



MILFORD INDUSTRIAL HOME, MILFORD.

THIRD BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

NEBRASKA

INDUSTRIAL HOME

FOR THE

Two Years Ending November 1, 1894.

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MILFORD, NEB.

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*To His Excellency, Governor Lorenzo Crouse, and to the Honorable Board of Public Lands and Buildings:*

It is with pleasure that I comply with the statutes, and present my second biennial report. I trust the facts herein recorded may show somewhat of the nature, extent, and results of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLARA S. CARSCADDEN,

*Superintendent.*

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Mrs. N. V. Harlan.	Mrs. Ella Norval.
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### OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Mrs. C. S. Carscadden.....	Superintendent
Julia E. Teele.....	Physician
Mrs. Elizabeth Kent.....	Matron

### EMPLOYES.

Miss M. W. Merrill .....	Teacher
Mrs. U. A. Whitaker .....	Dressmaker
Mrs. Hattie Howe.....	Nurse
Mrs. J. E. Kinney.....	Nurse
Riley Wright.....	Engineer
A. C. Wright.....	Farmer

# REPORT.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION.

The industrial home having been in existence nearly six years it would seem unnecessary to call your attention to its object, but, as we know there is no work so misrepresented, misjudged, or misunderstood, we will repeat its object. To protect, and care for the unfortunate and homeless girls, and thus prevent crime. Crime can be abolished if we let no child grow up a criminal. To avert this we offer a home for first offense and opportunity to commence life anew, knowing that often if the will to reform is evident, the way is completely hedged in.

## DISCIPLINE.

There has been a wonderful advancement in behavior during the last two years. The graded system has added vastly to a better and more thorough work, and the intent of the institution to furnish a model home is becoming a fact and not anticipation. Strict obedience is expected, and our marking system is usually sufficient as a controlling power, and in very few cases are we obliged to resort to severe measures or solitary confinement.

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## INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

### DOMESTIC.

Our domestic training comprises five weeks each in laundry, plain and pastry cooking, dining room, dormitory, and general

house cleaning, each taking charge for one week or more, thus preparing them for responsible places when they go from the institution.

#### SCHOOL.

This department is conducted with the purpose of giving the girls a practical knowledge of the rudiments of an English education. The branches taught are history, geography, arithmetic, reading, writing, language, and spelling. While great proficiency cannot be attained in the limited time allowed for the school—three hours each day—something valuable can be accomplished in the way of mental discipline which will be of service to them in whatever they may undertake.

The largest enrollment during the years 1893 and 1894 is fifty-two (52), in October, 1894.

The largest attendance in any one day is forty-three (43), in October, 1894.

Average attendance for the two years, twenty-three (23).

#### DRESSMAKING.

Every one in the Home has the advantage of this industry. While many are prepared for thorough dressmaking, we expect all to be able to care for their own wardrobe. We have not aimed to do custom work, believing it more designed for a school of sewing than a method of securing funds.

#### IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS.

Many needed improvements have been made since the last report. Our laundry has been built, containing wash-room, drying-room, ironing-room, which economizes time and labor.

Fire protections have been placed on each floor; also fire escapes from the several stories.

A large steam pump in the engine-house, new walks built, grounds greatly improved—the whole place has the general appearance of thrift.

It has been our aim that nothing shall become dilapidated or destroyed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The changes that we note in the institution and farm are not mere happen-so. The systematic workings of the home, the improvements in all the departments of industry, the thorough discipline, and almost wonderful obedience to every law, have all been reached by long and constant work. They are stamped with prayers and tears and labor. The result of our effort to keep up a knowledge of all who have left, though sometimes saddening, are much more often encouraging in the highest degree. While we cannot claim that entire safety for the future is secured by our Home, and that all are reclaimed, we believe no girl has ever come under our training who has not derived great moral, physical, and mental benefit, and believe that such impressions have been received which cannot be effaced. Out of the number who have left a great per cent are leading good and useful lives, and with all the discouragements we know that the Nebraska Industrial Home is doing thorough reformatory work.

My co-workers are faithful to their duties, and their varied departments are managed with tact and earnestness.

