

REPORT  
OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
NINETEENTH 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 NINETEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:*

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

We find all the property connected with the institution in good condition and well cared for. We visited all parts of the building and all the wards containing patients, and found them clean, well protected, and in as good condition in every respect as the present overcrowded state of the Hospital will permit. Good order prevailed in all places, the officers and attendants discharging carefully and intelligently the duties with which they are charged. We deem the completion of the unfinished portion now enclosed and the finishing of the south wing an imperative necessity. The crowded condition of the wards and a proper separation of the sexes make this work a present and pressing need and we leave to the wisdom of the General Assembly the question of making at this time the necessary appropriations to finish the building according to the original design. The amount necessary to complete section four and to enclose and complete sections five and six, thus completing the Hospital according to the original design is estimated at \$70,000, but if the stone for these new sections can be furnished at the State quarries, at Anamosa, and cut by convict labor at the Additional Penitentiary, as suggested by the Commissioners in their biennial report, this could be reduced about \$5,000, which saving would be sufficient to finish the additional sections.

We recommend an appropriation sufficient for the purchase of three new boilers. The Eighteenth General Assembly appropriated \$3,000 as a boiler fund which was used in repairing old boilers and purchasing one small sized new boiler, with a Haxtun front, and which is proving a very satisfactory investment. The amount spent for repairs on old boilers is \$1,432, which large expenditure necessitated the purchase of a smaller sized new boiler so the expense might not exceed the appropriation. The cost of this new boiler was \$1,657.67. The old boiler which was replaced by the new one was sold for \$150, thus bringing

the expenditures within the appropriation. The estimated cost of new boilers of the proper size and capacity is \$2,000 each. The patched and unsafe condition of the old ones render the purchase of at least two new ones an absolute necessity, and in our opinion not less than \$4,000 should be appropriated for this purpose. The acting engineer informed your committee that in the use of the new boiler with the Haxton front one ton of coal per day was saved, making a reduction of over three hundred tons of coal yearly. An annual saving of at least \$1,200, nearly sufficient to cover the purchase-money. Hence, true economy in the use of fuel seems to indicate the wisdom of replacing the old boilers with new ones.

Your committee also recommend an appropriation of \$2,500 for building three additional cisterns for the purpose of utilizing the much needed rain-water for washing and other purposes, the most of which is now wasted. Also, the sum of \$1,000 for additional well for water-supply, to be located on the Hospital grounds near the old well. The new reservoir situated near the buildings is of ample size, and with an additional well for water-supply, it is claimed, will remove all doubt as to any shortage of that much needed article. It is claimed by the Board of Trustees, who have made a careful and minute examination of the situation as to water-supply, that in order to secure beyond doubt an adequate and favorable solution of this whole question, and it is a *very important* one, it will be necessary to purchase a piece of land known as the Gray farm, lying contiguous to the Hospital land, and convenient to the buildings in which is situated the center of a water-basin, containing a never-failing supply. The water now secured is obtained from the outer edge of this basin, and the facts as cited above, have been obtained by careful borings made by skillful and practical persons, at the instance of the Board of Trustees. The land referred to is good, productive soil, and will be of advantage to the State, aside from the considerations above mentioned. We commend to your wisdom the necessity of your favorable action on this most important subject.

The appropriation of \$1,500 for finishing the plastering of the basements and attics, is of such importance as to demand immediate attention, much wood-work being exposed to the accident of fire in its present unfinished condition. The question of ice-house and refrigerator is also of importance, as the present facilities for storing perishable articles is wholly inadequate for the wants of the institution.

For continuing the sewer such provision should also be made as

will forward the work to completion as soon as practicable. Also, the sum of \$3,000 for contingent expenses and such repairs as cannot well be enumerated in a general appropriation.

In reply to interrogatories of the joint resolution under which your committee was appointed:

1. "Whether the appropriations made by the General Assembly have been wisely and economically expended," your committee believe such appropriations have been wisely and economically expended so far as they are able to judge.

2. "Whether they have been expended for the objects appropriated." The Eighteenth General Assembly appropriated \$1,000 to be used in attempting to secure an artesian well; also \$2,500 for an additional water supply. The appropriation, amounting to \$3,500, was used in constructing an immense reservoir, with a capacity of 15,000 barrels.

The artesian well project was abandoned after a careful investigation and with the knowledge and consent of the Executive Council, and we think the results entirely justify the use of the funds, and believe it to have been in the interest of economy. Except this slight diversion, we believe the appropriations have been expended for the objects appropriated.

