

DR. THOMAS NEW UNIVERSITY HEAD

Selection Made After Four Informal and Six Formal Ballots of Regent Board. Professor Fred W. Reynolds Receives Minority Vote of Four Against Nine.

Dr. George Thomas, state superintendent of public instruction, formerly head of the department of commerce and finance at the University of Utah, was yesterday elected president of the university, the decision marking the close of an executive session lasting three hours.

Thirteen members of the board were in attendance when Chairman W. W. Ritter called the session to order yesterday morning at the directors' room of the Deseret National Bank building.

Dr. Storey Eliminated. Before proceeding with nominations for president of the school, the board, it is understood, eliminated Dr. T. A. Storey from the question.

In the progress of the balloting, according to well-defined reports, there were created excited conditions and the trend of the voting tended to arouse impressions as to the prevalence of political and church influence.

It was just before this ballot was taken that the official ballots showed Thomas with five and Storey with one vote.

After the adjournment Chairman Ritter said: "I hold no ill-will against those who did not agree with me, and I am convinced that there is good feeling on the part of all the members of the board."

Dr. Thomas will, it is planned, officially assume his duties as president of the university next Friday morning, July 1. That being the date that President John A. Widtsoe's term of office automatically expires, neither Dr. Widtsoe nor Chairman Ritter has given out any information regarding plans for the future of the university.

Dr. Thomas's early education was procured under the most difficult of circumstances. Born at Hyde Park, in Cache county, he attended school not more than three months before he was taken to his mother's home in the eighth grade.

After completing his high school course through year's study at Berkeley high school in Boston, he was admitted to the ninth out of a class of 425, he was graduated from the college after four years with a degree in arts.

Dr. Thomas then again returned to Harvard, where he took a year's postgraduate work, obtaining the degree of master of arts.



CARBON WATER DISTRICT VOTED OFFICERS ARE ELECTED FOR CONCERN, WHICH CONSOLIDATES COUNTY'S IRRIGATION.

Special to the Tribune. PRICE, June 27.—The election for choosing directors and for determination of the organization of the Carbon county water conservation district resulted in an overwhelming majority in its favor.

These directors will organize temporarily and then proceed to perfect an irrigation plan. They have under the law power of levying taxes, of assessing, reporting the budget of expenses, costs, etc., to the county commissioners, and of making contracts for the bonding of the district and the closing of an election to ratify such bonds.

Refusal of Wife to Come Home Ground for Divorce. Refusal of Mrs. Edith M. Hewitt to fulfill her promises to return to her husband living at Garfield, after she had come to Salt Lake, is the ground for divorce, according to a complaint filed in court by her husband, J. L. Hewitt.

Confessed Bank Robber to Be Sentenced Tomorrow. Walter W. Sharp, Jr., the Davis county youth, just turned 18, who confessed to robbing his employer, the Western Building & Loan association, last year, yesterday pleaded guilty and will be sentenced tomorrow.

Interstate Commerce Board Sues O. S. L. Road. Suit to collect a \$100 penalty for alleged violation of an order of the interstate commerce commission was filed yesterday by the federal government against the Oregon Short Line Railroad.

Hotel Utah Roof Garden. The roof garden of the Hotel Utah will open for the 1921 summer season Friday evening, July 1. It opens each evening at 8 p. m. and closes at 12. Good orchestra, dancing every night except Sunday.

PASSENGER MILEAGE ARRANGE TRIPS New Organization Will Seek Information to Furnish Tourists in Utah.

The Salt Lake City Passenger association held its first dinner in the Commercial club last night. There were fifty-three real live passenger men present, and several sent regrets, their business having taken them out of the city.

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Boy Scout Sues Country Club for Alleged Injury. Richard Lambert, a Boy Scout, yesterday entered suit against the Country club of Salt Lake for \$10,847.50, alleged damages for a personal injury.

Smoot Has Appointments for Army and Navy Schools. Special to the Tribune. WASHINGTON, June 27.—Senator Smoot has been advised that he will have two vacancies to fill at the Annapolis naval academy, and one at West Point military academy.

Pioneers Join Party. Four pioneers of San Juan in 1879-80 were in the party, including Mr. Redd, Kumen Jones, Joseph P. Barton and J. Connor Redd.

Man Accused of Robbery Attempt Is Bound Over. J. A. Smith, declared to have been caught in an attempt to rob the Salt laundry June 12, was yesterday bound over to the district court under \$1000 bail.

Wife Given Divorce Decree on Counterclaim Showing. Mrs. Bernice E. Dyer won a divorce decree on counterclaim before Judge A. R. Barnes yesterday in a third district court.

Wattis Miner Held Up Victim. After Being Beaten and Robbed, He Is Thrown From Auto, Hit by Train. Special to the Tribune. PRICE, June 27.—A bold robbery was perpetrated Saturday night or early Sunday morning, when John Bell of Wattis was brutally beaten and robbed of \$244 while on his way from Helper to Castle Gate in a hired car to visit his sister, Mrs. L. McMillan, who resides at Castle Gate.

GOVERNOR MABEY AND PARTY RETURN FROM STUDY OF INDIAN PROBLEMS AND ROADS. Citizens of Counties Visited Praised for the Hospitality Displayed.

Governor Mabey and a party of sixteen scientists, physicians and miners returned to Salt Lake late last night from an extended trip into southeastern Utah, where the governor made a study of the Blute Indian situation and some highway problems, and the entire party, as the guests of the people of San Juan and Grand counties, made a visit to the Natural Bridges National monument.

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CHILDREN'S CARE COUNTY PAUPER DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS METHODS OF PROVIDING FOR DEPENDENTS.

Policy of the county pauper department with regard to the Orphans' Home and Day Nursery was the subject of a conference yesterday between representatives of the directorate of the home and county officials.

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23 Fires Mark 62nd Birthday of Fire Chief

FIRE CHIEF WILLIAM H. BYWATER celebrated his sixty-second birthday yesterday by supervising the extinguishing of twenty-three fires. The flames seemed eager to provide the chief with some sort of birthday remembrance and so they gave him a record of alarms for a single day.

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UTAH IS ASSURED SUPPORT OF U. S.

E. C. Finney, Assistant Secretary of Interior, Praises Resources of This State. Irrigation, Road Building, and Public Range Regulation Things Favored.

Utah can count on the interior department to give the state every assistance in the progressive and proper development of its immense and varied resources, according to E. C. Finney, first assistant secretary of the interior, who arrived in Salt Lake yesterday to confer with Commissioner William Spry of the general land office, and other officials concerning the future of the state.

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