

**EIGHTH BIENNIAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**Nebraska Industrial Home**

**AT**

**MILFORD, NEBRASKA**

**For the Two Years Ending November 30, 1904**

To His Excellency, Governor John H. Mickey, and the Honorable Board of Public Lands and Buildings:

I respectfully submit for your consideration and approval the following report of the institution entrusted to my care, also some suggestions as to future needs to which I have given my most careful thought.

I am very respectfully yours,

MARGARET KEALY,  
Superintendent.

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### OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Margaret Kealy, Hastings.....	Superintendent
Harriet Shoaf, University Place.....	Matron
W. K. Loughridge, Milford.....	Physician

### EMPLOYES.

Etta Brooks, Dunning.....	Secretary and Teacher
Lydia Dillenbeck, Pleasantdale.....	Sewing Teacher
Elizabeth Buker, Lincoln.....	Nurse
E. E. Spencer, Lincoln.....	Engineer
Henry Shoaf, University Place.....	Farmer

## REPORT.

In presenting to you the eighth biennial report of the Nebraska Industrial Home I feel my inability to make clear to you the good the home is accomplishing and its great need.

In the first place, the object of the home does not seem to be understood by the public at large as it should. I am sure the friends who are at all conversant with the work and teachings of the home will agree with me that the object is a worthy one—to give shelter and protection to unfortunate young women and girls, and help them to better lives. In the first place, by living good lives ourselves, and by moral and mental training, they are inspired to higher ideals; then by the physical training in the industrial departments they are fitted to fill higher places in life.

### DISCIPLINE.

I am a great believer in dealing with—permit me to say law breakers—with kindness. Of course there are cases where severe punishment must be resorted to; but with the class of young women and girls we have to deal a kind word spoken at the right time will do more to break a stubborn will than the most severe measures. Service rendered through fear of punishment is never satisfactory, and is certainly not a means of reform. Reformation must come from the heart, and severe punishment does not touch the heart in the right way, particularly the heart of the true American. It is more likely to arouse a feeling of rebellion and cause them to wish they were the ones in authority.

### INDUSTRY.

In the industrial departments the inmates are taught system and thoroughness under the direction of the matron. They are drilled in the following departments: Laundry, plain cooking and pastry, chamber work, and general household management. They are promoted from the different de-

partments when considered by the superintendent and matron worthy of promotion. Each girl serves her time in all the departments. The majority become very capable housekeepers, and upon our recommendation secure positions in the best families of the state, where they have not failed to give good satisfaction.

#### SEWING.

Our sewing is an industry worthy of commendable mention. Each girl is required to spend a part of her time in the sewing room, where is taught all kinds of plain sewing, as well as hemstitching, drawn work in simple patterns, and crocheting. In many cases girls when admitted to the institution know nothing about even the plainest sewing, but become very good sewers before they leave. We try to fit each girl so she will be able to cut and make her own clothing, and, in fact, do all the plain sewing for a family. In cases where practicable girls are taught to cut and fit professionally.

#### EDUCATIONAL.

We have a good school in connection with the home under the efficient direction of Miss Etta Brooks, who also does the bookkeeping and secretary work of the institution. All girls who have not finished the eighth grade in the public schools are required to attend school, unless excused for special reasons. The largest number enrolled in 1903 was 18, and in 1904, 14. No pupil is excused from school except on account of sickness, a fact which keeps our daily attendance almost perfect. The branches taught are reading, spelling, arithmetic, language, physiology, history, geography, and penmanship. We have school eleven months each year.

#### RELIGIOUS.

In connection with the home we have a Sunday school, conducted by the officers and employes of the institution. Also a short chapel service each evening.

Twice each month we have preaching by the Reverend Morgan of Grover, who gratuitously tenders his services. We

are much indebted and deeply grateful to him for his kindness and interest in our spiritual welfare. I would suggest that our appreciation be shown in a more substantial way than a mere "Thank you."

#### REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The appropriation for repairs was so meager, considering the enormity of the repairs and improvements needed, that it was decidedly discouraging to undertake the work. However, I have done the best I could under the circumstances. Have had built a good, warm hog house 16 by 16, 15-foot gable; a small chicken house 10 by 16 feet, shed roof 18 inches, brick foundation; also a new platform and frame for the farm scales, and have fenced a ten-acre pasture for our cows, and repaired all the fences, making those around the hog lots hog tight.