3. "Whether chapter 67, of the acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly has been complied with in not contracting indebtedness in excess of appropriations." From the best information at our command we believe that chapter 67, of the acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly has been fully complied with.

4. "Whether there has been any diversion of any money from the specific purpose for which it was drawn from the treasury." Your committee do not find that there has been any use made of funds except for the purpose for which it was drawn from the treasury.

5. Said committees shall also report the names and number of persons employed; also whether any of the employes receive, or have received, anything in addition to the salary in the way of board, rooms, lights, fuel, washing, or clothing, or anything else, at the expense of the State. Your committee find 106 persons employed in the institution; names of persons, occupation and pay, as set forth in schedule "A," submitted herewith.

6. Said committees shall specially examine and report as to the means of fire escape in case of fire, and also as to the protection



against fire. Your committee find that in the by-laws of the institution *fire regulations* are explicitly laid down.

Each of the one hundred employes knows what his particular duty is when an alarm is given. Plain instructions are stated for the management of patients in such an emergency.

Besides the stairways in the main building, there are five others in the wings, thoroughly fire-proof, extending from the upper floors to outside doors near the ground. These are so arranged that patients can be taken out of doors from either end of each ward.

All departments and wards are supplied with water-pipes, fed from three large iron tanks under the roof of the building: 850 feet of one inch three-ply rubber hose, with one-quarter inch nozzles, also 400 feet of one and one-half inch cotton hose, with one-half inch nozzles, are distributed, in sections and connected with pipes, at convenient places in basement and on the first three floors of main center building, and in both wings.

There are 100 feet of two inch rubber three-ply hose, with a five-eighths inch nozzle, for the barn.

Recently 500 feet of two and one-half inch four-ply, five-ply capped ends, carbolized, rubber hose, with three-quarter to one and one-half inch nozzles, was purchased to be kept in the engine-house and constantly connected with the large force-pump.

The Hospital is supplied with one extension and two twenty-five foot ladders. The engineer, firemen, and male attendants, understand where the hose is kept and how to use it.

Your Committee are of the opinion that this institution is well managed, that the officers are competent and trustworthy. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. KELLEY JOHNSON,

*On part of the Senate.*

LEVI HUBBELL,

WM. H. MERTEN,

*On part of the House.*

# SCHEDULE "A."

*List of officers and employes.*

Number.	NAMES.	OFFICE.	SALARY.
1	G. H. Hill .....	Superintendent .....	\$ 1,600 per annum.
2	H. G. Brainerd .....	Assistant physician .....	1,000 per annum.
3	C. H. Penfield .....	Assistant physician .....	50 per month.
4	Noyes Appelman .....	Steward .....	900 per annum.
5	Lucy M. Gray .....	Matron .....	600 per annum.
6	Carrie A. Curtis .....	Clerk .....	25 per month.
7	Otto Wonenberg .....	Apothecary .....	33½ per month.
8	D. H. Fiester .....	Supervisor .....	30 per month.
9	Lou Tasold .....	Supervisor .....	25 per month.
10	W. J. Martin .....	Farmer .....	28 per month.
11	Chas. Thomas, Sr. ....	Night watch .....	37 per month.
12	P. J. Galligan .....	Night watch .....	27 per month.
13	Alice Burroughs .....	Night watch .....	18 per month.
14	Frank Price .....	Night watch .....	18 per month.
15	A. D. Guernsey .....	Engineer .....	75 per month.
16	Washington Young .....	Fireman .....	27 per month.
17	Eli as Peck .....	Fireman .....	26 per month.
18	E. T. Miller .....	Fireman .....	24 per month.
19	John Dorsett .....	Butcher .....	40 per month.
20	George Breidenbach .....	Baker .....	45 per month.
21	Joseph Landis .....	Assistant baker .....	16 per month.
22	H. A. Cramer .....	Carpenter .....	40 per month.
23	John Shine .....	Hackman .....	26 per month.
24	H. P. Johnson .....	Teamster .....	20 per month.
25	John Shultz .....	Teamster .....	19 per month.
26	John Wendling .....	Teamster .....	18 per month.
27	Wallace Johnson .....	Choreman .....	22 per month.
28	Nick Pinch .....	Choreman .....	19 per month.
29	Thomas Curman .....	Barnman .....	15 per month.
30	C. L. Thomas .....	Gardner .....	40 per month.
31	James Netcott .....	Carman .....	28 per month.
32	Willie J. Swift .....	Kitchen .....	22 per month.
33	John Thomas .....	Kitchen .....	13 per month.
34	Agnes Lynch .....	Cook .....	16 per month.
35	Emma Burroughs .....	Cook .....	16 per month.
36	Anna Klegin .....	Assistant cook .....	11 per month.
37	Cora King .....	Dining room .....	10 per month.
38	Lizzie Wengert .....	Dining room .....	10 per month.
39	Lizzie Lynch .....	Dining room .....	10 per month.
40	Tillie Meister .....	Kitchen .....	10 per month.
41	Francis Meister .....	Kitchen .....	10 per month.
42	Lucy Scott .....	Kitchen .....	10 per month.
43	Lara Haas .....	Kitchen .....	8 per month.
44	Emma Yeager .....	Kitchen .....	10 per month.
45	Ida Palmer .....	Chambermaid .....	10 per month.

