

REPORT

OF THE

Custodian of Public Buildings and Property

TO THE

GOVERNOR OF IOWA,

FOR THE YEARS 1892 AND 1893.

JANUARY 8, 1894.

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

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CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY, }
DES MOINES, IOWA, January 8, 1894.

To His Excellency, HORACE BOIES, Governor of the State 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, 1892, to December 31, 1893, quarterly and annual reports having been submitted at the proper time.

Exhibit "A" is a classified statement and exhibit "B" is an itemized statement of expenditures for the years 1892 and 1893. Exhibit "C" is a statement of sales and money turned over to the treasurer of state on that account during the years 1892 and 1893. This statement of expenditures includes the cost of frescoing the office of custodian, material and labor in relaying tile floor, material and labor in resetting boilers, material and labor in covering return pipes; also tools and labor in taking care of grounds. In September, 1892, the old capitol building was partially destroyed by fire, leaving the walls of the upper story in a dangerous condition. For the protection of the public the walls of the House and Senate chambers were dismantled, the old brick selected and used at the boiler house in resetting boilers and fire walls, the old lumber was hauled to the boiler house yard and stored for kindling. This labor was mostly performed by the regular force, who also built sidewalk on East Tenth street, south of Walnut, of the lumber from the old capitol.

In addition to necessary repairs, there has been made in the building a combined panel screen and book case for the office of the dairy commissioner; fronts to the four alcoves in the basement story, giving additional room for special purposes; four panel

outside doors to the heating plant; one office table for use of custodian; three large tables for use during the legislature; book case for geological survey, and pedestal for model soldiers' monument. Under the instruction of the executive council there was constructed for the use of the clerk of the supreme court one large file case and table; in the railroad commissioners' office a large cherry wall desk and letter-press table. Under the appropriation for the historical collection furniture consisting of one large autograph case, two large show cases with double case below, one large book case, two double face newspaper file cases, one large wall case in museum for Indian pottery, and six large tables for office use were made and placed in position.

Expenses incurred under instruction of the executive council were made as follows: Repairing slate roof of capitol building, damaged by storm of April 6, 1892; repairing with cement, tunnel crossing Grand avenue. During the month of July, 1892, the Grand avenue sewer gave way, flooding the tunnel through which fresh air is conveyed to the capitol building, making it necessary to remove cement floor, and pipes covered with magnesia covering, the same having been ruined by contact with sewage. In refitting the pipe a larger and more complete outfit of tools was purchased, including one four-inch pipe machine. In August, 1893, the bottom of cold water tank No. 1, in the attic above the senate chamber, commenced leaking. Upon examination the bottom of the tank was found to be rusted through and the drip-pan worn out. The tank was repaired with a new bottom of sheet steel, and a new drip-pan of the same material placed in position. Tank No. 2 will need the same repairs in the near future.

The offices of the secretary of state, auditor of state, and house of representatives, with galleries, have been refurnished with new carpets under instructions from the executive council. Also new curtains for the various rooms on the office floor. Tank closets have been placed in the basement story, replacing the "Hartford closet;" also the closets for the house of representatives.

I would recommend the appropriation of five thousand dollars for furniture and carpets, and fifteen thousand dollars to furnish the capitol building.

My thanks are due to the executive council for their kind assistance and hearty co-operation, and to all who have been interested with me in the care of the property of the State.

W. L. CARPENTER,

Custodian of Public Buildings and Property.

EXHIBIT "A."

Classified statement of expenditures made by the custodian of public buildings and property as required by chapter 148, Laws 1886. From January 1, 1892, to December 31, 1893.

Police and escort.....	\$ 2,579.50	
Engineer and mechanic.....	2,238.50	
Night watch and inspection of pipe system.....	3,055.00	
Carpenter and new work.....	1,194.50	
Elevator tender.....	1,415.75	
Lighting, including arsenal, gas and electric light.....	\$ 3,159.09	
Electrical and other expenses.....	88.83	
Heating and pumping, labor.....	\$ 4,547.25	3,248.52
Fuel.....	5,326.61	
		9,873.86
Cleaning, labor.....	\$ 12,698.75	
Soap and tools.....	532.52	
		13,231.27
Ice.....		519.35
Telephones, including arsenal.....		873.12
Water, including ground and arsenal.....		1,596.43
Washing towels and new towels.....		150.27
Care of grounds, labor.....	\$ 1,380.00	
Seed and tools.....	187.02	
		1,547.02
Prescoing, labor.....	\$ 262.25	
Material.....	34.53	
		296.78
General repairs and new work, labor and painting.....	\$ 7.50	
Hard oil finishing.....	13.50	
Relaying tile floor.....	32.00	
Labor, 1892.....	138.00	
Material.....	1,166.27	
		1,377.27
Ink messenger, Twenty-fourth General Assembly, 1892.....		464.00
Carriage hire, monument commission.....		3.50
Furniture repairs and new furniture.....		225.87
Toilet paper.....		126.50
		\$ 44,287.04
Total expenditures for 1892 and 1893.....	\$ 44,287.04	
Expended during first quarter, 1892.....	\$ 11,052.20	
Expended during second quarter, 1892.....	4,244.60	
Expended during third quarter, 1892.....	4,206.22	
Expended during fourth quarter, 1892.....	5,009.18	
Expended during first quarter, 1893.....	5,417.43	
Expended during second quarter, 1893.....	4,531.10	
Expended during third quarter, 1893.....	4,595.38	
Expended during fourth quarter, 1893.....	5,230.84	
Total expenditure for 1892 and 1893.....	\$ 44,287.04	

