

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
Additional Hospital for the Insane

LOCATED AT
CLARINDA.

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REPORT.

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

Your committee, appointed to visit the Southwestern Hospital for the Insane, located at Clarinda, have discharged the duty assigned and submit the following report:

We met as a committee at Clarinda on the 20th day of January, 1888, and in company with architect Wm. Foster and Geo. B. Van Saun, of the building commission, proceeded to make a thorough examination of the buildings and property. We also very thoroughly examined the books and vouchers, together with copies of specifications for bids, material and for work, bids, contracts, vouchers, etc., and found all kept in a most systematic manner and every interest of the State apparently well guarded.

THE LOCATION AND WORK DONE.

The location of the Hospital is on a tract of 513 acres of land owned by the State, near Clarinda. The building site is not far from a river on one side and near to a creek on the other side, which, with springs, insures a water supply and most perfect drainage. The plan of building required by law is distinctively known as the "Cottage plan," which consists of a central, administration and wing buildings three stories high. The wings are wards for patients. The future of the plan is to build cottages in the rear of the extreme ends of the wings as the necessities of the State require, the whole to be connected by a system of corridors. The plan also contemplates kitchen, laundry, boiler house, etc., at the rear of the center, but none of which have been commenced.

The work now nearly completed consists of the administration building, the steward's department, and one wing of the main building designed for male patients, all of which seem to be constructed in the most substantial manner, and without unnecessary ornamentation. The building for patients is fire-proof and is provided with

iron stairways and doors, thus reducing to a minimum the chances of loss of property and life by fire. Light, heat, ventilation, and in fact every sanitary requirement, has been carefully observed, and in our judgment is thoroughly complete.

THE EXPENDITURE.

The appropriation made by the last General Assembly has, in our opinion, been wisely and economically expended. An examination of bids, prices and contracts convinces us that the greatest care has been taken in securing the lowest competitive prices on material and work, and that much money has been saved to the State in this manner. No indebtedness has been made in excess of the appropriation, neither has any of it been diverted from the purpose for which it was appropriated.

The amount appropriated by the Twenty-first General Assembly for this work for the biennial period was the sum of \$103,000, of which a detailed report will be found in the report of the Commissioners. The following is the summary:

Balance appropriation 1884, unexpended, as follows:

Due on roofing contract.....	\$ 925.00
Due on brick contract	2,738.37
Balance on hand.....	1,580.78
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	\$ 5,244.15
Appropriation of 1886	103,000.00
Received from rentals of land.....	1,282.87
Lumber sold (scaffolding)	180.80
Lime, stucco and bags sold.....	30.30
Steam fittings and pipe sold.....	154.37
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Total	\$109,892.57

Paid out since last report:

Commissioners and expenses.....	\$ 2,880.05
Superintendent and salaries.....	3,883.40
Architect's fees	3,622.62
Movable property (tools).....	159.51
Labor (pay rolls).....	32,579.58
Sand and gravel	1,450.24
Lumber, including doors, sash, transoms, hand-finishing lumber	9,547.32
Iron, iron stairs, window guards.....	6,073.26
Cement, lime and stucco	3,352.26
Cut stone.....	101.65
Hardware, glass, paints and oils.....	2,960.99
Brick, terra cotta and tile	5,562.71
Iron roof frame work, galvanized iron cornice and slate roofing.....	26,266.56
Electric wire in building, as per contract.....	1,265.65
Steam fittings and plumbing stock, bath tubs, etc.....	10,020.49
General expenses—express, diagrams, telegrams, livery, cartage, boarding horse, advertising, letter heads, and Superintendent's traveling expenses.....	646.24
Balance cash on hand.....	20.04
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Total	\$109,892.57

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

Land purchased.....	\$ 29,425.00
Movable property—wind-mill, tank and pipe, tools, safe, horse and wagon, derricks, etc.	3,113.42
Buildings and material therein.....	219,449.96
Brick, sand, lumber, stone and other material not needed for completion of present buildings.....	2,640.00
Cash on hand.....	20.04
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Total	\$ 254,648.42

PRESENT NECESSITIES.

In view of the pressing need for more room for the insane of Iowa, your committee is of the decided opinion that a Board of Trustees should be elected at as early a date as is practicable, and an appropriation made to at once make this property available for the reception of inmates. Cows, teams, utensils, etc., with a farmer in charge, should be put on the farm at an early date that food may be raised for the coming year. A kitchen and laundry building is a necessity, and in this may be placed temporarily the steam boilers for heat.

Water supply, electric light plant, sewerage, a corridor to connect the kitchen with the main buildings, laundry machinery, completion and furnishing the present buildings are all necessities that should be at once met with a sufficient appropriation.

To carry out the foregoing, we herewith present the following estimates of cost, submitted by the architect. (See commissioner's report.)

To complete present buildings	\$ 12,770.00
Kitchen department complete.....	38,500.00
Corridors to connect with administration building.....	6,900.00
Boiler and laundry machinery.....	4,000.00
Plant for incandescent electric light	7,000.00
Sewerage.....	8,000.00
Pumping works for water supply	6,000.00
Total.....	\$ 81,170.00

To this must be added the cost of furnishing the building, and also the outfit of teams, cows, etc., for the farm, of all of which we have no estimates. This appropriation should all be made available this year, and thus room will be made for some three hundred insane wards of the State.

ADDITIONAL BUILDING.

In carrying out the plans adopted, the next building to be built for the insane will be the left wing of the main building, which is designed for females. This projected wing is to consist of six wards, with water closet annexed and corridor to connect with administration building. For the purpose of erecting these buildings, the commissioners ask an appropriation of \$128,590.00. As such room will be needed in the near future it may be deemed wise to at once grant such an appropriation for the biennial period.

SOME ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS.

In conclusion, we deem it but justice to the Board of Commissioners to say that in carrying forward their duties they have honestly and economically guarded their trust, and in the change by placing the Hospital under the charge of five trustees, they should be of that number. Their experience and knowledge of the work and plans, in our opinion, eminently fit them to continue the work, and it seems to us the part of wisdom that such action should be taken. It

may be that this latter suggestion is not technically within the province of this committee, yet we feel that it is right, and to the best interest of the State.

F. D. BAYLESS,

On the part of the Senate.

SAMUEL W. JONES,

AUGUSTUS ANDERSON,

On the part of the House.