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REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE

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REPORT.

To the Twenty-first General Assembly of State of Iowa:

Your committee appointed pursuant to joint resolution No. 9, were ordered to visit the Agricultural College, at Ames, and, after examination, to report specific answers to certain questions. In obedience to these instructions, your committee met at the College, and after organizing proceeded, under the guidance of the President, to make detailed examination. Owing to the depth of the snow, we found it impossible to make as thorough an examination as we desired.

Your committee is of the opinion that the appropriations have been expended for the objects designated in the acts of the appropriations.

The buildings seem well designed for the several purposes for which they were intended.

After all the examinations your committee was able to make, we were satisfied that no indebtedness had been incurred in excess of the appropriations, and we found no evidence of any money being diverted from the purpose for which it was appropriated.

We found that there were no adequate means of escape from fire; only the center and wing stairways.

That the sanitary condition was not as good as was thought necessary for an institution of that kind. That we recommended to the President that the necessary change be made as soon as practicable, for which an appropriation should be made by the State.

Your committee further state that the corn cribs and hog pens will necessarily have to be rebuilt, as they were destroyed by fire last fall.

We also recommend that a new engine be bought for the electric light plant; the one now in use being insufficient for the purpose, and it can be used in the machine shops.

We further believe that repairs will be needed on the various

College buildings, and that the repair fund of the College should be increased.

The faculty expressed their ability and willingness to teach double the number of students that the building can now accommodate, and we are informed that much more room is needed to satisfy the demands made upon this Institution.

The following is the compensation received by the several employes:

Leigh Hunt, President	\$ 3,200
A. S. Welch, Professor Psychology	1,800
S. A. Knapp, Professor Agriculture and Farm Supt., house and	1,800
W. H. Wynn, Professor English Literature, Ethics, Latin, and History, house and	1,600
M. Stalker, Professor Veterinary Science	1,600
J. L. Budd, Professor Horticulture, house and	1,800
E. W. Stanton, Professor Mathematics and Political Economy, house and \$1,600; as Secretary Board of Trustees he receives \$400 (includes clerk hire); total	2,000
D. S. Fairchild, Professor Comparative Anatomy	1,000
C. F. Mount, Professor Civil Engineering	1,400
James R. Lincoln, Professor Military Science and Tactics, \$300; as Steward of Institution, house and \$1,000; total	1,300
Byron D. Halsted, Professor Botany, house and	1,600
Norman C. Bassett, Professor Mechanical Engineering	1,800
Alfred A. Bennett, Professor Chemistry	1,800
Mrs. Emma P. Ewing, Professor Domestic Economy, house and	500
Laura M. Saunderson, Preceptress and Professor Elocution	1,000
Charlotta H. Stockman, Professor German and French	1,000
Herbert Osborn, Assistant Professor Zoology and Entomology, house and	1,200
J. C. Hainer, Assistant Professor Physics	1,400
Librarian and Assistant in Mathematics	600
Fremont Turner, Foreman and Teacher in Workshop	1,000
House Surgeon in Veterinary Department	200
Assistant in Chemistry	300
J. L. Geddes, Treasurer and Recorder	1,150

We find that there is not a sufficient number of dwelling houses for the use of all the faculty; and those who have not been provided for, have been allowed two hundred dollars (\$200) each, in lieu thereof which appears in the above list.

We also find that Professor Stalker holds the office of State Veterinary Surgeon, to which he was appointed by the Governor. He

receives as compensation therefor the sum of five (5) dollars per day and expenses, while actually employed in the service of the State.

The appropriations of the Twentieth General Assembly to the Agricultural College were as follows:

For building to be occupied by the Engineering Department, with proper fixtures	\$ 7,500
For two buildings to be occupied by the Veterinary School, with proper fixtures	10,000
For house and barn on north farm	1,500
For pump house and water supply	800
For building to contain fire-proof vault and offices of Treasurer, Secretary and President	3,000
For purchase of house occupied by Professor Budd, and addition to same	2,800
For one house to be used as a Professor's residence, with proper out-buildings	3,000
For gasometer and repair of gas works, or electric light	3,500
Total	\$ 32,100

In order to complete these improvements to the best advantage the Board made the following transfers:

<i>From—</i>	
Engineering hall	\$ 509.06
Pump house	20.00
Professor's house	275.00
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	\$ 804.06
<i>To—</i>	
Veterinary buildings	\$ 600.76
House and barn on north farm	75.00
Prof. Budd's house and addition	11.20
Office building	117.10
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	\$ 804.06

These transfers were made under the authority of the appropriation act and with the approval of the Executive Council.

The expenditures under the different items of the appropriation are fully set forth in the biennial report of the Board of Trustees. They aggregate as follows:

For engineering hall	\$ 6,990.94
For veterinary buildings	10,600.76
For house and barn on north farm	1,575.00
For pump house and water supply	780.00
For office building	3,117.10
For Professor Budd's house and addition	2,811.20
For Professor's house	2,725.00
For electric light	3,500.00
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	\$ 32,100.00

Your committee find that D. S. Sigler was elected financial agent for the College at a salary of \$2,000 per annum, and that he has authority to draw from the State treasury not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) at any one time. His agency began August 21, 1885. His bond approved by the Executive Council was fixed at \$50,000. At the close of the last fiscal year, November 11, 1885, he had loaned \$136,825.00. It is estimated that by the close of the first two years of the agency he will have loaned about \$235,000. A comparison of amounts drawn from the State treasury with loans made show that the agent has generally had only a small balance on hand, and that in some instances the loans made exceed the amount drawn up to that time from the treasury. The agent makes all collections of interest. After the expiration of the second year of his agency—next August—the amount of College endowment fund to be loaned will not be as large as at present, and it will be the manifest duty of the Board of Trustees to reduce the agent's salary accordingly.

EDW. J. GAULT,

Committee on the part of the Senate.

SILAS WILSON,

H. B. MITCHELL,

Committee on the part of the House.