The present salary of each is as follows:

	PER YEAR.
Superintendent.....	\$ 1,200 00
Physician .....	900 00
Matron .....	600 00

#### EMPLOYES.

Teacher.....	\$ 360 00
Dressmaker.....	300 00

Nurse .....	\$ 240 00
Nurse .....	180 00
Farmer .....	300 00
Engineer .....	670 00

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### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We acknowledge, with due appreciation, the interest the Governor has shown the institution. To the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, who have been faithful and unwavering in their labor for the best interests of the state, and have always been prompt and courteous in their duties. To the Associated Board of Charities, who have always been ready to counsel and bear with my mistakes, proving a ready and sure reliance when needed.

We are grateful to the business men of Milford, the postmaster, and station agent for the many favors shown us.

We appreciate the kindness of the pastors of the churches for their cheering counsel and sympathy. To the editors of the Seward and Milford papers, and other institutions that have sent their papers we extend our thanks. To the many friends throughout the state, who have come to our doors with kind words and helpful suggestions. To those who condemn us, we urge that they come and investigate our work, for we have learned it is those who know us the least who are our enemies. To the officers and employes, who have been the Aarons and Hurs to assist in lifting the burdens and sharing the trials of the home duties, I wish to express my thanks. .

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. As our buildings are filled to their utmost capacity, and having those who should be isolated, we would recommend and urge an appropriation for a hospital, that a large majority may not be endangered by a small minority.

2. We would request that a steam washer, mangle, and necessary machinery for laundry use be granted.

4. We would most earnestly urge that necessary measures be taken by those in authority to place the Industrial Home in its true and deserved light before the state.

5. We would ask that equal assistance and equal pay be granted our institution that is given to others.

3. We would call your attention to our engine house. It is located within fifteen feet of main building. The walls have been braced, but yet are very unsafe for storing quantities of coal. We ask for an appropriation that a new building may be placed in proper location to comply with the law.

## TABULATED STATEMENT.

Number in Home November 1, 1892.....	41
“ admitted from “ “ “ to November 1, 1894..	104
“ American parentage .....	66
“ foreign “ .....	38
Average age.....	19
Number parents dead .....	20
“ mothers “ .....	25
“ fathers “ .....	16
“ parents living.....	42
“ received from other institutions.....	1
“ returned to friends .....	42
“ married.....	5
“ transferred to other institutions.....	5

Number died.....	4
“ placed in homes to work.....	27
“ adults cared for each year.....	72
“ “ in Home November 1, 1894.....	62
“ children in “ “ “ 1892.....	26
“ “ born in Home November 1, 1892, to No- vember 1, 1894.....	62
Number children brought by mother.....	5
“ “ sent to Home for Friendless.....	5
“ “ died.....	21
“ “ taken by mother.....	26
“ “ adopted.....	17
“ “ cared for each year.....	44
“ “ in Home November 1, 1894.....	24
Total children and adults November 1, 1894.....	86
“ “ “ “ cared for each year.....	116
Average daily attendance adults and children.....	76

## PER CAPITA COST OF MAINTENANCE.

The expense per capita cost of maintenance, based on the average weekly attendance (76) and commuted upon the entire appropriation expended from April 1, 1893, to November 1, 1894, is \$2.20 per week.

## COMMUTED BY COUNTIES.

	PREVIOUSLY.	PAST TWO YEARS.	TOTAL
Adams.....	2	4	6
Brown.....	1	..	1
Butler.....	5	3	8
Buffalo.....	11	3	14
Cass.....	3	1	4
Chase.....	..	1	1
Cherry.....	1	..	1

	PREVIOUSLY.	PAST TWO YEARS.	TOTAL.
Clay .....	2	..	2
Custer.....	1	1	2
Dawes.....	1	..	1
Dawson.....	3	1	4
Dixon.....	1	..	1
Dodge.....	1	4	5
Douglas.....	30	26	56
Fillmore.....	1	4	5
Furnas.....	..	1	1
Franklin.....	1	3	4
Frontier.....	1	..	1
Gage.....	3	1	4
Gosper.....	1	..	1
Greeley.....	1	..	1
Hall.....	5	3	8
Hamilton.....	2	1	3
Harlan.....	2	3	5
Holt.....	1	..	1
Howard.....	2	..	2
Johnson.....	1	..	1
Jefferson.....	..	1	1
Knox.....	1	..	1
Lancaster.....	19	12	31
Lincoln.....	1	1	2
Madison.....	4	1	5
Merrick.....	2	1	3
Nemaha.....	..	1	1
Nuckolls.....	..	1	1
Nance.....	1	..	1
Otoe.....	2	3	5
Pawnee.....	1	1	2
Platte.....	2	3	5

