

REPORT  
OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
NINETEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
STATE OF IOWA,  
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE  
HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE  
LOCATED AT  
MOUNT PLEASANT.

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## REPORT.

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

YOUR joint committee charged with the duty of visiting and inquiring into the management of the Iowa Hospital for the Insane at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, beg leave to report that they have performed their duty in accordance with the concurrent resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Your committee would report that on the 31st day of January, 1882, they met at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and effected an organization by electing Senator J. C. Shrader chairman, and A. V. Stout, clerk, and then adjourned to meet at the hospital on the same day, where they proceeded to the work assigned them.

Your committee were charged with the following duties :

To examine and include in their report :

*First.* Whether the appropriations made by the last General Assembly have been wisely and economically expended.

*Second.* Whether they have been expended for the objects appropriated.

*Third.* Whether chapter 67, of the acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly has been complied with, in not contracting indebtedness in excess of appropriations.

*Fourth.* Whether there has been any diversion of any money from the specific purpose for which it was drawn from the State treasury.

*Fifth.* Said committee shall also report the names and number of persons employed by the institution, for what purpose employed, and at what salary. Also, whether any of the employes receive, or have received anything in addition to the salary, in the way of board, rooms, lights, fuel, or clothing, or anything else at the expense of the State.

*Sixth.* Said committee shall specially examine and report as to the sufficiency of the means of fire escape, in case of fire; and, also, as to the protection against fire.

Your committee would most respectfully submit the following report of their visit and examination:

We began by visiting the hospital in the official capacity as a visiting committee. We examined the books, records and vouchers connected with the financial management of the hospital, and gave the hospital building and grounds a thorough inspection. The hospital building is an imposing structure, but a careful inspection will disclose the imperfect foundation upon which it rests; the sub-basement walls of the main building have been partially replaced during the last biennial period by a new foundation, under the supervision of the Superintendent, and your committee find the work done in a good, substantial and workman-like manner. The five thousand dollars appropriated by the Eighteenth General Assembly for completing the sub-basement walls has been wisely expended, but the work is not completed, and your committee would recommend a further appropriation for the completion of the same.

The offices of the Superintendent, Steward, physicians and assistant physicians and apothecary store-rooms are located on the first floor of the hospital. The wards for the patients are in the east and west wings of the main building. The laundry, store-room and bakery are situated in the rear center building. The laundry is provided with all the necessary machinery, such as washing machines, wringers, and boilers necessary for the hospital. Above the wash-room is located the ironing-room, in which is the mangle, which does the greater part of the ironing by steam power. The bakery is provided with a rotary oven, and the necessary machinery for making crackers. The engine-room is located in rear of the rear center building. There are five large boilers located here, of an improved pattern, and they are competent to perform the duties required of them.

Your committee also visited the minor buildings connected with the hospital, such as barn, ice-house, smoke-house, carpenter and blacksmith shops. The barn and wagon-house we find sufficient for the wants of the hospital, there being barn-room enough for the stock upon the hospital farm. The ice-house of the hospital we found in good condition and well stored with ice obtained from the reservoir upon the hospital grounds. We find that the money appropriated for the erection of a building to be used for the storage of fresh and salt meats, and for use as a smoke-house, has been wisely and judiciously expended, and now a good and substantial brick building has replaced

the old, decayed frame building formerly used for this purpose. The carpenter shop is all that is required, and your committee are of the opinion that the sum asked for the purpose of building an addition to the carpenter shop, for the storage of lumber, is not absolutely necessary. The money appropriated by the last General Assembly for the purpose of erecting a blacksmith shop, was deemed insufficient by the Trustees, and, consequently, no part thereof has been used for the purpose designated. Your committee are of the opinion that from the amount of material already on hand, that the sum appropriated is amply sufficient. The water supply is amply sufficient for the number of patients at present confined there. The reservoirs and filtering houses through which the water is supplied have been placed in good repair from the appropriations granted.

We found a very efficient corps of medical assistants, who are attentive to the wants of the patients. The Superintendent, Dr. Ranney, at the time of our visit, was upon his death-bed, and could afford us no information as to the needs of the institution. Dr. Ranney died the evening of the day we made our visit to the institution. His place will be difficult to fill, as he had made this his life's work. A man of rare executive ability, and most excellent judgment, he was peculiarly fitted for the responsible duties of the position. In his death the institution has lost a valuable officer, brave and fearless in the discharge of his duty, a loss to the profession which he honored, and to the State which he so well and faithfully served. His long experience in the duties and labors attending the institution had given him such perfect knowledge of all the details and wants of not only the institution, but of the patients under his supervision.

The capacity of the hospital is but for three hundred patients, whereas there are now five hundred and forty-five confined therein. This is altogether too crowded a condition for either the health or comfort of the patients, and should be remedied. We found the patients well cared for, the wards clean, well warmed, and a part well ventilated. We find, upon examination, that the ventilation of some of the rooms is very deficient: the registers were improperly placed, so that the warm, pure air is carried off, while the impure atmosphere remains in the rooms; this defect has been remedied in some respects in a part of the building, and we would recommend an appropriation of a sufficient sum to complete the needed changes in this department. The bedding and clothing of the patients we found to be clean and in good condi-

tion. We would recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to supply good water-closets in the building where such have not already been provided.

