before the Board and answered questions relative thereto. The members of the Board informed Mr. Maxwell that they were very much interested, but they could not take any action at this time, as he was not able to make a definite proposition.

The supper-hour having arrived, the Board adjourned to meet again in the evening.

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The Board re-convened shortly after eight o'clock and resumed the discussion of presidential possibilities. The Secretary read all the letters with reference to Dr. Nalder, and also a group with reference to Dr. S. S. Kingsbury of Boulder, Colorado. Previous to adjournment, the Secretary had gotten into communication with Dr. Kingsbury and he said that he would be glad to meet the Board in the morning. The Board, after discussion, decided to send out some telegrams about Dr. Nalder, and also to inquire of Dean Huston of the Law School of Stanford University whether he would be available for this position.

The Secretary presented a report of Mr. E. P. Palmer with reference to the University's oil affairs in the Casper territory. The Board was informed that Mr. Palmer's engagement with them expired on August 15th, and upon motion of Judge Carey, his services were continued to November 15th on the same basis, to-wit:- \$50.00 a month honorarium and necessary expenses.

The Secretary presented plans and specifications for fire-escapes on the University buildings as drawn up by Mr. Dubois and approved by Commissioner of Labor Taylor. He was instructed to secure bids on all of these except for the Normal Building.

The hour of 11:15 having arrived, the Board adjourned to meet in the morning.

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The Board re-convened at 9:30 on the morning of the 15th with all present except Dr. Hamilton, who came in later.

Dr. Kingsbury came before the Board and spent sometime discussing the situation with them.

The Board then adjourned until 11:30. However, the informal discussion continued until that moment, so there really was no cessation of activities.

The matter of a lease on Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 77 West, located at Rock River, was brought up. This had been leased to the late Ed. Wilkinson, which lease had expired in October, 1916. There were offers for a re-lease from J. F. White and Dan Miller of the Diamond Cattle Company, and the Commissioner of Public Lands reported that the Diamond Cattle Company also wished to purchase the land, and that he did not know but that under the circumstances it would be best to sell it instead of leasing, it being good land. Dr. Hamilton reported that he had made a trip to Rock River and found the land much more valuable than had been reported by the inspector of the Board of Land Commissioners. The land is next to the incorporation of the town of Rock River. Therefore Dr. Ham-

ilton thought it would be best to lease it for the time being, as later on it could be sold for a much better figure. Accordingly, on motion, it was decided that the land be not sold, but be leased subject to the right of sale for a period of five years, beginning October 15th, 1916, at a minimum rental of \$100.00 per year, the lease to go to the highest bidder above that sum.

Upon motion of Judge Carey, Section 26, Township 20 North, Range 78 West and the East half of Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 78 West, were leased to W. M. Armstrong on his bid of June 26th, he being the only bidder after due advertisement.

Mrs. David moved that Judge Burke and Judge Carey be continued as a committee of the Board in the matter of looking up available men for the presidency, and that the Board adjourn subject to the call of the chairman, Judge Burke.

Before adjournment, however, Dr. Nelson was called in and formally asked if he would take care of the institution until a President was elected. Dr. Nelson said that he would do the very best he could, as he had always done as Acting President on other occasions.

The Board then adjourned subject to the call of Judge Burke.

Secretary.