

REPORT  
OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE  
TWENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

OF THE  
STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE  
PENITENTIARY

LOCATED AT  
ANAMOSA.

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## REPORT.

*To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Your committee appointed by joint resolution to visit and examine the penitentiary at Anamosa, Iowa, beg leave to say that they have performed that duty, and they respectfully submit through their chairman the following report, in accordance with instructions which they received from the General Assembly, viz:

1. We find that the financial management of the penitentiary, in the matter of drawing of funds from the State treasurer, appropriated by the Twenty-fourth General Assembly, and expending and paying out the same, has been in accordance with the spirit of the rules and regulations prescribed in the act granting appropriations to that institution.

The times, or periods, designated in said act of appropriation, within which certain portions of said fund might be drawn out, would commence when such acts took effect as the laws of the State and ended with six or twelve months from such time, as the case might be, rather than the commencement of the calendar year and ending of the same. With this explanation, we report that all such appropriations and expenditures referred to in our instruction, have been legally drawn and applied, and expended for the several purposes for which the appropriations were made.

The monthly reports made by the warden show the receipt of funds drawn from the State, and the purposes to which they have been applied and we deem it unnecessary to restate such accounts in this report. The same is also summarized in the report of the warden to the Governor and General Assembly, but we attach summary to this report marked exhibit "A."

2. We find the total number of convicts and insane persons now confined in said penitentiary to be four hundred and twenty-five, of which number there are thirty-four in the insane department, and twelve females in apartments adjoining in the same building. The woman's department, so called, being still in an unfinished condition, except a couple of rooms for the warden's office and the clerk or secretary's office. The walls of this latter building, external and partition walls, are all completed, and it is roofed and externally entirely completed.

It is estimated that it would cost in the neighborhood of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to completely finish the inside work, with all the cells and various apartments, according to the plans and designs of the architect, and that when finished, it will accommodate from seventy-five to one hundred female convicts in as convenient and comfortable a condition as humanity and kindness and the sex of the prisoners designed to be accommodated, require and dictate.

In the judgment of your committee, this building for the separate use of female prisoners should be completed at the earliest possible moment consistent with the

condition of the funds at the command of the State which can be appropriated for such purposes. But considering the limited number of female convicts now in the penitentiary, and the greater necessity for an appropriation for other buildings of said institution, now in process of construction, hereinafter mentioned, we refrain from especially urging an appropriation for the entire completion of the woman's building at this time, but suggest that an appropriation be made to furnish a sufficient number of apartments to accommodate the female convicts now in said penitentiary, and recommend that the amount of such an appropriation be the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

3. We do not find that any indebtedness has been contracted in excess of appropriations, or that there has been any diversion of any money from the specific purposes for which it has been appropriated, as now appears on the books and accounts kept at the prison.

We report a complete list of employes of the institution as appears in the subjoined exhibit marked exhibit "B."

4. We examined the center building, so called, for the commencement of the construction of which appropriations have been made, and find that beside the labor furnished by the convicts in the work, there has been expended about the sum of nineteen thousand dollars. It is a large building, some two hundred and fifty feet east and west by one hundred and fifty feet north and south.

In excavating the foundation, quicksand was found, which required a sub-foundation of concrete, and necessarily involved a greater expense in preparing the foundation. Of this extensive foundation which has been laid and completed, walls have been erected extending above the ground line, from five to eight feet, except a small portion on the south side.

We find the material used to be Anamosa stone, quarried by the convicts from the adjacent quarries owned by the State, and the construction thus far to be of the most durable and satisfactory character.

Your committee recommend that an appropriation be made so as to continue the work upon the construction of this building. The state cannot afford to abandon the work so auspiciously begun, because of the present requirements and probable increase in the number of convicts in the coming years with the increasing population of the State. The building will be an absolute necessity to meet the requirements of the near future. The labor, aside from that of the architect and foreman, is done by convicts, whom the State is obliged to support and protect during the term of their imprisonment, therefore, a large amount of labor and cost of such a superstructure is supplied without increased cost to the State, and unless utilized in that manner, would result in loss and sacrifice.

The sentence of the convicts is to hard labor, and without devoting it to the quarrying of the material and the construction and completion of this building already commenced, there would be no adequate means to carry into execution the mandates of our courts, also the unfortunate convicts when engaged in hard labor, find a relief from the solitude of their imprisonment in cells, in which all sane convicts are confined when not engaged in hard labor.

