

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE
TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
Hospital for the Insane
LOCATED AT
INDEPENDENCE.

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REPORT

To the Twentieth General Assembly:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee appointed to visit the Hospital for the Insane at Independence have discharged that duty, and herewith submit the following report, to-wit:

We find the property connected with the Institution in good condition and well cared for. We visited all the parts of the building containing the insane people, from top to basement, and also all the out-buildings connected therewith, and we find every department in good condition, well cared for, and in competent hands. Nothing that we could discover is left undone to make the unfortunate inmates as cheerful, comfortable and happy as circumstances will permit. All wards, beds and clothing were clean. The food prepared for the inmates was good and well cooked, and plenty provided, so far as we could see. All employes are efficient and attentive to their respective duties, and the least possible number are employed to effectively and properly care for the large number of patients now in said Hospital, and we believe each employe is about fairly compensated for his or her labor, as shown by the exhibit hereto attached, showing the number and names of employes of said Institution.

Your committee further find that the several amounts asked for by the Trustees of said Institution on pages (16 and 17) sixteen and seventeen of their sixth biennial report of said Institution, ought, as a matter of economy to the State and justice and fairness to those unfortunates therein confined, to be appropriated, excepting perhaps the item of one thousand dollars for plastering the basement and attics, and the item of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for ice house and refrigerator room, and the item of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for two large cisterns. These three items could be

dispensed with for the present without serious results to the efficiency of the Institution.

Your committee further find that the Legislature should provide in some way a fund with which to make from time to time needed repairs and repair damages done by action of the elements, as was the case in June, 1882. Machinery and apparatus for heating water, supplying and manufacturing gas, are liable to give out at any time and need immediate repairs at considerable expense. At present no fund of this kind is provided, only as money may be drawn from other funds for such purposes.

In reply to interrogatories of the joint resolution under which your committee was appointed we beg leave to make the following answers, to-wit:

First. Whether an appropriation made by the Nineteenth General Assembly has been wisely and judiciously expended? Your committee find that the \$9,500 so appropriated has been wisely and well expended, so far as we are able to see.

Second. Whether they have been expended for the objects for which they were appropriated? Your committee would say they have.

Third. Answering the third inquiry in said resolution your committee would state we think that the provisions of chapter 67, laws of the Seventeenth General Assembly, have been complied with in not contracting indebtedness in excess of the amounts appropriated.

Answering the fourth inquiry in said resolution your committee beg leave to state that we find that the violent storm of June 22, 1882, unroofed a large part of said building, blew down the brick tower, and did a large amount of other damages, to repair which there was no funds on hand. That to make these needed repairs the Board used about \$2,000 of money appropriated by the Nineteenth General Assembly, and also about \$10,000 which they took from the support fund to aid in making such repairs.

We also find that the sum of \$4,000 was, by order of the Executive Council of the State, on the sixth of July, 1882, paid from the providential contingent fund to the repair fund, to aid the Trustees in making needed repairs to said Institution. A copy of said resolution is hereto attached and made a part of this report, and marked Exhibit "B;" and while such action was not provided by law, yet the circumstances under which the Trustees were placed, in having no

fund to make said repairs, we think such action was wise and proper, and for the best interests of the Institution and State.

In answer to the inquiry in reference to the number of employes, and pay of each, your committee would report that they find the entire number employed to be one hundred and eleven (111). The name of each, for what purpose employed, and at what salary and what each receives in addition to salary, all fully appear in the report of the Superintendent of the Institution, hereto attached and made a part of this report, and marked Exhibit "A." We believe, from the best information we can get and from all the information we could gather, that the number of employes is a necessity, and said Institution could not well and successfully be run with a less number, and we believe the pay of each is about a fair compensation.

FIRE ESCAPES.

Your committee examined said Institution as to the means of escape in case of fire, and find that there are a series of iron stairways in each wing of said building which are kept free for use. These stairs pass from the upper floor to the ground; beside these, there is the stairway in the main building, and there is also hose in various wards, or convenient to each ward, connected with large iron tanks, which would, in case of fire, throw a large amount of water and be of great service in putting out fire within the different wards. There are one hundred feet of two-inch rubber hose, with a five-eighth inch nozzle, for the barn. Recently five hundred feet of two and one half inch rubber three-ply hose, with a five-eighths inch nozzle, was purchased to be kept in the engine house and constantly connected with the large force pump in the engine house. By this means, in case of fire in any of the outer buildings, and the Hospital itself, water can be thrown in an immense stream upon the fire, so that, with proper use of the various facilities for putting out fire, it seems to your committee that the means are quite sufficient and effective, and about all that is needed.

