

REPORT  
OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
STATE OF IOWA,  
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE  
ADDITIONAL PENITENTIARY  
LOCATED AT  
ANAMOSA.

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## REPORT.

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### *To the Twentieth General Assembly:*

Your committee appointed to visit the Additional Penitentiary at Anamosa, would respectfully report:

That we visited the Penitentiary on the 5th and 6th instants, and made as careful an examination as the time would permit, of the buildings, quarries, shops, books and general affairs connected with the management of the institution.

In response to instructions we found:

*First.* That the appropriations for the construction of the wall have been apparently wisely and economically expended, and as nearly as we can estimate about 22,443 cubic yards of masonry have been laid in the outside wall during the last biennial period, and that this work with free labor and under private management would under ordinary circumstances have cost not less than \$150,000. The quality of the work appears to be first class in every respect and equal at least to that of any work heretofore done on any part of the wall.

*Second.* The appropriations have in our opinion been expended strictly in accordance with law and for the objects for which they were made.

*Third.* As far as we have been able to ascertain, no indebtedness has been contracted not in accordance with the law and entirely within the letter and spirit of chapter 67, acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly.

*Fourth.* We think there has been no diversion of the money from the specific purpose for which it was appropriated.

*Fifth.* Below we present the names and salaries of all persons employed at the Penitentiary on the 1st day of February, and also the purpose for which each is employed and we find that nothing in addition to salary in the way of board, rent, light, fuel, clothing or anything else has been furnished at the expense of the State, except to the Warden as by law provided.



LIST OF PERSONS EMPLOYED AT ADDITIONAL PENITENTIARY, FEBRUARY 1, 1884.

	Per month.
1. A. E. Martin, warden.....	\$ 166.67
2. G. S. Hickox, deputy warden.....	100.00
3. T. T. Parsons, clerk.....	70.00
4. A. C. Merrill, teacher and chaplain.....	70.00
5. L. J. Adair, physician.....	50.00
6. Frank Post, hospital steward.....	50.00
7. Lew Kinsey, turnkey.....	50.00
8. Mrs. E. J. Wood, matron.....	50.00
9. A. W. Aldrich, guard.....	50.00
10. J. M. Breen, guard.....	50.00
11. W. L. Bunnell, guard.....	50.00
12. T. Buckner, guard.....	50.00
13. I. N. Chapman, guard.....	50.00
14. E. M. Cowen, guard.....	50.00
15. L. E. Desart, guard.....	50.00
16. A. L. Eager, guard.....	50.00
17. E. J. Gill, guard.....	50.00
18. J. C. Gibson, guard.....	50.00
16. B. H. Hickox, guard.....	50.00
20. R. J. Kelsey, guard.....	50.00
21. M. Kenyon, guard.....	50.00
22. N. Luellen, guard.....	50.00
23. J. B. Moreland, guard.....	50.00
24. J. H. Moreland, guard.....	50.00
25. M. McCarty, guard.....	50.00
36. J. C. McCarthy, guard.....	50.00
27. John McMiller, guard.....	50.00
28. G. H. Monroe, guard.....	50.00
29. Wilson Potts.....	50.00
30. Mark Pell.....	50.00
31. L. B. Peet.....	50.00
32. A. E. Rockwell.....	50.00
33. I. A. Stringham.....	50.00
34. J. Winscott.....	50.00
Total officers and guards.....	\$1,906.67

1. T. Mollett, foreman on derrick.....	\$ 75.00
2. F. O'Rourke, foreman on stone quarry.....	70.00
3. James Lister, foreman of stone cutters.....	85.00
4. H. B. Gleason, foreman and engineer over machine shop.....	90.00
5. M. Doyle, foreman of stone masons.....	65.00

Total on construction.....\$ 885.00

ON SUPPORT FUND.

1. C. W. Maudsley, baker.....	\$ 50.00
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*Sixth.* We find but little need for means of fire escape, as the prison is perhaps as nearly fire-proof as can well be made, and there is but little combustible material upon the premises. There appears to be sufficient means for protection against fire, except that there is need for about 500 feet more of good strong hose.