Have put a new roof on the cottage and otherwise repaired the outside; repaired the plastering, papered, and painted the inside of the building.

Have had both large nurseries painted and the floors covered with linoleum. Have had the plastering repaired in all the rooms on the third floor in the north wing; also the dormitory. Have papered the main hall, two large dining rooms, and the reading room. In the south wing have repaired the plastering in several rooms, papered seven rooms and two large halls. Have had \$65 worth of plumbing done recently, and numerous smaller repairs I will not take space to enumerate.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

To Governor Mickey I wish to express my sincere appreciation for kindly interest in the welfare of the home, and for his encouragement and words of cheer. To the Board of Public Lands and Buildings for their many courtesies and care in seeing that the state funds have been used for the best interest of the institution. To the Advisory Board for their kindness, and to the business men of Milford and Lincoln, whom I have found at all times patient and obliging.

I would also thank my helpers here at home, who, by their earnest work and loyalty, have been of great assistance to me.

The present salary of each officer and employe is as follows:

	Per Annum.
Superintendent. ....	\$ 800 00
Matron. ....	500 00
Physician. ....	700 00
Employes' wages—	
Engineer. ....	900 00
Secretary and teacher.....	500 00
Sewing teacher.....	300 00
Nurse. ....	300 00
Farmer. ....	400 00
Inventory of property—	
Land. ....	2,500 00
North wing.....	13,000 00
South wing.....	13,000 00
Cottage. ....	450 00
Barn. ....	400 00
Laundry. ....	1,030 00
Engine house and equipments.....	1,500 00
Carriages, wagons, harness.....	175 00
Farm implements, tools.....	75 00
Live stock.....	450 00
Furniture and carpets.....	2,000 00
Clothing and dry goods.....	350 00
Bedding. ....	500 00
Provisions. ....	400 00
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Total value.....	\$35,830 00

#### TIME TABLE.

Rising whistle.....	5:30 a.m.
Breakfast. ....	6:30 a.m.
Dinner. ....	12:00 m.
School. ....	2:00 p.m.
Supper. ....	6:00 p.m.
Retiring bell.....	9:00 p.m.

## TABULATED STATEMENT.

Number of adults in home December 1, 1902.....	30
Number of adults admitted up to November 30, 1904.....	38
Number of American parentage.....	24
Number of foreign parentage.....	14
Average age.....years	19
Number whose parents are dead.....	8
Number whose mothers are dead.....	4
Number whose fathers are dead.....	9
Number whose parents are living.....	17
Number returned to family.....	24
Number married.....	5
Number placed in positions.....	25
Number cared for this biennium.....	68
Number in the home November 30, 1904.....	14
Number of children in home December 1, 1902.....	23
Number of children born in home up to November 30, 1904.....	38
Number transferred to Home for Friendless.....	2
Number died.....	3
Number taken by mothers.....	23
Number adopted into homes.....	15
Number premature births.....	4
Number cared for this biennium.....	61
Number in home November 30, 1904.....	13
Total number of adults and children in the home November 30, 1904.....	27
Total number December 1, 1902.....	53
Total number entered December 1, 1902, to Novem- ber 30, 1904.....	76
Total number cared for this biennium.....	129

The cost per capita, computed on the amount expended from the fund for "maintenance," is \$35.36 for the biennium, per month \$1.47, and per week 38 cents.

Based on the entire expense of the institution, the cost per capita for the biennium is \$168.72; per month it is \$7.03, and \$1.76 per week.

Inmates have been cared for from the following counties:

Adams. ....	3	Nance. ....	2
Antelope. ....	1	Nuckolls. ....	1
Buffalo. ....	2	Otoe. ....	3
Butler. ....	1	Pawnee. ....	2
Cass. ....	1	Platte. ....	1
Clay. ....	2	Red Willow. ....	1
Colfax. ....	1	Saunders. ....	1
Dakota. ....	1	Seward. ....	1
Douglas. ....	3	Thayer. ....	1
Hall. ....	2	York. ....	3
Hamilton. ....	1		—
Lancaster. ....	4	Total number entered...	38

EXPENDITURES IN EACH APPROPRIATION.

