

REPORT  
OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
STATE OF IOWA,  
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE  
IOWA PENITENTIARY.  
LOCATED AT  
FORT MADISON.

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## REPORT.

*To the Seventeenth General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

The Joint Committee, appointed by your honorable body to visit the Iowa Penitentiary at Fort Madison, during the present session, have performed the duty assigned them, to the best of their ability, and beg leave to report the following result of their labors:

Your committee arrived at the penitentiary on the fifth day of February, and continued their examination three days.

The sessions of the committee were held in the house of the warden.

S. H. Craig, warden, being duly sworn to give full and true answers to the questions propounded to him in relation to income, disbursement, and management of the State Penitentiary.

H. C. Stuart, clerk and book-keeper, was also sworn, who, from the books kept by him, presented the following statement in answer to questions:

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

Answer. Total receipts for biennial period commencing November 1, 1875, and ending September 30, 1877, \$210,528.46.

Q. 2. From what sources were they obtained?

A. From State of Iowa .....	\$119,055.94
From United States .....	5,376.45
From Convict's Fund.....	1,764.45
From Dakota Territory.....	4,206.30
From Interest.....	124.07
From R. F. Hosford .....	370.50
From Madison county .....	69.40
From Van Buren county.....	294.25
From Bills receivable.....	72,339.93
From Visitor's Fund.....	523.55
From Huiskamp Bros., (contractors).....	337.12
From Bills payable.....	5,000 00
From Lee county.....	93.50
From Jas. A. Smith, receiver of O. B. Dodge.....	949.20
From Soule, Kretsinger & Co .....	23.80

Q. 3. What amount of appropriations by the State?

A. For converting Deputy Warden's house into cells.....	\$ 7,500.00
For building house for Deputy Warden.....	1,500.00
For erection of two work shops.....	6,000.00
For transportation of discharged convicts.....	1,800.00
For school and hospital building.....	4,000.00
For ventilation of cells and shops.....	1,000.00
For General Support Fund.....	40,447.01
For guards' and officer's salaries.....	56,428.26
For cleaning vault, warrant from Auditor of State.....	437.36
Total.....	\$119,112.63

Q. 4. What amount from any and all other sources?

A. Answered above.

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

A. I understand ten, but think there is no deed to it.

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

A. None.

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

A. None.

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

A. None.

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

A. None.

Q. 10. State number of cattle, and their kind; also, the value of each; number of milch cows, and their product.

A. None.

Q. 11. Number of vehicles; their kind, and value of each.

A. One platform spring wagon, \$100.00.

Q. 12. Number of hogs, and their value.

A. None.

Q. 13. What farm machinery, and its value?

A. None.

Q. 14. State all other articles or items, not herein mentioned, from which the institution does or should derive a revenue or benefit.

A. I don't know of any.

Q. 15. What amount of stock has been slaughtered and consumed by the institution, and what its value?

A. Not any.

Q. 16. What kind of stock sold? What is the value of same?

A. None.

Q. 17. What produce; the amount and value of same raised on farm and consumed by the institution?

A. Nothing raised.

Q. 18. What produce, what amount, and what the value thereof sold by the institution?

A. Nothing raised.

Q. 19. What amount of labor is let by contract, and what are the proceeds thereof?

A. To Iowa Farming Tool Company; one hundred and fifteen men, at sixty cents per day, from November 1, 1875, to April 1, 1876, making number of days. See Exhibit "A."

Same to same, April 1, to October 1, 1877, at forty-eight cents per day. See Exhibit "A."

Also, to O. B. Dodge & Huiskamp & Bros., eighty men, at sixty cents per day, from November 1, 1875, to April 1, 1876. See Exhibit "B."

Same to same, July 1, 1876, to October 1, 1877, at forty-three cents per day. See Exhibit "B."

To Edward Ruhe & Co., cigar manufacturers, ten men, from February 1, 1877, to June 1, 1877, at forty-eight cents per day. See Exhibit "C."

To Fort Madison Chair Company, seventy-five men, at sixty cents per day, from November 1, 1875, to April 1, 1876.

