

REPORT

OF THE

Custodian of Public Buildings and Property

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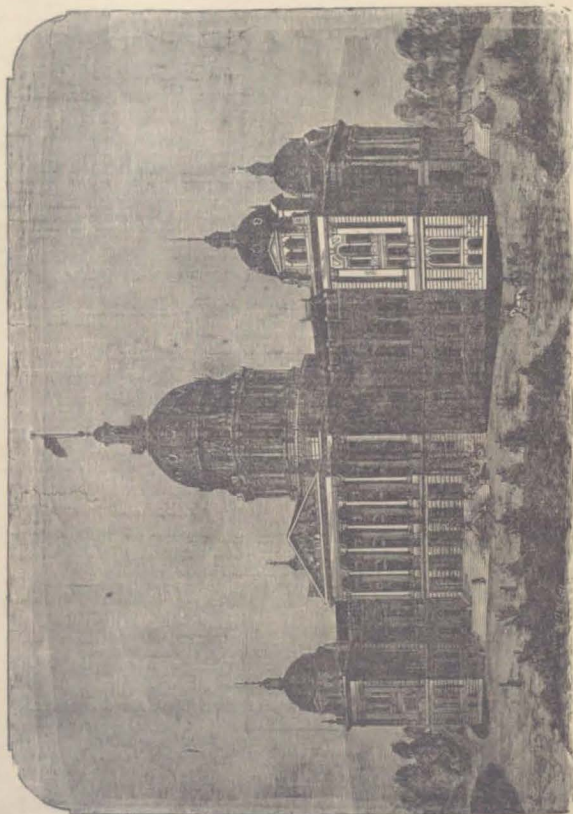
GOVERNOR OF IOWA,

FOR THE YEARS 1888 AND 1889.

JANUARY 1, 1890.

ED WRIGHT, CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY.

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OFFICE OF THE
CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY,
DES MOINES, IOWA, JANUARY 3, 1890.

To his Excellency, WILLIAM LARRABEE, Governor of Iowa:

Sir: Section 7, of chapter 148, laws of 1886, creating the office of custodian of public buildings and property, requires that officer to "make a report to the governor on the last days of March, June and September, and an annual report on the last day of December" of each year; "and the report for the two years preceding the meeting of the general assembly shall be consolidated for the use of the general assembly."

The quarterly and annual reports have been made as required, and I have the honor to herewith submit the consolidated report for the two years ending December 31, 1889.

The total expenditures for the two years, for all purposes made pursuant to the provisions of said chapter 148, have been \$42,942.36. The value of articles used by the custodian and drawn from the supply department has been \$91.14. Total expenditures for the two years, \$43,033.50.

Your attention is most respectfully called to exhibits "A," "B," "C" and "D," herewith submitted.

CAPITOL GROUNDS.

The Twentieth General Assembly, on the 27th day of March, 1884, adopted the following resolution, and furnished the board of capitol commissioners a copy thereof:

Resolved, By the senate, the house concurring, that the capitol commissioners are hereby directed to report to the general assembly, at the earliest day practicable, an estimate of the expense of grading and placing in proper

order the grounds surrounding the capitol, and providing therefor appropriate walks, conveniences and ornamentalations, and they are hereby authorized to call to their aid such competent person or persons as they may deem necessary in order to furnish estimates.

I find by examining the report of the capital commissioners made to the governor February 3, 1886, that in pursuance of the above resolution the board, on the 6th day of May, 1884, appointed a committee to carry out the spirit of the said resolution, and delegated to such committee the power to call to their aid such competent person or persons as might be deemed necessary to enable the committee to furnish reliable plans and estimates. This committee, after careful consideration, employed Mr. J. Weidenmann, a landscape architect, of New York (now of Chicago), and made a contract with him to furnish plans and information necessary to make the estimate required by the resolution of the general assembly.

I find by examination of the report of the commissioners heretofore referred to, that on January 22, 1886, the committee on grounds reported that the plans for improving and decorating the grounds as per contract with Mr. Weidenmann had been furnished, and from which the committee had made an estimate amounting in all to \$130,786.11. Mr. Weidenmann's proposition was:

1. To prepare and furnish necessary studies.
2. To prepare and furnish a general improvement map.
3. To prepare and furnish a drainage map.
4. To prepare and furnish a road and walk map, giving radius and measurement of corners for curb-stones and walk edgings.
5. To prepare and furnish a plan for grades, and profile for roads and walks.
6. A topographical map showing the proposed undulations and grades of lawns, grounds, excavations and fillings.
7. A complete planting map, with full list of plants required.
8. Such details of construction as can be furnished under present circumstances.

