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REPORT.

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

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

We met there on January 20, 1886, and found the property in good condition and well cared for. We visited all parts of the buildings containing the insane, from basement to attic, and all out-buildings connected therewith. Visited all the wards, carefully inspected all beds, bedding, clothing, food, dining rooms, bath-rooms and water closets, and found all in good condition and clean.

Also the temperature of wards which were kept as near as possible at 70 Farenheit; also the person of inmates clean and well nourished, the clothing being clean and of good quality. The food for inmates was abundant, well-cooked and good quality. Those that had care of patients were apparently kind and efficient in their duties and willing to answer, at all times, inquiries relative to their duties, as were all the employees.

We found the management under Dr. Hill, Superintendent, to be efficient, and together with the able corps of assistants, courteous and kindly attentive to all duties.

First. Whether the appropriations made by the last General Assembly have been wisely and economically expended. We believe they have.

Second. Whether they have been expended for the objects appropriated. The appropriations have been expended as follows:

For water-supply, five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00); of this expended four thousand eight hundred and thirty-five dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$4,835.39), leaving balance and unexpended six hundred and sixty-four dollars and sixty-one cents (\$664.61.)

Second. Force pump, seven hundred dollars (\$700.00), all in use and properly applied.

Third. Boilers, two thousand dollars, properly applied.

Fourth. Wash-house and machinery, \$2,500; expended properly, \$979.45; on hand, \$1,520.55.

Fifth. Carpenter shop, \$3,000; all expended for shop.

Sixth. Repairing and ventilating tower, \$500; amount expended for same, \$245.85, leaving balance \$254.15 transferred to contingent fund.

Seventh. Steam means, \$5,000; all expended as appropriated.

Eighth. Plastering basement, \$1,000; all expended and work not complete, and an additional amount asked for.

Ninth. Storm-sash, \$1,000; amount used, \$589.50; balance, \$410.50 transferred to contingent fund.

Tenth. Cow barn, \$3,000; all expended.

Eleventh. Cold storage house, \$3,000. Size of the building 30x40 feet, and contains not only storage for ice, but nice rooms for butter, eggs, fresh meats, etc.

Twelfth. For fencing exercise ground, \$500.00.

Thirteenth. Painting, \$500.00; all expended.

Fourteenth. Extension of sewer, \$5,500.00; amount expended, \$4,562.19; \$937.81 transferred to contingent fund.

Fifteenth. Contingent fund, \$5,000; amount of \$1,602.46 transferred from other funds making \$6,602.46; all of which has been expended as contingent fund except \$349.63.

Sixteenth. For cottage, \$25,000. The funds have all been expended and building completed, except some of the basement has not as yet been plastered. The building accommodates (100) one hundred patients of the incurable class.

Seventeenth. Gray farm, appropriation, \$2,680; all the amount being paid for the farm.

All of the appropriations have been expended as appropriated, except as heretofore stated in this report.

Third. Whether chapter 67 of the acts of Seventeenth General Assembly have been complied with in not contracting indebtedness in excess of appropriations. We, your committee, believe that it has been complied with.

Fourth. Whether there has been any diversion of public monies from the specific purpose for which it was appropriated. Unless as shown in the former portion of this report.

Fifth. Said committee shall report also the name and number of persons employed, for what purpose employed, and what salaries; also

whether any person so employed, receives, or has received, anything in addition to his or her salary in the way of board, rooms, light, food or clothing, or anything else at the expense of the State. We herewith submit a list of officers and employes, marked "A," with purposes for which they were employed and salaries; also rooms and food at expense of State, and also those who were without room and board.

Sixth—Said committee shall also report means of escape from fire and make recommendations thereto.

In the main building there are twenty-five wards, ten of which have three methods of escape, one into center of administration building and at each end of the ward, with fire-proof stairs reaching to the ground.

Fourteen wards that have two means of escape, one at each end, and fire-proof stairs to the ground as above.

