

FIFTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

Nebraska Industrial Home

AT

MILFORD, NEBRASKA.

FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1898.

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MILFORD INDUSTRIAL HOME, MILFORD.

To His Excellency, Governor Silas A. Holcomb, and to the Honorable Board of Public Lands and Buildings:

Kindly allow me to submit the fifth biennial report of the Nebraska Industrial Home for your consideration. It is hoped that this report will convey to you some idea of the advancement obtained in the work of the institution, and that the statistics given will also suggest our needs. Trusting that the result of our work will be approved by you, I am

Very respectfully yours,

AMANDA M. EDWARDS,

Superintendent.

ADVISORY BOARD.

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OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Amanda M. Edwards Superintendent
Alma L. Rowe Physician
Miss Mellie Reed Matron
Miss Tilla Job Bookkeeper

EMPLOYES.

Miss Cora Davidson Teacher
Martin T. Otto Engineer
Theo. Kahler Farmer

REPORT.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The institution is answering the object for which it was founded in caring for a good number of penitent, dependent young women of our state. The unfortunate ones are given home care, and by steady mental, moral, and physical training they are helped to lay aside evil thoughts and practices, and to begin life anew, walking in the paths of truth. Over four hundred adults have sought the shelter and care of the home. Most of them go out to lives of self-support, respectability, and usefulness.

DISCIPLINE.

The government consists of a kind, thorough discipline in each and every department. As each one must, herself, apply for admission into the home, you might expect all to readily abide by the rules; but the training of no two has been exactly the same, and some have never known strict obedience to proper authority. The condition of some upon entering might be expressed by the statement of an inmate, that her obedience to the authorities here was the first prompt obedience she had ever exercised. Several who have given us the most care in the beginning have soon joined the class of faithful, trusted ones. The discipline is calculated to engender and cultivate a self-respect which is the essential principle of morality.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

DOMESTIC.

The work is so classified and systematized that the training is very comprehensive and thorough. Every inmate is required to take five weeks' training in each of the following departments:

laundry; cooking, plain; cooking, pastry; 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, the same as in school work. I can not fill all the applications for our good trained domestics. Nearly all who have been employed in good families have proved a credit to the institution.

EDUCATIONAL.

The aim in this department is to emphasize the value of a practical English education. The branches taught are: reading, spelling, arithmetic, algebra, geography, language, literature, history, physiology, and penmanship. In this, as in other departments, we maintain the importance of Christian instruction.

The largest enrollment during the years 1897 and 1898 was fifty-four, the largest attendance in any one day thirty-three, and the average daily attendance for the two years eighteen.

One of the officers or employes reads aloud to the inmates during meal time, selecting current topics, which interest and instruct. The chapel services every evening, in which all who are able join, is an educational feature.

SEWING AND DRESSMAKING.

There has been no provision for a dressmaker since I came into the work. Sewing and dressmaking is a very important department. Many of the inmates have no knowledge of the proper care of their own wardrobe, and have to be taught to sew. By the generous, untiring aid of the teacher and bookkeeper, we have been able to keep up the teaching and work of this department tolerably well. All have been taught plain sewing, making over, mending, and the care of their own clothing. Most of them are able to cut and make their own dresses when they leave this department. The needs of the institution could be more readily met by having a competent dressmaker to take charge of this work.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

It is our aim to keep everything belonging to the institution in as good repair as possible with the amount furnished. Almost daily repairs of some sort are needed. The most necessary repairs which could be made within the limits of the appropriation have been done. There are many repairs and some improvements which could be profitably made.

Our engine house is in fair condition, but, according to the statutes, too near the main building. Some washing machines should be added to the laundry to economize time and labor.

The carriage, buggy, and spring wagon have been repaired and re-repaired until they are unprofitable vehicles.

We have set out fifty trees, fruit and ornamental, two dozen currants, and some shrubbery, all of which has tended to enhance the beauty of our grounds.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Having had no nurse or assistant nurse during the last bienium, I realize the necessity of making the most of the help of the inmates in the hospital ward. In order to render them helpful we should have a department of training which would enable our home girls, who wish to follow nursing as a means of livelihood, and have the requisites for the work, to take the training in the home. By devoting their entire time to the studies pertaining to that course, instead of going through all the departments of work, they could greatly assist us in the hospital ward, in which the mothers and their infants must have almost daily care. I would recommend that one thousand dollars be appropriated as a suitable amount to establish and maintain a department of training school for nurses. Establishing and furnishing this department will be attended with more expense than any year of its maintenance.