Same to same, at forty-six cents, from April 1, 1876, to April 1, 1877.

Same to same, at forty-three cents, from April 1, 1877, to September 30, 1877. See Exhibit "D."

Q. 20. What amount of labor is employed by the institution; for what purpose and what its value?

A. From R. T. Hosford, work on buildings.....\$ 370.50

From Fort Madison Chair Company, on piece work..... 2,753.11

Making total for biennial period..... 74,020.55

Q. 21. Have you any surplus labor; if so, in what way could it be utilized?

A. Yes; an average of sixty-five. See exhibit "E." By furnishing shop room, such surplus labor can be let by contract.

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

A. Answered in question 20.

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

A. About two barrels of good swill per day. I have fed it to my own hogs by convict labor; if utilized its value is \$1.25 per day. There is tallow and grease. I use all that is necessary for cooking purposes, and making soap for the use of the institution; the remainder I have sold.

Q. 24. Is such waste sold, and how much is derived therefrom?

A. Such surplus, to the best of my judgment is worth \$500 per annum, which I considered belonged to me, as my predecessors have kept the same.

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

A. Boxes are used on premises for kindling, &c. Residuum barrels are worthless and are thrown away; kerosene barrels are returned and credited to State account; pork barrels are returned and credited to State account; coffee sacks are used for mats, &c., clothes old and filthy, are burned; clothes good, are preserved, numbered, and returned to convict on his being discharged, in lieu of a new suit; inferior clothing is given to the poor.

Q. 26. If sold, for what amount?

A. Answered in answer to question 25.

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

A. We have the striped goods manufactured by contract at Iowa factories, of different weights. Our heavy goods twelve ounces to the yard. From White, Munger & Co., at \$1.00 per yard. Medium, seven ounce weight, at eighty cents per yard. Have bought light, five ounce weight, from Brown & Moore at sixty cents per yard, 3,000 yards. Have bought some heavy goods from Brown & Moore at ninety-two and two-thirds cents per yard. They are made in the institution. The cutting and fitting is hired from without. Hickory shirting of Greenbaum & Co., 5,000 yards, at fifteen to sixteen and two thirds cts. per yard. Muslin from Greenbaum & Co., 4,000 yards, at ten cents per yard. Ticking, 4,000 yards, at fifteen to twenty cents per yard. Cotton batting, 2,200 pounds, at twenty cents per pound. Straw for bedding, 120 loads, at \$4.00 per load.

Q. 28. If not made in the institution, is it practicable to do so?

A. Answered in answer to question 27.

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

A. An evening school is kept, at which about twenty-five of the different convicts attend alternately. The department is very good. The manner of teaching is in accord with our common school system. The scholars seem deeply interested, and the teacher, who is also chaplain of the institution, is well adapted to the work. Religious services are held each Sabbath, and consist of preaching by the chaplain, and Sabbath schools, the teachers of which are citizens of Fort Madison, who attend gratuitously. They have also social meetings, in which a portion of the prisoners take part, and give evidence of great change of character and purpose.

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

A. Whole number 309 at commencement of last biennial period. Whole number at close of biennial period, September 30, 1877, 379. Average number during the term, on 15th day of each month, was 371 8-10. The present number is 401 males and six females. Average age of convicts is twenty-seven years.

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

A. Four hundred and fifty.

Q. 36. State number and names of officers and teachers of the institution, and the salary of each per month.

A. Warden, S. H. Craig.....	\$125 per month.
Deputy Warden, J. H. Reynolds.....	100 per month.
Clerk, H. C. Stuart.....	83½ per month.
Chaplain and teacher, C. F. Williams.....	100 per month.
Surgeon, A. W. Hoffmiester.....	50 per month.

All the above, except the surgeon, devote their whole time to the institution, and he also when necessary.

Q. 37 and 38. The salary of each per month, the services rendered, and time employed by each.

A. Fully answered in answer to question 36.

Q. Give the number and names of guards, their salaries, and length of time employed.

A. Jno. Lyman, hospital steward.....	\$50.00
Elmer Reed, turnkey.....	60.00

GUARDS.

