

REPORT  
OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE  
TWENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

OF THE  
STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE  
HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

LOCATED AT  
INDEPENDENCE.

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## REPORT.

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

The undersigned, a joint committee, appointed to visit and make examination of the Iowa Hospital for the Insane, at Independence, Iowa, submit this, their report:

On the 18th day of January, 1894, we met at the said Hospital and entering upon the discharge of our duties, made as thorough and complete an examination as possible, in the time at our disposal for the purpose, of all the property of the State connected with said Hospital, ascertained as far as practicable its condition and needs, the condition of the patients therein, made full and careful examination as possible into the details of the management of said Hospital, in relation to the receipt, treatment, support, and general care of the patients therein, the care and management of the farm connected with said Hospital, the kind, quality and cost of purchased supplies of every kind, including food, clothing, bedding, medicines and supplies of every kind and nature required and used, made partial examination of the bills rendered for supplies purchased, and of the competitive bids for furnishing the same, also a careful inquiry into the employments of the employes connected with said institution, the duties and extent of same required of them, their fitness for said duties and their compensation for the same. And ascertained as far as practicable their relations with the patients under their care and the condition of the patients under treatment and their prospects, so far as we were enabled to judge. Made examination of the live stock kept in connection with said Hospital, and as far as practicable, entered into and examined into every detail of the management and condition of said institution, consuming all of the available portion of January 18th and 19th in such examination, and as the result we report the following findings:

We find that the appropriations made by the Twenty-fourth General Assembly have been wisely and economically expended for the objects for which they were appropriated.

We find that no indebtedness has been contracted in excess of the appropriations.

We find that there has been no diversion of any money from the specific purpose for which it was appropriated.

We find that the law relating to the drawing of money from the State Treasury has been complied with.

We attach hereto, marked schedule "A," a complete list of the employes of said institution with the compensation paid to each, verified by the steward of the institution on oath, and we find that for the services required of such employes, the

compensation paid is reasonable. That said employes are generally intelligent, skillful, industrious, painstaking and kind. That their influence when brought in contact with the patients is uniformly excellent, their duties well and faithfully performed.

We find that there is necessity for the following sums for the use of said Hospital and we recommend the appropriation of the same:

For new slaughter house with cold storage attachment.....	\$5,000.00
For improvement of grounds for biennial period .....	2,000.00
For contingent expenses for biennial period.....	8,000.00
For the construction of paint and blacksmith shop, with storage for paints and oils, etc.....	2,000.00
Total.....	\$17,000.00

We find that the crowded condition of the wards of the Hospital demand that some speedy action be taken to relieve such condition.

We find that the supplies for said Hospital, food, clothing, medicines, fuel, bedding, paints, oils, and in general, all ordinary supplies have been purchased on the principle of competitive bidding, and that such purchases have been so made and conducted as to secure to the State good goods and supplies at fair prices, or in other words, at about wholesale mercantile rates.

We find that the said supplies have been suitable in kind, considering the use for which required, plentiful for the supply of every need, and that the care and preparation of the same for the use of the inmates of said Hospital has been characterized by skill, judgment and consideration for the needs of the unfortunate inmates of the institution and the interests of the State.

We find the live stock kept on the farm belonging with the institution in most excellent condition in every particular; the tools and implements well housed and cared for. The machinery pertaining to the operation of the lighting and heating plant under the care of an excellent and skillful engineer, assistant and electrician, and we find a said stock, machinery, tools and implements appropriate and proper.

We especially commend the excellent fire escape and electric lighting arrangements provided and in use.

We find abundant reason for congratulation in the construction of these fine improvements.

We commend the management of the institution as evidenced by universal cleanliness, excellent ventilation, well selected and prepared food in plenty and apparently appropriate to the needs of the patients, by the cleanly and appropriate clothing, by the generally contented appearance of the inmates and the general air of good business and humane methods.

We commend the superintendent and his assistants and employes of the institution as honest, capable and faithful.

We desire to make special mention and commendation of the plan and operation of the training school for attendants connected with this institution. We believe the results already attained fully justify the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. RIGGEN,  
On the part of the Senate.  
H. J. NIETERT,  
H. B. WATTERS,  
On the part of the House.

