



NEBRASKA INDUSTRIAL HOME, MILFORD.

FOURTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE

Nebraska Industrial Home,

AT

MILFORD, NEBRASKA.

For the Two Years Ending November 1st, 1896.

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To His Excellency, Governor Silas A. Holcomb, and to the Honorable Board of Public Lands and Buildings, and to the Board of Woman's Associate Charities, State of Nebraska,

It is with pleasure I present the fourth biennial report of the Nebraska Industrial Home for your consideration. I have desired that these reports should embody a continuous record of the progress of the institution, its work, needs, and statistics. I trust the results of our efforts may meet your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLARA S. CARSCADDEN,
Superintendent.

OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Mrs. C. S. Carscadden.....	Superintendent
Julie E. Teele, M. D.....	Physician
Mrs. Elizabeth Kent.....	Matron
Miss E. P. Carscadden.....	Book-keeper

EMPLOYES.

Miss Alice Blanchard.....	Teacher
Miss Anna Bowlin.....	Dressmaker
Miss Eliza Seibert.....	Nurse
Mrs. Emma Mitchell.....	Nurse
Riley Wright.....	Engineer
A. C. Wright.....	Farmer

REPORT.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The description of our buildings, account of the management, and the nature of the work of the Industrial Home, I am confident, are so well known to the voters of Nebraska that an explanation is not demanded in this report. We are not misrepresented, misjudged, and misunderstood except by those who are unacquainted with the work, and refuse to be informed.

The training feature of our institution is now fully developed, and is crushing out evil by active work, both mentally and physically. The last biennial period has been one of deep interest and steady advance towards the realization of hopes and ideals which at first seemed beyond our reach. The benefit actually received by each of the three hundred who have been placed under our care is the only true test of the value of our work to society; but measured by this, I believe we may ask for your confidence. Habits have been formed, principles instilled, and wisdom imparted that must bear fruit in redeemed lives and improved homes for more than the present generation. It has been our aim to lift these neglected lives to the level of respectable, self-supporting womanhood, who may win by honest toil a place in the world of correct and useful citizens.

GOVERNMENT.

The systematic workings of our Home have nearly reached the point we wished. The obedience is prompt and satisfactory. Such a willingness to please permeates the Home that as new ones enter the atmosphere of obedience is so evident that they fall into the methods with few corrections, and no severe measures are required. Punishment will never destroy crime. We have learned that we must be undaunted by all their weak-

nesses, failures, and perversities, and work with a zeal that springs from love to save, for no other can bear the strain of a work like this.

Obedience to authority becomes a habit very quickly where it is the popular ruling power in an institution, and before their year closes become a part of the character building. To appreciate the almost perfect order of the home life here, and the change in behavior that a few weeks will accomplish, requires personal knowledge, which cannot be realized by any report.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC.

We have the system in our manual department thoroughly tested. The training has been more thorough and comprehensive than in any previous year. More than ever before, the work is centralized and classified. Every inmate is required to take five weeks' training in each of the following departments: Laundry, plain and pastry cooking, dining room, dormitory, and general management, each one taking full charge as leader for one week in the various departments, passing from one department to another when proficient, the same as in school work. I cannot fill all the applications for our trained domestics, and always have homes on file waiting until we can supply them with help. A great percentage of them have made excellent records and proved a credit to the institution.

EDUCATIONAL.

This branch of our industry is carried on with the purpose of giving the girls a practical knowledge of the principles of an English education. The branches taught are reading, penmanship, language, spelling, geography, history, physiology, arithmetic, and algebra. While only a limited amount can be accomplished in the short time we are allowed for the school work, three hours each day, we believe, since the endeavor is to make the work thoroughly practical, that many valuable helps may be given that will be of service to them in any walk of life. The

largest enrollment during the years 1895 and 1896 is fifty-five. The largest attendance in any one day is forty. Average attendance for the two years, twenty-four.

DRESSMAKING.

This industry has proved of great benefit to the inmates of the institution. The last five weeks of their year are spent in this department, where they are carefully taught, first, the cutting and sewing of plain garments, and finally, general dressmaking. Each one is expected to be able to care for her own wardrobe and do any plain sewing. Those who wish to be more thorough in the work remain longer and prepare themselves for dress-makers. Our aim is to always secure a Christian teacher in this department, who will admonish and correct all evil tendencies, and give inspiration for nobler living.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