As the farmer is farmer, gardener, and coachman and has to work from twelve to sixteen hours per day, I would recommend that he receive at least forty dollars per month, as he boards himself.

We need a dressmaker who can devote her time to teaching our girls to sew. I would recommend that a suitable salary be appropriated for the same.

Our carriages and wagon are worn out. I would recommend that an appropriation be granted sufficient for the purchase of new ones.

I have asked for a small addition to appropriations where the best good of our institution has made the demand imperative.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

We greatly appreciate the interest manifested by the governor for his state and its unfortunate wards; the zealous, watchful care of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, the kind, efficient aid of the advisory board, and the uniform courtesy and kindness of all.

We are thankful for visits and letters of cheer, which have proved the interest of kind friends in the work of the home. We are grateful to the pastors at Milford, who kindly preach to us, and to the business men, editor, and station agent in our home town for kind favor shown.

The advanced condition of the institution is due, in a great measure, to the faithful, harmonious work of my helpers.

The present salary of each officer is as follows:

	Per Annum.
Superintendent.....	\$1,000 00
Physician.....	900 00
Matron.....	600 00
Bookkeeper.....	250 00

EMPLOYES.

Teacher.....	\$300 00
Farmer.....	360 00
Engineer.....	600 00

TABULATED STATEMENT.

Number adults in home, November 1, 1896.....	36
Number admitted November 1, 1896, to December 1, 1898.....	76
Number American parentage.....	52
Number foreign parentage.....	24
Average age.....	19.54
Number parents dead.....	17
Number father, only, living.....	19
Number mother, only, living.....	10
Number returned to friends.....	28
Number married.....	2
Number transferred to other institutions.....	1
Number placed in homes to work.....	14
Number adults cared for each year.....	56
Number in home, December 1, 1898.....	29
Number children in home, November 1, 1896.....	23
Number born, November 1, 1896, to December 1, 1898.	67
Number brought by mothers.....	2
Number transferred to Home for Friendless.....	2
Number died.....	5
Number still born.....	3
Number taken by mothers.....	31
Number children adopted.....	9
Number children in home, December 1, 1898.....	25
Number children cared for each year.....	45
Number children and adults in home, December 1, 1898	54
Total children and adults cared for each year.....	101
Average daily attendance, adults and children.....	61

PER CAPITA COST OF MAINTENANCE.

The per capita cost of maintenance, based on the average weekly attendance (63), and computed upon the entire expenditures from November 1, 1896, to December 1, 1898, is \$3.10 per week.

The per capita, based on average weekly attendance (63), and computed upon amount expended from funds for board and clothing is \$1.06 per week.

COMMITTED BY COUNTIES.

County.	Previously.	Past two years.	Total.
Adams.....	0	2	2
Antelope.....	2	0	2
Boone.....	1	0	1
Box Butte.....	1	0	1
Brown.....	1	0	1
Buffalo.....	15	0	15
Butler.....	11	2	13
Cass.....	7	0	7
Cedar.....	0	1	1
Chase.....	1	0	1
Cherry.....	1	0	1
Clay.....	4	3	7
Colfax.....	0	2	2
Cuming.....	0	1	1
Custer.....	3	0	3
Dawes.....	2	0	2
Dawson.....	5	0	5
Dixon.....	1	0	1
Dodge.....	9	4	13
Douglas.....	63	8	71
Fillmore.....	11	3	14
Franklin.....	5	2	7
Frontier.....	1	0	1
Furnas.....	2	0	2
Gage.....	7	2	9
Gosper.....	1	0	1
Greeley.....	1	0	1
Hall.....	11	3	14
Hamilton.....	4	0	4
Harlan.....	5	0	5
Hayes.....	0	1	1

