

REPORT  
OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

OF THE  
STATE OF IOWA.

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE  
HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

AT  
INDEPENDENCE.

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## REPORT.

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*To the Seventeenth General Assembly:*

Your joint committee appointed to visit the Hospital for the Insane at Independence have discharged that duty, and submit the following report:

The hospital building proper, together with all the out-buildings connected therewith, we found in excellent condition, showing thorough work in construction, and good care since by the officers of the institution.

The wards of the hospital were all carefully inspected, and notwithstanding their crowded condition, it was evident that cleanliness and good order was the uniform rule.

The store-room, sewing-room, kitchen and laundry, also boiler-room, carpenters' shop, barns and vegetable cellar connected therewith indicated, by their condition, appropriate care on the part of those in charge.

The patients, of whom there were three hundred and thirty-eight, at the time of our visit were seen in the wards; many of them at one of their usual evening entertainments of dancing, and again at Sunday chapel service. We observed at all these times a degree of order and good feeling among the patients that was remarkable when we consider their condition and the fact that almost no restraint is exercised here. This is largely due we think to the confidence which the patients have in their officers and attendants.

It is very important for the welfare of the patients that the new part of the hospital now enclosed be finished and furnished as soon as possible, in order to provide for suitable separation of the sexes. The female patients now occupying the fourth and fifth stories of the main center building, and the third and fourth story of the north wing, could then be removed to this new part which is the first section of the proposed north wing. This would relieve the present crowded condition of the hospital.

There is also an urgent demand for still further enlargement of the hospital in order to have room for those seeking admission.

For furnishing the four new wards in the north wing, we would recommend the appropriation of \$5,500.

Your committee would also recommend that an appropriation of \$135,000 be made by the present legislature (the money to be drawn from the treasury as you shall direct) in order to push on to completion the four remaining sections of the south wing.

Your committee are of the opinion that a reservoir for surplus water should be constructed near the hospital to provide for any deficiency that may occur during dry seasons. For this purpose we recommend an appropriation of \$2,400.

Your committee are of the opinion that for the health as well as comfort of all the occupants of the hospital, the sewer that now ends about four hundred feet from the hospital in an open ditch, should be extended some two thousand feet, where there is available ground for emptying its contents. For this purpose we would recommend an appropriation of \$2,500.

A good road from the hospital farm to the B., C. R. & N. R. R., and one available at all seasons of the year, is very much needed. For this an appropriation of \$500 is required, and your committee earnestly recommend it. Our recommendations for appropriations are based upon careful estimates of amounts needed.

Your committee would strongly urge such a division of labor in this institution as will allow the Superintendent to give his whole time to the investigation and treatment of the many and obscure forms of mental disorder found here.

Means and facilities for this purpose should be freely and promptly furnished.

Your committee are unanimous in the opinion that this institution is in excellent hands in all its appointments.

Annexed will be found the interrogatories with their answers as required by "concurrent resolution."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. W. LEWELLEN,

*On part of the Senate.*

CHAS. McALLISTER,

BENJAMIN RATCLIFF,

*On part of the House.*

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Question No. 1. What were the total receipts of your institution during the last biennial period?

A. \$121,155.49.

Q. 2. From what sources were they obtained?

A. From State Treasurer, board of private patients, with small amounts from sales of hides, stock, &c.

Q. 3. What amount of appropriation by the state?

A. \$104,000.

Q. 4. What amount from all other sources?

A. None.

Q. 5. What number of acres of land belong to the institution?

A. 320.

Q. 6. How many acres of same under cultivation?

A. 200.

Q. 7. What kind of produce was raised? What its quantity? What its value?

A. Oats, 2,800 bushels; corn, 2,300 bushels; potatoes, 3,000 bushels, valued at.....\$2,650.00  
Garden vegetables, valued at..... 3,589.00