## SCHEDULE "A."

## PAY-ROLL OF EMPLOYES, IOWA HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE AT INDEPENDENCE, IOWA.

NAME.	EMPLOYMENT.	Per month.
Gershom H. Hill.....	Superintendent.....	\$ 366.67
M. Nelson Voldeng.....	First assistant physician.....	125.00
John C. Doolittle.....	Second assistant physician.....	91.67
H. W. Bernard.....	Third assistant physician.....	75.00
Jacob W. Wells.....	Fourth assistant physician.....	58.33
C. L. Thomas.....	Steward.....	83.33
Miss Kate Hale.....	Matron.....	58.33
A. D. Gurnsey.....	Engineer.....	100.00
W. S. Young.....	Assistant engineer.....	50.00
G. O. W. Beaman.....	Electrician.....	35.00
John McMillan.....	Fireman.....	28.00
Charles Johnson.....	Fireman.....	25.00
Herman Necker.....	Fireman.....	24.00
James E. Nieth.....	Gardener.....	35.00
Charles Wilson.....	Hackman.....	22.00
James F. Straw.....	Barn man.....	16.00
Wm. Walker.....	Barn man.....	15.00
Hough O'Toule.....	Teamster.....	20.00
W. R. Bliss.....	Teamster.....	20.00
C. V. Lauretison.....	Teamster.....	20.00
William Jarvis.....	Butcher.....	45.00
Peter Bent.....	Assistant butcher.....	10.00
James Netcott.....	Storekeeper.....	40.00
Thos. H. Netcott.....	Car man.....	25.00
Henry Schmidkonz.....	Car man.....	20.00
John McDonald.....	Kitchen man.....	17.00
George Cole.....	Baker.....	40.00
Fred Wilson.....	Assistant baker.....	20.00
John Geist.....	Laundry man.....	30.00
J. F. Everett.....	Milkman.....	25.00
Timothy Healy.....	Milkman.....	23.00
W. W. Fiester.....	Bookkeeper.....	45.00
John T. Phillips.....	Druggist.....	35.00
O. D. Westcott.....	Stenographer.....	30.00
Charles Munnings.....	Painter.....	40.00
H. E. Phillips.....	Painter.....	25.00
John Johnson.....	Farmer.....	30.00
Hugh Vallantyne.....	Watchman.....	35.00
Philip Hickey.....	Watchman.....	25.00
M. R. Guthrie.....	Watchman.....	22.00
Henry Johnson.....	Watchman.....	23.00
F. W. Miller.....	Night nurse.....	25.00
E. T. Momet.....	Supervisor.....	40.00
David Mundell.....	Supervisor.....	30.00
David Riede.....	Attendant.....	30.00
Sam. Thomas.....	Attendant.....	30.00
Peter Thomas.....	Attendant.....	30.00
H. E. Frame.....	Attendant.....	30.00
H. A. Brink.....	Attendant.....	30.00
James Donahoe.....	Attendant.....	33.33
William Schworm.....	Attendant.....	24.00
Patrick Cain.....	Attendant.....	24.00
Geo. Getchell.....	Attendant.....	25.00
John Dougherty.....	Attendant.....	25.00
Bert Winn.....	Attendant.....	25.00
Lewis Kelso.....	Attendant.....	25.00
Lincoln Boldet.....	Attendant.....	20.00
M. D. Mison.....	Attendant.....	20.00
F. Bishop.....	Attendant.....	20.00
F. W. Murphy.....	Attendant.....	20.00
O. J. Lamb.....	Attendant.....	19.00
William Waldenmayer.....	Attendant.....	19.00
Harry Lindsay.....	Attendant.....	18.00
S. Underwood.....	Attendant.....	18.00
Wm. Richardson.....	Attendant.....	18.00
Edward Dewey.....	Attendant.....	18.00
Ira J. Dickey.....	Attendant.....	18.00
F. Merrilow.....	Attendant.....	18.00
John Fletcher.....	Attendant.....	18.00
Wm. McMasters.....	Attendant.....	18.00
F. Knoll.....	Attendant.....	18.00

