

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE,
LOCATED AT
CLARINDA.

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REPORT.

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

Your joint committee, appointed to visit the Hospital for the Insane at Clarinda to make investigation and report as to the condition, management and needs of the institution, submit the following:

In obedience to your instructions we made as thorough investigation as practicable relative to certain matters, and make answer.

First.—The statement of the superintendent relative to appropriations received and disbursed is submitted herewith, and believed by us to be correct in every particular. In our judgment these moneys have been “wisely and economically expended for the objects for which they were appropriated.” The chief expenditure was for violent and infirm wards. This building is now approaching completion, and in its unfinished condition the best possible opportunity for the examination of methods of construction and ventilation is afforded. We believe this to be in construction and arrangement one of the best hospital buildings in the country. Under the terms of the appropriation bill the funds came so slowly that interest payment to the amount of about \$2,000 was necessary, and the advance in the price of material cost the state almost as much more on account of the delay in securing building funds.

Second.—No indebtedness has been contracted in excess of appropriations.

Third.—Every ward and department of the institution was personally inspected by the committee. Without reservation the administration of Superintendent Hoyt is commended by us. In the management of the important business affairs

marked ability, good judgment and fidelity to the interests of the state are apparent. The best possible use has evidently been made of every available resource. The relations between Dr. Hoyt and his subordinates, and between all these and the wards of the state, are most commendable. While the best of discipline prevails, there is no domineering or abuse permitted. There is not a crib nor a chain about the premises. The inmates of the most violent wards are free to come and go to the limits of unusual freedom for such persons, and yet no accidents result.

Fourth.—We do not believe there has been any diversion of funds appropriated.

Fifth.—The law relating to the drawing of money from the state treasury has been complied with.

The results secured through the appropriation for industrial building and machinery are worthy of especial commendation. A considerable number of patients are given employment that makes their lot much more endurable, while contributing to their own support. All the clothing for the men is made in the institution. All the shoes in use come from the industrial department. The cost to the state of these articles is much below any possible purchase price when secured in the ordinary way. All the brooms and brushes used in the buildings are produced right there. All the printing required for the institution, amounting to more than \$1,000 annually, is done by the inmates, almost without expense to the state. We are informed that much more work might be done by the industrials if an outlet for the articles produced were afforded. In our judgment, they should be authorized to supply other state institutions with the product of their labor. A practical saving to the state would be the certain result. Dr. Hoyt has a good deal of work done to good advantage by inmates aside from these industrial operations. In the grading of the grounds he made an important saving. The farm work is largely done by the wards, and in other ways their labor is practically utilized. No inmate is forced to work. All they do is of their own choice.

The ventilating fans provided by act of the last Assembly have vastly improved the sanitary conditions and enlarged the comforts of the inmates. The system completely covers the old buildings and the new one, and operates admirably in every ward.

It is not our purpose to instruct the Legislature in its duty toward this institution in the matter of appropriations, but a few suggestions will be thrown out.

It will cost \$10,000 to complete and equip the wards for which funds were appropriated last session. This must be forthcoming.

Of equal necessity is the repair and improvement fund. Such good use is made of this fund that we recommend the allowance of the entire estimate.

The trustees strongly advise the purchase of ninety acres of additional land. The tract in question lies between the institution and town, and its possession is very desirable. One hundred dollars per acre was by us found to be reasonable. Forty acres more remote might be sold to assist in paying for this addition.

There is merit in every item in the list of estimates, and we recommend as liberal a spirit on the part of the Legislature as is consistent with revenues in sight and the real needs of other institutions.

The institution is crowded. Basement rooms and corridors not intended for such purposes are used as dining rooms and sitting rooms, and the 618 inmates at the time of our visit were occupying every available space. The wing, almost complete, will comfortably accommodate 125 additional patients. There are in the hospitals of the state about 2,600 insane, and outside about 1,000 in poor houses, jails and private asylums. The Legislature is asked to take these facts into consideration, and if the financial situation will warrant such expenditure provide the additional wing for the accommodation of the insane of the state at Clarinda.

In this connection we would call attention to a flagrant abuse of recent years. Under existing statutes insane persons without a known residence are sent to the hospitals and maintained at the expense of the state. It is so easy to turn over to the state these tramp insane that little effort is made in most cases to find out if they really belong anywhere. As a result they are sent to the asylum, and every expense attendant upon the sending as well as the future support during life or until cured is borne by the state. When the institutions are over-crowded persons accredited with a state residence are sent home for county support and poorer accommodation but the insane tramp is an inmate forever. It seems probable that if the county from which this class is sent were held for their support in many cases residences would be discovered and the state would escape this serious burden. We ask a practical consideration of this suggestion.

Accounted for as Miscellaneous Appropriations Fund, as Distinguished From
Construction Fund Proper.

Under this head are included the following special appropriations made in section 1 of chapter 133, acts of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, viz: Repair and contingent fund, improvement of grounds fund, dairy fund, C. G. Hipwell special appropriation fund, laundry machinery fund, and so much of the Industrial building and machinery fund as was needed to purchase and install the machinery. The remainder of this fund was credited to construction fund proper, and was expended in the erection of the Industrial building by the architect under the direction of the board of trustees, and is included in his statement.

EXHIBIT—MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

Received from State Auditor and credited to this Fund.....	\$8,000.00
Expenditures charged to this Fund.....	7,894.83
Balance.....	\$ 105.17

EXPENDITURES BY ITEMS.