December 1, 1902, to June 1, 1903—

Officers' salaries.....	\$1,000 00	
Employes' wages.....	1,166 68	
Maintenance. ....	1,368 96	
Fuel and light.....	1,797 34	
Burial and amusement.....	164 25	
Official expense.....	105 22	
Feed for stock.....	50 20	
Water supply.....	117 05	
Drugs, paints, oil.....	128 62	
Stationery, postage, telephone.....	96 87	
Traveling expense.....	23 08	
Repairs and improvements.....	838 65	
Repairs on engine.....	256 62	
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Total.....		\$6,313 54

Cash balance on hand December 1, 1902. ....	\$ 386 87	
Cash received.....	60 36	
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Total cash receipts.....		\$ 447 23
Cash disbursed.....		393 12

Cash balance.....		\$ 54 11
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Total value of farm products..\$	418 39	
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From June 1, 1903, to December 1,  
1903—

Officers' salaries.....	\$1,000 00	
Employes' wages.....	1,200 00	
Maintenance. ....	1,359 75	
Fuel and light.....	820 24	
Burial and amusement.....	45 76	
Official and traveling expenses.....	70 57	
Stationery, postage, telephone.....	110 16	
Drugs, paints, oil.....	218 20	
Feed for stock.....	209 85	
Repairs. ....	248 17	
Repairs on engine.....	134 82	
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Total.....		\$5,139 79

Cash balance on hand June 1, 1903..\$	54 11	
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Cash received.....	56 79	
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Total cash receipts.....		\$ 110 90
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Cash disbursed.....		54 73
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Cash balance.....		\$ 56 17
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Total value of farm products..\$	449 49	
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December 1, 1903, to June 1, 1904—

Officers' salaries.....	\$ 990 25	
Employes' wages.....	1,200 02	
Maintenance. ....	1,094 01	
Fuel and light.....	1,616 27	

Burial and amusement.....	\$ 22 90	
Stationery, postage, telephone.....	81 98	
Official expense.....	81 83	
Water supply.....	18 85	
Drugs, paints, oil.....	70 36	
Feed for stock.....	173 55	
Repairs. ....	116 71	
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Total.....		\$5,466 73
Cash on hand December 1, 1903.....	\$ 56 17	
Cash received.....	127 82	
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Total cash receipts.....		\$ 183 99
Cash disbursed.....		70 85
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Cash balance.....		113 14
Value of farm products.....	338 55	
June 1, 1904, to December 1, 1904—		
Officers' salaries.....	\$1,009 68	
Employes' wages.....	1,200 00	
Maintenance. ....	738 91	
Fuel and light.....	345 03	
Burial and amusement.....	21 55	
Drugs, paints, oil.....	50 16	
Official expense.....	61 43	
Stationery, postage, telephone.....	55 55	
Water supply.....	15 50	
Feed for stock.....	165 23	
Repairs. ....	104 77	
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Total.....		\$3,767 81
Cash on hand June 1, 1904.....	\$ 113 14	
Cash received.....	253 69	
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Total cash receipts.....		\$ 366 83
Cash disbursed.....		74 09
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Cash balance.....		\$ 292 74
Value of farm products.....	\$ 222 05	

Summary of disbursements, December 1, 1902, to November 30, 1904:

Officers' salaries.....	\$3,999 93	
Employes' wages.....	4,766 70	
Maintenance. ....	4,561 63	
Fuel and light.....	4,578 88	
Burial and amusement.....	254 46	
Official, traveling.....	342 13	
Feed for stock.....	598 83	
Water supply.....	151 40	
Drugs, paints, oil.....	467 34	
Stationery, etc.....	344 56	
Repairs. ....	1,308 30	
Repairs on engine.....	391 44	
Total.....		\$21,765 60
Cash on hand December 1, 1902....	\$ 386 87	
Received. ....	498 66	
Total .....		\$885 53
Disbursed. ....		592 79
Cash balance November 30, 1904. ....		\$ 292 74
Total value farm products..	\$1,428 48	

Appropriations of 1903 and expenditures from said appropriations.