While no new buildings have been erected, there has been constant repairing as needed: We have had the dormitory in the south wing plastered, and also, in the hospital ward, have had rooms enclosed and doors hung and new hard-wood floors. We did not succeed in securing an appropriation for a new engine house, but have had new outer walls built and also new inner wall, which were unsafe. Our engine house is in fair condition, but is, according to the statutes, too near the main building. We have built a new brick coal house, adjoining the laundry. Have had a large tank of about 500-barrel capacity put up, which gives us good water supply in case of any emergency. Our carriages have been repaired and repainted and our farming tools are in excellent condition. We have set out over two hundred trees and a large amount of shrubbery. Our grounds are becoming beautiful and a credit to the state. The wood work and porches of both buildings have been repainted and roof repaired to stop leakage. Everything is watched and kept in neat appearance. We believe that prompt repairing is sure economy. Our effort is to see how much we can accomplish with the appropriation given us by our legislators.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I wish to repeat that the changes we note and the prompt obedience in our institution are not mere happen-so, but have been effected by long and constant work. Each one who comes to our doors is obliged to sign papers to remain one year, and every possible effort is made to fully reclaim and reform each one. We never send one from the institution for whom we have not secured a good home. While we cannot claim that all have been reformed, we believe that not one has ever come under the discipline of the Home who has not been greatly benefited, morally, physically, and mentally. We are fully aware that our work has deep significance and great responsibilities. The work should have the sympathy of every moral and Christian person in our state. The entire corps of assistants should be thoroughly imbued with the importance of a pure, true life, which will make them energetic and faithful. We have, without an exception, such workers, and may God speed the efforts of the Nebraska Industrial Home and hasten the time when right and truth shall prevail.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We appreciated the visit of the Governor and the interest manifested by him for the state and its unfortunate wards. The Board of Public Lands and Buildings have been zealous to watch carefully all the funds at their disposal and advise with promptness and discretion the manner in which these funds should be used.

To the Board of Associate Charities, not only am I under obligations, but the state also. The ladies are untiring in their efforts and in their interest for the welfare of those in their care, conscientious in the discharge of gratuitous work. Each added year of our association brings proof of increasing sympathy, confidence, and mutual understanding.

To all these authorities I desire to express deep gratitude for the uniform courtesy and kindness which have characterized your faithful and arduous supervision of our work.

We kindly remember those throughout the state who have expressed their interest by visiting or by cheering letters.

We are grateful for the favors shown us by the business men, editor, and station agent in our home town.

The force in the institution is united with me in promoting the best interests of the work.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND GENERAL REMARKS.

I shall not suggest or recommend any new buildings, on account of the pressure of close times.

2. We would ask that a sufficient appropriation be granted under improvements to better economize the laundry work.

3. We would most earnestly urge that our legislature discountenance all doubtful questionings in regard to the institution. If it is to be a ward of the state it should be protected from calumny.

4. We urge that every legislator know from a personal knowledge of the workings of the institution, and not base opinions upon rumors.

We respectfully make these appeals to the state legislators, who have so kindly granted our requests in the past.

The present salary of each officer is as follows:

	Per Annum.
Superintendent	\$1,500 00
Physician	900 00
Matron	600 00
Book-keeper	250 00

EMPLOYEES.

	Per Annum.
Teacher	360 00
Dressmaker	300 00
Nurse	240 00
Nurse	240 00
Farmer	360 00
Engineer	670 00

TABULATED STATEMENT.

Number adults in Home November 1, 1894.....	62
Number admitted November 1, 1894, to November 1, 1896....	98
Number American parentage.....	62
Number foreign parentage.....	36
Average age.....	19
Number parents dead.....	16
Number one parent living.....	38
Number received from other institutions (included in ad- mitted)	2
Number returned to friends.....	80
Number married.....	5
Number transferred to other institutions.....	5
Number placed in homes to work.....	34
Number adults cared for each year.....	80
Number in Home November 1, 1896.....	36
Number children in Home November 1, 1894.....	24
Number born November 1, 1894, to November 1, 1896.....	66
Number brought by mothers.....	2
Number sent to Home for Friendless.....	17
Number died.....	11
Number taken by mothers.....	32
Number children adopted.....	9
Number children in Home November 1, 1896.....	23
Number children cared for each year.....	45
Total children and adults November 1, 1896.....	59
Total children and adults cared for each year.....	125
Average daily attendance, adults and children.....	68

PER CAPITA COST OF MAINTENANCE.

The per capita cost of maintenance, based on the average weekly attendance (68), and computed upon the entire appropriation expended, from April 1, 1895, to November 1, 1896, is \$3.95 per week.

The per capita, based on average weekly attendance (68), and computed on amount expended from funds for board and clothing, is \$1.19 per week.

COMMITTED BY COUNTIES.

County.	Previously.	Past two years.	Total.
Antelope	0	1	1
Antelopece	0	1	1
Box Butte.....	0	1	1
Brown	1	0	1
Butler	8	3	11
Boone	0	1	1
Buffalo	14	1	15
Cass	4	3	7
Chase	1	0	1
Cherry	1	0	1
Clay	2	2	4
Custer	2	1	3
Dawes	1	1	2
Dawson	4	1	5
Dixon	1	0	1
Dodge	5	4	9
Douglas	56	7	63
Fillmore	5	6	11
Furnas	1	1	2
Franklin	4	1	5
Frontier	1	0	1
Gage	4	3	7
Gosper	1	0	1
Greeley	1	0	1
Hall	8	3	11
Hamilton	3	1	4
Harlan	5	0	5
Holt	1	0	1
Howard	2	1	3
Johnson	1	0	1
Jefferson	1	2	3
Knox	1	0	1
Kearney	0	1	1
Lancaster	31	12	43

