



BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

Custodian of Public Buildings and Property,

TO THE

GOVERNOR OF IOWA,

FOR THE YEARS 1890 AND 1891.

JANUARY 1, 1892.

WM. L. CARPENTER, CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY.

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CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY, }
DES MOINES, IOWA, JANUARY 20, 1892.

To His Excellency, HORACE BOIES, Governor of Iowa:

SIR—I have the honor to submit the biennial report of the Custodian of Public Buildings and Property, showing the expenditures from January 1, 1890, to December 31, 1891, quarterly and annual reports having been submitted as required by law.

Exhibit "A" is a classified statement of expenses for 1890.

Exhibit "B" is a classified statement of expenses for 1891.

Exhibit "C" is a consolidated statement of expenses for 1890 and 1891.

Exhibit "D" is an itemized statement of expenses for 1890 and 1891.

Exhibit "E" is an itemized statement of expenditures made under the supervision of the Custodian, of the unexpended balance, \$203.43, of the appropriation, chapter 136 of the laws of 1888.

Exhibit "F" is an itemized statement of sales, and money turned over to the Treasurer of the State for the years 1890 and 1891.

An examination of these exhibits will show something of the amount of labor performed in the different departments under my supervision.

The cost of the cleaning department has been more than usual owing to the fact that every committee room, the House and Senate chambers, Library, Agricultural, and Horticultural rooms, Supreme Court rooms and Judges' apartments with all the offices have been thoroughly cleaned.

The walls and ceilings of the rooms and corridors have been washed, the carpets taken up and after being beaten and aired were mended and put in good repair. The carpets in several of the offices and in both the House and Senate are very much worn and should be replaced with new carpets before the meeting of the next General Assembly.

The Panel at the head of the grand stairway has been painted to protect the wall and fine stucco work. The agricultural rooms have been frescoed in a very plain manner at a moderate expense to the State, this expenditure was authorized by the Executive Council. The Horticultural rooms have been frescoed after an appropriate design. The expense of completing these rooms was \$212.52 this amount has been paid to me by G. B. Brackett, secretary of the Horticultural Society, and turned over to the treasurer of the State as shown by exhibit "F."

Among the expenditures authorized by the Executive Council was the fencing of the Governor's square and the boiler house lots, repairing the slate roof of the Capitol building, the purchase and putting in place of the washout tank closets and basin cocks, the purchase of two book cases and a clock for the Board of Health, carpet and revolving office chairs for the Labor Commissioner, and cherry table for room 26.

The Custodian's report for the biennial period ending January 1, 1890, shows an unexpended balance of the \$17,000 appropriation made by the Twenty-second General Assembly, of \$203.43 this amount has been expended under the supervision of the Custodian as shown by exhibit "E."

In addition to the ordinary routine of repairs the Carpenters have placed shelving and pigeon holes in the vault, and fitted up the office occupied by the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, made three Office desks, Scale case, and cabinet for the office of the mine inspectors, and during the summer of 1890, placed iron braces on all the large upper sashes to strengthen the meeting rail.

The corridors, committee rooms, offices on the basement floor, and the Custodian's office have remained in an unfinished condition for several years, an effort should be made to complete the building within the next two years, and for that purpose I would recommend an appropriation of \$20,000.

The old Capitol building remains unoccupied and in a dilapidated and dangerous condition. I would suggest that the Executive Council be authorized to dispose of the building and secure its removal.

In conclusion I tender my thanks to those interested with me in the care of the property of the State, and for the courtesies extended by the various departments.

WM. L. CARPENTER,
Custodian of Public Buildings and Property.

EXHIBIT "A."

Classified Statement of Expenditures made by the Custodian of Public Buildings and Property in Accordance with Laws 1886, Chapter 148, from January 1 to December 31, 1890.