We find that the monthly expense of prosecution of the work in the winter season, for quarrying the stone referred to, and the necessary tools and the keeping of them in order, the transportation from the quarries to the prison, and cutting and dressing of the stone for the building, the expenses of the foreman and guards, amounts to the sum of five hundred and seventy-five dollars per month for the winter season of four months.

We further find that the estimated cost of the other eight months of the year for like work and materials, with the addition of sand, lime, cement, and foreman superintending the laying of the stone in the walls of the building, to be six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650) a month, making seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) per year, or fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the coming biennial period.

We find that it will be necessary in the construction of this center building to have steel beams, which will cost \$9,367.98; cast columns and plates, \$1,783.57; iron for window and door gratings, \$1,233.50, making what appears to us an aggregate cost of \$27,582.05. We find that there is further required for timber, planks, and scaffolding the sum of \$430; for tools, file, steel and blacksmith stock, \$290.

We find that a number of new derricks are required, the masts of the few that are now in use, some of them, having become decayed and dangerous, and the number being so inadequate that they have to have them frequently taken down and moved, thereby causing a greater expense than would be the cost of a limited number more of new derricks.

We also find that the most satisfactory material for the masts of derricks, and that in general use by builders, is the pine from the State of Washington, and we agree in the recommendation that this material be purchased on account of its strength and durability, for new derricks, which are necessary for the prosecution of the work on the center building and at the quarry. The estimated cost of these derricks is in the sum of \$2,700.

We find that the cell house, or apartments of the prison, requires a new roof, which will cost in the neighborhood of one thousand four hundred dollars, (\$1,400) and for this and other contingent repairs, and repairs of the engine, dynamo, electric light, water main, derricks, and other necessary repairs, etc., \$5,500.

That the expenditures for the warden's house, for painting the same outside and in, repairs of furniture, refurnishing worn out carpets, one kitchen stove, etc., for the said period, will be about \$409.00.

We find that there is now on hand of the transportation fund for discharged convicts the sum of \$1,924.92. And that there will be required for that purpose for the biennial period the further sum of \$1,000.00.

The total of the foregoing sums, commencing with the amount designated to furnish a portion of the woman's department, is the sum of forty thousand three hundred and two dollars (\$40,302), which amount we recommend to be appropriated by this General Assembly for the various purposes herein stated for the biennial period.

It is very desirable, and almost absolutely necessary, in order to preserve the best interests of the State, and the improvements already begun to make this appropriation.

On going and arriving at Anamosa, we received written communications containing complaints in regard to the management of the prison, and giving the committee names of witnesses by whom such complaints could be substantiated; whereupon we subpoenaed such witnesses as were accessible and examined them in reference to such complaints, and found that they were unfounded, or not proven by the witnesses to whom we were referred. And further, that some of them were of trivial character, not requiring any further investigation.

We further find that the warden's expenses were entirely satisfactory to your committee.





EXHIBIT "B."  
MONTHLY SALARY LIST.

NAME OF PERSON PAID.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	Amount.
P. W. Madden	Warden	\$ 156.87
George Andrews	Deputy	110.00
J. Madden	Clerk	80.00
P. E. Patterson	Physician	70.00
L. J. Adair	Master	70.00
J. A. Powers	Chaplain	50.00
J. M. Crocker	Hospital steward	50.00
A. E. Andrews	Turnkey	50.00
Frank Barnes	Engineer and Master mechanic	35.00
John Archibald	Foreman stone shed	35.00
T. C. Mullett	Foreman derricks	35.00
O. H. Hough	Foreman quarries	35.00
L. J. Kelsie	Guard	50.00
L. V. Anderson	Guard	50.00
H. Blackstone	Guard	50.00
William Barlow	Guard	50.00
Thomas Barlow	Guard	50.00
Charles Buckner	Guard	50.00
A. N. Howell	Guard	50.00
L. D. Bennett	Guard	50.00
E. Crowl	Guard	50.00
Cunningham	Guard	50.00
Clay	Guard	50.00
E. M. Cowan	Guard	50.00
A. L. Duncan	Guard	50.00
Robert Ewing	Guard	50.00
Bosman	Guard	50.00
E. T. Gill	Guard	50.00
J. C. Gilson	Guard	50.00
H. P. Gilliland	Guard	50.00
Halfway	Guard	50.00
H. Jennings	Guard	50.00
H. E. Lester	Guard	50.00
Landis	Guard	50.00
M. M. Madden	Guard	50.00
H. McCarthy	Guard	50.00
J. C. McCarthy	Guard	50.00
McMiller	Guard	50.00
W. Malin	Guard	50.00
J. K. Ostland	Guard	50.00
J. H. Pangburn	Guard	50.00
Platt	Guard	50.00
B. Rhinehart	Guard	50.00
D. Ross	Guard	50.00
Newart	Guard	50.00
Storoz	Guard	50.00
H. Smith	Guard	50.00
George Smith	Guard	50.00
F. E. Sargent	Guard	50.00
D. H. Scott	Guard	50.00
P. M. Wilds	Guard	50.00
E. T. Wilson	Guard	50.00
Warden	Guard	50.00
Watson	Guard	50.00
Williams	Guard	50.00
Wagoner	Guard	50.00
Johnson	Guard	50.00
Barnard	Guard	50.00
Total		\$ 3,440.50