Benjamin Adams.....	60.00
Geo. Hammer.....	60.00
A. J. Hughes.....	60.00

## GUARDS - CONTINUED.

James McCoid.....	\$ 60.00
Edward Huffman.....	60.00
F. Köhler.....	60.00
Frank Hoffman.....	60.00
James Deighton.....	60.00
Geo. King.....	60.00
Hiram Finch.....	60.00
Frank S. Morse.....	60.00
B. Wassenzicher.....	60.00
W. B. Willis.....	60.00
A. C. Payne.....	60.00
Jno. Wolgemuth.....	60.00
L. J. Tarbee.....	60.00
S. C. Schramm.....	60.00
F. M. Hosselton.....	60.00
J. E. Henderson.....	60.00
J. Townsend.....	60.00
D. Kent.....	60.00
A. W. Gwaus.....	60.00
H. B. Valentine.....	60.00
J. C. Edwards.....	60.00
T. W. Bates.....	60.00
W. S. Wagoner.....	60.00
R. J. Rathburn.....	60.00
John Stopper.....	50.00
O. M. Kemp.....	60.00
L. J. Smith.....	60.00
Charles Ingalls.....	60.00
M. Woods.....	60.00
James Green.....	60.00
T. B. Bonar.....	60.00
J. R. D. Bonar.....	60.00
Andy Young.....	60.00

Whole amount paid as salaries to officers and guards per month.....\$2,788.33

Total number of guards.....39

Q. 40. Give number and names of employes of all kinds not before enumerated; describe their service, and length of time employed, and what amount paid to each person?

A. One engineer, attends pump and engine.....\$30.00 per month.  
One tailor, cutting, fitting and repairing..... 39.00 per month.

Q. 41. What amount has been expended for furniture, beds and

bedding during the past two years, and what is the quality of the same?

A. One set of upholstered chairs.....\$30.00  
One set cane seat and back chairs..... 15.50  
One set kitchen chairs..... 4.50

Paid for from appropriation for furniture for Warden's house by the Fifteenth General Assembly.

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

A. Not any except my own family.

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

A. I have.

Q. 44. What amount of funds are now on-hand?

A. \$361.58.

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

A. In open market at Burlington, Fort Madison, Keokuk and Chicago. Flour purchased of J. W. Campbell, Fort Madison.

Nov. 5, 1875.	100 barrels at \$6.50 per barrel.
Nov. 1875.	125 barrels at 6.50 per barrel.
Nov. 1875.	40 barrels, \$5.50 to \$6.00 per barrel, of P. & N. B. Miller.
Nov. 1875.	80 barrels, 5.50 to 6.00 per barrel, of P. & N. B. Miller.
March 30, 1876.	25 barrels at \$4.00, of James Putnam, Burlington.
Aug. 30, 1876.	10 barrels at 4.60, of James Putnam, Burlington.
	185 barrels at 5.50 to \$5.75, of Peters & Bernhard, Ft. Madison.
	100 barrels at 5.50 to 5.75, of Peters & Bernhard, Ft. Madison.
	290 barrels at \$5.50 to \$6.50, of P. & N. B. Miller, Ft. Madison.
	82 barrels at 6.50 to 7.00, of P. & N. B. Miller, Ft. Madison.
	43 barrels at 6.25 to 7.00, of P. & N. B. Miller, Ft. Madison.
	177 barrels at 6.25 to 7.00, of P. & N. B. Miller, Ft. Madison.
Sept. 30, 1877.	272 barrels at 4.60 to 7.60, of Peters & Bernhard, Ft. Madison.
Sept. 30, 1877.	9 barrels at 6.50, of M. Case.
Sept. 30, 1877.	6 barrels at 6.00, of M. Case.

Amount of beef furnished during the year 1876, of E. F. Smith:

164,647 pounds at \$6.15 per 100 pounds.

140,934 pounds at 6.00 per 100 pounds.

Bought of G. Kammar in year 1877.

2,411 pounds at \$6.00 per 100 pounds.