Your committee would report that they found the building well provided with means of fire escape, so that the entire building could be cleared in a brief space of time, and without creating any confusion, but we find that some of the doors and stairways are of wood and highly combustible, and that there are wooden partitions in the building which, in the opinion of your committee, should be removed, and good, substantial brick walls erected instead. This work has been partly done by appropriations heretofore made, and we would recommend that a sufficient amount be appropriated to complete the work, and also put in supplementary doors of iron, as asked for by the Trustees. We found everything connected with the patients and household in good order and condition, showing that the Superintendent had given his personal attention to all things connected with the hospital, and the internal management, which was also under the special supervision of Dr. Ranney, is deserving of high commendation.

As an investigating committee, we would report as follows :

*First.* The appropriations made by the last General Assembly have been wisely and economically expended.

*Second.* The appropriations have been expended for the objects for which they were appropriated.

*Third.* The acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly have been complied with, in not contracting indebtedness in excess of the appropriations.

*Fourth.* There has been no diversion of money from the specific purpose for which it was drawn out of the State treasury.

*Fifth.* Your committee herewith submit Exhibit "A," which contains the names of the persons employed in the institution, for what purpose employed, and at what salary, and what has been received in addition to salary, in the way of board, rooms, lights, fuel or clothing, or anything else at the expense of the State.

*Sixth.* That the sufficiency of the means of escape from fire are ample, but some additional protection against fire is required.

Your committee would recommend the following appropriations as being of urgent necessity :

For fire-proof partitions.....	\$ 5,000.00
For changing heating and ventilating system...	8,500.00
For new water-closets.....	1,100.00
For wire mattresses and iron bedsteads ..	700.00
For general repairs and contingent fund .....	6,000.00
For replacing sub-basement wall .....	8,500.00
For division of men's airing courts.....	750.00
For telephones .....	300.00
Total.....	<u>\$30,850.00</u>

## STATEMENT OF SPECIAL APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS.

*Sub-basement Account.*

To amount appropriated .....	\$ 5,000.00
By amount expended .....	5,000.00

*Smoke and Meat-house Account.*

To amount appropriated .....	\$ 1,500.00
By amount expended .....	1,500.00

*Filter and Reservoir Account.*

To amount appropriated .....	\$ 2,500.00
By amount expended .....	\$ 2,498.99
Cash balance .....	1.01— 2,500.00

*Drying-rooms Account.*

To amount appropriated .....	\$ 400.00
By amount expended .....	400.00

*Hose and Couplings Account.*

To amount appropriated .....	\$ 400.00
By amount expended .....	400.00

*Wire Mattress and Iron Bedstead Account.*

To amount appropriated .....	\$ 500.00
By amount expended .....	\$ 493.65
Cash balance .....	6.35— 500.00

*General Repair and Contingent Fund Account.*

To amount appropriated .....	\$ 5,000.00
Balance over-expended .....	3.77
By amount expended .....	\$ 5,003.77

*Water-closet Account.*

To amount appropriated .....	\$ 600.00
Balance over-expended .....	3.59
By amount expended .....	\$ 603.59

*Airing Courts Account.*

To amount appropriated .....	\$ 600.00
By amount expended .....	600.00

*Laboratory Account.*

## FROM APPROPRIATIONS BY THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

To amount of balance .....	\$ 691.23
By expenditures .....	691.23

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. SHRADER,  
*On part of Senate.*  
 A. V. STOUT,  
 R. B. WARREN,  
*On part of House.*



## EXHIBIT "A."

*Officers and Employes in the Iowa Hospital for the Insane at Mt. Pleasant.*

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NAMES.	SERVICE.	COMPENSATION.
Mark Ranney.....	Superintendent .....	\$2,800.00 per year with light, fuel, board and lodging.
H. M. Bassett.....	First assistant physician.....	1,000.00 per year with light, fuel, board and lodging.
J. P. Brewbaker.....	Second assistant physician.....	800.00 per year with light, fuel, board and lodging.
C. M. Bell.....	Third assistant physician.....	600.00 per year with light, fuel, board and lodging.
J. W. Henderson.....	Steward.....	1,000.00 per year with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Martha W. Ranney.....	Matron.....	400.00 per year with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Milton Sutton.....	Chaplain.....	420.00 per year; lives at home.
John Thomas.....	Engineer.....	60.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Pat O'Connell.....	Fireman.....	40.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
John Hart.....	Fireman.....	27.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Wilber Connell.....	Fireman.....	26.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Fred. G. Ackerman.....	Baker.....	40.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Henry Rouse.....	Butcher.....	40.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
E. W. Bachman.....	Prescription clerk.....	20.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
C. M. Aley.....	Stenographic clerk.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
John Durk.....	Coachman.....	20.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Wm. Malone.....	Milkman.....	23.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Alfred Swanson.....	Milkman.....	21.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Swan J. Nelson.....	Carman.....	28.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Peter E. Lingun.....	Kitchen-man.....	22.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Henry Plummer.....	Watchman.....	28.50 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
J. W. Thacker.....	Florist.....	25.00 per month with dinner.
J. Sutton.....	Farmer.....	35.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Wm. Baldwin.....	Teamster.....	20.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
J. G. Loudermilk.....	Teamster.....	20.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Thos. Slattery.....	Teamster.....	20.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
John Hurley.....	Teamster.....	20.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Orrin J. Lawrence.....	Book-keeper.....	35.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
F. A. Braderick.....	Supervisor.....	33.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Lewis Clouse.....	Assistant supervisor.....	26.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.