Police and escort.....	\$ 1,005.50
Engineer and mechanic.....	1,147.50
Night watch and inspection of pipe system.....	1,825.00
Elevator tenders.....	899.50
Carpenters, including new work.....	1,134.75
Lighting—	
Gas, including arsenal.....	\$ 2,373.00
Electric and other expenses.....	56.22
	\$ 2,429.22
Heating and pumping—	
Labor.....	\$ 2,236.63
Fuel.....	1,965.95
	\$ 4,202.58
Cleaning—	
Labor.....	\$ 8,822.84
Soaps and tools.....	285.95
	9,108.79
Ice.....	287.70
Telephone service, including arsenal.....	510.00
Water, including arsenal.....	714.32
Washing and making towels.....	51.90
General repairs.....	\$ 627.70
Furniture repairs.....	77.14
Painting repairs.....	288.03
	992.87
New work extra repairing and supplies—	
New furniture.....	\$ 259.00
Curtains.....	12.60
Fencing Governor's square and boiler house lot..	290.00
Fitting room for office of Labor Commissioner...	198.21
Frescoing panel grand stairway.....	52.50
Frescoing Agricultural rooms.....	75.09
	887.40
Ink messenger for Twenty-third General Assembly...	184.00
Badges for pages, House and Senate.....	6.90
Miscellaneous.....	33.90
Total expenditures for the year 1890.....	\$ 25,421.83
Amount drawn from supply department.....	\$ 36.20
Expended during first quarter, 1890.....	9,988.33
Expended during second quarter, 1890.....	5,842.44
Expended during third quarter, 1890.....	4,700.96
Expended during fourth quarter, 1890.....	4,890.10
Total expenditures for the year 1890.....	\$ 25,421.83

EXHIBIT "B."

Classified Statement of Expenditures made by the Custodian of Public Buildings and Property in Accordance Laws 1886, Chapter 148, from January 1, to December 31, 1891.

Police and escort.....	\$ 900.00	
Engineer and mechanic.....	1,095.00	
Night watch and inspection pipe system	1,802.50	
Elevator tenders.....	547.75	
Carpenters, including new work.....	1,142.45	
Lighting—		
Gas, including arsenal.....	\$ 735.77	
Electric and other expenses.....	103.27	
	<u>839.04</u>	
Heating and pumping—		
Labor.....	\$ 1,764.00	
Fuel.....	1,851.25	
	<u>3,615.25</u>	
Cleaning—		
Labor.....	\$ 5,829.75	
Soaps and tools.....	190.25	
	<u>6,020.00</u>	
Ice.....	233.50	
Telephone service, including arsenal.....	458.89	
Water, including arsenal	505.88	
Washing towels	28.45	
General repairs—		
Painting, labor.....	\$ 601.25	
Oiling wood work and furniture.....	264.25	
Material	280.46	
	<u>\$ 1,145.96</u>	
Furniture repairs.....	71.18	
New work extra repairing and supplies—		
340 feet giant chain and fixtures for ventilation ..\$	59.30	
Side walk Governor's square.....	93.48	
Sewer for boiler house.....	33.27	
12 basin cocks, complete, putting in place.....	84.36	
13 tank wash out closets.....	400.00	
Repairing slate roof.....	384.14	
Frescoing Agricultural rooms.....	84.50	
Frescoing Horticultural rooms.....	212.52	
Material for new furniture	64.12	
New furniture.....	389.50	
Printing 1 record expenditures and 1,000 blanks..	21.50	
	<u>1,826.69</u>	
Total expenditures for 1891.....	\$ 20,232.54	
Amount drawn from the supply department, 1891....\$	19.96	

Expended during the 1st quarter, 1891	\$ 6,142.21
Expended during the 2d quarter, 1891.....	4,432.21
Expended during the 3d quarter, 1891.....	4,231.67
Expended during the 4th quarter, 1891.....	5,426.45

Total expended by quarters, 1891..... \$ 20,232.54

EXHIBIT "C."

Classified Statement of Expenditures made by the Custodian of Public Buildings and Property in accordance with Laws 1886, Chapter 148, from January 1, 1890, to December 31, 1891.