County.	Previously.	Past two years.	Total.
Lincoln	2	1	3
Madison	5	4	9
Merrick	3	0	3
Nemaha	1	3	4
Nuckolls	1	3	4
Nance	1	1	2
Otoe	5	2	7
Pawnee	2	0	2
Platte	5	0	5
Phelps	1	2	3
Polk	5	1	6
Pierce	0	1	1
Richardson	3	1	4
Red Willow.....	2	1	3
Saline	9	2	11
Sheridan	1	1	2
Sioux	1	0	1
Saunders	6	3	9
Seward	3	5	8
Sarpy	0	1	1
Sherman	0	1	1
Thayer	2	2	4
Webster	4	0	4
Washington	2	0	2
Wayne	0	2	2
Valley	0	1	1
York	3	2	5
Total	243	98	341

WORK DONE IN INDUSTRIAL ROOMS.

Aprons	252
Bags, clothes.....	1
Bands	37
Bibs	30
Bread covers.....	9

Blankets hemmed.....	10
Baby quilts and mats.....	37
Bed mats.....	6
Carpets sewed.....	3
Counterpanes.....	12
Comforters.....	0
Chemises.....	5
Crocheted lace, yards.....	100
Drawers, pairs.....	153
Dresses, baby.....	302
Dresses, large.....	261
Dresses repaired.....	15
Diapers.....	366
Doilies.....	8
Elastics, pairs.....	75
Handkerchiefs.....	36
Hose.....	80
Initial letters embroidered.....	1,500
Night dresses.....	242
Pillows, pairs.....	2
Pillow cases.....	113
Rugs hemmed.....	9
Sheets.....	26
Shirts.....	78
Sun bonnets.....	11
Skirts.....	227
Splashers.....	8
Towels.....	76
Table cloths.....	4
Under waists.....	40
Napkins.....	36
Various small articles.....	425
Total.....	4,093

Number articles repaired.....	1,401
Number articles washed.....	167,156

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

PRODUCT OF OUTDOOR LABOR.

	Quantity.	Value.
Apples, bushels.....	50	\$37 50
Beans, string, bushels.....	25	10 00
Beets, bushels.....	16	6 40
Carrots, bushels.....	2	1 00
Cabbages	1,500	75 00
Chickens	300	60 00
Corn, field, bushels.....	00	00
Corn, sweet, bushels.....	150	22 50
Cucumbers, bushels.....	25	25 00
Eggs, dozen.....	200	20 00
Hay, tons.....	10	40 00
Lettuce, bushels.....	8	2 00
Milk, quarts.....	17,438	697 52
Melons	1,000	100 00
Onions, bushels.....	10	10 00
Potatoes, bushels.....	225	90 00
Plums, bushels.....	9	4 50
Peas, bushels.....	16	12 00
Parsnips, bushels.....	4	2 00
Radishes, bushels.....	20	15 00

Tomatoes, bushels.....	100	\$50 00
Turnips, bushels.....	00	00
Hogs fattened and sold.....	15	143 05
Calves sold.....	6	6 00
Cows sold.....	00	00
Oats, bushels.....	200	30 00
Butter, pounds.....	107	10 70
Total		<u>\$1,470 17</u>

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY, 1896.

Land	\$2,400 00
North wing.....	15,000 00
South wing.....	15,000 00
Cottage	600 00
Barn	1,000 00
Improvements	1,800 00
Laundry	1,500 00
Ice-house	275 00
Engine house and machinery.....	4,000 00
Live stock, horses, cows, hogs, and poultry.....	462 00
Vehicles, carriages, wagon, harness.....	230 00
Farm and repair tools.....	80 00
Furniture	2,500 00
Library and school books.....	100 00
Clothing and dry goods.....	100 00
Provisions	100 00
Fuel	90 00
Miscellaneous	100 00
Total	<u>\$45,387 00</u>

CASH FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand November 1, 1894.....	\$90 53
Reimbursement warrants.....	375 50
Sale of hogs.....	143 05
Board of children.....	226 00
Sale of horse.....	35 00
From other sources.....	158 79
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Total	\$1,028 87

EXPENDITURES.

Employes' wages.....	\$92 00
Hogs	27 00
Incidentals, November 1, to December 31, 1894.....	36 30
Incidentals, January 1 to March 31, 1895.....	99 24
Incidentals, April 1 to June 30, 1895.....	120 67
Incidentals, July 1 to September 30, 1895.....	96 42
Incidentals, October 1 to December 31, 1895.....	129 39
Incidentals, January 1 to March 31, 1896.....	93 34
Incidentals, April 1 to June 30, 1896.....	115 72
Incidentals, July 1 to September 30, 1896.....	56 03
Incidentals, October 1 to October 31, 1896.....	14 75
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Total	\$880 86

Receipts	\$1,028 87
Expenditures	880 86
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Balance	\$148 01
Cash on hand, November 1, 1896.....	\$148 01