

SEVENTH BIENNIAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Nebraska Industrial Home

—AT—

MILFORD, NEBRASKA

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FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1902

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THE FREMONT TRIBUNE  
FREMONT, NEB.

To His Excellency, Governor E. P. Savage, and the Honorable  
Board of Public Lands and Buildings:

As the time for the Seventh Biennial Report of the Nebraska  
Industrial Home is due, will you kindly allow me to submit for  
your consideration the advancement in our work, and also some  
of our needs which I trust you will kindly approve of.

I am, very respectfully,

MARGARET KEALY, Superintendent.

ADVISORY BOARD.

Mrs. Callen Thompson, President ..... Lincoln  
Mrs. Dr. Towne, Vice-President ..... Omaha  
Mrs. Burlingame, Secretary ..... Lincoln

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APPLICATION COMMITTEE.

Mrs. A. J. Sawyer ..... Lincoln  
Mrs. Thomas Graham ..... Seward

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OFFICERS OF INSTITUTION.

Margaret Kealy ..... Superintendent  
Edith H. Saunders ..... Physician  
Harriet Shoaf ..... Matron

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EMPLOYES.

Etta Brooks ..... Secretary and Teacher  
Lydia Dillenbeck ..... Sewing Teacher  
Cora Johnson ..... Nurse  
W. G. Beachler ..... Engineer  
John O. Kent ..... Farmer

#### GENERAL INFORMATION.

It is needless for me to say that the Home is answering the object for which it was originated, that is to shelter, protect and help reform those wayward, unfortunate girls who seek the protection of the Home.

Our object is to help them to better lives. In the first place by good examples; secondly, by good moral, mental and physical training.

Over five hundred and fifty adults have been received and cared for in the Home. A large per cent have reformed and gone out to lives of respectability and usefulness. I would suggest that the term be lengthened, as one year is rather short considering the magnitude of the reform necessary in some cases.

#### DISCIPLINE.

I have not so far been obliged to resort to any severe measures to receive prompt attention and obedience. With some obedience is foreign to them, never having been under any kind of discipline before coming to the Home. The government of the Home is such as to engender self-respect by giving the inmates the respect due them and requiring them to respect each other as well as the ones in charge. By establishing true self-respect, we are sure to engender the essential principles of morality.

#### INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

The work of this department is to teach system and thoroughness. The inmates are detailed to the following departments: Laundry; cooking, plain; cooking, pastry; dormitories; and general management. Their promotion from these separate departments depends on their efficiency to do the work. Each serves as head girl in the departments they work up in under direction of the matron. I am not able at any time to fill the applications I have for competent help.

## EDUCATIONAL.

We have a well organized school. The branches taught are: Reading, spelling, arithmetic, geography, language, composition and history and penmanship. The largest enrollment during the year 1902 was thirty-two; the largest attendance any one day, twenty-seven; the average daily attendance in school, ten. When it is practicable, and we have girls whose ambition it is to fit themselves for teachers, the higher branches are taught.

In connection with the Home we have our Sunday school, conducted by one of the officers or employees; also Sunday evening service. During the week we have a short chapel service each evening. Twice a month Mr. Berkey or Mr. Morgan, of Milford, gratuitously tender their services. We feel deeply grateful and indebted to them, and we feel we should show our appreciation in a more substantial way than by thanks.

## SEWING ROOM.

One of the industries of the Home is the sewing room. Those who desire to earn their support by sewing, are given every advantage in that line; all are required to spend as much time as possible in this department and have every advantage to at least do good plain sewing. A large number of the girls when admitted to the Home, have little or no knowledge of sewing, that with daily practice have become quite proficient with the needle.

## REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

In repairing we have done the best we could with what means we had, where it was the most needed and would be the most beneficial to all concerned. We have had the north wing nursery wainscoted, painted, calsomined and otherwise improved. The worn-out wooden cribs have been replaced by white iron ones; we are having the dormitory in the same building plastered, the floors repaired, and will replace the worn-out wooden beds that were there with new iron beds. In each building we have done all that was possible to do (with our limited means). In repairing the water system, we found many

pipes that had been injured by freezing or otherwise, that had been cut off and plugged up instead of repairing them as they should have been. The engine, enginehouse and boilers are badly in need of repair, as also the cottage and barn. I would suggest having an addition to the cottage, so the farmer and engineer can be taken care of there. I would also suggest the enginehouse be moved back the proper distance from the main buildings, be rebuilt and a good water system be put in, so as to give us the proper protection in case of fire. Should fire occur under existing circumstances, the Home would be a complete loss to the state.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The governor's kind interest we appreciate greatly; also the careful attention the Board of Public Lands and Buildings have given the accounts of the institution, the interest and kindness of the advisory board. To the pastors of Milford who have preached to us and given us assistance in other ways we are especially grateful, and to the business men of Milford. I want to thank my helpers who by their earnest, harmonious work have helped me to bring the institution to its present high standard as a Home.