The following is the estimate of the committee:

ESTIMATE FOR GRADING AND IMPROVING CAPITOL GROUNDS, DES MOINES, IOWA.

90,085 cubic yards at 30 cents.....	\$ 27,025.50
12,300 soil and fertilizing material, at 40 cents.....	4,920.00
521 cubic yards retaining walls, at \$10.	5,210.00
1,050 cubic yards concrete, at \$6.....	6,300.00
150 lineal feet curbing, at \$2.....	300.00
Iron curbing for driveway.....	1,600.00
The drains.....	4,572.50
Surface water basins.....	1,050.00
Inspection holes.....	700.00
Agricultural drains.....	1,089.00
22 catch-basins.....	770.00
1,182 lawn surface drains at 50 cents.....	591.00
128 sewer connections, at \$20.....	2,560.00
1 man-hole.....	35.00
1,580 square yards cedar block paving, at \$1.50.....	2,054.00
7,760 square yards cement pavement, at \$1.62.....	12,571.20
4,518 lineal feet steps, at \$3.....	13,554.00
Architectural work.....	2,500.00
Architectural flower beds and seats (west approach) ...	2,500.00
Architectural buttress, etc.....	2,500.00
2,400 feet granite coping, at \$3.50.....	8,400.00
786 feet granite coping circle, at \$6.....	4,716.00
240 feet circular stone steps.....	4,800.00
Granite fountain.....	5,900.00
Granite fountain freight, \$2,100; foundations, \$800.....	2,900.00
Gas mains, pipes and posts.....	3,045.00
Plans.....	1,500.00
Superintendence and contingencies (5 per cent.).....	6,227.91
Total.....	\$130,786.11

The foregoing estimate was very carefully considered by the committee, and is believed to be reliable.

The drawings and papers referred to in the report of the committee are on file in the office of the custodian of public buildings and property.

I deem it unnecessary to offer any arguments why an appropriation should not be made by the Twenty-third General Assembly for the improvement of the capitol grounds, as an examination of the grounds will furnish all the argument required.

COMPLETING THE CAPITOL.

The appropriation of \$17,000 made by the Twenty-second General Assembly for the putting in place of the south and west steps, and finishing the outside of the building, has all been expended except

\$203.43, which should be used next summer in painting the window sills and finishing the outside doors. This completes the outside of the building, but there should be an appropriation made to finish the inside.

All the corridors, all the committee rooms, all the offices on the basement floor, and the five unfinished rooms on the office story, should be painted or frescoed at the earliest possible day. An appropriation of \$25,000 should be made for that purpose, and for completing the engineer's house. An appropriation of \$150,000, one third to be used during each of the years 1890, 1891 and 1892, will be sufficient to complete the building, the engineer's house, and improve the grounds as proposed by the plans of Mr. Weidenmann, and reported by the capitol commissioners.

THE MILITARY HEADQUARTERS.

The office of adjutant-general and quartermaster-general should be removed to the capitol. The close relationship existing between the executive department and this office makes it very desirable that they should both be in the same building. I would, therefore, suggest that the question of such removal be given careful consideration, and if suitable rooms can be provided, the removal be ordered.

In conclusion, I desire to tender my sincere thanks to all the departments for the uniform assistance and continued courtesy extended to me during the time I have had charge of the capitol, and to testify to the ability and uniform fidelity of those I have had under my charge in the employment of the state as assistants, and to thank them for the faithful manner in which they have discharged the several duties assigned them.

Most respectfully submitted.

ED WRIGHT,

Custodian of Public Buildings and Property.

EXHIBIT "A."

Classified Statement of Expenditures made by the Custodian of Public Buildings and Property, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 148, Laws 1886, from January 1 to December 31, 1888.