I purchased pork,

Sept. 18, 1875.	40 barrels of mess pork of Cattermole, at \$21.00 per bbl.
March 3, 1876.	487 barrels mess pork, of J. W. Campbell, at 20.25 per bbl. (Chicago price less the freight )
Sept. 18, 1876.	7 barrels mess pork of H. Brink, at \$14.00 per bbl.
Dec. 18, 1876.	36 barrels mess pork at \$17.00 per bbl.
April 30, 1877.	100 barrels mess pork of Cattermole at \$12.50 to \$12.75 per barrel.
Jan. 30, 1877.	230 barrels mess pork of H. Nellie, at \$15.00 per barrel.
Dec. 15, 1877.	100,000 lbs. mess pork of P. & E. F. Smith at \$7.50 per 100 pounds.

Bill of leather purchased at Fort Madison and Chicago, for use of shop:

- 3,000 feet of upper leather at 31 cents per foot.
- 3,500 feet of sole leather at 35 cents per foot.
- 300 pair of shoes at \$1.50 per pair.

Potatoes during said term purchased:

- 6,000 bushels from 25 cents to \$1.00 per bushel.
- Onions, 800 bushels at 50 cents per bushel.
- Beans, 650 bushels at \$1.25 to \$1.60 per bushel.
- Beans, 5,300 pounds at 2.30 to 2.60 per 100 pounds.

Coffee bought, about

6,000 lbs. at 21, 21½, 22½, 23, 23½, 24, and 24½ cents per pound.

Bill of merchandise bought of Greenbaum & Co., Burlington, April 14, 1877:

4 gross agate buttons, \$2.50.....	\$ 10.00
3 gross bone buttons, \$1.50.....	4.50
2 gross buckles, \$1.50.....	3.00
10 pounds of linen patent thread, \$2.50.....	25.00
1 gross of each fine and pocket combs, \$12.00.....	24.00
4 gross spool thread, \$12.00.....	48.00
3,000 needles, \$2.00.....	6.00
30 pieces toweling, 750 yards, at 15 cents.....	112.50
15 pieces hickory, 762 yards, at 15 cents.....	114.38
10 pieces ticking, 553 yards.....	110.60
1 bale bleached sheeting, 1,200 yards, at 12½ cents.....	150.00

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

A. Coal, 22,000 bushels at 11½ cents, delivered, \$2,530.00; wood, 650 cords at \$3.25 to \$4.00.

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

A. By gas.

For residuum, 257 barrels, at \$3 75 per barrel.....	\$963.75
For naphtha, 15 barrels, at \$4.80 per barrel.....	72.00
For benzine, 25 barrels, at \$8.40 per barrel.....	210.00
Coke, 66,000 bushels, at 15 to 17 cents.....	

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

A. See Warden's and visiting committee's report.

Q. 49. What number of deaths for last biennial period?

Number of deaths during past biennial period.....	12
Immediate cause, erysipelas and typhoid fever.....	1
Typhoid fever.....	4
Typhoid pneumonia.....	1
Heart disease.....	1
Splenitis.....	1
Peritonitis.....	1
Hydrophobia spontaneous.....	1
Ancrisnoa.....	1
Debility.....	1

The following questions were asked S. H. Craig :

Q. 50. Have any of the commissioners any interest in, or are any of them a party to, any contract for any convict labor?

A. No; neither directly or indirectly to my knowledge.

Q. 51. Are any of said commissioners interested in, or party or parties to, any contract for any supplies to or for the use of the penitentiary?

A. Not to my knowledge, except J. W. Campbell, who has furnished some flour, and also some pork.

Q. 52. Do you know of any State officer, Senator or Representative who is interested in the purchase or furnishing of any supplies during the said biennial period?

A. I do not.

Q. 53. Have you ever received from freighting of any goods, supplies or materials, building contracts, purchasing supplies or disposing of any articles manufactured or furnished by the State of Iowa, any drawback, interest, compromise, discounts or profits?

A. No sir. NOTE.—While I answer emphatically no, I at the same time protest against the question as outside of the purpose of this inquiry, and, also, the question implies a reflection upon my integrity, and in fairness I ought to know the specific charge and its sources, and who is responsible for it.