The present salary of each officer is as follows:

	Per Annum.
Superintendent . . . . .	\$800.00
Physician . . . . .	700.00
Matron . . . . .	500 00

## EMPLOYES.

Sewing teacher . . . . .	300.00
Teacher . . . . .	300.00
Nurse . . . . .	300.00
Farmer . . . . .	600.00
Engineer . . . . .	800.00

## TABULATED STATEMENT.

Number of adults in Home Dec. 1, 1900 . . . . .	29
Number admitted up to Dec. 1, 1902 . . . . .	60
Number American parentage . . . . .	46
Number foreign parentage . . . . .	39
Average age . . . . .	19½ yrs.
Number parents dead . . . . .	19
Number fathers living . . . . .	21
Number mothers living . . . . .	10
Number returned to friends . . . . .	41
Number married . . . . .	14
Number transferred to other institutions . . . . .	3
Number placed in homes to work . . . . .	28
Number cared for each year . . . . .	48
Number in Home Dec. 1, 1902 . . . . .	53
Number children in Home Dec. 1, 1900 . . . . .	20
Number children in Home Dec. 1, 1902 . . . . .	23
Number born Dec., 1900, to Dec., 1902 . . . . .	56
Number transferred to the Home for the Friendless . . . . .	3
Number died . . . . .	5
Number taken by mothers . . . . .	8
Number adopted . . . . .	5
Number children cared for each year . . . . .	41
Number of children and adults in Home Dec. 1, 1902 . . . . .	53
Total number of adults and children cared for each year . . . . .	82
Average daily attendance of children and adults . . . . .	63

## PER CAPITA COST OF MAINTENANCE.

The per capita cost of maintenance, based on the average weekly attendance, 63, and computed upon entire expenditures from Dec. 1, 1900, to Dec. 1, 1902, is \$3.03 per week. The per capita based on the average weekly attendance, 63, and computed upon the amount expended from the fund for maintenance, is 93 cents per week.

## COMMITTED FROM COUNTIES.

Adams .....	2
Butler .....	1
Cass .....	1
Clay .....	2
Colfax .....	1
Custer .....	2
Dawson .....	1
Dodge .....	2
Douglas .....	1
Fillmore .....	2
Franklin .....	2
Furnas .....	1
Gage .....	3
Hall .....	1
Hamilton .....	1
Howard .....	1
Jefferson .....	1
Johnson .....	1
Lancaster .....	14
Madison .....	1
Nemaha .....	1
Nuckolls .....	3
Otoe .....	2
Pawnee .....	2
Phelps .....	1
Saline .....	3
Saunders .....	1
Seward .....	2
Thayer .....	1
York .....	1
Washington .....	1
Total number entered.....	<u>60</u>

## WORK DONE IN INDUSTRIAL ROOMS.

Aprons .....	57
Bags laundry .....	2
Bands, breast .....	6
Bands, abdominal... ..	8
Bands, baby .....	12
Button holes .....	2,104
Curtains, long, pairs .....	6
Corset covers .....	11
Cushions .....	7
Cloaks .....	15
Dresses, babies .....	114
Dresses, adults .....	57
Diapers .....	237
Drawers pairs .....	69
Dressing sacque .....	3
Jackets, hospital .....	6
Jackets, infants .....	8
Mattresses .....	23
Night caps .....	8
Napkins .....	79
Night gowns .....	9
Crib pads .....	7
Quilts for babes .....	25
Skirts .....	15
Shirts for babes .....	128
Sun bonnets .....	17
Table pad .....	1
Towels .....	37
Waists .....	31
Number articles repaired .....	1,500
Number of pieces washed .....	712,608

## TIME TABLE.

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

## FARM PRODUCTS.

Apples, 23 bu.....	\$ 9.20
Asparagus, 48 bunches.....	2.40
Butter, 213 lbs.....	28.36
Beans, 28 bu .....	16.80
Beets, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ bu.....	5.30
Bacon, 13 lbs.....	1.04
Beef, 605 lbs.....	54.78
Chicken, 25 lbs.....	2.49
Corn .....	59.25
Cabbage, 12 doz. heads .....	3.00
Cucumbers, 5 bu .....	2.50
Duck, 148 lbs.....	10.36
Eggs, 164 doz.....	23.72
Eggs, turkey, 121 doz.....	24.27
Hay, 54 tons.....	231.00
Hams and shoulders, 1,369 lbs.....	137.90
Lard, 497 lbs.....	39.24
Lettuce, 2 bu .....	1.20
Milk, 20,336 qts.....	1,006.80
Onions, 202 bu.....	21.25
Potatoes, 1,336 bu.....	610.85
Potatoes, sweet 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ bu.....	3.40

Pork, 1,722 lbs.....	\$ 238.26
Radishes, 598 bunches.....	27.70
Rhubarb, 91 lbs.....	4.70
Sausage, 75 lbs.....	7.50
Strawberries, 2 qt.....	20
Total value.....	<u>\$2,611.66</u>

## CANNED FRUIT, PICKLES, PRESERVES AND JELLIES.

	Value.
Canned cherries, 40.....	\$ 8.00
Gooseberry preserves, 9.....	2.70
Peaches, 12.....	1.85
Crab apples, 28.....	2.80
Crab apple preserves, 6.....	1.80
Jelly, 180 glasses.....	27.00
Apple butter, 8 gals.....	4.80
Gooseberry jam, 2 gals.....	2.00
Fancy pickles, 41 gals.....	21.00
Cucumber pickles, 1 bbl.....	9.00
Sauer kraut, 2 bbl.....	6.00
Total value.....	<u>\$87.90</u>

## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY.