	PREVIOUSLY.	PAST TWO YEARS.	TOTAL.
Phelps.....	1	1	1
Polk.....	3	2	5
Richardson.....	2	1	3
Red Willow.....	2	..	2
Saline.....	4	5	9
Sheridan.....	..	1	1
Sioux.....	..	1	1
Saunders.....	5	1	6
Seward.....	3	..	3
Thayer.....	2	..	2
Webster.....	1	3	4
Washington.....	..	2	2
York.....	1	2	3
Totals.....	139	104	243

## WORK DONE IN INDUSTRIAL ROOMS.

Aprons.....	189
Bags clothes.....	8
Bands.....	50
Bibs.....	40
Bread covers.....	18
Blankets hemmed.....	30
Baby quilts and mats.....	50
Bed mats.....	19
Carpets sewed.....	4
Counterpanes.....	18
Comforters.....	17
Chemises.....	4
Crocheted lace, yards.....	45
Drawers, pairs.....	98
Dresses, baby.....	175

Dresses, large.....	344
Dresses, repaired....	36
Diapers.....	600
Doilies.....	10
Elastic, pairs.....	50
Handkerchiefs.....	24
Hose.....	70
Initial letters embroidered.....	1200
Night dresses.....	134
Pillows, pairs.....	6
Pillow cases.....	124
Rugs hemmed.....	4
Sheets.....	18
Shirts.....	30
Sunbonnets.....	14
Skirts.....	170
Splashers.....	3
Towels.....	240
Table-cloths.....	20
Under waists.....	35
Napkins.....	60
Various small articles.....	375
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Total.....	4,392
Number articles repaired.....	1,827
Number garments washed.....	260,453

## TIME TABLE.

	A.M.
Rising bell.....	5:00
Breakfast bell.....	6:00
At work in all departments.....	6:30

	P. M.
Dinner.....	12:15
At work in all departments.....	1:00
School.....	2:00
Recreation.....	5:00
Supper.....	6:00
Chapel.....	8:00
Retiring.....	9:00

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### PRODUCT OF OUTDOOR LABOR.

NAME.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Apples, bushels.....	51	\$ 51 00
Beans, string, bushels.....	30	12 00
Beets, bushels.....	17	6 80
Carrots, bushels.....	2	1 00
Cabbages.....	550	27 50
Chickens.....	500	7 50
Corn, field, bushels.....	75	22 50
Corn, sweet, bushels.....	70	28 00
Cucumbers, bushels.....	4	36 00
Eggs, dozens.....	926	92 00
Hay, tons.....	1	6 00
Lettuce, bushels.....	4	1 00
Milk, quar <sup>t</sup> .....	13,850	692 50
Melons.....	250	25 00
Onions, bushels.....	7	7 00
Potatoes, bushels.....	200	200 00
Plumbs, bushels.....	8	8 00
Peas, bushels.....	14	10 50
Parsnips, bushels.....	18	7 20
Radishes, bushels.....	12	9 00

NAME	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Squashes, dozens .....	4	2 40
Tomatoes, bushels .....	30	15 00
Turnips, bushels .....	5	1 25
Hogs fattened and sold .....	9	113 00
Calves sold .....	6	16 80
Cows sold .....	3	55 00
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Total .....		\$1,454 55

#### SUMMARY OF INVENTORY NOVEMBER, 1894.

Land .....	\$ 2,400 00
North wing .....	15,000 00
South wing .....	15,000 00
Cottage .....	600 00
Barn .....	1,000 00
Improvements .....	1,500 00
Laundry .....	1,600 00
Ice house .....	305 00
Engine house and machinery .....	4,500 00
Live stock, horses, cows, hogs, and poultry .....	350 00
Vehicles, harness, and robes .....	150 00
Farm and repair tools .....	100 00
Furniture, both buildings .....	3,000 00
Library and school books .....	75 00
Clothing and dry goods .....	150 00
Provisions .....	200 00
Fuel .....	50 00
Miscellaneous .....	100 00
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Total .....	\$46,080 00