The Hospital is also supplied with one extension and two twenty-five-foot ladders. The engineer, fireman and male attendants know where the hose and ladders are kept, and know how to use them.

On the whole, your committee was very favorably impressed with the manner in which this Institution is managed. The Superintendent, from what we could learn, and the head employes, and in fact

all, seemed to be anxious and willing to do all in their power to further the best interest of the Institution and the many unfortunate inmates therein contained.

All of which we herewith most respectfully submit.

W. A. COTTON,

On part of the Senate.

H. C. CURTIS,

J. J. LINEHAN,

On part of House of Representatives.

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EXHIBIT "A."

List of Officers and employes, January 1, 1884.

Number.	NAME.	HOW EMPLOYED.	REMARKS.	Salary.	
1	Gershom H. Hill.....	Superintendent.....	Board with room.....	\$1,800.00	Per annum.
2	Henry G. Brainerd.....	Assistant physician.....	Board with room.....	1,000.00	Per annum.
3	Charles H. Penfield.....	Assistant physician.....	Board with room.....	720.00	Per annum.
4	Sara A. Pangburn.....	Assistant physician.....	Board with room.....	600.00	Per annum.
5	Lucy M. Gray.....	Matron.....	Board with room.....	600.00	Per annum.
6	John H. McDonald.....	Steward.....	Board with room.....	800.00	Per annum.
7	A. D. Guernsey.....	Engineer.....	Board with room.....	100.00	Per month.
8	E. S. Peck.....	Fireman.....	Board with room.....	30.00	Per month.
9	W. S. Young.....	Fireman.....	Board with room.....	30.00	Per month.
10	H. P. Johnson.....	Fireman.....	Board with room.....	24.00	Per month.
11	James Netcott.....	Carman.....	Board with room.....	33.33 $\frac{1}{3}$	Per month.
12	W. H. Campbell.....	Kitchen-man.....	Board with room.....	19.00	Per month.
13	Charles Klegin.....	Kitchen-man.....	Board with room.....	13.00	Per month.
14	Geo. Breidenbach.....	Baker.....	Board with room.....	45.00	Per month.
15	Charles Leytze.....	Assistant baker.....	Board with room.....	18.00	Per month.
16	H. A. Cramer.....	Carpenter.....	Board with room.....	45.00	Per month.
17	Bud Camp.....	Carpenter.....	Board with room.....	30.00	Per month.
18	W. J. Martin.....	Farmer.....	Board with room.....	33.33 $\frac{1}{3}$	Per month.
19	C. L. Thomas.....	Gardener.....	Board without room.....	40.00	Per month.
20	Wallace Johnson.....	Gardener.....	Board with room.....	26.00	Per month.
21	John Shine.....	Hackman.....	Board with room.....	26.00	Per month.
22	George Carroll.....	Barn-man.....	Board with room.....	18.00	Per month.
23	D. O'Brien.....	Choreman.....	Board without room.....	26.00	Per month.
24	Hamilton Wilson.....	Choreman.....	Board with room.....	20.00	Per month.
25	Nelson Goyette.....	Teamster.....	Board with room.....	18.00	Per month.
26	D. Crandall.....	Teamster.....	Board with room.....	18.00	Per month.