Fund—	Appropriation.	Expended.
Officers' salaries.....	\$ 4,000 00	\$ 3,333 29
Employes' wages.....	4,800 00	4,000 03
Maintenance. ....	5,500 00	3,345 53
Fuel and lights.....	3,000 00	2,799 93
Burial, amusement.....	200 00	90 21
Drugs, paints, oil.....	400 00	338 72
Feed for stock.....	600 00	598 83
Stationery, postage, telephone....	400 00	247 69
Repairs.....	500 00	469 70

Official and traveling expenses.....	\$ 450 00	\$ 228 89
Water supply.....	250 00	34 37
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Total.....	\$20,100 00	\$15,487 19

These are the actual expenditures to November 30, 1904.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Estimate of appropriations required from March 31, 1905, to March 31, 1907.

Salary Superintendent.....	\$ 2,000 00
Salary matron.....	1,200 00
Salary physician. ....	1,400 00
Salary engineer. ....	1,800 00
Salary secretary and teacher.....	1,000 00
Salary sewing teacher.....	750 00
Salary nurse and assistant.....	800 00
Salary farmer. ....	800 00
Maintenance. ....	5,000 00
Fuel and light.....	3,500 00
Drugs, and medical supplies.....	300 00
Stationery, postage, telephone.....	300 00
Official expense.....	350 00
Water supply.....	250 00
Feed for stock.....	600 00
Burial and amusement.....	200 00
Live stock, farm machinery.....	500 00
New standpipe, new engine house, and equipments	10,000 00
Repairs. ....	3,500 00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	500 00

Total appropriation required.....\$34,850 00

Work Done in the Sewing Room.

For the home—

Curtains (long) .....	pairs 36
Curtains (sash) .....	pairs 12
Shades. ....	doz. 3
Dresser covers.....	20

Laundry bags.....	8
Napkins. .... doz.	3
Pads for beds.....	29
Sheets. ....	26
Ticks. ....	5
Table cloths.....	12
Towels. ....	24
Clothing inmates—adults—	
Aprons (large).....	11
Aprons (kitchen).....	66
Bonnets. ....	6
Caps (kitchen).....	4
Corset covers.....	24
Dresses. ....	79
Drawers. ....	28
Dressing sacks.....	1
Night gowns.....	27
Skirts. ....	16
Shirt waists.....	21
Underskirts. ....	11
Clothing for inmates—children—	
Bibs. ....	18
Bonnets. ....	20
Coats. ....	17
Diapers. ....	657
Dresses. ....	147
Night gowns.....	86
Pillow cases.....	50
Pads. ....	4
Quilts. ....	25
Skirts. ....	87
Shirts. ....	69
Sheets. ....	48
Pillow cases.....	50
For the hospital—	
Bands. ....	29
Pillow cases.....	18
Sheets. ....	18

## SUMMARY OF FARM PRODUCTS.

## Dairy—

Milk. ....	\$739 00	
Butter. ....	68 82	\$ 807 82

## Orchard—

Apples. ....	\$ 4 50	
Cherries. ....	1 25	
Strawberries. ....	20 75	\$ 26 50

## Garden—

Asparagus. ....	\$ 1 45	
Beans. ....	3 00	
Beets. ....	3 25	
Cabbage. ....	28 88	
Carrots. ....	1 20	
Cauliflower. ....	1 00	
Cucumber. ....	1 80	
Lettuce. ....	1 14	
Onions. ....	6 15	
Parsnips. ....	2 00	
Peas. ....	3 75	
Potatoes. ....	131 35	
Potatoes, sweet. ....	1 50	
Radishes. ....	6 09	
Squashes. ....	1 00	
Tomatoes. ....	21 75	
Turnips. ....	5 45	\$ 220 76

## Farm—

Corn. ....	\$ 12 50	
Hay. ....	89 00	
Chickens. ....	30 82	
Eggs. ....	38 65	
Pork. ....	135 99	
Lard. ....	47 10	
Turkey. ....	19 34	\$ 373 40

Total. ....		<u>\$1,428 48</u>
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