One ward has but one means of escape, down through administration building, and we, your committee, would recommend that the trustees use a part of the money appropriated (or special appropriation) by this General Assembly in making the institution more thoroughly fire-proof, in the purchase of a fire-escape for the ward of the administration building. Such escape to be a stationary iron ladder, placed in the rear of building and extending from the roof to a convenient distance from the ground.

This ladder should be opposite the windows of the upper stories and just far enough from the wall to permit patients to descend on the inside of the ladder.

We further recommend that an iron fire-proof door be placed at the rear entrance of each ward, that each ward may be separate and distinct so far as danger from fire is concerned.

The cottage building has but one means of escape, and that is from the center of building (and that being across), a wooden stairway running down, north and south, to the lower story, it being a building of two stories above basement.

We would recommend that iron ladders running from the roof to near the ground (perhaps eight or ten feet from ground). These also placed so that patients could descend between wall and ladder.

In case of fire, everyone about the hospital are under a thorough system of rules, as to their action, as follows:

Always to keep a supply of water in the tanks, and fill the tanks the last thing at night. Keep all attic doors locked, and never enter

the attic with an open light, and allow no open light in the basement of wings. In case of fire, sound the alarm by ringing the bell rapidly.

The Steward will direct all movements toward putting out fire, and all employes, not otherwise directed, will report to him at once, and be directed by him.

The engineer will see that the pumps and all other machinery are in order; that the tanks are fully supplied with water. He will direct one fireman to take charge of the hose, in center of rear building, under direction of the Steward.

The assistant physicians will proceed at once to the wards, and be considered responsible for the personal care and safety of the inmates. They will see that the patients are moved into the halls, with such articles of bedding and clothing as they can carry. Direct the attendants in each ward to examine each room, so that no patient is left behind the doors or under beds, and cause all doors to be locked after such examination, and all patients to move out of halls, should it become necessary.

The female supervisors will see that all female patients are dressed and kept in readiness to move out.

The male supervisors will have detailed one male attendant from each ward, whose duty it shall be to have the hose at all times in readiness (an inch and a half rubber hose, of sufficient length to reach the length of the ward on either side; nozzle one fourth inch, attached to water pipes connected with tanks under the roof; tanks of six hundred barrels capacity, and kept full as heretofore described), and on alarm he will at once proceed to adjust it. If the fire is not in that wing he will report to the Steward. The other attendants will remain with patients and keep them together in the hall, but will not remove them from the building until directed to do so by Superintendent or assistant physicians. The female employes in the main and rear center buildings will, if not otherwise directed, at the time, proceed to the female wards and assist in the care and removal of the patients.

WATER SUPPLY.

There is now connected with a system of drive wells a reservoir of 16,000 barrels capacity, and at time of visit contained about 11,000 barrels that had been placed in there by the pumps from these drive-wells within the last four weeks, besides the pumps supplying water

sufficient from the two large cisterns, whose capacity is 2,000 barrels each, to keep the whole system of water supply to the building in use during that time. So that while they fear that the supply of soft water is inadequate for washing and steam there is abundance for other purposes.

The hospital is also supplied with one extension and two twenty-five foot ladders.

Seventh.—Said committee shall also report the sanitary conditions of such institutions and make recommendations in regard thereto.

We, your committee, find the sanitary condition of the Institution, all the buildings and outbuildings, barn, hen house, piggery, slaughter-house, kept clean and tidy and in excellent condition, and 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.

Eleventh. And they ask for the following appropriations:

For enlarging rear center building, so as to increase the size of kitchen, make room for a new bakery, supply both with machinery, provide more rooms and furniture for domestics, twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

We would refer the committee on appropriations to tenth and eleventh pages of biennial report of Hospital of Insane at Independence, Iowa, and recommend a careful consideration of same, believing it to be a candid and necessary request for the above appropriation to the extent of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

Twelfth. For finishing and pointing of outside walls, one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

We do not recommend this appropriation at this session.