Engineer and mechanic.....	\$ 1,152.00	
Police escort and watchman	2,870.60	
Mail carrier and express messenger	1,098.00	
New work, including furniture	809.82	
Repairs of all classes, including carpenter	1,139.32	
Warming and pumping—		
Labor	\$ 2,827.25	
Fuel.....	1,712.73	4,539.98
Lighting—		
Gas, including arsenal.....	\$ 2,968.86	
Electric expenses.....	33.50	3,002.36
Cleaning—		
Labor	\$ 7,988.00	
Tools, soap, etc.....	244.40	8,232.40
Elevator expenses, tender	866.25	
Water, including arsenal	458.10	
Ice	203.00	
Telephone expenses.....	501.00	
Ink messenger for General Assembly.....	188.00	
Washing towels for General Assembly.....	52.50	
Taking down derricks	11.25	
Office expenses, blanks, etc	25.25	
Miscellaneous	21.81	
Total drawn from the treasury	\$24,821.54	
Amount drawn from the supply department	30.29	
Total expenditures.....	\$24,851.83	

EXHIBIT "B."

Classified Statement of Expenditures made by the Custodian of Public Buildings and Property, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 148, Laws 1886, from January 1 to December 31, 1889.

Engineer and mechanic.....	\$ 1,050.00	
Police escort and watchman	2,897.50	
Mail carrier and express messenger	912.00	
New work, including furniture.....	451.73	
Repairs of all classes, including carpenter.....	1,209.45	
Warming and pumping—		
Labor.....	\$ 2,049.25	
Fuel.....	1,606.42	
		3,655.67
Lighting—Gas, including arsenal		940.29
Cleaning—		
Labor.....	\$ 4,494.52	
Tools, soap, etc.....	155.73	
		4,650.25
Elevator expenses, tender.....	547.75	
Water, including arsenal	373.22	
Ice.....	234.42	
Telephone service, including arsenal	510.00	
Washing towels	4.80	
Envelopes for office.....	11.00	
Toilet paper	131.45	
Vise for shop.....	5.00	
Shades, second and third stories	436.59	
Miscellaneous	99.70	
Total drawn from the treasury.....	\$18,120.82	
Amount drawn from the supply department.....		60.85
Total expenditures	\$18,181.67	

EXHIBIT "C."

Classified Statement of Expenditures made by the Custodian of Public Buildings and Property, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 148, Laws 1886, from January 1, 1888, to December 31, 1889—two years.

Engineer and mechanic.....	\$ 2,202.00	
Police escort and watchman	5,708.00	
Mail carrier and express messenger	2,010.00	
New work, including furniture.....	821.55	
Repairs of all classes, including carpenter.....	2,348.77	
Warming and pumping—		
Labor.....	\$ 4,876.50	
Fuel.....	3,919.15	
		8,795.65
Lighting—		
Gas, including arsenal	\$ 3,909.15	
Electric expenses.....	33.50	
		3,942.65
Cleaning—		
Labor.....	\$12,482.52	
Tools, soap, etc.....	400.13	
		12,882.65
Elevator expenses, tenders.....	1,414.00	
Water, including arsenal.....	831.32	
Ice.....	437.42	
Telephone service.....	1,101.00	
Ink messenger Twenty-second General Assembly.....	188.00	
Washing towels Twenty-second General Assembly.....	57.30	
Office expenses, blanks, envelopes, etc.....	56.25	
Toilet paper.....	131.45	
Taking down derricks	11.25	
Vise for shop.....	5.00	
Shades for second and third, and 5 rooms 1st story	436.59	
Miscellaneous expenditures.....	121.51	
Total drawn from the treasury.....	\$42,042.36	
Amount drawn from the supply department		91.14
Total expenditures	\$42,033.50	

EXHIBIT "D."

Classified Statement of Sales of Property belonging to the State, made by the Custodian of Public Buildings and Property, from January 1, 1888, to December 31, 1889.

Waste paper and old iron.....	\$ 32.85
Old furniture.....	37.80
Refund, for overcharge by gas company.....	7.68
Old T rail.....	66.25
Stone and mortar.....	9.00
Old buildings.....	10.00
Machinery.....	211.50
Total sales and collections.....	\$375.58

1888.	
March 30, paid state treasurer.....	\$ 10.00
May 31, paid state treasurer.....	5.00
July 28, paid state treasurer.....	7.68
August 2, paid state treasurer.....	10.75
October 2, paid state treasurer.....	9.85
1889.	
January 7, paid state treasurer.....	5.00
March 5, paid state treasurer.....	11.50
March 30, paid state treasurer.....	2.00
August 6, paid state treasurer.....	17.25
October 2, paid state treasurer.....	22.90
December 26, paid state treasurer.....	263.65
December 31, paid state treasurer.....	10.00
Total amount paid state treasurer.....	\$375.58

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