Land.....	\$ 2,000.00
North wing.....	13,000.00
South wing.....	13,000.00
Cottage.....	350.00
Barn.....	600.00
Laundry.....	1,000.00
Enginehouse and machinery.....	1,800.00
Horses, cows, hogs and poultry.....	400.00
Carriages, wagons and harness.....	150.00
Farm and repair tools.....	35.00
Furniture, carpets and curtains.....	1,500.00
Clothing and dry goods.....	300.00
Provisions.....	300.00
Total.....	<u>\$34,435.00</u>

## EXPENDITURES IN EACH APPROPRIATION.

FROM DECEMBER 1, 1900, TO JUNE 1, 1901.

Officers salary.....	\$ 866.65
Employes salary .....	836.67
Board and clothing (Maintenance).....	1,975.24
Burial and amusement.....	30.80
Drugs, paints and oils.....	177.85
Fuel and lights.....	1,010.42
Feed for stock .....	117.81
Live stock and conveyances.....	241.50
New engine and improvements .....	397.22
Official expenses .....	27.82
Repairs and improvements.....	183.22
Stationery, postage and telephone .....	75.29
Traveling expense.....	
Water supply and fire protection.....	184.62
Repairs on boiler and boiler house.....	13.00
Total.....	\$ 6,138.11

FROM JUNE 1, 1901, TO DECEMBER 1, 1901.

Officers salaries.....	\$ 833.37
Employes wages .....	958.35
Maintenance.....	1,122.11
Burial and amusement .....	6 45
Drugs, paints and oils.....	36.10
Fuel and light .....	174.00
Feed for stock.....	166.50
Official expenses .....	27.17
Repairs and improvements .....	30.23
Stationery, postage and telephone.....	68.56
Traveling expenses.....	49.78
Water and fire protection.....	26.65
Total.....	\$ 4,209.27

FROM DECEMBER 1, 1901, TO JUNE 1, 1902.

Officers salaries .....	\$ 1,299.99
Employes wages .....	1,391.60

Fuel and light .....	\$ 450.71
Maintenance .....	1,387.17
Burial and amusement.....	13.19
Repair .....	72.42
Drugs, paints and oils .....	77.75
Feed for stock.....	513.29
Official expenses.....	7.49
Stationery, postage and telephone.....	114.96
Traveling expenses.....	126.77
Repairs on boiler.....	67.22
Water supply and fire protection .....	36.49
Total.....	\$ 5,560.11

FROM JUNE 1, 1902, TO DEC. 1, 1902.

Officers' salaries.....	\$1,000.00
Employes' wages .....	1,150.00
Fuel and lights.....	591.26
Maintenance.....	963.21
Burial and amusement .....	.....
Repairs .....	45.45
Drugs, paints and oils .....	56.78
Feed for stock.....	73.11
Official expenses.....	12.23
Stationery, postage and tel ..	102.25
Traveling expenses .....	46.96
Repairs on boiler.....	4.39
Water supply and fire protection.....	174.33
Total.....	\$4,219.97

APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

	Appropriations.	Disbursements.
Salary officers.....	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Wages employes .....	4,600.00	4,336.62
Maintenance.....	5,500.00	1,447.72
Burial and amusement.....	200.00	50.44
Drugs, paints, and oil .....	450.00	348.48
Feed, for live stock .....	800.00	1,112.21

Fuel and light.....	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,226.29
Official expenses.....	200.00	74.71
Repairs.....	1,000.00	351.52
Stationery, postage, tel.....	400.00	361.06
Water supply, fire protection.....	250.00	432.09
Traveling expenses.....	250.00	223.51
Repairs on boiler and boiler house	500.00	84.61
New engine.....		397.22
Total.....	<u>\$21,150.00</u>	<u>\$15,426.29</u>
Balance Dec. 1, 1902.....		\$5,723.71

ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION REQUIRED FROM MARCH 31,  
1903, TO MARCH 31, 1905.

Salary superintendent.....	\$ 2,000.00
Salary physician.....	1,400.00
Salary matron.....	1,200.00
Wages engineer.....	1,600.00
Wages farmer.....	1,200.00
Wages secretary and teacher.....	900.00
Wages sewing teacher.....	750.00
Wages nurse.....	750.00
Maintenance.....	5,500.00
Drugs, paint and oil..	400.00
Fuel and lights.....	3,000.00
Stationery, postage and telephone.....	400.00
Official expense.....	200.00
Traveling expense.....	400.00
Water supply and fire protection.....	500.00
Feed for stock.....	600.00
Repairs and improvements.....	1,000.00
Burial and amusement.....	300.00
Remodeling cottage.....	300.00
New standpipe, well and repairing enginehouse.....	8,000.00
Live stock and land for pasturage.....	2,400.00
Total.....	<u>\$32,700.00</u>