Thirteenth. For enlarging laundry building and more machinery for same, in addition to the amount appropriated by the Twentieth General Assembly, (\$3,000) three thousand dollars.

We believe this appropriation absolutely necessary, and recommend the same to the amount asked for, \$3,000.

Fourteenth. For one new boiler and setting the same, one thousand and four hundred dollars (\$1,400).

We do not recommend this appropriation. We believe the same not absolutely necessary at this time.

Fifteenth. For completing changes to low pressure steam-heating, three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

We fully examined into this steam-heating appropriation, and find the same necessary. We recommend the appropriation.

Sixteenth. For increasing capacity of chapel by adding gallery; also to fresco walls and ceiling, two thousand three hundred dollars (\$2,300).

We do not recommend this appropriation; do not regard this change absolutely necessary at this time.

Seventeenth. For renewing walls and ceilings in administration building, five hundred dollars (\$500).

We believe this appropriation necessary and for the benefit of the walls and ceilings. It is good economy to renew them at this time.

Eighteenth. For making basements and attics more thoroughly fire-proof, two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Your committee would respectfully refer you to page 18, report as heretofore indicated, as article on fire protection, and believe it to be necessary for the protection of the upper portion of main building, and would recommend the appropriation.

Nineteenth. For a green house one thousand dollars (\$1,000.)

We fully recommend this appropriation.

For more cisterns three thousand dollars.

We would recommend that \$1,000 be appropriated for the making of additional cisterns.

Twentieth. For two hundred acres more farm land, seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.)

Your committee would respectfully refer to page 14, last biennial report article on additional land, and would believe it to be an advisable and economical and safe investment, and recommend the same.

For additional farm fences, five hundred dollars (\$500.)

We do not recommend this appropriation; do not think same absolutely necessary.

For new fence to men's exercising grounds, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.)

This appropriation is needed and should be granted.

For services of a landscape architect, and means to ornament grounds, annually, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.)

We do not recommend this at this time.

Twenty-Second. For microscope and appliances for pathological work, five hundred dollars (\$500.)

This appropriation, we think, should be allowed. The appliances asked for are necessary.

For piano, cabinet organs and a job printing press, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.)

We recommend this and feel that same should be granted.

Twenty-Third. For repairs and contingent fund, annually, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.)

This is necessary to the best interests of the Institution, and we fully recommend same.

MYRON UNDERWOOD,

On the part of the Senate.

C. L. DOBSON,

H. J. STIGER,

On the part of the House.

EXHIBIT "A."

List of Officers and Employes. January 1, 1886.

Number.	NAME.	HOW EMPLOYED.	REMARKS.	Salary.	
1	Gershom H. Hill	Superintendent	Board with room	\$2,000.00	Per annum.
2	Henry G. Brainerd	Assistant physician	Board with room	1,200.00	Per annum
3	Edwin C. Bliss	Assistant physician	Board with room	600.00	Per annum.
4	E. Amelia Sherman	Physician for women	Board with room	600.00	Per annum.
5	John H. McDonald	Steward	Board with room	800.00	Per annum
6	Lucy M. Gray	Matron	Board with room	720.00	Per annum.
7	A. D. Guernsey	Engineer	Board with room	100.00	Per month.
8	W. S. Young	Fireman	Board with room	40.00	Per month.
9	Wm. Billing	Fireman	Board with room	26.00	Per month.
10	Geo. Beaman	Fireman	Board with room	24.00	Per month.
11	John Ball	Fireman	Board with room	24.00	Per month.
12	C. L. Thomas	Gardener	Board without room	40.00	Per month.
13	James Nieth	Gardener	Board with room	22.00	Per month.
14	W. J. Martin	Farmer	Board without room	33.33 1/3	Per month.
15	D. H. Fiester	Farmer	Board with room	27.00	Per month.
16	W. C. Rodney	Hackman	Board with room	26.00	Per month.
17	H. D. Porter	Barnman	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
18	B. Henderson	Teamster	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
19	A. Felsmann	Teamster	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
20	Louis Muxlow	Teamster	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
21	James Netcott	Carman	Board with room	33.33 1/3	Per month.
22	Albert Martin	Carman	Board with room	22.00	Per month.
23	Frank Barden	Carman	Board with room	19.00	Per month.
24	J. M. McDonald	Carman	Board with room	16.00	Per month.
25	Geo. Briedenbach	Baker	Board without room	50.00	Per month.
26	Henry Heilberg	Baker	Board with room	17.00	Per month.