Q. 8. What kinds of stock kept on the premises? How many of each and every kind?

A. Six horses, sixteen cows, one bull and one steer.

Q. 9. State number of horses and their value?

A. Six, valued at \$600.00.

Q. 10. State number of cattle, and kind and value.

A. Sixteen cows, value.....\$480.00  
One bull, value..... 50.00  
One steer, value..... 12.00

Q. 11. Number of vehicles, their kind and value?

A. Four heavy wagons, \$60, \$40, \$30 and \$25, value.....\$155.00  
One covered wagon, (two horse), value..... 100.00  
One buckboard, \$20; one single buggy, \$150..... 170.00  
One set light bobs, \$50; two set heavy, \$50..... 100.00

Total.....\$525.00

- Q. 12. Number of hogs and value?  
 A. Fifty-five, valued at \$330.00.
- Q. 13. What farm machinery and its value?  
 A. Two plows, two shovel plows, one cultivator, twenty-four hoes, eight spades, six forks, one roller, \$100.00.
- Q. 14. State all other articles or items not herein mentioned, from which the institution should derive a revenue or benefit?  
 A. There are none.
- Q. 15. What amount of stock has been slaughtered and consumed by the institution, and what is its value?  
 A. Two hundred and eight beeves at \$35, \$7,280; two hundred and eight sheep at \$4, \$832; one hundred and four hogs at \$10, \$1,040—\$9,152.
- Q. 16. What kind of stock sold? What is the value of the same?  
 A. One bull, at \$40.50; one mule, at \$50; one horse, at \$30; thirty-four hogs and pigs, \$431.73—\$552.23.
- Q. 17. What produce; the amount and value of same raised on the farm and consumed by the institution?  
 A. Oats, 2,800 bushels; corn, 2,300 bushels; potatoes, 3,000; \$2,650. garden vegetables, \$3,589. All consumed.
- Q. 19. What amount of labor is let by contract, and what are the proceeds thereof?  
 A. None.
- Q. 20. What amount of labor is employed by the institution; for what purpose, and what its value?

LIST OF EMPLOYES AT IOWA HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, INDEPENDENCE, IOWA.

NAME.	EMPLOYMENT.	WAGES.
Eccles, George.....	Engineer.....	\$60.00 per month.
Walters, Peter.....	Fireman.....	30.00 per month.
Clark, Horace.....	Fireman.....	25.00 per month.
McGill, Roger.....	Fireman.....	30.00 per month.
Dorsett, John.....	Butcher.....	40.00 per month.
Colohan, Frank.....	Carpenter.....	2.25 per day.
Thomas, Charles.....	Night watch.....	35.00 per month.
Hanson, Lars.....	Barn man.....	26.00 per month.
Bouck, Charles W.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month.
James Hickey.....	Hack driver.....	26.00 per month.
Nels Knudson.....	Teamster.....	22.00 per month.
Charles Schlach.....	Teamster.....	22.00 per month.
Lucy Sisson.....	Seamstress.....	22.00 per month.
Geo. Breidenbach.....	Baker.....	45.00 per month.
Lizzie Breidenbach.....	Head cook.....	16.00 per month.
Chas. S. Hartwell.....	Apothecary.....	40.00 per month.

LIST OF EMPLOYES - CONTINUED.