Number.	NAME.	HOW EMPLOYED.	REMARKS.	Salary.
27	Wm. Billings.	Teamster	Board with room	18.00 Per month.
28	Thos. Hull	Butcher	Board with room	35.00 Per month.
29	Chas. Thomas	Watchman	Neither	37.00 Per month.
30	A. B. Swan	Watchman	Board with room	27.00 Per month.
31	Frank Price	Watch-girl	Board with room	18.00 Per month.
32	Martha Boyack	Watch-girl	Board with room	18.00 Per month.
33	J. W. Powers	Apothecary	Board with room	20.00 Per month.
34	W. W. Fiester	Supervisor	Board with room	30.00 Per month.
35	Chas. Munnings	Attendant	Board with room	26.00 Per month.
36	John Duval	Attendant	Board with room	23.00 Per month.
37	M. L. Shine	Attendant	Board with room	22.00 Per month.
38	F. Bernham	Attendant	Board with room	20.00 Per month.
39	Chas. Pierce	Attendant	Board with room	22.00 Per month.
40	Chas. Porter	Attendant	Board with room	20.00 Per month.
41	Henry Martin	Attendant	Board with room	23.00 Per month.
42	W. S. Dunlap	Attendant	Board with room	20.00 Per month.
43	J. L. Morgan	Attendant	Board with room	20.00 Per month.
44	E. Bogardus	Attendant	Board with room	21.00 Per month.
45	D. H. Fiester	Attendant	Board with room	26.00 Per month.
46	H. A. Smith	Attendant	Board with room	21.00 Per month.
47	W. H. Updyke	Attendant	Board with room	26.00 Per month.
48	W. Smale	Attendant	Board with room	22.00 Per month.
49	W. W. Brown	Attendant	Board with room	22.00 Per month.
50	S. Bunker	Attendant	Board with room	21.00 Per month.
51	F. Westfall	Attendant	Board with room	20.00 Per month.
52	W. I. Parker	Attendant	Board with room	19.00 Per month.
53	I. Ballentine	Attendant	Board with room	23.00 Per month.
54	W. Crampton	Attendant	Board with room	19.00 Per month.
55	John Mannion	Attendant	Board with room	20.00 Per month.
56	J. W. Baker	Attendant	Board with room	19.00 Per month.
57	W. E. Penrose	Attendant	Board with room	20.00 Per month.

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58	Lou Fasold	Supervisor	Board with room	25.00 Per month.
59	Rosa Porter	Assistant supervisor	Board with room	18.00 Per month.
60	M. Wackerbarth	Attendant	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
61	Belle McMillan	Attendant	Board with room	18.00 Per month.
62	Mary McMillan	Attendant	Board with room	15.00 Per month.
63	Mary Williams	Attendant	Board with room	17.00 Per month.
64	Ella Martin	Attendant	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
65	Sadie Rogers	Attendant	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
66	Frankie Swan	Attendant	Board with room	18.00 Per month.
67	Maggie Ross	Attendant	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
68	Mary Funk	Attendant	Board with room	17.00 Per month.
69	Jessie Boyack	Attendant	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
70	Mary Culdice	Attendant	Board with room	14.00 Per month.
71	Sarah Ellis	Attendant	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
72	Mary Martin	Attendant	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
73	Maggie O'Connor	Attendant	Board with room	17.00 Per month.
74	Belle Robb	Attendant	Board with room	18.00 Per month.
75	Agnes Lynch	Attendant	Board with room	18.00 Per month.
76	Rosé Wengert	Attendant	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
77	Anna Ebersole	Attendant	Board with room	15.00 Per month.
78	Laura Fulton	Attendant	Board with room	14.00 Per month.
79	Hattie Jackson	Attendant	Board with room	14.00 Per month.
80	Dell Klotzbach	Attendant	Board with room	15.00 Per month.
81	Mary O'Connor	Attendant	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
82	Dora Norton	Seamstress	Board with room	18.00 Per month.
83	Maria McElrath	Seamstress	Board with room	14.00 Per month.
84	Ella Stafford	Cook	Board with room	18.00 Per month.
85	Lena Rommel	Cook	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
86	Minnie Brickley	Assistant cook	Board with room	12.00 Per month.
87	Anna Felsmann	Order cook	Board with room	12.00 Per month.
88	Mary O'Toole	Kitchen girl	Board with room	11.00 Per month.
89	Maria Lundy	Kitchen girl	Board with room	11.00 Per month.
90	Emma Meister	Kitchen girl	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
91	Mary McDonald	Kitchen girl	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
92	Hattie McDonald	Kitchen girl	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
93	Mary Rickard	Kitchen girl	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
94	Mary Hickey	Kitchen girl	Board with room	8.00 Per month.
95	Jennie Goodin	Waitress	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
96	Mary Murphy	Waitress	Board with room	10.00 Per month.

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EXHIBIT "A"—CONTINUED.

