

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
PENITENTIARY
LOCATED AT
FT. MADISON.

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REPORT.

DES MOINES, IOWA, January 30, 1896.

To the Honorable Members of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly:

We, your committee, appointed in pursuance of joint resolution to visit and inspect the penitentiary at Ft. Madison, having performed our duty, beg leave to submit the following report, and in doing so, will follow the instructions of said joint resolution:

First.—We find that the appropriations made by the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, so far as they have been drawn, have been expended wisely and economically, for the objects for which they were appropriated.

The \$3,500 appropriated for the transportation of prisoners has been expended to date, leaving the transportation expenses from now until the close of the biennial period for this institution to be paid from the general fund.

The \$500 appropriated for ventilation purposes for the cell rooms has not been expended nor drawn from the state treasury, as that amount was considered inadequate to meet the expense of properly ventilating the cells.

The \$500 appropriated for the Warden's house has been expended.

The \$5,000 contingent and repair fund has also been expended.

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

Third.—We recommend that the following amounts be appropriated for this institution for use the coming biennial period:

For contingent and repairs.....	\$7,500
For transportation of discharged convicts.....	4,500
For construction of sewer from prison to river.....	3,500
For warden's house fund.....	200
For new pump house and connecture with the river.....	1,500

We further recommend that the warden be allowed to use not to exceed \$2,000 of the library fund in constructing a new barn.

We would also suggest that the advisability of better cell room being provided for that institution, and the area of the inclosure be increased by extending the walls of the prison 230 feet west, as suggested by the warden in his biennial report, be taken into consideration.

Also the advisability of allowing each guard \$25, annually, for uniform.

Also, that the warden be allowed to use not to exceed \$250 of the contingent fund, for supplies for his own table, in entertaining visitors, and for the sick in the hospital.

We also recommend that the \$500 appropriated by the Twenty-fifth General Assembly for the ventilation of the cell rooms, be carried back to the State Treasury, or a more adequate allowance be made.

Fourth.—We do not find that any money has been expended for the specific purpose for which it was appropriated.

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

Sixth.—We submit a complete list of the employes of the institution and the compensation of each in exhibit marked "A."

We are satisfied that the condition of affairs at this institution are as good as the conveniences will permit. The convicts are properly fed, clothed and cared for to the best advantage possible, with present arrangements.

Strict discipline is maintained, and cleanliness and order prevails in every department. We have only words of commendation for the administration of Warden Jones and his deputies. Under the management the convicts have the privilege of chapel services, prayer meeting, Sunday school each Sunday, and evening schools during the week, wherein is taught the rudiments of an education that will do much in reforming the convicts during their confinement in that institution. They also have free access to an excellent library.

H. L. BYERS,

On the part of the Senate.

M. J. DAVIS,

W. W. CORNWALL,

On the part of the House.

EXHIBIT "A."

OFFICERS, GUARDS AND OTHER EMPLOYES OF THE IOWA STATE
PENITENTIARY AT FORT MADISON, IOWA.

OFFICERS.

N. N. Jones, warden.....	\$108.67
J. R. Jones, deputy warden.....	100.00
B. A. Green, clerk.....	70.00
W. C. Gunn, chaplain.....	78.00
J. W. Philpott, physician.....	60.00
E. H. Scovel, hospital steward.....	60.00
J. N. Jones, turnkey.....	90.00

GUARDS.

L. Simmons.....	\$50	Wm. Schneider.....	\$50
A. Young.....	50	C. S. Nellis.....	50
W. L. Ray.....	50	D. McAnulty.....	50
D. Kern.....	50	J. G. Berstler.....	50
A. Patterson.....	50	P. S. Stone.....	50
I. B. Snyder.....	50	J. F. McRalg.....	50
A. A. Marshall.....	50	J. H. Phinney.....	50
George W. Le Follett.....	50	Joseph Moore.....	50
L. B. Jones.....	50	S. A. Bullock.....	50
T. P. Hollowell.....	50	G. P. Morgan.....	50
A. R. Thayer.....	50	W. H. Garner.....	50
L. C. Boyle.....	50	A. Ellis.....	50
A. J. Powell.....	50	A. C. Rowland.....	50
C. C. Mitchell.....	50	C. W. Gaston.....	50
A. B. Gillette.....	50	E. B. Ingalls.....	50
E. V. Holland.....	50	J. C. Smith.....	50
James Mansfield.....	50	C. H. Shifflett.....	50
G. C. Wright.....	50	W. W. Maysent.....	50
W. C. Smith.....	50	G. C. Alden.....	50
J. Chapman.....	50	George McConnell.....	50
H. P. Richardson.....	50	Frank Walter.....	50
J. G. M. Smith.....	50	E. Corwin.....	50
George S. Treynor.....	50		

G. Carbaugh, electrician.....	\$90
C. S. Manville, night engineer.....	50
H. Finch, engineer at water works.....	40

TEAMSTERS.

H. U. McMillin.....	\$40
George Yelver.....	40
Charles Thomas.....	35