

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME
LOCATED AT
DAVENPORT.

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REPORT.

DES MOINES, IOWA, January 30, 1894.

To the Honorable Body of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Your committee to visit the Soldiers' and Orphans' Home and Home for Indigent Children at Davenport, has performed that duty, and beg leave to submit the following report for the consideration, and it is hoped, for the aid of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly.

Very properly we can present our findings and recommendations more clearly by keeping in mind the resolutions under which we acted, and by answering *seriatim*, the objects there pointed out.

First. We find that the appropriations from the last General Assembly have been expended usefully and economically. Not all, however, as we find, has been used. There is a balance of \$80.82 of the funds for completing central building, a balance of \$38.00 of the electric light fund, a balance of \$82.67 of the library fund, and a balance of \$394.47 of the furniture fund, all of which is in the hands of the State Treasurer.

Second. So far as we are able to find the appropriations were expended for the objects named in the law.

Third. Your committee does not find that there is any indebtedness, nor that there has been at any time in the last two years any expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.

Fourth. We do not find that money appropriated has been deviated from the specific purpose for which it was appropriated.

Fifth. Herewith we return the pay roll which is hereto annexed and marked Exhibit "A," giving names of employes, salaries, etc., etc. The employes are provided with board and washing, beds and lights, in addition to their salaries.

Sixth. There are sixteen one-story cottages for the inmates, two two-stories with square roofs. The two-story buildings are well ventilated.

Three other buildings, the hospital, school house and center building are two stories high. These buildings have good high ceilings, and the stairs are easy of access from all parts of the building, making the escape of the inmates in case of fire ordinarily safe.

Seventh. All buildings are kept neat and orderly, and are well ventilated. There is a good barn southwest of the cottages, and a large water tank between the barn and cottages. The tank is about thirty feet from the ground, and on good, strong frame. Pipes are laid from the tank to the hospital. Center building and laundry and fire hydrants in different parts of the grounds, and in case of fire, hose

can be easily attached to the several hydrants. The water is furnished by the city of Davenport. Total amount of insurance on buildings, etc., at said Home, is fifty-six thousand dollars (\$56,000). A list of the insurance companies, together with the amount insured in each company, is hereto annexed and marked exhibit "B."

The board of trustees ask for an appropriation of thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000).

We think this is excessive, but would recommend the following:

For purchase of land.....	\$ 800.00
For repairing and remodeling cottage.....	3,500.00
For contingent and repair fund.....	3,000.00
For heating apparatus.....	2,500.00
For completing electric light plant.....	2,000.00
Total.....	\$11,800.00

Instead of raising all the cottages south of the Hospital four feet, as proposed by the trustees, we would suggest that two or three only be remodeled and make them two stories high instead of one story as proposed.

Eighth. In making purchases for the use of the institution and supplies for the same, the superintendent advertises for sealed bids and reserves the right to reject any and all bids, a copy of which is annexed hereto and marked exhibit "C."

Ninth. There are at present at the Home two hundred and one (201) county children and two hundred and eighteen (218) soldiers' children, making a total of four hundred and nineteen (419), of which two hundred and forty-eight (248) are males and one hundred and seventy-one (171) are females. There are forty-nine (49) males over fourteen years of age and forty-six (46) females.

Tenth. We would recommend to pass some law giving the board of trustees of said institution the power to give the children to such parties as can give satisfactory recommendations, who shall make application for adopting them, and have them sign a bond that they will care for and educate said child.

Eleventh. The steam and furnace heating is insufficient and there being seventeen hundred and twelve dollars (\$1,712) expended for electric light plant and the amount being insufficient to complete the same, would recommend all the appropriations we advise to be allowed in full.

Twelfth. In conclusion, the president, M. A. P. Doe, and the superintendent, J. H. Lukens, and under officers and teachers are all deeply interested in their work, and doing all in their power to make it pleasant for the children.

The institution is one of the grandest in the State. Our State has reason to be proud of it. We therefore submit this report for the respectful consideration of this honorable body.

W. H. KLEMME,
S. H. WATKINS,
Committee on part of House.
A. HURST,
Committee on part of Senate.

EXHIBIT "A."

PAY ROLL.