EXHIBIT "B."

Itemized statement of expenditures made by the custodian of public buildings and property, as required by chapter 148, Laws, 1886. From January 1, 1892, to December 31, 1893.

Labor, police and escort, 21 months, \$75.00.....	\$ 1,575.00	
91 days, \$3.00.....	273.00	
340 days, \$2.00.....	680.00	
18 days, \$1.75.....	31.50	
16 days, \$1.25.....	20.00	
		2,579.50
Engineer, 91 days, \$3.50.....	\$ 318.50	
640 days, \$3.00.....	1,920.00	
		2,238.50
Night watch, 1,462 days, \$2.50.....		3,655.00
Carpenter, 154 days, \$3.00.....	\$ 462.00	
293 days, \$2.50.....	732.50	
		1,194.50
Elevator tenders, 809 days, \$1.75.....		1,415.75
Firemen, 1,572½ days, \$2.00.....	\$ 3,145.50	
801 days, \$1.75.....	1,401.75	
		4,547.25
Janitors, 361 days, \$2.50.....	\$ 902.50	
3,974 days, \$2.00.....	7,948.00	
2,199 days, \$1.75.....	3,848.25	
		12,698.75
Care of grounds, 337 days, \$2.00.....	\$ 674.00	
392 days, \$1.75.....	686.00	
		1,360.00
Frescoing, 77 days, \$2.50.....	192.50	
7 days, \$2.25.....	15.75	
27 days, \$2.00.....	54.00	
		262.25
Painting and repairing, 31 days, \$2.50.....	\$ 77.50	
34 days, \$2.00.....	68.00	
		145.50
Hard oil finisher, 4½ days, \$3.00.....		12.50
Relaying tile floor, 26 days, \$2.00.....		52.00
Ink messenger, 82 days, \$2.00.....		164.00
		30,326.50
Total paid for labor during 1892 and 1893.....	\$ 30,326.50	
Gas, capitol, 1,900,000 feet gas, \$1.50.....	\$ 2,850.00	
Arsenal, 18,700 feet gas, \$1.70.....	30.69	
Grounds, two arc lights, \$6.00 per month.....	144.00	
		3,159.69
Water, capitol and grounds, 1,027,055 feet, \$1.50.....	\$ 1,540.29	
Arsenal, 8,755 feet, \$3.00.....	26.17	
		1,566.46