Q. 54. About how much have you received, during the past biennial period, over and above your regular salary as Warden of the Iowa State Penitentiary, which you may have regarded as perquisites of said office?

A. I have already answered, in my reply to questions number 23 and 24.

J. H. Reynolds, Deputy Warden, was July sworn, and in answer, says: "Four guards board at my house; have done so about a year. I have had some little meat, at different times, from the State supplies, which was suggested by the Warden, as I frequently have people who come here to visit their friends to eat with me."

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

A. Down town, on my own account.

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

A. I have been supplied with fuel and light since 1866, except from fall of 1869, to 1871, by order of the Executive Council.

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

A. By gas from the Penitentiary. Have paid nothing for it.

The following question was then asked Mr. J. H. Reynolds, viz: Have you ever received any per cent. or commission, or interest in any contract, for any supplies sold by or purchased for the State of Iowa, or on its account?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of any officer or employe of this institution that has?

A. No.

Your committee ascertained from an abstract of time-book, kept by the Deputy Warden, which is here presented, marked "Exhibit 'E,'" the whole number of convicts in confinement during the past biennial period, was equal to eight thousand and five hundred and fifty-four convicts for one month, which, at the rate allowed by law for support, viz. Eight and one-third dollars per month, would amount to the sum of \$71,283.33.

Your committee would call the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that the amount received for convict labor, under the head of bills receivable, is \$72,339.93; and from other sources, viz:

United States.....	\$ 5,376.45
Convict Fund.....	1,764.45
Dakota Territory.....	4,206.30

Interest.....	\$ 124.07
R. T. Hoeford, prison convict labor.....	370.50
Madison county.....	69.40
Van Buren county.....	294.25
Visitors' Fund.....	523.55
Huiskamp Bros.....	337.12
Bills Payable.....	5,000.00
Lee county.....	93.50
Jas. A. Smith, Receiver of O. B. Dodge.....	949.20
Soule, Kretsinger & Co.....	23.80
Total.....	\$19,132.59

Which added to \$72,338.93, makes a total of \$91,472.52, being an excess of \$20,189.19 more than the amount required to give each convict a lawful monthly support, and your committee cannot understand why the Warden should have drawn from the State on account of support fund, \$40,447.01, when it appears by the above statement that the balance in his hands should be \$20,189.19, without the amount of \$40,447.01 drawn from the State.

Your committee had no means of ascertaining, by the books or otherwise, the amount expended for the support of the Warden's family and guests. We were also unable to find the amount paid by the Warden for incidental expenses which he may have been authorized to pay; but presume the amount cannot be large in any event, as we saw no evidence of such expenditures.

We would call the attention of your honorable body especially to the answers to question 23 and 24. The value referred to, in said answers, we believe to be greatly under-estimated.

We also direct your attention to the prices paid for goods commonly known as stripes, in answer to questions 27, the goods being part cotton, samples of which have been deposited by your committee in the office of Secretary of State, with manufacturers names and cost attached to each by a tag.

We would also state, that all material purchased for clothing, shoes, &c., is carried into the institution and there manufactured, and no account kept of the number of articles of each kind manufactured, or of the disposition or disbursement of them after being manufactured.

Your attention is also called to the answer to question 39, in relation to the salaries paid the guards of the Penitentiary, which at the present appears to us to be too high.

Also to the answer to question 45, relating to prices paid for supplies. Such prices, we consider, were much above the market.

Also to answer to question 51, which appears to us as a violation of Section 4768 of the Code.

Also to the fact that the protest against question 53 was suggested, and its insertion in this report insisted upon, by J. H. Craig, the Warden's attorney; and we would also state, that during the entire examination the Warden had present at all times one, and a portion of the time two attorneys.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following recommendations:

That all notes for contract labor, and all collections from the United States, Territories and counties, shall be taken in the name of the State, and immediately transmitted to the auditor, and be collected by the treasurer.

While your committee find that the discipline and order maintained in the Penitentiary is excellent, and we would suggest no change in that, yet we would most earnestly recommend an entire change in the manner of conducting the business affairs of the institution, viz: the mode of purchasing supplies, the letting of contracts for improvements, as we consider the prices paid for buildings erected under the appropriations of the Sixteenth General Assembly to be very much too high, and for which improvements we are unable to find any contract or evidence of their actual cost.

