

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS
LOCATED AT
ELDORA.

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REPORT.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Iowa:

Your committee appointed to visit the Industrial School for boys at Eldora, Iowa, met as a committee at Eldora, on January 19, 1888, and we respectfully submit the following report:

We found the institution in good hands, and we desire to especially commend the ability and efficiency with which the Superintendent and his good wife are conducting the institution. His assistants and co-laborers seem to be chosen with reference to especial fitness and qualification for their work, and everybody works in perfect harmony. The discipline is excellent, and the Superintendent and his assistant have the good will and love of the inmates as far as we could judge from our limited stay and personal interviews with inmates.

We found the appropriation made by the Twenty first General Assembly economically and judiciously expended, in our judgment, and they have in all cases been expended for the purposes for which they were appropriated, and no appropriation has been exceeded in any case, and no appropriation has been expended for any purpose other than that for which it was made.

There were small balances in one or two of the funds, and the others were expended entirely, but no indebtedness has been incurred, and chapter 67 of the acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly has been strictly complied with.

The following is the list of employes and their salaries:

LIST OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES WITH SALARY.

NAME.	OCCUPATION.	Salary per annum.
B. J. Miles and wife	Superintendent and Matron.....	\$ 1,500.00
D. M. Crouse and wife.....	Asst. Supt. and Asst. Matron.....	960.00
Wm. E. Whitney and wife...	Manager and teacher.....	720.00
C. H. Wartman and wife.....	Manager and teacher.....	720.00
G. I. Stahl and wife.....	Manager and teacher.....	720.00
L. R. Kain and wife.....	Manager and teacher.....	720.00
E. J. North and wife.....	Manager and teacher.....	720.00
W. S. T. Doane.....	Carpenter.....	600.00
T. E. Evans and wife.....	Relief office and bake shop.....	600.00
J. S. Shaffer.....	Live stock.....	480.00
Wm. H. Shaffer.....	Farmer.....	360.00
Martin Johnson.....	Shoemaker.....	420.00
Wm. Crawford.....	Gardener.....	480.00
M. T. Jones.....	Engineer.....	360.00
H. B. Kanouse.....	Night watch.....	300.00
Miss S. J. Wright.....	Laundress.....	240.00
Miss E. Roudebach.....	Tailoress.....	240.00
Miss Lou Doty.....	Officers' kitchen.....	216.00
Miss Cora Edington.....	Dining hall.....	180.00
Miss Dinnie Spillman.....	Dining hall.....	180.00
Mrs. Johnson.....	Dining hall.....	180.00
Miss Ella Welch.....	Officers' dining hall.....	180.00
Miss Kate Leary.....	Boys' kitchen.....	180.00
Mrs. W. A. Cook.....	Sewing room.....	180.00

They each receive in addition to their salary, board, rooms, light and fuel at the expense of the State.

There are no fire escapes upon the buildings, and there should not be, in the opinion of the committee, any put up, as it would afford means of escape for the boys that would cause trouble and expense. The management have provided as well as possible against any danger from fire by providing ladders at the end of the building away from the stairways, which the night watch have instruction to place in position if a fire should occur at the end where the stairway is located. We would recommend the erection of a water tower as a necessity in order that the building and property of the State may be protected. It is now absolutely at the mercy of the flames if a fire should occur. They have no means of saving the property, although the children's safety has been as fully as possible provided against.

The sanitary condition of the institution also demands the erection of a water tower, while it is as good at present as it can be under the circumstances, yet a water tower and its use in the building would

very materially improve the sanitary condition of the building. We found but one sick and one crippled boy in the hospital.

There is a new family building necessary, as the present family buildings are now crowded beyond their capacity. There are no additions to the old ones needed except the necessary annual repairs.

In view of the above suggestions we would recommend that the institution be granted the following amounts for the purposes herein set out:

To finish and furnish a family building.....	\$10,000
For water tower and water mains and closets.....	7,000
In consideration of the fact that they have no sufficient room for chapel service and additional room is needed we recommend the appropriation asked.....	8,000
For contingent and repair fund.....	4,000
For garden house and cellar.....	1,200
For green house.....	700
For new tubs and repairs of boilers.....	500
For chaplain fund.....	500
For library.....	500
For new steam pump.....	350
For electric light for building and grounds.....	5,000
For printing press and material.....	3,000

We recommend and urge the appropriation asked for the printing press and material as above set out, so that the boys may have a chance to learn a trade. We deem it of the highest importance that this be done.

In our investigation we found boys who were advanced in their studies beyond that provided in the institution, and we recommend that when boys are found qualified, that the State University and State Normal Schools be open for their admittance upon examination.

After careful examination we deem the above sums necessary for the needs of the institution for the next biennial period.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. WEIDMAN,

On part of the Senate.

JOHN E. CRAIG,

JOHN HOMRIGHAUS,

On part of the House.