

REPORT  
OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TWENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
STATE OF IOWA,  
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE  
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,  
LOCATED AT  
AMES.

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*To the Twenty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Your joint committee appointed to visit the Agricultural college at Ames asks leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned to them, and submit the following:

*First.*—Upon careful inspection we are satisfied that the appropriations made by the Twenty-fifth General Assembly have been wisely and economically expended for the objects for which the appropriations were made.

*Second.*—No indebtedness has been contracted in excess of appropriations, save as ordered by executive council for the purpose of temporary water supply.

*Third.*—There has been no diversion of money from the specific purpose for which it was appropriated.

*Fourth.*—The law relating to drawing money from state treasury has been complied with.

*Fifth.*—A complete list of employes, with salaries, is given below on exhibit marked "A."

*Sixth.*—The condition of the buildings in general is very good, except a few repairs, and especially the repairing of the farm barn. On exhibit marked "B" is a full list of the demands of said institution, which amounts could be wisely and economically used; but the committee believes that some are of immediate and vital importance, such as emergency fund for deep well equipment of water works, including tower and tank, machine, manual training and forge shops, and foundry, farm barn, sewerage disposal system, and the free printing of bulletins. Also the experimental poultry house and equipment. The committee recommends that a reasonable amount be appropriated for the machine, manual training and forge shops, and foundry.



Your committee is impressed with the thought that the college is of great value to our people and state. That the instructions imparted in the various branches of industry, as well as literature and science, are invaluable to the commonwealth. To ennoble and dignify labor, to create a love for agricultural pursuits, which is the leading avocation of our people, and should be fostered and encouraged by all reasonable and available measures. The munificent donation of the general government in endowing the institution should be supplemented by a wise and liberal support from the state.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. PERRIN,  
*For the Senate.*  
THOS. F. NOLAN,  
W. E. HAUGER,  
*For the House.*

## EXHIBIT A.

*Salaries for 1896.*

W. M. Beardshear, president.....	\$ 3,850
M. Stalker, veterinary science.....	1,600
J. L. Budd, horticulture.....	2,000
E. W. Stanton, mathematics and secretary of board.....	2,200
J. R. Lincoln, military science.....	1,800
A. A. Bennett, chemistry.....	1,600
Herbert Osborne, zoology and entomology.....	1,600
W. H. Wynn, English literature and history.....	1,800
L. H. Pammel, botany.....	1,800
— — —, domestic economy.....	800
James Wilson, agriculture and director experimental station.....	2,500
J. B. Weems, agricultural chemistry.....	1,600
Miss Margaret Doolittle, languages.....	900
W. S. Franklin, physics.....	2,000
G. W. Bissell, mechanical engineering.....	1,800
A. Marston, civil engineering.....	1,600
Miss Celia Ford, preceptress in languages.....	900
Mrs. Sallie S. Smith, preceptress.....	750
W. E. Harriman, M. D., pathology and college physician.....	1,300
C. F. Curtiss, assistant director experiment station.....	1,800
W. B. Niles, veterinary science.....	1,700
W. H. Meeker, mechanical engineering.....	1,400
Marie L. Chambers, elocution.....	500
S. W. Beyer, geology and zoology.....	1,200
L. B. Spinney, physics.....	900
Herman Knapp, treasurer and recorder.....	950

The following professors, Bennett, Osborne, Wilson, Marston, Franklin, Meeker and Stanton, each live in college houses, which rent is valued at \$200 per year, which amount is above the salary as given above according to agreement.

## EXHIBIT B.

Emergency fund for deep well.....	\$ 15,000
Equipment of water works, including tower and iron tank.....	21,000
Greenhouse.....	12,000
Machine, manual training, forge shops and foundry.....	32,000
Armory, large auditorium and gymnasium.....	28,000
Farm barns.....	5,000
Veterinary hospital barn, etc.....	5,000
Mining engineering.....	7,000
The chair of pedagogy.....	4,000
Experiment poultry house and equipment.....	3,000
Sewerage disposal system.....	3,500