Fuel, 82,863½ bushels slack, 3c.....	\$ 2,470.89	
53,336½ bushels slack, 4c.....	2,134.64	
5,391½ bushels pea, 6c.....	323.46	
736 bushels pea, 7c.....	51.56	
513½ bushels nut, 8c.....	41.24	
1,113½ bushels nut, 9c.....	100.17	
1,948½ bushels lump, 10c.....	194.90	
25 bushels hard coal, 39c.....	9.75	
		5,336.61
Telephones, capitol, 8 instruments, \$4.12½.....	\$ 792.00	
Arsenal, 1 instrument, \$3.38.....	81.12	
		873.12
Ice, 359,675 pounds, 20c per hundred.....		519.35
Towels, 168 yards toweling and 2 dozen towels.....	\$ 40.47	
Making 59 towels.....	2.80	
Washing 2,140 towels.....	107.00	
		150.27
Soap and tools, 42 pairs blankets.....	\$ 66.00	
6 carpet sweepers.....	30.00	
42 dusters.....	54.15	
14 pounds Florida sponges.....	41.80	
5 boxes Ivory soap.....	32.10	
24 dozen Cocoa Oil soap.....	10.40	
1,640 pounds sarogran.....	121.86	
4½ dozen burnishine.....	17.08	
Cleaning 365 yards carpet.....	12.79	
40 gallons gasoline.....	8.25	
12 gallons raw oil.....	7.52	
4½ pounds muriatic acid.....	.45	
8 dozen brooms.....	29.75	
21 floor brooms.....	33.75	
7 dozen scrub brushes.....	9.50	
25 floor scrapers.....	10.02	
3 dozen mops and handles.....	4.51	
19 pails and coal hods.....	16.25	
15 window cleaners and brushes.....	5.07	
¾ dozen H. & H. soap.....	.67	
112 yards C. flannel and sheeting.....	5.98	
9 barrels saw dust.....	3.20	
10 gallons turpentine.....	5.35	
6 dust pans.....	1.30	
2 counter dusters.....	.84	
2 pounds ammonia.....	.30	
6 papers carpet tacks.....	.20	
5 pounds camphor.....	2.50	
8 glass syringes.....	.43	
1 dozen cotton thread.....	.50	
		532.52
General repairs, 179 pounds sash cord.....	\$ 71.92	
2 steel barrows, \$21.00; 2 fire tongs, 80c.....	21.80	
21 shovels and hoes.....	14.68	
28 flush bolts and sash hooks.....	7.55	
296½ pounds sheet and pump packing.....	179.16	
60 copper gaskets, \$12.15; 4 scratch awls, 30c.....	12.45	
86 gallons cylinder and machine oil.....	24.90	
2 plunger, furnace, \$10.12; 1 galvanized float, \$2.50.....	12.62	
50 tallow, \$3.50; 2 flue scrapers, \$6.60.....	10.10	
7½ pounds pump leather, \$4.05; 2 shades, 60c.....	4.65	
62 pounds putty, \$1.80; funnel and can, 80c.....	2.66	
1,546 feet lumber and moulding.....	53.23	
14 locks and knobs, \$14.80; 7 wrenches, \$6.10.....	20.90	
6 hours' planing mill work.....	4.50	
410½ pounds nails and brads, \$16.16; 32½ gross screws, \$11.74.....	27.90	

General repairs, 59 pieces glass, including plate glass.....	\$ 105.57	
80 steam fittings, stopcocks and valves.....	19.82	
148½ yards chain and wire, \$6.08; 26½ pounds chain, \$2.91.....	8.99	
178 bolts and washes.....	18.08	
6 ex. and plane bits, 1 hatchet.....	3.15	
14 caps, chain and 1 strainer.....	1.87	
1,318½ pounds castings, rod iron and steel.....	41.99	
Freight on ropes, tiling, clock and closet.....	4.70	
5 gallons paste, \$1.50; 100 pounds white waste, \$10.50	12.00	
2,680 pounds fire clay, \$14.75; 3½ barrels lime, \$3.90...	18.65	
42 pounds colors, filler, pumice and plaster.....	5.14	
2½ gallons Japan and turpentine.....	1.40	
2½ gallons varnish, \$5.50; 1 gallon wood alcohol, \$1.60	7.10	
13 gallons linseed oil.....	7.93	
200 pounds lead, \$14.25; 18 brushes, assorted, \$2.25...	16.50	
8 quires sand paper, \$1.75; 12½ pair butts, \$4.57.....	6.32	
3 hammers and 5 handles.....	2.65	
2 oil cans and 1 bottle oil for clocks.....	1.45	
9 pounds habbett, \$3.25; 37 files, assorted, \$3.90.....	7.15	
212 3-16 feet tile, \$57.95; 9 barrels cement, \$23.45.....	81.40	
3½ days hauling and 3 loads sand.....	11.50	
2,000 fire brick.....	55.00	
76½ feet screen wire.....	2.92	
Turning pump rods and valve rod for elevator.....	14.41	
1 sand riddle, 50c; merchandise, 42c.....	.92	
2 barrels Blossberg coal, \$2.00; 2 screw drivers, 65c...	2.65	
1 trowel, 50c; 1 lee hatchet, \$1.25.....	1.75	
1 dozen pint cups, 55c; 2 pounds marline, 40c.....	.75	
237 feet magnesia covering, \$14.00.....	85.41	
Repairing heater, \$8.50; 4 days' work.....	22.50	
Rubber tire for large truck.....	14.18	
2 brackets, 60c; 2 packages glaziers' points, 10c.....	.70	
1 dozen glass gauges, \$1.95; 1 gross staples, 50c.....	2.45	
9 saw blades, \$4.45; 2 18-foot bunting flags, \$21.62.....	26.07	
2 dozen screw eyes, 15c; 2 pounds borax, 24c.....	.39	
6 pairs rubber boots.....	15.00	
2,215 pounds sheet steel, \$50.72; 150 pounds rivets, \$8.47	68.19	
Electrical and lighting expenses, 2 boxes candles.....	\$ 8.80	1,166.27
2 cases matches, \$6.40; 150 gallons oil, \$13.50.....	19.90	
1½ dozen lantern globes and 2 dozen wicks.....	2.05	
200 feet insulated wire.....	4.50	
4 zinc, 8 carbons, plunger battery.....	11.35	
9 taper holders.....	16.50	
2 dozen glass chimneys for portable lamps.....	1.40	
12 boxes tapers.....	1.50	
96 feet gas tubing for elevator.....	22.83	
Care of grounds, 3 lawn mowers.....	\$ 20.00	88.83
280 feet ¾-inch hose nozzles and couplings.....	146.65	
Repairs for lawn mowers and hydrants.....	8.87	
5 hoes, weeders and rakes.....	3.35	
1 floral set and 1 hoe.....	.95	
1 grass hook and 1 scythe.....	2.80	
1 spade.....	1.25	
2 bushels blue grass seed.....	3.15	
		187.02
Carriage hire, monument commission.....		3.50