NAME.	EMPLOYMENT.	WAGES.
Alice O'Connor.....	Kitchen girl.....	\$ 12.00 per month.
Joseph Landis.....	Kitchen man.....	18.00 per month.
James Hetcott.....	Car man.....	26.00 per month.
Kate Klotzbach.....	Chamber-maid.....	12.00 per month.
Matilda Knoll.....	Chamber-maid.....	12.00 per month.
Gertie Wengert.....	Washer.....	12.00 per month.
Jane Thomas.....	Washer.....	14.00 per month.
Marcella Roth.....	Chamber-maid.....	10.00 per month.
Josephine Smith.....	Washer.....	10.00 per month.
Dell Kirkpatrick.....	Ironer.....	10.00 per month.
Maggie O'Connor.....	Kitchen girl.....	12.00 per month.
Matilda Wengert.....	Ironer.....	12.00 per month.
Jessie Boyack.....	Dining-room girl.....	12.00 per month.
Agnes Netcott.....	Ironer.....	14.00 per month.
Clara Coleman.....	Dining-room girl.....	12.00 per month.
Rosa Wengert.....	Kitchen girl.....	12.00 per month.
Kate McManiman.....	Dining-room girl.....	12.00 per month.
Anna E. Willard.....	Attendant.....	14.00 per month.
Henry Hayden.....	Attendant.....	27.00 per month.
C. W. Stites.....	Attendant.....	26.00 per month.
Conran Mathis.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month.
W. H. Thomas.....	Attendant.....	22.00 per month.
J. N. Powers.....	Attendant.....	21.00 per month.
D. H. Feister.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month.
James C. Davis.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month.
Henry Powers.....	Attendant.....	21.00 per month.
W. B. Smeallis.....	Attendant.....	21.00 per month.
J. D. Weart.....	Attendant.....	21.00 per month.
Chas. S. Hill.....	Attendant.....	20.00 per month.
Mary Sisson.....	Supervisor.....	25.00 per month.
A. M. Allen.....	Night watch.....	18.00 per month.
Frank Price.....	Attendant.....	18.00 per month.
Sarah J. Ellis.....	Attendant.....	18.00 per month.
Ella Fitzgerald.....	Attendant.....	18.00 per month.
Sophia Rasmus.....	Attendant.....	18.00 per month.
Josie Doyle.....	Attendant.....	18.00 per month.
Mary Nicholson.....	Attendant.....	18.00 per month.
Delia Coleman.....	Attendant.....	18.00 per month.
Kate Charles.....	Attendant.....	18.00 per month.
Mary Bryach.....	Attendant.....	20.00 per month.
Lucy Dodge.....	Attendant.....	16.00 per month.
Margaret Kirkpatrick.....	Attendant.....	14.00 per month.
Anna Hagamon.....	Attendant.....	20.00 per month.
Alice Burroughs.....	Attendant.....	15.00 per month.
Mary Harp.....	Attendant.....	15.00 per month.
Anna Klotzbach.....	Attendant.....	15.00 per month.
A. Reynolds.....	Superintendent.....	1,800.00 per annum.
G. H. Hill.....	Assistant physician.....	900.00 per annum.
Noyes Appelman.....	Steward.....	1,000.00 per annum.
Lucy M. Gray.....	Matron.....	500.00 per annum.

All officers and employes receive, in addition to wages and salary, board and lodging, &c.

- Q. 21. Have you any surplus labor, and how could it be utilized?  
 A. There is no surplus labor.

Q. 22. What amount has been derived from labor by the inmates outside of the institution, and not otherwise accounted for?

A. Not any.

Q. 23. What amount of waste from table and kitchen, and how is it disposed of, and what is its value?

A. From five to six hundred pailsfull of swill from the kitchen and scullery per month—value, two and one-half cents per pail—fed to hogs and fowls on the premises.

Q. 25. How are boxes, barrels, sacks and old garments disposed of?

A. Used about the building; when worthless, used for fuel; old garments worn out.

Q. 27. How is clothing of inmates obtained? Is it made in the institution?

A. Clothing for female patients made by seamstress, clothing for males bought ready made.

Q. 29. What school facilities, and what moral and religious training is afforded?

A. Chapel services each Sabbath afternoon.

Q. 30. What was the number of inmates at close of last biennial period?

A. Three hundred and thirty-two.

Q. 31. What is the capacity of the institution?

A. Three hundred and thirty.

Q. 42. What officers, employes, or members of either families or other persons, not inmates of this institution, board or dwell therein, and for what length of time has each person done so?

A. Wife of Superintendent has boarded in hospital for five years; one boy five years; one boy two years.

Q. 43. Have you vouchers for all your disbursements?

A. Yes.

Q. 45. How and where are your supplies purchased?

A. By wholesale in Chicago, Dubuque, Independence, and small lots in other places.

Q. 46. What kind and what amount of fuel has been used?

A. Coal and wood. Cost of coal for two years, \$21,576; cost of wood, \$300.

Q. 47. How are your buildings lighted, and what has been expended for that purpose?

A. Coal oil (Headlight.) \$919.80.

Q. 48. What are the real necessities of this institution for this biennial period?

A. Stated in reports of trustees and building commissioners.

Q. 51. State amount paid for stationery and postage during the two years now past, and total amount derived from the sale thereof.

A. \$740.23. None sold.