In case a guard is off duty, his time is deducted from his monthly salary, proportioned to the number of days in the month in which he is absent; for instance, if the month has 31 days, his time is figured at \$1.81 2-5 per day; if 30 days, at \$1.66 2-3 per day, and if 28 days, at \$1.78 4-7 per day.

ANAMOSA, IOWA, January 1, 1904.

Hon. James McCann, Des Moines, Iowa:

DEAR SIR—Below you will find our steel beam and iron estimate itemized as requested by you:

First floor beams—	\$2,500 tons @ \$75.00 per ton, F. O. B. ANAMOSA.....	\$1,875.00
Second floor beams—	52,450 tons @ \$70.00 per ton, F. O. B. ANAMOSA.....	3,671.50
Celling and third floor beams—	35,407 tons @ \$70.00 per ton, F. O. B. ANAMOSA.....	2,478.49
Cast columns and plates—	30,000 tons @ \$50.00 per ton, F. O. B. ANAMOSA.....	1,500.00
Windows and door grillings—	35,511 tons @ \$40 per ton, F. O. B. ANAMOSA.....	1,420.44

Respectfully yours, J. FRANK BARNES.

## WITNESSES.

James Leister, four miles, one day.

Charles Green, one mile, one day.

Mark Kenyon, one mile, one day.

ANAMOSA, IOWA, Jan. 10, 1894.

STATE OF IOWA, }  
JONES COUNTY, }

To John Hay, Mark Kenyon, Mr. Green, Mr. Leister:

In the name of the State of Iowa, you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the undersigned Visiting Committee on the 19th day of January, A. D. 1894, at 7 o'clock p. m., to give evidence before said committee touching the matter of the conduct of the Anamosa penitentiary.

And hereof fail not at your peril.

L. A. ELLIS,

Chairman Committee of Legislature.

STATE OF IOWA, }  
JONES COUNTY, }

I hereby certify and return that I received the within subpoena on the 19th day of January, 1894, and that on the same day I served the same on the within named Mark Kenyon, James Leister, Charles Green by reading the same to each of them and by giving each personally a copy thereof, all in said county, and on John Hay by leaving a copy thereof with his wife at his usual place of residence in said county, she being a member of his family over fourteen years of age and said John Hay not being found in said county.

Sheriff's fees: Service, 80 cents; mileage, 40 cents; copies, 90 cents; total, \$2.00.

P. O. BARCOCK,

Sheriff Jones County, Iowa.

Work on center building makes the following good showing, taking the valuation of work done at a fair contract price on free labor outside:

2,061 yards excavation @ 18c.....	\$ 370.98
11,950 superficial feet foundation @ 40c.....	4,780.00
4,128 superficial feet cut stone @ 30c.....	1,238.40
1,426 cubic yards mason work @ \$5.00.....	7,130.00
15 window grillings @ \$15.00.....	225.00
1 solid plate door jamb.....	100.00
Rooms furnished Elders.....	150.00
Rooms furnished Orphan House.....	300.00
Stone furnished Amer College.....	250.00
Earnings of 90 men working 156 days.....	\$ 2,008.18
Amount of appropriation expended.....	4,003.20
	\$ 1,995.02

Net earnings  
90 men working 156 days gives 15,444 days work..... \$ 1.10  
\$17,003.82 earnings divided by 15,444 days work gives daily earning per man..... .06  
Net cost to support a man per day..... \$ 1.04

Net earnings per man..... \$ 1.10

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