The electric light, although insufficient in supply, in other respects gives entire satisfaction, and demonstrates the wisdom of this experiment, and its excellent quality, cheapness, cleanliness and safety are strong recommendations for its introduction to our other State institutions.

In order to light the cells properly, there should be double the number of lamps now in use.

The Warden's house is in no especial need of anything more at present, as it plainly and comfortably furnished.

Section 4779 of the Code provides that a discharged convict shall be furnished transportation, by means of tickets for passage, to any point within the State that is nearest to his former home or friends. Frequently he prefers not to go there, but in an opposite direction, when he will dispose of his ticket at a large discount. We recommend that the statute be amended so as to provide that the Warden shall, as in his discretion may appear expedient, pay to the discharged convict a sum of money of not less than \$5.00 and not more than \$15.

We recommend that the Warden be authorized to appoint and remove at his discretion a matron for the Woman's Department, at a salary of \$75 dollars per month, as this appears conducive to a systematic and efficient management. The place is now filled by a female guard appointed for that special purpose.

We can see no good reason why the Deputy Warden of this prison should not receive a compensation equivalent to that of the Deputy



Warden at Ft. Madison, and therefore recommend that his salary be fixed at \$110 per month.

We recommend that the following appropriations be made, viz:

To pay awards for the capture of escaped convicts, \$500.

For two new boilers necessary to furnish sufficient power for machinery and steam for heating purposes, \$1,500.

For doubling the capacity of the electric light, \$3,100.

For purchasing 1,070 feet of tile necessary to provide proper drainage for farm, \$30.

For the purpose of purchasing a strip of land south of the prison and lying between the prison wall and the track of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, \$3,000.

In our opinion this tract of land should have been included in the original purchase, as it will be valuable and essential in operating this prison in the future.

For the continuation of the work on walls, department for the criminal insane and female convict department, according to plans heretofore adopted by the Board of Commissioners, \$65,000.

This money should be expended under the direction of the Warden, who should superintend the work in accordance with plans submitted and approved by the Executive Council.

After the work on any of the specified items is completed, any balance of money unexpended for such purpose should be applied to the work of general construction.

We join in the recommendations made by the trustees of the hospitals for the insane, that it is very desirable that the department for the criminal insane be erected with as little delay as consistent with economy and convenience.

In response to the resolution concerning prisons for women and women's reformatory, we find on page 18 of the records of the Board of commissioners appointed to locate prison and to provide plans for the same, "that plans of the Additional Penitentiary as exhibited by Messrs. L. W. Foster & Co. on June 19, A. D. 1872, were accepted and adopted" by the said Board of Commissioners, and that said plans provide for a separate department for women, which when completed will afford sufficient accommodations for seventy-two female convicts, and in our opinion after a careful consideration of the humane and economic bearings upon this subject, it is advisable to carry out the design as originally adopted.

We think the names of the Penitentiaries should be changed. This to "the Anamosa Penitentiary" and the other to "the Ft. Madison Penitentiary."

We recommend that the Warden be authorized to furnish stone for the erection or improvement of any of our State institutions under the direction of the Executive Council, and that the amount of money actually paid out in furnishing such stone shall be refunded to the Warden by the institution receiving the stone.

We recommend that the Warden be authorized, subject to the approval of the Executive Council to dispose of the one hundred and twenty acres of land known as the old quarry tract. This tract of land is not necessary for the use of the prison. The quarries upon it have proved worthless on account of the great amount of stripping required and they have been abandoned.

The new quarries have been well opened and will furnish an almost unlimited amount of stone of the best quality, and with light expense for stripping.