County.	Previously.	Past two years.	Total.
Holt.....	1	0	1
Howard.....	3	0	3
Jefferson.....	3	0	3
Johnson.....	1	1	2
Kearney.....	1	1	2
Knox.....	1	0	1
Lancaster.....	43	15	58
Lincoln.....	3	1	4
Madison.....	9	1	10
Merrick.....	3	1	4
Nance.....	2	0	2
Nemaha.....	4	2	6
Nuckolls.....	4	0	4
Otoe.....	7	2	9
Pawnee.....	2	2	4
Phelps.....	3	0	3
Pierce.....	1	0	1
Platte.....	5	4	9
Polk.....	6	2	8
Red Willow.....	3	1	4
Richardson.....	4	2	6
Saline.....	11	1	12
Sarpy.....	1	0	1
Saunders.....	9	1	10
Seward.....	8	1	9
Sheridan.....	2	0	2
Sherman.....	1	0	1
Sioux.....	1	0	1
Thayer.....	4	0	4
Washington.....	2	0	2
Wayne.....	2	1	3
Webster.....	4	1	5
Valley.....	1	1	2
York.....	5	1	6
	235	76	311

WORK DONE IN INDUSTRIAL ROOMS.

Aprons	275
Bags, clothes	2
Bed pads	20
Blankets mended	36
Bread covers	12
Carpets sewed and turned	13
Carpets made	5
Crocheted lace, yards	200
Cloaks, baby	75
Cushions made	4
Diapers	390
Doilies	12
Drawers, pairs	175
Dresses, adults	484
Dresses, baby	409
Handkerchiefs	50
Hoods, baby	53
Hose, pairs	150
Initial letters, embroidered	3,243
Napkins, hemmed	60
Napkins, made	150
Night dresses, adults	260
Night dresses, baby	275
Pillow cases	100
Pillow cases, nursery	75
Quilts, baby	100
Rugs hemmed	10
Sheets	142
Sheets, nursery	100
Shirts, baby	200
Skirts, adults	75
Skirts, baby	263
Sunbonnets	12
Tablecloths	9

Towels	65
Under waists, adults	50
Various small articles	75
Waists, hospital ward	18
Total	7,647
Number articles repaired	2,590
Number pieces washed, July 9, 1897, to December 1, 1898,	136,565

TIME TABLE.

WINTER.

	A. M.
Rising bell	6:00
Breakfast bell	7:00
At work in all departments	7:30

SUMMER.

Rising bell	5:00
Breakfast bell	6:00
At work in all departments	6:30
Dinner	12:00
	P. M.
At work in all departments	1:00
School	2:30
Recreation	5:00
Supper	6:00
Chapel	7:30
Retiring	9:00

PRODUCT OF OUT-DOOR LABOR.

	Produced.	Value.
Apples, bushels	20	\$ 10 00
Beans, string, bushels	25	15 00
Beets, bushels	3	1 20
Butter, pounds	75	11 25
Cabbage, heads	2,000	100 00

	Produced.	Value.
Cherries, quarts.....	40	4 00
Chickens killed.....	36	9 00
Corn, cut, acres.....	10	100 00
Corn, sweet, bushels.....	20	4 00
Eggs, dozen.....	335	50 25
Hay, tons.....	10	35 00
Hams, pounds.....	228	41 04
Head cheese, pounds.....	10	1 00
Lard, pounds.....	100	16 00
Lettuce, bushels.....	10	12 00
Milk, quarts.....	10,643	532 15
Onions, bushels.....	5	3 75
Peas, bushels.....	3	3 60
Pie plant, pounds.....	15	2 25
Pork, pounds.....	1,423	177 88
Potatoes, bushels.....	100	50 00
Radishes, bunches.....	300	15 00
Sausage, pounds.....	75	7 50
Shoulders, pounds.....	264	39 60
Tomatoes, bushels.....	200	80 00
Turnips, bushels.....	25	10 00
Total value.....		<u>\$1,331 47</u>

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY, 1898.

Land.....	\$ 2,400 00
North wing.....	14,000 00
South wing.....	14,000 00
Cottage.....	500 00
Barn.....	800 00
Improvements.....	1,500 00
Laundry.....	1,400 00
Engine house and machinery.....	3,500 00
Horses, cows, hogs, and poultry.....	430 00

Carriages, wagon, and harness.....	\$	125	00
Farm and repair tools.....		75	00
Furniture		2,000	00
Library and school books.....		50	00
Clothing and dry goods.....		100	00
Provisions.....		100	00
Fuel.....		50	00
Miscellaneous.		100	00
Total	\$	41,130	00

EXPENDITURES IN EACH APPROPRIATION.

FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1896, TO JANUARY 1, 1898.

Officers' salary.....	\$	812	50
Feed for stock		15	10
Meat		148	06
Groceries and provisions.....		152	96
Laundry.....		4	15
Miscellaneous		38	83
Fuel and lights.....		407	02
Employes' wages.....		350	00
Stationery		50	52
Drugs and instruments.....		16	65
Repairs and improvements.....			
Live stock and conveyances.....			
Water supply.....			
Clothing		125	18
Furniture and bedding.....			
Burial expenses			
Official expenses.....		1	90
Total	\$	2,122	87

FROM JANUARY 1, 1897, TO APRIL 1, 1897.

Officers' salary.....	\$ 812 50
Feed for stock.....	52 55
Meat.....	214 84
Groceries and provisions.....	274 99
Laundry.....	23 25
Miscellaneous.....	121 92
Fuel and lights.....	569 11
Employes' wages.....	578 75
Stationery.....	57 60
Drugs and instruments.....	14 70
Repairs and improvements.....	117 75
Live stock and conveyances.....	
Water supply.....	
Clothing.....	98 57
Furniture and bedding.....	
Burial expenses.....	6 00
Official expenses.....	49 84
Total.....	\$2,992 37

FROM APRIL 1, 1897, TO JULY 1, 1897.

Officers' salary.....	\$ 763 89
Feed for stock.....	34 03
Meat.....	168 22
Groceries and provisions.....	368 67
Laundry.....	22 92
Miscellaneous.....	121 25
Fuel and lights.....	345 19
Employes' wages.....	411 50
Stationery.....	63 68
Drugs and instruments.....	34 80
Repairs and improvements.....	
Live stock and conveyances.....	
Water supply.....	

Clothing	\$ 119 24
Furniture and bedding.....	
Burial expenses	
Official expenses.....	51 62
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Total	\$2,505 01

FROM JULY 1, 1897, TO OCTOBER 1, 1897.

Board and feed for stock.....	\$570 51
Burial expenses.....	
Clothing, bedding, and furniture.....	156 14
Drugs, oils, paints, and instruments	63 90
Employes' wages	275 00
Fuel and lights.....	78 37
Inmates' travel.....	74 83
Incidentals and amusements.....	7 50
Official expenses.....	33 85
Repairs, improvements and fruit trees.....	
Stationery, telephone, and judges' fees	63 75
Water supply and fire protection.....	8 45
Superintendent's salary.....	222 21
Physician's salary	200 00
Matron's salary.....	133 33
Bookeeper's salary.....	
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Total	\$1,887 84

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1897, TO JANUARY 1, 1898.

Board and feed for stock.....	\$502 16
Burial expenses	10 00
Clothing, bedding, and furniture.....	263 13
Drugs, oils, paints, and instruments.....	20 15
Employes' wages	455 00
Fuel and lights	606 00
Inmates' travel.....	44 99
Incidentals and amusements.....	8 12
Official expenses.....	11 61

Repairs, improvements, and fruit trees	\$ 9 20
Stationery, telephone, and judges' fees	25 55
Water supply and fire protection	10 40
Superintendent's salary	250 00
Physician's salary	225 00
Matron's salary	150 00
Bookkeeper's salary	
Total	<u>\$2,592 01</u>

FROM JANUARY 1, 1898, TO APRIL 1, 1898.