We also recommend that a more detailed system of accounts be opened upon the books of the institution, as at present everything is kept under the head of "supplies," in one general account, which renders it difficult to obtain any satisfactory information from the books, without involving a great amount of time.

Also that the warden be given a definite salary, sufficient for all purposes, so that all perquisites except house rent and the use of furniture now in the house belonging to the State, be cut off and absolutely prohibited.

Inasmuch as the State has the ground, the pens and the convict labor to utilize the waste from the tables, we would recommend the purchase of a sufficient number of hogs to consume said waste, which we have reason to believe would accrue in value to the State fully \$1,000.00 per annum; also that all surplus grease and tallow be sold for the benefit of the State, which, if properly cared for and saved, will produce a net revenue of more than \$1,000.00 per annum.

We would also recommend the purchase of cattle to be slaughtered upon the premises, for the use of the institution, thus avoiding the high prices heretofore paid for beef.

We would also recommend the purchase of a pair of heavy draught horses, harness, and a suitable wagon for the use of the institution.

The frame building, now used as a paint shop, we consider highly inflammable and in case of fire would endanger the surrounding buildings; we therefore recommend its removal as soon as practicable, as we are informed that if the State had more shop room, the large number of idle men, as shown in Exhibit "E," could be employed on contract work, thereby increasing the revenue of, and decreasing the burden to, the State; and the erection instead of a building for State purposes; to be at least one hundred and eighty feet long, forty feet wide, and three stories high, to be situated in the yards as shown upon plan, deposited in the office of the Secretary of State; for the purpose of bell-house, Deputy Warden's office, dining-room and kitchen on first floor. The second floor to contain work shop and store-room for State purposes, and the third floor, as much as needed, to be used as a chapel. This would enable the buildings now used for the above mentioned purposes to be vacated and given to contractors who now desire them. We would suggest that this building need not be an expensive one, as it will need only a foundation without a cellar; the first and second stories, excepting the Deputy Warden's office, would require no inside finishing, and only so much of the third story used as a chapel need to be plastered. In some respects this building is required for other than pecuniary reasons, as the present dining-room and kitchen are too small, and further reason for such improvements is that as shown in Exhibit "E," the number of men idle during the last biennial period, is equal to one thousand three hundred and seventy-one men for one month; which at twenty-six working days to a month, and an average of forty five cents per day, would produce a revenue to the State of \$16,040.70 for a corresponding biennial period of twenty-three months, which will be an excess of cost of the building recommended.

We would further report that the roof of the present cell-house is in a very bad condition. Its leakage is a damage to the building and affects the sanitary condition of the prison, and inasmuch as it is apparent that more cell room will be needed, we recommend that a new roof be put on, said roof to be an iron truss covered with slate, and when put on, that the walls be raised ten feet in order to admit of another tier of cells, said cells to be put in as needed.

As an additional protection against fire, we would suggest the attachment of an ordinary fire-plug in the center of the yard, to the pipe already laid there, in order that the hose of the fire department of the city can at any time be attached.



We also observed an open drain running through the yard, and directly under the hospital and school room, a distance of three hundred and thirty feet, into which all waste water is thrown, which is highly injurious in its effects; and as a sanitary measure we would recommend that in place of said drain there be laid a stone pipe, twelve inches in diameter, not less than three feet under ground, with all necessary catch basins. The cost of this improvement will consist chiefly of labor, which can be performed by the convicts.

We also direct attention to the night buckets, now in use in the cells, which, being made of wood, become very offensive, and should be replaced by others, either porcelain lined or galvanized iron.

We would call attention to the fact, that an auditor's warrant for \$437.76 has been drawn for the purpose of paying for cleaning out the privy vault, and that a further appropriation of \$1,500.00 is asked for, to build a new one; therefore, we would recommend that in place of a new vault, an eighteen inch stone pipe be laid from the present vault, in no place less than four feet under ground, to the river's edge, thence by an iron pipe, a distance far enough into the river to carry all the waste entirely clear of the shore.