An invoice of the property of this Penitentiary shows the value to be about \$675,891.55, as follows:

*Inventory of Property belonging to construction account of the Penitentiary at Anamosa, Iowa:*

#### REAL ESTATE.

*New quarry, eighty acres.....	\$ 25,000.00
Farm land, sixty-five acres, at \$25.....	1,625.00
Penitentiary grounds, sixteen acres, at \$25.....	800.00
Old quarry, one hundred and twenty acres, at \$10.....	1,200.00
Warden's house.....	3,000.00
Warden's office.....	1,000.00—\$ 32,625.00

#### SOUTH CELL-HOUSE.

2077 cubic yards excavation, 25 cents.....	\$ 519.15
616 yards concrete, at \$5.50.....	3,388.00
4104 yards foundation, at \$4.05.....	16,621.20
8546 yards outside wall, at \$27.....	230,742.00
864 yards cell wall, at \$35.....	30,240.00
872 yards cell partition, at \$40.....	34,880.00
472 yards concrete between cells, at \$10.....	4,720.00
6520 feet flags in corridor, at 60 cents.....	3,912.00
Stairs in cell-house.....	267.25

\* Private parties offer this amount for the tract.

376,580 pounds iron in cell-doors, grating, roof, etc., at 5¢	20,711.90
330 locks, at \$3.75	1,237.50
Sash, doors, window frames, corridor, platform, etc.	3,166.75
3146 yards plastering, at 80 cents	2,516.80
1140 yards plastering on arches, at 20 cents	228.00
70,400 bricks in arches, at \$11	774.40
Steam heating	6,200.00
Electric light	3,300.00
Ventilation	500.00
Painting	750.00—364,674.95

## SHOP NO. 1.

14,994 feet foundation at 15 cents	\$ 2,249.10
43,500 feet outside wall at 35 cents	15,225.00
Slate roof	3,200.00
Lumber in floors and roof	5,600.00
Iron work	13,000.00
80 windows at \$5.00	400.00
Smoke-stack, 100 feet at \$5.00	500.00
Steam heating	600.00 \$ 40,774.10

## PRISON WALL.

8,885 yards excavation at 25 cents	\$ 2,221.25
1,637 yards concrete at \$5.60	9,003.50
21,820 feet piling at 50 cents	10,910.00
19,644 yards foundation at \$4.00	78,576.00
9,575 yards wall at \$6.00	57,450.00
5,100 feet stone in 5 towers at \$1.25	6,375.00
12,960 feet stone in 3 gates at \$1.00	12,960.00
6,630 feet pipe railing at 9½ cents	629.85
802 feet retaining wall at \$3.00	2,406.00
8,800 feet sidewalk	2,640.00—183,171.60

## PRISON YARD GRADING.

56,067 yards grading at 20c	\$11,333.40— 11,333.40
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## TOOLS AND DERRICKS.

12 derricks at \$1,120.00	\$ 13,440.00
6 engines at \$725.00	4,350.00
Tools in machine shop	2,300.00
50 sets stone cutter's tools at \$20.00	1,000.00
Bars, drills, shovels, picks, etc.	1,500.00
10 hand and dump cars at \$60.00	600.00
3,450 feet railroad at \$2.85	9,832.50
2 span horses at \$400.00	800.00
2 wagons at \$100.00	200.00
2 sets harness	50.00
Temporary stone shed and machine shop	1,000.00
Hose and cart	500.00
4,000 feet water pipe at 6 cents	240.00— 85,811.50
Sewer	\$ 7,500.00— 7,500.00

## RECAPITULATION.

Real estate	\$ 32,625.00
South cell house	364,674.95
Shop No. 1	40,774.10
Prison wall	183,171.60
Prison yard grading	11,333.40
Tools and derricks	35,812.50
Sewer	7,500.00 \$ 675,891.55

## APPROPRIATIONS RECEIVED.

1872	\$ 65,000.00
1874	24,593.98
1876	22,500.00
1878	62,874.00
1880	38,110.00
1882	53,000.00 \$ 286,077.98
Balance over amount of appropriations	\$ 409,813.57

In conclusion, we take pleasure in stating that the prison is in excellent condition and under good and humane discipline.

The prisoners appear to be hearty, well fed, well clothed, and subordinate.



The employes seem attentive, courteous and vigilant, and in our judgment the management of this Penitentiary under the wardenship of Mr. A. E. Martin and his assistants, is all that the most exacting can reasonably demand, and we deem the State peculiarly fortunate in retaining Mr. Martin at the head of this institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. LARRABEE,

J. M. JONES,

N. A. MERRILL,

*Committee.*

*Des Moines, February 12, 1884.*