

REPORT  
OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE  
TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE  
STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE  
HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

LOCATED AT  
CLARINDA.

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## REPORT.

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### *To the Twenty-third General Assembly:*

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

Your committee met at the Hospital on the 22d of February, 1890, and after the election of a chairman and a secretary, at once proceeded to a careful inspection of the wards of the Hospital, kitchen, dining-room, laundry, wash-rooms, sinks, water-closets, bath-rooms and out-buildings. We found the wards fire-proof, and all sanitary conditions of the most excellent character, including thorough ventilation, pure air, clean clothing, pure water, an abundance of wholesome food, and cheerful sunlight throughout the building.

Your committee also inspected carefully the books of account, contracts and vouchers for moneys expended, and believe that the appropriations made by the last General Assembly have been usefully and economically expended for the objects intended. Also, that no indebtedness has been contracted in excess of the appropriations. We find that there has been no diversion of any money from the specific purpose for which it was appropriated, except that three thousand (\$3,000) dollars of the support fund was used to finish and fit up certain basement rooms in which the inmates dine. This action we cannot criticise, as it met with the approval of the Governor, and was to the best interests of the State, it having increased the capacity of the Hospital from 240 up to 300 inmates, the latter number being now reported present.

This Hospital, which is the newest in the State, was opened for the reception of patients on the fifteenth of December, 1888, and your committee find that there has been some friction incident to placing its affairs in proper running order; yet this condition has been much improved and we trust will be wholly eliminated in the near future.

Dr. Lewellen, the superintendent, and his able corps of assistants, seem to be faithful and all doing their utmost to place this institution in the front rank of its kind.

Your committee found the newly completed wing and kitchen buildings constructed in a manner that reflects great credit on architects Foster & Liebbe, and upon all concerned. The materials, workmanship and adaptation seem to be all that could be desired. A reference to the first biennial report of the Board of Trustees will give all necessary information relative to the cost of construction, furnishing and other matters.

## ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS.

In making our recommendations for the construction of additional room for the constantly increasing number of insane in the State, we are reminded that our hospitals are continually overcrowded with this class, while several hundred remain in the various counties of the State inadequately provided for. We find here an administration building, supervisor's department, kitchen department, all completed and thoroughly equipped; also, laundry, water supply, electric light plant, farm and sewerage, all of which, with some additions, can be utilized in caring for several hundred more patients than can now be accommodated.

Therefore, your committee would recommend that to more fully utilize this plant and to secure additional accommodations for this class of unfortunates, an appropriation be made of a sufficient sum of money for the biennial period to build and furnish an additional wing for females, and such other improvements as are deemed indispensable. For a list of wants, see Trustees' report with architect's estimates of cost.

In conclusion, we feel impelled to say that in point of design, construction, and adaptation to the wants of the insane, this institution is a credit to the State, and we bespeak for it and its zealous management the kindly consideration of the Appropriations Committees and this honorable body.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. D. BAYLESS,  
*On the part of the Senate.*

I. L. WOODS,  
J. W. LUKE,  
*On the part of the House.*

## OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES.

*Names, compensation and kind of service of the employes in the Iowa Hospital for the Insane at Clarinda.*

NAME.	SERVICE.	Amount per month.	REMARKS.
P. W. Lewellen	Superintendent	\$ 106.06 1/2	Board self, wife, daughter.
K. L. Clock	Steward	83.33 1/2	Board self, wife and baby.
P. G. Bach	Assistant physician	75.00	
A. M. Cresswell	Matron	43.00	
Edna Cowgill	Book-keeper	35.00	
Belle Irwin	Stenographer	30.00	
Geo. Parsella	Supervisor	40.00	
D. E. Menhien	Night watch	28.00	
Wm. Craig	Baker	35.00	
Wm. Smith	Engineer	50.00	
F. Whitnah	Assistant engineer	35.00	
Frank Weldner	Day fireman	35.00	
Lewis Mann	Night fireman	25.00	
D. O. Griffith	Laborer	35.00	Boards himself.
Elmer Griffith	Laborer	30.00	
Grant Weldner	Laborer	30.00	
Nick Hines	Laborer	35.00	
Scott Weldner	Hostler	17.00	
James Elder	Store-keeper	18.00	
Joshua Rounds	Butcher	30.00	
John Perkins	Carman	22.00	
Andy Cook	Porter	20.00	
D. C. Chamberlain	Carpenter	50.00	Boards himself.
Mrs. Diskenson	Seamstress, chambermaid	20.00	
Nora Baker	Seamstress	14.00	
Florence Loy	Seamstress	12.00	
Kate Christopher	Seamstress	12.00	
Allee Loy	Dining girl	14.00	
Nellie Frye	Dining girl	12.00	
Anna Walker	Dining girl	12.00	
Bessie Mansfield	Ironer	15.00	
Clara Brown	Ironer	12.00	
Mary Cude	Cook	20.00	
Joseph Matthew	Cook	25.00	
Arthur Stewart	Assistant cook	10.00	
R. V. Brown	Laundryman	20.00	
Sarah Hiatt	Laundress	15.00	
T. Cavanaugh	Attendant	25.00	
Frank Moriarty	Attendant	25.00	
W. R. Glasgow	Attendant	22.00	
Ferg. Moriarty	Attendant	25.00	
L. R. Larkins	Attendant	25.00	
A. McFarland	Attendant	24.00	
G. Provost	Attendant	22.00	
W. R. Daneau	Attendant	24.00	
D. K. Hosack	Attendant	19.00	
T. U. McClean	Attendant	22.00	
P. S. Dyot	Attendant	20.00	
E. Jefferys	Attendant	22.00	
R. McClean	Attendant	22.00	
A. Weldner	Night nurse	25.00	
W. B. Hopkinson	Day nurse	27.00	
W. S. Jackson	Attendant	18.00	
J. Straub	Attendant	20.00	
F. M. Bube	Attendant	18.00	
E. A. Brown	Attendant	18.00	
V. Slack	Attendant	18.00	
N. V. Hatter	Attendant	18.00	
Nellie Bach	Dispensary Clerk	10.00	