Police and escort.....	\$ 1,905.50	
Engineer and mechanic.....	2,242.50	
Night watch and inspection of pipe system.....	3,627.50	
Elevator tenders.....	1,447.25	
Carpenters, including new work.....	2,277.20	
Lighting—		
Including arsenal, gas.....	\$ 3,108.77	
Electric and other expenses.....	90.74	
	<u>3,199.51</u>	
Heating and pumping—		
Labor	\$ 4,000.63	
Fuel	3,817.20	
	<u>7,817.83</u>	
Cleaning—		
Labor.....	\$ 14,652.59	
Soap and tools	486.62	
	<u>15,139.21</u>	
Ice.....	521.20	
Telephone service, including arsenal.....	968.89	
*Water—		
Including arsenal	1,220.20	
Washing and making towels.....	80.35	
General repairs—		
Painting, labor.....	\$ 814.25	
Oiling wood work and furniture.....	264.25	
Labor, repairing tile floor.....	31.25	
Material	972.77	
	<u>2,082.52</u>	
Furniture repairs.....	146.42	
New work, extra repairing and supplies—		
Furniture	\$ 859.31	
Material for new furniture.....	64.12	
Frescoing agricultural rooms.....	159.59	
Frescoing Horticultural rooms.....	212.52	

*Amount refunded for water furnished on improvements, \$127.03.

Frescoing panel grand stairway.....	\$ 52.50	
Plumbing, tank, closets and basin cocks.....	484.36	
50 flash burners and 6 portable gas lamps.....	73.30	
Fencing and side walk Governor's square.....	383.48	
Repairing boiler house sewer.....	33.27	
340 feet copper chain and fixtures.....	59.30	
Repairing slate roof.....	384.14	
Printing record, expenditures and blanks.....	21.50	
		\$ 2,787.39
Ink messenger 23d General Assembly.....	184.00	
Badges for pages 23d General Assembly.....	6.90	
Total amount expended during two years....		\$ 45,654.37

EXHIBIT "D."

Itemized Statement of Expenditures made by the Custodian of Public Buildings and Property, as required by Chapter 148, Laws 1886, from January 1, 1890, to December 31, 1891.

Labor—

Police and escort, 18 months, \$.75.00.....	\$ 1,350.00	\$
Police and special service, 105 days, \$.30.....	315.00	
State Fair police during 30 days, \$2.50.....	75.00	
State Fair police, 54 days, \$2.00.....	108.00	
State Fair police, 50 days, 1.75.....	52.50	
State Fair police, 5 days, 1.00.....	5.00	
		1,905.50
Engineer, 105 days, \$.35.....	367.50	
Engineer, 625 days, 3.00.....	1,875.00	
		2,242.50
Night watch, 1,451 days, \$2.50.....	3,627.50	
Elevator tenders, 827 days, \$1.75.....	1,447.25	
Carpenters, including new work, 665 days, \$2.50.....	1,662.50	
Carpenters, including new work, 351½ days, 1.75.....	614.70	
		2,277.20
Janitors and cleaning, 391 days, \$2.50.....	977.50	
Janitors and cleaning, 1,720 days, 2.00.....	3,440.00	
Janitors and cleaning, 5,837 days, 1.75.....	10,214.74	
Plowing snow, January, February and March, 1890.....	20.35	
		14,652.59
Firemen, 2,285½ days, \$1.75.....	3,999.63	
Hauling kindling wood.....	1.00	
		4,000.63
Fencing Governor's square, boiler house lot and taking care of old State Capitol, 71½ days, \$1.75.....	125.11	
Teamster, 4½ days, \$2.50.....	10.62	
		135.73

Repairing tile floor, 1½ days, \$4.00.....	\$ 5.00	
Repairing tile floor, 15 days, 1.25.....	26.25	
		\$ 31.25
Painting, repairing, 298 days, \$2.50.....	745.00	
Painting, repairing, 7 days, 1.25.....	8.75	
Painting, repairing, 60½ days, 1.00.....	60.50	
		814.25
Frescoing Agricultural rooms, 38 days, \$2.50.....	95.00	
Frescoing Agricultural rooms, 34 days, 1.00.....	34.00	
		129.00
Frescoing panel, grand stairway, 15 days, \$2.50.....	37.50	
Frescoing panel, grand stairway, 15 days, 1.00.....	15.00	
		52.50
Frescoing Horticultural rooms, 45 days, \$2.50.....	112.50	
Frescoing Horticultural rooms, 45 days, 1.25.....	56.25	
		168.75
Oiling wood work and furniture, 127 days, \$1.25.....	158.75	
Oiling wood work and furniture, 105½ days, 1.00.....	105.50	
		264.25
Ink messenger, Twenty-third General Assembly, 92 days, \$2.00.....		184.00
Total paid out for labor, during 1890 and 1891.....		\$ 31,932.90