## CASH FUND.

Cash on hand October 1, 1892.....	\$ 111 33
Sale of hogs.....	146 15
Board of babies.....	507 75
Reimbursements warrants.....	328 15
Cows and calves.....	76 50
From all other sources.....	119 19
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Total receipts.....	\$1,280 07

## EXPENDITURES.

Employes' wages.....	\$ 272 00
Coal.....	181 71
Hogs.....	12 00
Hay.....	62 48
Incidentals October 1, 1892, to December 31, 1892..	82 80
“ January 1, 1893, to March 31, 1893....	125 18
“ April 1, 1893 to June 30, 1893.....	114 90
“ July 1, 1893, to September 30, 1893 ...	67 81
“ October 1, 1893, to December 31, 1893..	44 32
“ January 1, 1894, to March 31, 1894....	44 26
“ April 1, 1894, to June 30, 1894.....	93 22
“ July 1, 1894, to September 30, 1894....	60 74
“ October 1, 1894, to October 31, 1894....	28 12
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Total expenditures.....	\$ 1,189 54
Receipts.....	1,280 07
Expenses.....	1,189 54
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Balance November 1, 1894.....	\$ 90 53

Incidentals comprise sending inmates to homes found, repairing shoes, express charges, etc.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

To His Excellency Governor Lorenzo Crouse, and the Honorable Board of Public Lands and Buildings, I submit the third biennial report from April 1, 1893, to November 1, 1894:

Total appropriation..... \$ 25,750 00

FUND.	APPROPRIATIONS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
Officers' salary .....	\$ 6,000 00	\$ 4,042 17
Living expenses .....	7,000 00	4,707 43
Fuel and lights.....	3,000 00	1,856 43
Employes' wages .....	3,000 00	2,553 50
Stationery and telephone.....	500 00	272 58
Drugs and instruments .....	300 00	255 62
Repairs and improvements .....	200 00	138 75
Clothing and furniture.....	2,000 00	1,367 45
Traveling expenses for inmates...	200 00	111 58
Fire escape and protection.....	1,500 00	1,420 30
Laundry fixtures.....	1,500 00	1,498 00
Water supply .....	350 00	321 00
Musical instruments.....	200 00	.....

Allow me to call your attention to the shortage of the funds in appropriations for employes' wages, fuel and lights, and drugs and instruments, and urge you to grant us an appropriation that will fully cover these for the coming biennial period.

Respectfully,

MRS. S. A. LATTA.

## ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATIONS.

	PER ANNUM	PER TWO YEARS
Superintendent's salary . . . . .	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 4,000 00
Physician . . . . .	1,200 00	2,400 00
Matron . . . . .	720 00	1,440 00
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Totals . . . . .	\$ 3,920 00	\$ 7,840 00
Employes' wages—Teacher, dressmaker, bookkeeper, two nurses, farmer, en- gineer, laundress, and cook . . . . .	\$ 3,250 00	\$ 6,500 00
Living expense—feed for stock . . . . .		8,000 00
Clothing, bedding, furniture . . . . .		2,500 00
Hospital and furnishing . . . . .		10,000 00
Drugs, instruments, paints, and oils . . . . .		1,500 00
Stationery, telephone, judge's fees for adoption . . . . .		1,200 00
Fuel and lights . . . . .		4,000 00
Repairs and improvements . . . . .		1,000 00
Live stock and conveyances . . . . .		500 00
Machinery for laundry . . . . .		1,000 00
Official expenses as per statutes . . . . .		1,000 00
Expense sending inmates to homes . . . . .		300 00
Burial expenses . . . . .		500 00
Incidentals and amusements . . . . .		500 00
Water supply . . . . .		600 00
Engine house and dynamo rooms . . . . .		7,000 00
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Total . . . . .		\$53,940 00

C. S. CARSCADDEN,  
*Superintendent.*