Board and feed for stock	\$341 80
Burial expenses	
Clothing, bedding, and furniture	164 77
Drugs, oils, paints, and instruments	47 10
Employes' wages	315 00
Fuel and lights	337 97
Inmates' travel	68 56
Incidentals and amusements	
Official expenses	16 63
Repairs, improvements, and fruit trees	5 20
Stationery, telephone, and judges' fees	59 20
Water supply and fire protection	52 05
Superintendent's salary	249 99
Physician's salary	225 00
Matron's salary	150 00
Bookkeeper's salary	103 43
Total	<u>\$2,136 70</u>

FROM APRIL 1, 1898, TO JULY 1, 1898

Board and feed for stock	\$ 456 62
Burial expenses	
Clothing, bedding, and furniture	66 44
Drugs, oils, paints, and instruments	49 95
Employes' wages	285 00
Fuel and lights	441 45
Inmates' travel	59 18

Incidental and amusements	\$	12	50
Official expenses		21	53
Repairs, improvements, and fruit trees		49	51
Stationery, telephone, and judges' fees		39	80
Water supply and fire protection		7	00
Superintendent's salary		249	99
Physician's salary		225	00
Matron's salary		150	00
Bookkeeper's salary		50	89
Total	\$	2,164	86

FROM JULY 1, 1898, TO OCTOBER 1, 1898.

Board and feed for stock	\$	480	71
Burial expenses			
Clothing, bedding, and furniture		161	16
Drugs, oils, paints, and instruments		44	00
Employes' wages		320	00
Fuel and lights		157	36
Inmates' travel		57	68
Incidentals and amusements			
Official expenses		3	27
Repairs, improvements and fruit trees		27	42
Stationery, telephone, and judges' fees		40	05
Water supply and fire protection		20	44
Superintendent's salary		249	99
Physician's salary		225	00
Matron's salary		150	00
Bookkeeper's salary		62	49
Total	\$	1,999	57

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1898, TO DECEMBER 1, 1898.

Board and feed for stock	\$	567	59
Burial expenses			
Clothing, bedding, and furniture		138	57
Drugs, paints, oils, and instruments		58	35

Employes' wages.....	\$ 223 65
Fuel and lights.....	95 19
Inmates' travel.....	36 16
Incidentals and amusements.....	4 20
Official expenses.....	4 58
Repairs, improvements, and fruit trees.....	48 60
Stationery, telephone, and judges' fees.....	27 55
Water supply and fire protection.....	
Superintendent's salary.....	166 66
Physician's salary.....	150 00
Matron's salary.....	100 00
Bookkeeper's salary.....	41 66
Total.....	\$1,662 76
Total expenditures.....	\$20,063 99

APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

	Appropriations.	Disbursements.
Officers' salary.....	\$ 5,500 00	\$ 4,494 53
Employes' wages.....	3,000 00	2,285 15
Fuel and lights.....	3,000 00	2,093 81
Repairs, improvements, and fruit trees.....	300 00	147 38
Clothing, bedding, and furniture.....	1,200 00	1,068 44
Incidentals and amusements.....	100 00	45 27
Board and feed for stock.....	5,000 00	3,901 16
Stationery, telephone, and judges' fees.....	400 00	317 50
Drugs, paints, oils, and instruments....	500 00	348 60
Inmates' travel.....	400 00	382 81
Official expenses.....	200 00	147 79
Burial expenses.....	100 00	10 00
Water supply and fire protection.....	500 00	98 34
Total.....	\$20,200 00	\$15,340 78
Total appropriations.....	\$20,200 00	
Total expenditures.....		15,340 78
Balance December 1, 1898.....		\$ 4,859 22

CASH FUND.

Cash on hand, November 1, 1896.....	\$ 148 01
Warrants	2,329 48
Cow sold.....	30 00
Calves sold, four.....	10 00
Hogs sold, three.....	29 70
Children's board.....	118 00
Money orders, stamps, premiums, etc	100 93
Total receipts.....	<u>\$2,766 12</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Petty expenses to April, 1897.....	\$ 151 32
Board and feed for stock.....	76 39
Burial expenses	10 00
Clothing, bedding and furniture.....	54 79
Drugs, paints, oils, and instruments.....	42 10
Employes' wages.....	1,598 65
Fuel and lights.....	62 02
Stationery, telephone, and judges' fees.....	97 30
Inmates' travel.....	263 30
Incidentals and amusements.....	4 12
Official expenses.....	71 98
Repairs, improvements, and fruit trees	29 20
Water supply and fire protection.....	19 63
Total expenditures.....	<u>\$2,480 80</u>
Receipts	2,766 12
Expenditures	2,480 80
Balance December 1, 1898.....	<u>\$ 285 32</u>