	AMOUNT APPROP'ED.	AMOUNT EXPENDED.	BALANCE.
Repair and Contingent Fund.....	\$3,000.00	\$3,987.08	\$ 12.32
Improvement of Grounds Fund.....	1,000.00	995.85	3.15
Laundry Machinery Fund.....	1,500.00	1,500.36	
C. G. Hipwell Special Appropriation Fund.....	338.00	338.00	
Dairy Machinery and Cows Fund.....	700.00	649.60	50.40
Industrial Machinery.....	1,462.00	1,423.30	38.70
	\$8,000.00	\$7,894.83	\$105.17

I certify the above to be correct.

FRANK L. HOYT,
Superintendent.

Clarinda, Iowa, Jan. 27, 1896.

Following is a complete list of employes of the said institution and the compensation of each:

IOWA HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, CLARINDA, IOWA.

List of Employes with Names, Positions, and Wages per Month.

Hoyt, Frank C., superintendent.....	\$250.00
Applegate, Chas. F., first assistant physician.....	100.00
Burnet, Anne, second assistant physician.....	100.00
Gundry, Alfred T., third assistant physician.....	75.00
Cullison, E. D., steward.....	116.67
Rumsey, Kate, matron.....	50.00
True, Geo., accountant.....	50.00
Trego, Satie, stenographer.....	30.00
Payne, J. W., storekeeper.....	35.00
Hart, P. V., engineer.....	75.00

Tannyhill, J. J., assistant engineer.....	\$ 35.00
Couts, Frank, fireman.....	30.00
Dunham, C. A., fireman.....	35.00
Crouse, D. H., electrician.....	50.00
Chamberlain, D. C., carpenter.....	20.00
Couts, Dave, assistant carpenter and plasterer.....	35.00
Main, T. J., shop foreman.....	40.00
Brockway, J. G., painter.....	45.00
Hartman, M., butcher.....	40.00
Woolber, Geo., shoemaker.....	30.00
McAlpin, Thos., dairyman.....	40.00
Schrader, Ed., baker.....	15.00
Welsh, E., assistant baker.....	25.00
Downs, D. P., porter.....	25.00
Sarchet, Anna, head cook.....	15.00
Brockway, Maud, cook.....	20.00
Burwell, Wm., cook.....	15.00
Hutchinson, Ida, cook.....	25.00
Parke, Mary, cook.....	22.00
Bruner, Claude, carman.....	18.00
Downs, B., carman.....	12.00
Hake, Laura, dining room.....	12.00
Hess, Danta, dining room.....	12.00
Bayles, Nellie, dining room.....	12.00
Derby, Maggie, dining room.....	8.00
Woolber, Mae, dining room.....	8.00
Main, Zella, dining room.....	12.00
Welsh, Rebecca, dining room.....	15.00
Blair, Anna, dining room.....	25.00
Starling, Ella, head seamstress.....	12.00
Walker, Nellie, seamstress.....	12.00
Laughlin, Alice, seamstress.....	12.00
Dunn, Mattie, seamstress.....	12.00
Lee, Effie, seamstress.....	12.00
Hess, Genevieve, seamstress.....	25.00
Greene, C. O., laundryman.....	25.00
Jones, M. L., sorter.....	20.00
Woodward, Carrie, head ironer.....	12.00
Davis, Mary, ironer.....	12.00
Peer, Orpha, ironer.....	12.00
Churchill, Eva, ironer.....	12.00
Powers, Maud, ironer.....	50.00
Bailey, E. R., supervisor.....	30.00
Burch, O. L., assistant supervisor.....	30.00
Jones, William, nightwatch.....	28.00
Woodward, W. H., night nurse.....	28.00
Kilkenny, B., night nurse.....	24.00
Garlow, Sam, attendant.....	26.00
Baker, Elwood, attendant.....	26.00
Weidner, Scott, attendant.....	26.00
Hedgecock, I. C., attendant.....	26.00
Powers, T. G., attendant.....	25.00
Thomas, A. F., attendant.....	28.00
Forsythe, Sam, attendant.....	25.00
Allen, James, attendant.....	23.00
Phillips, E. B., attendant.....	26.00
Hinckley, C. M., attendant.....	18.00
Hunter, William, attendant.....	18.00
Henderson, S. R., attendant.....	28.00
Keist, B. F., attendant.....	22.00
Barrett, L. M., attendant.....	24.00
Graham, J. C., attendant.....	22.00
Lamme, Frank, attendant.....	

Pixley, E. A., attendant	\$ 20.00
Hay, Helen S., head nurse	40.00
Shane, Sadie, supervisoress	35.00
Doster, Emma, night nurse	27.00
Löffler, Rose, night nurse	26.00
Littleton, Lulu, night nurse	24.00
Dixon, Rossie, attendant	26.00
Drainer, Tillie, attendant	24.00
Mendenhall, Emma, attendant	26.00
Hanna, Lizzie, attendant	26.00
Hesche, Anna, attendant	26.00
Wassom, Jessie, attendant	24.00
White, Sadie, attendant	24.00
Ross, Jennie, attendant	22.00
Faber, Mary, attendant	22.00
Huff, Merta, attendant	22.00
Scott, Minnie, attendant	20.00
Thomas, Viola, attendant	20.00
Webb, Lizzie, attendant	20.00
Munson, Anna, attendant	20.00
Lawrence, Mate, attendant	20.00
Nourse, Susie, attendant	20.00
Griffith, Elmer, farmer	28.00
McAlpin, C. R., farm hand	20.00
Robertson, A. I., farm hand	20.00
Carlson, D. G., farm hand	20.00
Anderson, Charles, hostler	20.00
Roche, Philip, gardener	25.00

A. B. FUNK,

Committee on part of Senate.

R. T. ST. JOHN,

J. T. JAY,

Committee on part of House.