Number.	NAME.	HOW EMPLOYED.	REMARKS.	Salary.
97	Florence Stull	Waitress	Board with room.	9.00 Per month.
98	Frances John son	Chambermaid	Board with room.	10.00 Per month.
99	Grace O'Meara	Office girl.	Board with room.	10.00 Per month.
100	Jennie Thomas.	Head laundress.	Board with room.	18.00 Per month.
101	Tillie Meister.	Laundress	Board with room.	11.00 Per month.
102	Maggie Michel	Laundress	Board with room.	11.00 Per month.
103	Lizzie Wolgamott.	Laundress	Board with room.	11.00 Per month.
104	Celia Cook.	Laundress	Board with room.	11.00 Per month.
105	Anna Klegin	Head ironer	Board with room.	14.00 Per month.
106	Minnie Stumma	Ironer	Board with room.	11.00 Per month.
107	Lizzie Lynch	Ironer	Board with room.	11.00 Per month.
108	Maggie Lynch	Ironer	Board with room.	11.00 Per month.
109	Katie Finlay	Ironer	Board with room.	11.00 Per month.
110	Carrie Curtis	Clerk	Board with room.	35.00 Per month.
111	L. M. Stevens	Gas-maker	Neither.	2.00 Per day.

Officers and employees who have board and rooms in the Hospital are supplied with heat and light at the expense of the State, but no one is furnished with clothing.

EXHIBIT "B."

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Hospital for the Insane at Independence, held on the fifth day of July, 1882, among the proceedings are the following, to-wit:

Mr. Lake presented the following resolution, asking that the Executive Council authorize the Trustees to borrow money to make the repairs:

IOWA HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, }
INDEPENDENCE, July 6, 1882. }

WHEREAS, On the 22d day of June, 1882, by an extraordinary tornado five sections of this Hospital were unroofed, allowing the rain to go through the wards under said roofs, and thereby exposing the patients in twelve wards, to the number of about three hundred, to wetting at each rain, and the rooms in said wards during this weather being constantly damp and unhealthy; and,

WHEREAS, The said tornado did also destroy the chimney and the boiler-house, and it is utterly impossible to warm the institution, or cook, or wash, without the engine-house and chimney, and the other damage to the institution is great; and,

WHEREAS, It will be impossible to use said institution for the purpose for which it was built without making the repairs hereinafter mentioned, and the making of the repairs is an absolute necessity for the purpose of protecting the property of the State from greater loss; and,

WHEREAS, The Trustees have no money or means of getting the same to make these repairs, except by creating an indebtedness against the State; and, as they believe the Executive Council have the authority to authorize the creation of a debt for that purpose, therefore,

Resolved, by the Trustees of said Institution, That the Executive Council be and are hereby requested to authorize the Trustees to create an indebtedness against the State, and to borrow the money to pay for said repairs for the following purpose and the following sums, to-wit:

To re-roof the buildings.....	\$ 2,500.00
To rebuild the slaughter-house.....	300.00
To rebuild the stock-barn	200.00
To re-roof the cow-barn	300.00

To repair the exercise ground fence	300.00
To replace the wagon-house	100.00
To repair (temporarily) north ventilating tower.....	500.00
To repair fan tower	250.00
To rebuild the chimney	6,000.00
To repair the boiler-house.....	3,000.00
To repair the carpenter shop	200.00
To repair the coal sheds.....	500.00
To replace the pavilions.....	300.00
To repair the fences and other damages.....	2,500.00
Total debt.....	\$ 16,950.00

Which resolution was unanimously adopted by the board, and a copy of the same, signed by the Board of Trustees, was presented to the Executive Council, now present, and the said Executive Council made the following indorsement in regard to said resolution, to-wit:

"In view of the foregoing resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees, after a full examination of the damage done the Hospital for the Insane at Independence by the storm of June 22, 1882, we the undersigned members of the Executive Council hereby recommend the Board of Trustees of said institution to take immediate steps to repair the same, and thereby save the building from further damage; and we hereby grant four thousand dollars out of the providential contingent fund, and as we have no other fund upon which we can lawfully draw to pay for such damage, and the sum of four thousand dollars being entirely inadequate, we therefore recommend said board to contract whatever debt may be necessary to put said Hospital in such repair as will protect the building from damage and the lives and health of the unfortunate class therein confined from jeopardy, and enable them to carry on the institution as was contemplated by the law creating it."

B. R. SHERMAN,
J. A. T. HULL,
E. H. CONGER,
W. V. LUCAS,

Executive Council.