Gas—

Capitol, 2,046,000 feet at \$1.50.....	3,069.00	
3 street lamps, 2½ months at \$2.00.....	15.00	
Arsenal 7,900 feet at \$1.70.....	13.43	
Arsenal 4,900 feet at \$1.90.....	9.34	
1 gallon wood alcohol for gas pipes.....	2.00	
		3,108.77

Water—

Capitol, 797,877 feet at \$1.50.....	\$ 1,196.75	
Arsenal, 7,800 feet at \$3.00.....	23.45	
		1,220.20

Fuel—

123,365½ bushels slack at 3 cents.....	\$ 3,701.01	
958½ bushels pea coal at 6 cents.....	57.52	
557½ bushels nut coal at 9 cents.....	50.17	
2,000 pounds hard coal.....	8.50	
		3,817.20

Ice—

260,705 pounds at 20 cents per hundred.....		521.20
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Telephones—

Capitol, 7 instruments 18 months at \$5.50.....	\$ 693.00	
Capitol, 7 instruments 6 months at \$4.12½.....	173.88	
Capitol, 1 instrument 2½ months at \$4.12½.....	10.21	
Arsenal, 1 instrument 18 months at \$4.00.....	72.00	
Arsenal, 1 instrument 6 months at \$3.38.....	19.80	
		968.89

Washing—

1,573 towels at 60 cents per dozen.....	\$ 78.65	
Making 34 towels at 5 cents.....	1.70	
		80.35

Electric and lighting expenses—

28 boxes tapers.....	\$ 4.16
2 taper holders.....	1.67
27 lbs. sulphuric acid and 8 lbs. bichromate potash	3.19
198 Le Clanche zincs.....	10.55
60 porous cups.....	22.50
Cords, tape, zincs, carbons and drayage.....	8.54
Push buttons, bell, jars and sal ammonica.....	8.84
Lamp, wick and case of matches.....	3.04
1 box candles and tank for coal oil.....	8.55
170 gallons coal oil.....	19.70

\$ 90.74

Soap and tools for cleaning—

4 carpet stretchers, 1 straining fork.....	\$ 6.25
39 dozen papers carpet tacks.....	10.32
2 dozen clothes brooms and brushes.....	8.75
2 dozen floor brushes.....	42.22
3 dozen special brooms.....	13.50
7½ dozen scrub brushes.....	13.00
14 window cleaners and brushes.....	5.90
48 blankets for mops.....	74.25
1 dozen mop sticks.....	1.35
6 dozen boxes lye.....	6.90
8 kegs sal soda.....	19.79
3 kegs savogran.....	29.18
5 dozen H. & H. soap.....	10.00
2½ dozen toilet soap.....	2.43
7 boxes soap.....	36.35
451 gallons soft soap, including freight.....	54.20
3 dozen burnishers.....	4.50
7 carpet sweepers.....	21.75
4 lanterns and 1 coal oil can.....	3.00
13 feather dusters and 2 Bishop patent dusters....	15.57
19½ pound sponge.....	51.11
1 dozen floor cleaners.....	7.70
20 pounds whiting.....	.85
Olive oil, bromo and ammonia.....	1.59
226 yards sheeting and bunting.....	10.33
137 yards flannel.....	10.65
4 pounds carpet thread and needles.....	4.75
2 rolls tar paper, 3 barrels sawdust.....	3.37
8½ gallons raw oil.....	5.56
6½ pounds muriatic acid, 25 gallons gasoline.....	4.15
1 gallon alcohol, 12 pounds compressed camphor.	7.35