## SCHEDULE "A"—CONTINUED.

Number.	NAMES.	OFFICE.	SALARY.
46	May Steele	Office girl	\$ 10.00 per month.
47	Jane Thomas	Head washer	16.00 per month.
48	Tina Wigg	Washer	11.00 per month.
49	Susie Maas	Washer	9.00 per month.
50	Maggie Gorman	Washer	11.00 per month.
51	Anna Ehrke	Washer	10.00 per month.
52	Maggie O'Connor	Head ironer	14.00 per month.
53	Mary Wendling	Head ironer	11.00 per month.
54	Mary Wengert	Head ironer	11.00 per month.
55	Gertie Wengert	Head ironer	11.00 per month.
56	Ella Stafford	Kitchen	10.00 per month.
57	Belle Alquist	Seamstress	18.00 per month.
58	Alice Pringle	Seamstress	14.00 per month.
59	Dora Norton	Seamstress	15.00 per month.
60	Agnes McElraith	Kitchen	8.00 per month.
61	Charles Munnings	Attendant	25.00 per month.
62	V. W. Peck	Attendant	24.00 per month.
63	S. C. Emmons	Attendant	24.00 per month.
64	C. R. Barnard	Attendant	24.00 per month.
65	R. N. Hart	Attendant	25.00 per month.
66	Burdelle Camp	Attendant	21.00 per month.
67	Henry Martin	Attendant	21.00 per month.
68	Alger B. Swan	Attendant	21.00 per month.
69	Frank Cass	Attendant	20.00 per month.
70	J. D. Emmons	Attendant	20.00 per month.
71	W. W. Tiester	Attendant	25.00 per month.
72	F. E. Dunham	Attendant	20.00 per month.
73	E. C. Gates	Attendant	20.00 per month.
74	W. H. Updyke	Attendant	24.00 per month.
75	C. L. Pierce	Attendant	21.00 per month.
76	E. D. Carr	Attendant	19.00 per month.
77	Wm. Innes	Attendant	24.00 per month.
78	George Alberts	Attendant	19.00 per month.
79	T. I. Kimball	Attendant	24.00 per month.
80	O. H. Gilbert	Attendant	18.00 per month.
81	R. J. Rouse	Attendant	18.00 per month.
82	George Miller	Attendant	23.00 per month.
83	Sarah Ellis	Attendant	16.00 per month.
84	Clara Barnard	Attendant	16.00 per month.
85	Alice O'Connor	Attendant	18.00 per month.
86	Frank Fisher	Attendant	16.00 per month.
87	Massella Roth	Attendant	16.00 per month.
88	Jessie Boyack	Attendant	16.00 per month.
89	Mary E. Wood	Attendant	16.00 per month.
90	Anna Stiles	Attendant	16.00 per month.
91	Martha Boyack	Attendant	18.00 per month.
92	Mary O'Connor	Attendant	18.00 per month.
93	Rosa Porter	Attendant	18.00 per month.
94	Mathilde Wengert	Attendant	16.00 per month.
95	Mary Keller	Attendant	17.00 per month.
96	Annie Campbell	Attendant	18.00 per month.
97	Rebecca French	Attendant	17.00 per month.
98	Belle McMillan	Attendant	16.00 per month.
99	Della Craton	Attendant	16.00 per month.
100	Maggie Ross	Attendant	15.00 per month.

## SCHEDULE "A"—CONTINUED.

Number.	NAMES.	OFFICE.	SALARY.
101	Agnes Muncy	Attendant	\$ 15.00 per month.
102	Rose Wengert	Attendant	13.00 per month.
103	Corra Connell	Attendant	12.00 per month.
104	Ella Martin	Attendant	13.00 per month.
105	Kate Klotzbach	Attendant	18.00 per month.
106	L. M. Stevens	Plumber	2.00 per day.

All have board, room and washing done at Hospital, except Charles Thomas, night watch, and L. M. Stevens, plumber.

The Superintendent and first assistant physician have each a wife in the institution.