Number.	NAME.	HOW EMPLOYED.	REMARKS.	Salary.	
27	Dan. O'Brien	Milkman	Board without room	\$ 26.00	Per month.
28	Joseph Roberts	Milkman	Board with room	22.00	Per month.
29	H. A. Cramer	Carpenter	Board with room	45.00	Per month.
30	Eub Camp	Carpenter	Board with room	30.00	Per month.
31	T. M. Hull	Butcher	Board with room	40.00	Per month.
32	T. Merrihew	Painter	Board with room	33.33 $\frac{1}{3}$	Per month.
33	A. P. Ward	Apothecary	Board with room	33.33 $\frac{1}{3}$	Per month.
34	W. J. Warr	Stenographer	Board with room	30.00	Per month.
35	Chas. Thomas	Watchman	Neither	37.00	Per month.
36	Chas. Munnings	Watchman	Board with room	27.00	Per month.
37	W. W. Fiester	Supervisor	Board with room	33.33 $\frac{1}{3}$	Per month.
38	W. H. Updyke	Attendant	Board with room	27.00	Per month.
39	John Mannion	Attendant	Board with room	25.00	Per month.
40	W. I. Parker	Attendant	Board with room	25.00	Per month.
41	Thos. Moore	Attendant	Board with room	25.00	Per month.
42	C. W. Rake	Attendant	Board with room	24.00	Per month.
43	W. Colloton	Attendant	Board with room	24.00	Per month.
44	Frank Ryder	Attendant	Board with room	24.00	Per month.
45	F. D. Williams	Attendant	Board with room	24.00	Per month.
46	P. F. Heflen	Attendant	Board with room	24.00	Per month.
47	M. Heflen	Attendant	Board with room	23.00	Per month.
48	F. I. Kimball	Attendant	Board with room	27.00	Per month.
49	D. Mundell	Attendant	Board with room	20.00	Per month.
50	Chas. Stannard	Attendant	Board with room	20.00	Per month.
51	D. Lawrence	Attendant	Board with room	19.00	Per month.
52	W. T. O'Brien	Attendant	Board with room	19.00	Per month.
53	J. H. Bratby	Attendant	Board with room	19.00	Per month.
54	Robert Little	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
55	Frank Warner	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
56	W. C. Melick	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
57	Thos. Pierce	Attendant	Board with room	25.00	Per month.