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REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

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EXHIBIT "A"—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	SERVICE.	COMPENSATION.
Thos. Yard.....	Attendant.....	\$ 24.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
F. A. Johnson.....	Attendant.....	28.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Walter C. Jones.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Charles F. Kurney.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
A. P. Dotson.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Chas. L. Simmons.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
L. S. Crawford.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Wm. Waters.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Reuben H. Tyler.....	Attendant.....	26.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Gilbert H. Lyons.....	Attendant.....	27.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
George Harkness.....	Attendant.....	28.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Elmer Alton.....	Attendant.....	24.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
H. B. Johnson.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Gust Wessel.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
O. E. Leach.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
J. A. Johnson.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Victor Nelson.....	Washerman.....	23.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
O. H. Sterms.....	Teamster.....	20.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
S. P. Carlson.....	Attendant.....	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
F. Mount.....	Carpenter.....	2.50 per day without either board and lodging.
G. E. Ferris.....	Carpenter.....	2.00 per day without either board and lodging.
George Golden.....	Carpenter.....	2.00 per day without either board and lodging.
Mike Lardner.....	Stone-mason.....	3.00 per day without either board and lodging.
Andrew Schreiner.....	Stone-mason.....	3.00 per day without either board and lodging.
John Lirar.....	Stone-cutter.....	3.00 per day without either board and lodging.
Mike Donahue.....	Common laborer.....	1.50 per day without either board and lodging.
Simon Coghlin.....	Common laborer.....	1.50 per day without either board and lodging.
Pat Higgins.....	Common laborer.....	1.50 per day without either board and lodging.
Frank Ekberg.....	Common laborer.....	1.50 per day.
Mike Fagan.....	Common laborer.....	1.50 per day.
Frank McCormick.....	Common laborer.....	1.50 per day.
Sam Simonson.....	Common laborer.....	1.50 per day.

John McLaughlin	Common laborer	1.50 per day.
L. H. Fenton	Common laborer	1.50 per day.
James Wilson	Painter	2.25 per day with dinner.
S. G. Hembraugh	Gardener	2.00 per day.
Meno Trope	Supervisor	25.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Carrie Bogert	Watch girl	20.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Emma Brown	Attendant	17.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Matilda Fichtner	Attendant	14.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Anna M. Creswell	Attendant	16.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Laura Johnson	Attendant	14.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Isadora Cliff	Attendant	17.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Hattie Spofford	Attendant	15.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
May Johnson	Attendant	16.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Rosa Smith	Attendant	15.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Mollie Cox	Attendant	15.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Annaletta Hamilton	Attendant	14.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Lisette Wahage	Attendant	16.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Lena Gildehouse	Attendant	15.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Dora Miller	Attendant	16.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Kate Fisher	Attendant	17.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Bertha Olson	Attendant	19.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Tena Hale	Attendant	14.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Julia Smith	Attendant	20.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Marie E. Passmore	Attendant	14.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Clara J. Strong	Attendant	16.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Ellen Mathews	Assistant Supervisor	17.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Bell Chalfant	Organist	2.00 per day for Sunday.
May Coddington	Kitchen manager	20.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Matilda Anderson	Cook	15.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Becky Hurley	Kitchen girl	11.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Lotta Allsup	Kitchen girl	11.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Hilda Johnson	Wash girl	11.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Emma Holt	Wash girl	11.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Leah Lyons	Wash girl	12.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Amanda Nelson	Waitress	11.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Ida Anderson	Car girl	11.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Etta Simmonds	Assistant baker	12.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Clara Nelson	House girl	11.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.

## EXHIBIT "A"—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	SERVICE.	COMPENSATION.
Hattie Carroll.....	House girl.....	\$ 11.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Carrie Samelson.....	Ironer.....	10.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
L. B. Thompson.....	Ironer.....	14.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Phena Swanson.....	Ironer.....	11.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Josie Maxwell.....	Ironer.....	10.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Anna E. Blower.....	Seamstress.....	18.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Sarah Moran.....	Seamstress.....	11.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Maggie Calhoun.....	Cook.....	13.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Amanda Peterson.....	Waitress.....	10.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.
Hannah M. Park.....	Waitress.....	10.00 per month with light, fuel, board and lodging.