Notwithstanding we are informed that an injunction was granted against a similar improvement, we can see no objections to this one, as we understand the former improvement only carried the waste to a small creek running through a part of the town.

Your committee learned that an allowance of tobacco is made to every convict who desires to use it, costing the State about five thousand dollars for the last biennial period, the propriety of which is questionable.

We also recommend that the system of commissioners to contract convict labor be abolished, as it has cost the state during the last biennial period \$5,084.60.

NOTE.—By reference to vouchers on file in office of Auditor of State, we find that the sum of \$5,084.60 paid commissioners, is for the entire time said commission has been in existence, and that the amount paid during the last biennial period is \$2,256.30. The Warden and his clerk erred in giving us the figures first above named as covering only the last biennial period, and the same error appears in Warden's report, pages 6 and 7.

Your committee regard with appreciation the good results of the moral and religious services of the chaplain upon the inmates of the institution, and was glad to find, in connection with his services, a li-

brary containing 1,399 volumes in English, and 79 volumes in German, which seemed to be highly prized by the convicts.

In the foregoing report we have acted according to the suggestions in the concurrent resolution, and have not assumed authority in detail as an investigating committee, but have, in the time allotted, endeavored to give an impartial statement of the facts and figures presented to us.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. L. DOWS,

*On part of the Senate.*

A. J. WOOD,

GEO. WRIGHT,

*On part of the House.*

EXHIBIT "A."

IOWA FARMING TOOL CO.

Rate per day.	Days.	MONTHS.	Average number per day at work.	Sick and idle.	Lumpers.	REMARKS.
		1875.				
60 cents.	26	November.	91	3	6	
60 cents.	27	December.	89	2	6	
		1876.				
60 cents.	26	January.....	89	4	6	
60 cents.	25	February...	92	5	6	
60 cents.	27	March.....	97	7	6	
48 cents.	25	April.....	111	7	6	
48 cents.	27	May.....	111	6	6	One hundred and fifteen men contracted.
48 cents.	26	June.....	101	5	6	
48 cents.	25	July.....	100	6	6	
48 cents.	27	August.....	108	8	6	
48 cents.	26	September	116	6	7	
48 cents.	26	October.....	112	6	7	
48 cents.	26	November..	104	5	7	
48 cents.	26	December..	86	6	7	
		1877.				
48 cents.	27	January....	101	7	7	
48 cents.	24	February...	106	8	7	
48 cents.	27	March.....	113	10	7	
48 cents.	25	April.....	116	7	7	
48 cents.	27	May.....	118	7	7	
48 cents.	26	June.....	122	4	7	
48 cents.	25	July.....	119	5	7	
48 cents.	27	August.....	116	6	7	
48 cents.	25	September	115	5	7	

EXHIBIT "B."

O. B. DODGE AND HUISKAMP & BROTHERS.

Rate per day.	Days.	MONTHS.	Average No. per day at work.	Sick and Idle.	Lumpers.	REMARKS.
		1875.				
60 cents.	26	November..	92	4	5	
60 cents.	27	December..	94	3	5	
		1876.				
60 cents.	26	January.....	93	4	5	Went into bankruptcy on January, 1876.
60 cents.	25	February...	30	1	5	
60 cents.	27	March.....	40	2	5	No compensation for April, May and June.
43 cents.	25	July.....	76	13	4	
43 cents.	27	August.....	69	13	4	
43 cents.	26	September	68	13	4	
43 cents.	26	October.....	76	13	4	
43 cents.	26	November..	65	1	4	
43 cents.	26	December..	63	2	4	
		1877.				
43 cents.	27	January....	66	3	4	
43 cents.	24	February...	69	4	4	
43 cents.	27	March.....	75	4	4	80 men contracted
43 cents.	25	April.....	73	4	4	
43 cents.	27	May.....	78	5	4	
43 cents.	26	June.....	83	4	4	
43 cents.	25	July.....	90	3	5	
43 cents.	27	August.....	86	5	5	
43 cents.	25	September	80	5	5	

EXHIBIT "C."

