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THIS WEEK: Concerning the Settlement with the Capitol Commissioners

BACKGROUND: The 1898 Official Register contains several pages dedicated to information taken directly from the Board of Capitol Commissioners reports. The Commissioners reports are hand-written ledgers that were summarized and transcribed into a book about that time. The book is several hundred pages and contains the biennial reports of the Commission submitted between the years of 1871 to 1886. It also contains the condensed report "Concerning the Settlement with the Capitol Commissioners" submitted to Governor Larrabee in July 1886. The facts included in the 1898 Official Register are found in that portion of the reports.

Concerning the Settlement with the Capitol Commissioner

- There are 361,339 cubic feet of stone in the superstructure.
- There are 2,848,584 pounds of iron in the Capitol.
- There are 2,230,528 feet of lumber used in the Capitol.

- The steam pipes, water pipes, gas pipes, iron pipes, brass pipes and cast iron pipes combined equal 40.56 miles of pipe throughout the building.
- Horsehair in bushels 1,740 used in plastering walls.
- Encaustic tile used originally on both first floor and second floor, 43,153 square feet.
- Marble tile floors in square feet 5,227 (used on ground floor until the early 1900s).

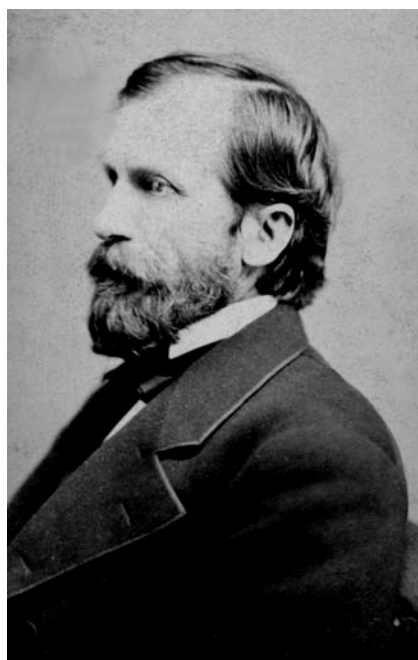
CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FROM MAY 25, 1870, TO JUNE 30, 1886.

ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	AMOUNT.
Excavation and drainage	\$ 17,978.87
Cistern.....	1,512.12
Repairs, first foundation.....	52,243.75
Concrete, labor on.....	9,093.71
Printing and advertising.....	3,205.26
Water.....	3,579.94
Cash.....	1,612.54
Board of commissioners	21,683.15
Cast iron work.....	6,057.05
Rubbing stone.....	26,115.56
Accidents.....	990.72
Extra handling stone.....	2,224.46
Stone setting and masonry.....	69,575.81
Paints and oils.	8,721.28
Roofing and guttering.....	95,160.20
Terra cotta work.....	3,700.04
Lot and sewer.....	10,000.00
Machinery and tools.....	34,343.22
Heating and ventilating	81,453.32
Painting.....	36,752.06
Railroad	16,458.63
Fuel	8,053.67

Cleaning and painting.....	236.77
Glass.....	26,843.87
Marble work.....	117,097.47
Plumbing.....	14,580.99
Stone.....	486,417.56
Boiler house.....	25,844.19
Nails and hardware.....	15,365.82
Stone cutting.....	342,138.07
Wrought iron work.....	187,603.24
Gas fitting.....	6,848.91
General labor.....	54,915.43
Cement.....	49,733.17
Brick.....	127,565.79
Sand.....	8,624.00
Sheet metal work.....	21,020.78
Prismatic lights.....	3,082.23
Plain plastering.....	45,616.52
Scagliola work.....	13,934.85
Ornamental plastering.....	29,258.05
Electric work.....	5,945.85
Interest and discount.....	3,155.20
Fresco painting.....	23,077.37
Floor tiling.....	34,485.58
Heating expenses.....	10,969.91
Plans.....	8,784.13
Furniture.....	129,131.77
Patterns and models.....	7,868.75
Brick masonry.....	122,030.36
Extra general assembly.....	208.55
Salaries.....	139,829.82
Adjutant-general's office.....	3,021.01
Capitol grounds.....	1,021.01
Expenses.....	4,982.73
Lime.....	7,863.83
Carpenter work.....	177,423.75
Lumber and timber.....	61,530.65
Elevators.....	7,636.58
Street improvements.....	24,994.59
Government's settlement account.....	55.00
TOTAL.....	\$2,873,294.59

EXPENDITURES

Expended on new capitol.....	\$ 2,624,189.48
Expended on repairs of first foundation.....	52,343.76
Expended on lot and sewer.....	10,000 00
Expended on boiler house.....	25,844.00
Expended on furniture.....	129,131.77
Expended for Twentieth General Assembly.....	208.55
Expended for adjutant-general's office.....	3,021.01
Expended on capitol grounds.....	1,883.70
Expended on street improvements.....	24,994.59
Expended on governor's settlement account.....	55.00
Cash unexpended and turned over to Gov. Wil- liam Larrabee.....	1,612.54
Street paving and sidewalk appropriation in the state treasury undrawn.....	3,005.41
TOTAL.....	\$2,876,300.00



Governor William Larrabee