

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

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REPORT.

TO THE EIGHTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Your joint committee charged with the duty of visiting and inquiring into the management of the Iowa Penitentiary at Fort Madison, beg leave to report that they have performed that duty, in accordance with the concurrent resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives.

1st. Your committee find, after a careful examination of the improvements, repairs, and purchases made by the Warden, E. C. McMillan, that the appropriations made by the Seventeenth General Assembly, so far as we have been able to ascertain, have been wisely, honestly, and economically expended.

2d. That the special appropriations made by the Seventeenth General Assembly have been expended for the objects for which they were appropriated, excepting the sum of \$1,697.80, which amount we find to have been taken from the General Support Fund and appropriated as follows, to-wit: \$765.84 for transportation of convicts to and from the penitentiary, and \$931.96 expended for general repairs. The appropriations for these named items having been exhausted, there seems to have been, in the judgment of the committee, an imperative necessity for this diversion, as the law requires the Warden to furnish transportation and money to persons on being discharged; and the repairs made were of such a character that the safety of the prisoners required them made without delay.

Your committee find that chapter 67, Acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly, has been complied with in all respects. We find there has been no diversion of money from the specific purpose

for which appropriated drawn from the State Treasury, excepting as heretofore stated.

Your committee find the number of officers and employes in and about said institution consist of forty-five persons, and that they receive for their services the following compensations, to-wit:

OFFICERS.

	PER MONTH.
<i>Warden</i> —E. C. McMillan	\$ 166 67
<i>Deputy Warden</i> —Heil Hale	100 00
<i>Clerk</i> —M. T. Butterfield	60 00
<i>Chaplain</i> —Rev. W. C. Gunn	62 50
<i>Physician</i> —A. W. Hoffmeister	40 00
<i>Hospital Steward</i> —W. S. Wagner	50 00
<i>Turnkey</i> —Allen Davison	45 00

EMPLOYES.

<i>Guards</i> —J. Townsend	45 00
J. N. Hoover	45 00
I. J. Dodd	45 00
C. E. Wadsworth	45 00
A. G. McFerren	45 00
Jos. Huff	45 00
W. A. Clark	45 00
R. J. Barr	45 00
E. H. Temple	45 00
Andrew Patterson	45 00
C. E. Simmons	45 00
J. E. Henderson	45 00
A. Sheffer	45 00
D. Kent	45 00
E. F. Daugherty	45 00
A. C. Smith	45 00
R. I. Rathburn	45 00
J. E. Everest	45 00
T. Stone	45 00
Geo. D. Rose	45 00
A. Young	45 00

	PER MONTE.
<i>Guards</i> —C. H. Jamison	\$ 45 00
A. W. Aldrich	45 00
W. E. Bixby	45 00
I. Garwood	45 00
Ed. Ruthven	45 00
L. W. Case	45 00
J. A. Hayes	45 00
J. D. Schafer	45 00
F. Hoffman	45 00
T. J. Haywood	45 00
Geo. Hammer	45 00
P. S. Stone	45 00
W. H. Gardner	45 00
A. R. Thayer	45 00
Jno. Moore	45 00
<i>Engineer</i> —Chas. Finch	\$1 00 per day.
<i>Teamster</i> —P. L. Carbaug	\$1 20 per day.

We find that no one so employed in or about said institution receives, or has received, any other or different compensation, either in the way of board, rooms, lights, fuel, clothing, or anything else at the expense of the State, excepting the Warden, who, under chapter 167, Laws Seventeenth General Assembly, is entitled to, and does receive, his "house rent, lights and fuel, for himself and family."

Your committee find that of the appropriations made by the Seventeenth General Assembly, there is still unexpended and undrawn from the State treasury, of the various appropriations, the following amounts, to-wit:

General Support Fund	\$ 3910 59
Repairing roof on cell-house	862 93
Sewerage	864 88
Workshop, chapel and dining-hall	23 38
Team, wagon, and harness	5 00

Leaving balance undrawn to this date.....\$ 5666 78

Your committee also beg leave to report that they found four hundred and seventeen male and two female convicts confined in said penitentiary, all of whom seemed to be properly, and in most cases profitably, employed at work in the various shops and about the premises, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the institution. The convicts are well fed and clothed. The sanitary condition of the entire prison is excellent. The discipline, whilst firm and exacting, seems to be administered humanely, by the officers and employes. Your committee were pleased with the untiring energy of the Chaplain in the great service he is rendering the State, by instilling into the convicts principles of morality and religion, as well as the improvement of their intellectual natures.

We feel it our duty to commend the Warden and his deputy for the very efficient manner in which they have performed their duties, not only in looking after the good order and safety of the prison, but also for their honesty, integrity, and the business-like manner in which they have managed its finances.

The building constructed under the supervision of the Warden, and for which there was appropriated by the Seventeenth General Assembly the sum of \$10,700, and which was completed at a cost of \$10,676.62, consists of a work-shop, dining-room, chapel, kitchen, Chaplain's, Warden's, and Deputy Warden's offices, is a neat and substantial two story brick building, 140 feet in length and 44 feet in width, and in the judgment of your committee seems well adapted to the purposes for which constructed.

Your committee, after carefully examining the wants of the institution, would recommend the following special appropriations:

1st. A sufficient amount for the raising of the walls of the cell-house and the covering of the same with a fire-proof roof, as in its present condition, in case of fire, it not only endangers the adjoining property belonging to the State, but puts in jeopardy the lives of the prisoners confined therein.

2d. For a cooking range, water-tank, and connections, the one now in use being entirely worthless.

3d. For replacing the furniture of the State in the rooms of the Warden.

4th. For further appropriations asked for, we would respectfully

refer you to the Biennial Message of the Governor, and to the Warden's Report.

Your committee would suggest that while the contractors for the prison labor, during the past years of financial depression and cheap labor, may have paid a fair compensation therefor, but with the returning prosperity of the country the increased demand and higher prices for all manufactured goods, we would respectfully recommend that the contracts expiring, on being renewed, be increased from the present maximum price of forty-five cents per day.

In consideration of the arduous duties and responsibilities devolving upon the Warden, and the frequent expenditures of money which he is called upon to make in traveling, and entertaining persons visiting said institution, and for which he receives no compensation, your committee would therefore recommend that his salary be increased to twenty-five hundred dollars per annum.

They would also recommend that the salaries of the Clerk and Chaplain each be increased to one thousand dollars per annum, and that the compensation of the Guards be increased to fifty dollars per month, the present compensation being, we think, inadequate to the service rendered.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. C. WEBB,

On part Senate.

LORIN N. HAYS,

MOSES BLOOM,

On part House.