486.62

Furniture repairs—

2½ gross key rings, 3 number plates.....	\$ 3.01
5½ dozen cuspadores, 2 dozen thermometers.....	32.67
Wardrobe hooks, screws and screw eyes.....	2.60
Hauling desk rugs for Agricultural office.....	4.50

6 dozen picture hooks, 8 balls picture cord, 15 sets castors.....	\$ 15.00
14 screws for revolving chairs, 5 gallons crude oil	30.75
12 perforated seats, recaning and upholstering chairs.....	23.33
12 yards enameled and 2 pieces Windsor cloth....	7.46
Embossed leather, 3 dozen brass nails, 20 pounds pumice stone.....	2.95
20 pounds wood filler, 2 pounds yellow beeswax..	3.00
Repairing shades and clock in Land office.....	7.00
300 leather buttons, 6 drawer nobbs.....	12.90
16 feet molding, 1 pound shellac.....	1.25

\$ 146.92

6.90

Badges for pages Twenty-third General Assembly

General Repairs—

90 yards toweling, express on decorations.....	\$ 15.75
1 force pump, 1 flue scraper, 96½ pounds putty...	12.63
Fittings and labor putting in water meter.....	20.14
1 pound bees wax, 1 spade, sole leather for valves	3.83
8 butts, 5 locks, 2 flush bolts, 328 pounds iron....	15.90
17 gallons linseed oil, 22 gallons turpentine, 450 pounds white lead.....	58.30
150½ colors, 7 gallons hard oil, 65 brushes.....	59.49
Bronzing liquid and powder and gold leaf.....	29.93
300 pounds Blossburg coal, 5 barrels cement, 500 fire brick.....	35.15
1 barrel lime, 1 barrel fire clay, 7 loads of sand....	6.35
Rubber packing for pumps, valves, expansion joints, etc.....	160.15
Tiles for corridors, 100 feet rubber hose, 102 feet wire cloth.....	37.29
5 dozen pint cups, 24 yards chain, fittings and pipes	53.68
4 pipe dies, 4 pipe pliers, 16½ dozen keg blanks...	25.40
4,531 feet lumber, 400 lath, planing and hauling.	113.60
680 pounds castings, patterns and drayage.....	23.15
227 bolts and rivets, 485 pounds nails and drayage	24.45
280 feet wire cable, 2 sockets, freight and drayage	26.60
4 hammers, 5 handles, 3 screw-drivers, 53 gross wood screws.....	21.86
1 wash basin in place, 6 globes, oil stove, clock cord.....	7.87
168 irons for windows, 4 reams of sand paper.....	37.10
30 pounds wire brads assorted, 5 pounds black sand, 2 pounds dental plaster.....	2.96
1 pint Japan, 1½ quart shellac, 1 bale carpet lining	11.50
Cylinder oil, machine oil, castor oil.....	20.24
8½ dozen bronze springs and 3 saw blades for springs.....	7.77
10½ pounds marlin, 10 pounds plumbago, 2 coils window cord.....	36.28