Number.	NAME.	DUTY.	Rate.	Amount.
1	J. H. Lukens	Superintendent.....	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2	E. S. Tree	Matron.....	50.00	50.00
3	T. C. Dalzell	Assistant Superintendent.....	50.00	50.00
4	A. M. Dalzell	Assistant Matron.....	25.00	25.00
5	Jennie Rads	Matron Cottage No. 1.....	25.00	25.00
6	M. A. Helles	Matron Cottage No. 2.....	25.00	25.00
7	M. E. Zeimer	Matron Cottage No. 3.....	25.00	25.00
8	J. Brashear	Matron Cottage No. 4.....	25.00	25.00
9	L. S. Vale	Matron Cottage No. 5.....	25.00	25.00
10	L. J. Coy	Matron Cottage No. 6.....	25.00	25.00
11	H. A. Will	Matron Cottage No. 7.....	25.00	25.00
12	M. E. Wright	Matron Cottage No. 8.....	25.00	25.00
13	H. F. Wainboldt	Matron Cottage No. 9.....	25.00	25.00
14	M. Worthington	Matron Cottage No. 10.....	25.00	25.00
15	N. B. Smith	Matron Cottage No. 11.....	25.00	25.00
16	A. P. Mead	Matron Cottage No. 12.....	25.00	25.00
17	P. A. Harrison	Matron Cottage No. 13.....	25.00	25.00
18	E. A. Little	Matron Cottage No. 14.....	25.00	25.00
19	J. E. Buel	Matron Cottage No. 15.....	25.00	25.00
20	H. G. Merritt	Matron Cottage No. 16.....	25.00	25.00
21	Lizzie Cox	Matron Cottage No. 17.....	25.00	25.00
22	Esther Porter	Matron Cottage No. 18.....	25.00	25.00
23	F. L. Clark	Nurse.....	25.00	25.00
24	Lillie Bandy	School Teacher.....	30.00	30.00
25	Villa Pinkerton	School Teacher.....	25.00	25.00
26	Anna Russell	School Teacher.....	25.00	25.00
27	M. G. Murphy	School teacher.....	25.00	25.00
28	E. V. Wetzel	School teacher.....	25.00	25.00
29	L. M. Blair	School teacher.....	25.00	25.00
30	Ruth Burrows	School teacher.....	25.00	25.00
31	C. M. Johnson	School teacher.....	25.00	25.00
32	Maggie Cahill	Sewing room manager.....	25.00	25.00
33	Anna Cahill	Seamstress.....	15.00	15.00
34	E. E. LeClare	Seamstress.....	15.00	15.00
35	Jennie Petcher	Seamstress.....	15.00	15.00
36	Agnes Conway	Seamstress.....	15.00	15.00
37	Kate Conway	Seamstress.....	12.00	12.00
38	Maggie Reinbott	Seamstress.....	12.00	12.00
39	C. E. Penton	Seamstress.....	12.00	12.00
40	Lizzie Huschky	Kitchen manager.....	20.00	19.00
41	S. C. Cunningham	Cook.....	18.00	18.00
42	Maud Nule	Assistant cook.....	12.00	12.00
43	Emma Reinbott	Assistant cook.....	5.00	5.00
44	Rose Zwicker	Dining hall manager.....	15.00	15.00
45	Anna Wendell	Dining hall manager.....	12.00	12.00
46	Mary Mulcrone	Laundry manager.....	22.00	22.00
47	Maggie Mulcrone	Laundress.....	18.00	18.00
48	Mary Colfield	Laundress.....	15.00	15.00
49	L. H. Hageman	Shoe-maker.....	26.00	26.00
50	D. Enock	Carpenter.....	40.00	40.00
51	D. O. Eldridge	Engineer.....	42.50	42.50
52	G. G. Schurr	Baker.....	35.00	35.00
53	Ben Keola	Farmer.....	25.00	25.00
54	Will Koota	Teamster.....	20.00	20.00
55	John Miller	Watchman.....	25.00	25.00
56	Dr. W. L. Allen	Physician.....	33.33 1/3	33.33 1/3
57	N. G. Brouse	Music teacher.....	25.00	25.00

* Lost 1/2 day. † Lost 1 day. ‡ Lost 1/4 day. § Lost 15 days. ¶ Lost 1 1/4 days.

I certify that the above is a correct copy of the December pay roll, 1893, of the Iowa State Orphan's Home.

(Signed)

T. C. DALZELL,
Assistant Superintendent

EXHIBIT "B."

INSURANCE ON ORPHANS' HOME.

	Amount of insur- ance.	Date of ex- piration.
Main central building.....	6,000.00	June 9, 1897
Main central building.....	7,000.00	June 9, 1894
Main central building.....	7,500.00	June 9, 1895
Main central building.....	1,500.00	June 9, 1898
Main central building.....	5,000.00	Jan. 11, 1895
Eighteen cottages.....	10,000.00	Jan. 15, 1895
Eighteen cottages.....	5,000.00	Jan. 11, 1897
Eighteen cottages.....	2,000.00	Jan. 15, 1895
School house.....	2,000.00	Jan. 11, 1897
School house.....	2,000.00	Jan. 15, 1897
School house.....	375.00	Jan. 15, 1895
Hospital.....	375.00	Jan. 11, 1895
Hospital.....	375.00	Jan. 11, 1897
Hospital.....	125.00	Jan. 15, 1895
Contents of hospital.....	125.00	Jan. 15, 1895
Contents of hospital.....	125.00	Jan. 15, 1897
Barn and contents.....	1,000.00	Feb. 6, 1895
Barn and contents.....	2,300.00	Jan. 11, 1897
Barn and contents (2).....	500.00	Jan. 11, 1895
Boilers and engines.....	500.00	Jan. 15, 1895
Boilers and engines.....	500.00	Jan. 11, 1897
Boilers and engines.....	750.00	Jan. 11, 1895
Laundry, etc.....	750.00	Jan. 15, 1895
Laundry, etc.....	750.00	Jan. 11, 1897
Laundry, etc.....	1,500.00	Jan. 11, 1898

EXHIBIT "C."

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SUPPLIES.

The Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids February 1, 1894, for furnishing the Orphans' Home the following supplies, to be delivered at the Home as called for:

12 barrels granulated sugar	(about)
6 barrels syrup	"
3 barrels New Orleans molasses	"
10 barrels rolled oats	"
6 barrels rice	"
4 barrels vinegar	"
6 barrels dairy salt (in ten lb. bags)	"
8 barrels hominy	"
50 bushels Navy beans	"
500 pounds dried currants	"
400 pounds dried apricots	"
600 pounds Turkish prunes	"
10 boxes Ivory soap	"
2,000 pounds soap stock	"
1,200 yards gingham, Amoskeag	"
1,200 yards calico	"
1,000 yards jeans	"
1,000 yards Indian head muslin	"
500 yards shirting, chevot	"

All bids should be made in writing and delivered at the Home on or before January 30, 1894. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. H. LUKENS,
Superintendent.