New furniture and repairs, 1 clock, dairy commissioner.....	\$ 11.25	
11½ yards billiard cloth and artificial leather.....	14.84	
18 table legs, \$13.00; 4 sets castors, \$2.70...	15.70	
4½ gallons varnish, alcohol and shellac.....	10.05	
6 brushes, \$1.56; 17 pounds filler, \$2.45,....	4.01	
174 key blanks, \$29.00; 1 curtain and pole, \$4.50.....	33.50	
6½ dozen picture hooks and screw eyes.....	3.50	
Recaning 9 chairs.....	7.35	
1 desk number and 3 police stars.....	4.00	
21 yards carpet and binding.....	15.65	
100 yards carpet lining.....	10.00	
1 lock, 38 drawer pulls.....	8.42	
250 feet poplar.....	12.50	
1 pound Venice turpentine, 38c; 1 pair brackets, 35c.....	.73	
1 cylinder desk, \$10.00; 1 revolving stool, \$1.25.....	11.25	
4 gross shelf pins, library.....	3.40	
2 brackets, \$1.20; 2 pitcher mats, \$1.00.....	2.20	
6 dozen key rings, \$2.25; 45 yards oil cloth, \$15.51.....	17.76	
Linen marker, brush and ink.....	.97	
6 combs and 5 hair brushes.....	4.84	
1 box chalk and eraser.....	.40	
3 dozen thermometers, \$4.50; 1 mirror, \$2.50	7.00	
4 water pitchers and 1 dozen tumblers.....	3.40	
2½ dozen cuspidors.....	22.50	
4 yards gimp, 40c; 5 pounds pumice stone, 25c.....	.65	
		225.87
Material for frescoing, 100 pounds lead.....	\$ 7.25	
15 pounds dental plaster, 1 pound beeswax.....	.78	
31½ pounds colors, ¼ dozen tubes vermilion...	4.94	
2 gallons turpentine, 2 gallons boiled oil.....	2.49	
1 dozen pencils, 2 boxes coal and schöbl crayon	.67	
1 package gold leaf and 1 quart gold size.....	7.60	
2½ pounds bronze, 2 quarts bronzing liquid.....	5.35	
67 brushes, assorted.....	8.55	
Cost of material.....	\$ 37.63	
Less empty cans utilized.....	3.19	
		34.53
Twelve cases toilet paper, two years' supply.....		126.50
Total expenditure for the years 1892 and 1893.....		\$ 44,287.64

EXHIBIT "C."

Statement showing sales of property and account of money paid Treasurer of State during the two years by the custodian of public buildings and property, from January 1, 1892, to December 31, 1893, inclusive.

Sold—

Old stovepipe.....	\$.25	
Old derrick.....		100.00	
Hoisting and guy ropes.....		44.00	
Waste paper.....		140.11	
Two mortar boxes.....		3.00	
Steam and brass pipe.....		7.30	
Old planer knives.....		1.75	
Old brick.....		8.00	
Old carpet.....		154.75	
Amount sales.....	\$		459.16

Paid Treasurer of State—

July 19, 1892.....	\$	6.00	
October 12, 1892.....		154.75	
January 12, 1893.....		114.11	
April 4, 1893.....		8.90	
June 30, 1893.....		22.55	
January 2 and 8, 1894.....		155.75	
Amount turned over to Treasurer.....			459.16

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. CARPENTER,
Custodian.