Trace chain, saw clamp, 2 oil cans, 46 key and saw files.....	\$ 7.87	
1 rat trap, 1 brick trowel, 2 pounds emery.....	4.45	
42 pounds sheet zinc and 1 agate pail.....	5.32	
Repairing boilers, 16 glass gauges, 100 bibb washers.....	20.43	
2 pieces plate glass, 15 panes D. S. glass.....	82.08	
2 coal scoops, 2 cane poles.....	3.25	
4 hours planing sash weights.....	2.00	
		\$ 973.77
New work, Extra repairing and Supplies—		
12 basin cocks put in place.....	\$ 84.36	
13 washout tank closets put in place.....	400.00	
50 flash burners, 6 portable gas lamps, 78 ft. tubing	73.30	
Fencing Governors square—		
358 oak posts.....	\$ 57.58	
5,804 feet lumber.....	88.37	
250 pounds nails, 2 pair hinges, 50 bolts.....	8.32	154.27
Frescoing Agricultural rooms—		
250 pounds white lead.....	18.75	
94 pounds colors.....	1.37	
13 brushes, assorted.....	2.57	
Coal crayons, beeswax and gold bronze.....	1.30	
5 gallons oil, 5 gallons turpentine.....	6.60	30.59
Frescoing Horticultural rooms—		
200 pounds white lead, 31 brushes, assorted.....	21.68	
5 gallons oil, 5 gallons turpentine.....	6.40	
36 pounds colors, bronzing liquid and powder, wax and paper.....	15.69	43.77
New furniture, 3 mirrors, 1 cherry table, room 26.....	49.50	
Revolving book case, 12 shades.....	43.60	
Lumber for shelving vault, labor Commissioner's office.....	80.52	
Carpet, labor commissioner's office.....	156.69	
7 office chairs and one library chair.....	157.00	
3 wash stands, bowls and soap dishes.....	32.50	
2 book cases, Board of Health.....	350.00	
1 regulator clock, Board of Health.....	13.50	
2 rattan couches.....	26.00	859.31
Repairing boiler house sewer.....	33.27	
340 feet copper chain and fixtures.....	59.30	
Sidewalk, Governor's Square, 700 feet lumber, nails and hauling.....	93.48	
Repairing Slate roof.....	384.14	
Material for new furniture.....	64.12	
Printing 1 record expenditures and 1,000 blanks.....	21.50	
		\$ 2,301.41
Total expenditures for the years 1890, 1891.....		\$ 45,654.37

EXHIBIT "E."

Itemized Statement of Expenditures made under the Supervision of the Custodian of Public Buildings and Property of the unexpended balance of \$203.43 of the Appropriation made under Chapter 136, Laws 1888.

Unexpended balance.....	\$ 203.43
Labor—	
Painting and puttying window sash and painting and waxing window frames, 52 days, at \$2.50.....	130.00
49 1-10 days, at \$1.00.....	49.09
	\$ 179.09
Material—	
100 pounds white lead, at 7½ cents.....	\$ 7.75
15 pounds yellow ochre, at 7 cents.....	1.05
17 pounds chrome yellow, at 15 cents.....	2.55
8 pounds lamp-black, at 20 cents.....	1.60
2 pounds chrome green, at 13 cents.....	.26
2 pounds sienna, at 13 cents.....	.26
2 pounds umbra, at 12 cents.....	.24
5 gallons boiled oil.....	3.90
2 gallons turpentine.....	1.45
½ gallon turp. Japan.....	.43
4 brushes.....	4.85
	24.34
Total amount expended.....	\$ 203.43

EXHIBIT "F."

Itemized Statement of Sales of Property belonging to the State and Account of Moneys paid to the Treasurer of State by the Custodian of Public Buildings and Property for 1890 and 1891.

Sold—		
Gottstein & Co., waste paper.....	\$	5.15
Louis Sammer, stone.....		140.00
James B. Locke, 3 blocks and sheaves.....		17.00
Kindling wood from old fence.....		4.50
Old posts and lumber.....		4.90
Two old stoves from old Capitol building.....		1.75
Sandelosky & Cohen, waste paper.....		35.70
John Rowat, 380 feet, wire rope.....	\$	21.00
John Rowat, 1 single and 1 double hand power...		15.00
John Rowat, 63 iron clevis.....		4.10
John Rowat, chain with hooks and 1 pr pen Lewis.	15.00	
		55.10
Ed. Wright, speaking tube and insulated wire....		1.50
C. C. Ewell, 2 pr chains and hooks.....		12.00
Unknown, 1 hand power.....		5.00
M. L. Devin, old wire rope.....		4.00
Joseph McGarraugh, 1 old chair.....		2.00
W. Ainsworth, old stove.....		2.00
E. W. Cullin, engineer—		
84,680 feet water at \$1.50 for improvement		
grounds.....		127.03
G. B. Bracket, secretary of Horticultural society—		
To preserving Horticultural rooms		212.52
Total amount collected.....	\$	630.15
Paid Treasurer of State, 1890.....	\$	5.15
August 2, 1890.....		140.00
September 13, 1890.....		17.00
December 31, 1890.....		46.85
February 21, 1891.....		40.10
December 3, 1891.....		160.53
January 20, 1892.....		220.52
Amount paid Treasurer of State.....	\$	630.15