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58	Thomas Spiers	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
59	E. G. Lyon	Attendant	Board with room	24.00	Per month.
60	Ward Glann	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
61	M. Wackerbarth	Supervisor	Board with room	25.00	Per month.
62	Emma Wiggins	Assistant supervisor	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
63	Frank Price	Watch girl	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
64	Martha Boyack	Watch girl	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
65	Mrs. H. A. Crider	Attendant	Board with room	16.00	Per month.
66	Sarah Ellis	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
67	Mary Camp	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
68	Maggie O'Connor	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
69	Maggie Ross	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
70	Jennie Palmer	Attendant	Board with room	16.00	Per month.
71	Lucy Merrill	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
72	Clara Haas	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
73	Jennie Sperry	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
74	May Grannis	Attendant	Board with room	15.00	Per month.
75	Jane Foreman	Attendant	Board with room	17.00	Per month.
76	Sarah Boyack	Attendant	Board with room	18.00	Per month.
77	Agnes Lynch	Attendant	Board with room	16.00	Per month.
78	Alice Carroll	Attendant	Board with room	15.00	Per month.
79	Ella Stafford	Attendant	Board with room	16.00	Per month.
80	Lizzie Stewart	Attendant	Board with room	14.00	Per month.
81	Mary Finlay	Attendant	Board with room	12.00	Per month.
82	Anna Klagin	Attendant	Board with room	12.00	Per month.
83	Mary Plank	Attendant	Board with room	13.00	Per month.
84	Ella Cook	Attendant	Board with room	12.00	Per month.
85	Lena Frazier	Attendant	Board with room	12.00	Per month.
86	Jennie Good	Attendant	Board with room	12.00	Per month.
87	Cora Eastman	Attendant	Board with room	12.00	Per month.
88	Leona Warner	Attendant	Board with room	14.00	Per month.
89	Lucy Dodge	Attendant	Board with room	16.00	Per month.
90	Jennie Billing	Attendant	Board with room	14.00	Per month.
91	Dora Norton	Seamstress	Board with room	19.00	Per month.
92	M. McElrath	Seamstress	Board with room	16.00	Per month.
93	Leta Beaman	Seamstress	Board with room	10.00	Per month.
94	Stella Blodd	Office girl	Board with room	12.00	Per month.
95	Tina Wigg	Chambermaid	Board with room	10.00	Per month.
96	Teresa Lundy	Waitress	Board with room	11.00	Per month.

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EXHIBIT "A"—CONTINUED.

Number.	NAME.	HOW EMPLOYED.	REMARKS.	Salary.
97	Agnes Sampson	Waitress	Board with room	\$ 10.00 Per month.
98	Teresa Morrissey	Waitress	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
99	Carrie Curtis	Book-keeper	Board with room	35.00 Per month.
100	Jennie Thomas	Head laundress	Board with room	18.00 Per month.
101	Celia Cook	Laundress	Board with room	12.00 Per month.
102	Tillie Meister	Laundress	Board with room	11 00 Per month.
103	Alice McCue	Laundress	Board with room	11.00 Per month.
105	Delia Houlsworth	Laundress	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
106	O. McCausland	Laundress	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
107	Anna Updyke	Laundress	Board with room	11.00 Per month.
108	Mary Wengert	Head ironer	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
109	Mary O'Toole	Ironer	Board with room	11 00 Per month.
110	Maria Lundy	Ironer	Board with room	11.00 Per month.
111	Hattie McDonald	Ironer	Board with room	10 00 Per month.
112	Laura Rakow	Ironer	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
113	Mary Lordon	Ironer	Board with room	9.00 Per month.
114	Minnie McDonald	Cook	Board with room	18 00 Per month.
115	Lena Rommel	Cook	Board with room	16.00 Per month.
116	Ella O'Brien	Order cook	Board with room	12.00 Per month.
117	Anna Hintz	Kitchen	Board with room	11.00 Per month.
118	Tillie Felsmann	Kitchen	Board with room	13 00 Per month.
119	Katie Morrissey	Kitchen	Board with room	10 00 Per month.
120	Emma Brock	Kitchen	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
121	Amelia Fredericks	Kitchen	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
122	Mary Burke	Kitchen	Board with room	10.00 Per month.
123	Bertha Rakow	Kitchen	Board with room	11.00 Per month.
124	Carrie Wilkinson	Kitchen	Board with room	11.00 Per month.
125	Christina Brock	Kitchen	Board with room	11 00 Per month.
126	Alma Yount	Kitchen	Board with room	10.00 Per month.

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127	A. B. Swan	Cook, cottage	Board with room	27.00 Per month.
128	M. B. Griffith	Attendant, cottage	Board with room	25.00 Per month.
129	H. Ballentine	Attendant, cottage	Board with room	25.00 Per month.
130	G. A. Turrell	Attendant, cottage	Board with room	19.00 Per month.
131	D. Merrihew	Watchman	Board with room	27.00 Per month.
132	L. M. Stevens	Gasmaker	Neither	2.00 Per day.
133	A. Monshaw	Carpenter	Neither	2.50 Per day.

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