## SCHEDULE "A"—CONTINUED.

NAME.	EMPLOYMENT.	Per month.
Jos. Cassey	Attendant	18.00
Emma E. Wiggin	Nurse	40.00
Belle McMillan	Supervisor	35.00
Ella Blade	Supervisor	30.00
Maggie O'Connor	Assistant supervisor	20.00
Ella Smith	Watch girl	25.00
Ella O'Brien	Watch girl	25.00
Jennie Healy	Watch girl	25.00
Bertha Bowman	Watch girl	25.00
Mary Finley	Attendant	25.00
Ella Stafford	Attendant	25.00
Ellie Rabe	Attendant	25.00
Annie Clow	Attendant	25.00
Kate Martin	Attendant	25.00
Viola Kalu	Attendant	25.00
Lutie Blakely	Attendant	25.00
Lizzie Miller	Attendant	20.00
Bertha M. Chaeals	Attendant	25.00
May Hughson	Attendant	25.00
Clara Stringer	Attendant	20.00
Hattie Glass	Attendant	20.00
Ella Anderson	Attendant	18.00
Ora Harris	Attendant	18.00
Lu Peck	Attendant	17.00
Ida Crowder	Attendant	17.00
Lottie Robertson	Attendant	16.00
Belle Harris	Attendant	16.00
Mary O'Toule	Attendant	16.00
Florence Brown	Attendant	13.00
Kate Bishop	Attendant	13.00
Mary Kelly	Attendant	15.00
Clara Steward	Attendant	17.00
Kate Stringer	Attendant	13.00
Anna McGuire	Attendant	16.00
Bertha Frederick	Attendant	12.00
Maggie Coughlin	Attendant	17.00
Della Bowder	Attendant	14.00
Nellie Johnstone	Attendant	16.00
Johanna Duggan	Attendant	17.00
Helen Kinzier	Attendant	12.00
Maggie Bishop	Attendant	14.00
Louisa Woodsen	Attendant	14.00
Minnie Cloney	Attendant	13.00
Jennie Dewey	Attendant	17.00
Ada Bender	Attendant	16.00
Hannah Warner	Cook	20.00
Viola Nieth	Kitchen girl	12.00
Tracie Hintz	Waitress	12.00
Minnie McDonald	Cook	27.00
Annie Ferguson	Assistant cook	17.00
Minnie Hintz	Kitchen girl	13.00
Gussie Hermann	Kitchen girl	13.00
Annie Geist	Kitchen girl	12.00
Nettie Netcott	Kitchen girl	12.00
Agnes McElith	Kitchen girl	13.00
Orpha Ross	Kitchen girl	13.00
Nellie Leehy	Order cook	15.00
Lena Rommel	Cook, cottage	18.00
Mary Schworm	Cook, cottage	12.00
Katie Geist	Cook, Grove Hall	18.00
Annie Higgins	Cook, Grove Hall	12.00
Mary Suhr	Waitress	13.00
Julia Delano	Office girl	12.00
Bessie Goodwin	Hall girl	11.00
Gertie Ross	Hall girl	12.00
Nellie Higgins	Chambermaid	12.00
Alice Delano	Waitress	13.00
Annie Finley	Waitress	13.00
Frances Funk	Seamstress	20.00
Dora Thomas	Seamstress	15.00
Hattie McDonald	Seamstress	14.00
Jennie Thomas	Laundry	27.00
Lizzie Callahan	Laundry	13.00
Hannah Schmidkonz	Laundry	12.00
Belle Winson	Laundry	12.00
Agnes McGuire	Laundry	12.00

## SCHEDULE "A"—CONTINUED.

NAME.	EMPLOYMENT	Per month.
Annie McLaughlin	Laundry	\$ 11.00
Lizzie Mahem	Laundry	11.00
Kate Finley	Ironer	18.00
Mame McGuire	Ironer	13.00
Bertha Frank	Ironer	12.00
Inez Barnes	Ironer	11.00
Bertha Brunko	Ironer	11.00
Ham Wilson	Painter	26.00
* Bud Camp	Carpenter	2.00
+ A. S. Manshaw	Carpenter	2.00
+ Soth Peck	Carpenter	2.00

\* Per day.

+ Per day without room and board.

All of the above named employes live in the institution and receive board, washing and lights in addition to wages, except those indicated by the foot notes.

STATE OF IOWA, }  
BUCHANAN COUNTY, } ss.

I, Chas. L. Thomas, of Independence, Iowa, being first duly sworn do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a correct and true roll of all employes and the wages paid per month to each at the Hospital for the Insane, situated at Independence, Buchanan county, Iowa, as taken from the pay-roll of said Hospital for the quarter ending December 31, 1893 (excepting the superintendent, first, second, third and fourth assistants, physician steward and matron). I further certify that they render full, efficient service and time for which said employes receive their pay per month as above stated, also that each employe has in person signed the pay-roll of said Hospital for the pay received.

Witness my hand at Independence, Iowa, this 19th day of January, 1894.

(Signed)

CHAS. L. THOMAS.

Steward.

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by the said Chas L. Thomas this 19th day of January, 1894.

[SEAL.]

GERSHOM H. HILL.

Notary Public.