EDWARD RUHE & CO., CIGAR MANUFACTURERS.

Rate per day.	Days.	MONTHS.	Average number per day at work.	Sick and idle.	Lumpers.	REMARKS.
		1877.				
48 cents.	24	February..	11	...	1	Number on contract 10
48 cents.	27	March.....	12	...	1	
48 cents.	25	April.....	14	...	1	
48 cents.	27	May.....	14	1	1	Failed last of May, 1877

EXHIBIT "D."

FORT MADISON CHAIR COMPANY.

Rate per day.	Days.	MONTHS.	Average number per day at work.	Sick and idle.	Lumpers.	REMARKS.
1875.						
60 cents.	26	November..	45	3	3	.....
60 cents.	27	December..	44	2	3	.....
1876.						
60 cents.	26	January.....	44	3	3	.....
60 cents.	25	February...	43	2	3	.....
60 cents.	27	March .....	51	2	3	.....
46 cents.	25	April .....	52	2	3	.....
46 cents.	27	May .....	57	...	3	.....
46 cents.	26	June .....	58	1	3	.....
46 cents.	25	July .....	58	2	3	.....
46 cents.	27	August .....	65	1	4	.....
46 cents.	26	September,	74	1	4	.....
46 cents.	26	October.....	75	2	5	.....
46 cents.	26	November..	70	2	5	.....
46 cents.	26	December..	69	2	5	Seventy-five men contracted.....
1877.						
46 cents.	27	January.....	69	2	5	.....
46 cents.	24	February...	70	6	5	.....
46 cents.	27	March .....	76	3	5	.....
43 cents.	25	April .....	79	3	5	.....
43 cents.	27	May .....	86	1	5	.....
43 cents.	26	June .....	91	1	5	.....
43 cents.	25	July .....	91	2	5	.....
43 cents.	27	August .....	87	3	5	.....
43 cents.	25	September	81	2	5	.....

EXHIBIT "E."

DATE.	Total No. in confinement.	Superannuated.	Kitchen.	Wash-room.	Cell-room.	Females.	Chores.	Tailors.	Cobblers.	Gas house.	Idle.
1875.											
Nov. 15.....	317	21	7	4	7	4	5	2	2	.....	.....
Dec. 15.....	324	20	8	5	7	4	5	2	2	.....	.....
1876.											
Jan. 15.....	321	19	8	5	7	5	5	2	1	.....	1
Feb. 15.....	328	21	8	5	7	5	5	2	1	.....	80
March 15.....	336	22	8	5	5	5	3	2	1	.....	85
April 15.....	347	21	8	5	5	4	2	1	1	.....	139
May 15.....	361	24	8	4	5	4	2	1	1	.....	81
June 15.....	368	25	8	2	5	3	1	1	1	.....	80
July 15.....	361	28	8	2	3	.....	1	1	1	.....	75
Aug. 15.....	336	23	9	1	3	.....	5	1	1	.....	27
Sept. 15.....	341	19	9	1	3	.....	5	1	1	.....	33
Oct. 15.....	367	19	8	3	3	1	5	1	1	.....	52
Nov. 15.....	381	19	8	3	3	1	4	1	1	.....	62
Dec. 15.....	400	20	7	3	3	2	3	.....	1	.....	83
1877.											
Jan. 15.....	404	19	7	3	2	4	2	.....	1	.....	88
Feb. 15.....	401	22	9	4	6	4	5	.....	1	.....	66
March 15.....	409	19	9	4	6	4	4	.....	1	.....	68
April 15.....	407	22	9	4	6	4	5	.....	.....	.....	59
May 15.....	405	21	8	3	6	4	3	.....	.....	.....	50
June 15.....	428	19	7	3	6	4	2	.....	.....	.....	72
July 15.....	426	20	8	6	4	4	1	.....	1	.....	70
Aug. 15.....	407	23	7	3	4	2	4	.....	2	.....	54
Sept. 15.....	379	20	9	4	4	2	3	.....	2	.....	46
Total.....	8554	486	185	82	110	70	80	18	24	21	1371