

# THE INSANE ASYLUMS.

## Abstract of the Report of the Visiting Committee to the General Assembly.

### SOME ARE A DISGRACE TO THE STATE.

#### Inadequate Facilities for the Care and Maintenance of the State's Wards and Insane Asylums Sharply Criticized—Recommendations.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 28.—The report of the visiting committee of the general assembly was presented in the senate and house this morning.

Senator Heather, of Marion county, is chairman of the committee, and has just finished his report, which is a speech by letting his views be known in more than one place.

In a minority report he disapproves of any aid to the state fair in Sedalia, setting forth that the state should be more sane and sane in the ordinary facilities of comfort the state has no business to appropriate money for cattle sheds, horse walks and other improvements which are asked. The other members of the committee—Representative Hamilton, of Cole and Gardner, of St. Louis county—disagree with Heather.

The greatest surprise of the report will be that regarding the State university for which absolutely no recommendation is made. In giving their reasons, the committee members, every one of whom is a graduate of the university, state that the other institutions of the state have some claims upon the state. The university is the only institution for which no recommendation is made at all.

#### Amounts Requested; Amounts Recommended.

Following is a table of the appropriations asked and recommended for the state institutions:

Institution.	Amount Asked.	Amount Recommended.
University, Columbia.	\$ 68,549	.....
School of Mines, Rolla.	148,000	\$ 100,000
Kirkcaldy Normal School.	77,944	47,350
Warrensburg Normal School.	200,000	137,274
Cape Girardeau Normal School.	212,200	142,338
School for Deaf, Fulton.	263,900	192,540
School for Blind, St. Louis.	81,200	81,200
Fulton Asylum.	101,000	45,500
Nevada Asylum.	31,500	45,500
Farmington Asylum.	302,265	167,500
Colony for Feeble-Minded, Marshall.	355,500	174,000
Confederate Home, St. James.	69,800	60,400
Reform School for Boys, Booneville.	81,200	45,700
Industrial Institute, St. Louis.	79,000	35,000
Girls, Chillicothe.	49,000	49,000
Fruit Experiment Station, Mountain View.	35,250	24,800
State Fair, Sedalia.	150,000	100,000
Totals.	\$3,216,888	\$1,530,720

It will be seen that about \$900,000 less than half of the requests are being granted by the visiting committee.

#### Spends Less Money Than Sister States.

In its introduction, the committee says that "it should be a matter of pride to every Missourian to know that while we have spent much less money on our state institutions than any other sister state, our educational and eleemosynary institutions are, in the main, in good shape, well and economically managed."

While our insane asylums are crowded, they are all well managed and the patients are in the best of health. When the two new institutions, at Farmington and Marshall, are completed, with the addition of the new homes in other places, our insane will have as good and comfortable quarters as those of any state in the union.

#### Cause Comment on State University.

Considering the fact that every member of the committee was graduated from the State university, its conclusions regarding the demands of the institution make spicy reading. The last two paragraphs are as follows:

This committee made a thorough and detailed examination of this entire institution. We are properly impressed with its magnitude and its needs. While we regret the fact that it is not being fully supported in the short space allotted us in this report, to give an itemized statement of the university, we believe that the members of the general assembly, by means of the published biennial report of this institution from other available sources, draw their own conclusions regarding the amount to be appropriated.

#### Chillicothe School Impressed Committee.

The members of the committee were particularly impressed by the condition of the industrial school for girls at Chillicothe. Reads the report: "Your committee desires to emphasize the approval of the educational system of this school, which teaches these girls to sew and mend, to cook, to make and wash, to run a sewing machine, as well as to visit to the St. Louis institutions, to bread and cook pork and beans as they can make any other trade. The system of education here is very profitable and is adopted by some of the more aristocratic female seminaries with greater benefits to the community than any other school."

#### Split in Committee Over the State Fair.

The committee split over the Sedalia state fair. Says the majority report, "The general assembly has appropriated money for the fair since 1877, but that two years ago Gov. Dockery vetoed the \$400,000 set aside by the assembly."

"Notwithstanding this," says the report, "the committee felt that no report on the condition of the insane in Missouri would be complete without a visit to the St. Louis institutions, no we made the visit."

#### The Poorhouse.

"Leaving here, we visited the 'poorhouse,' only a few blocks distant, only to find conditions worse. Owing to the overcrowded condition of the asylum, 25 inmates here are being treated together. Men, women and children, not paupers, but insane, are kept in the city 'poorhouse.'"

"This institution is under the management of Mr. E. C. Remer, a most affable and courteous gentleman, who has under his charge, in addition to the 225 insane, 728 of the city's paupers."

"The 1200 insane in St. Louis are perhaps treated as well as they can be under existing conditions. Without discussing the question as to whether St. Louis of the state is at fault, your committee desires to call attention to the fact that there are here herded together 1200 human beings, unable to think or act for themselves, crying aloud to the Christian civilization of Missouri for better and more comfortable quarters, where they can be more humanely cared for and scientifically treated."

"All the millions we may spend on metropolitan St. Louis, nor do we have a 'new Missouri' while this unfortunate class of our citizenship remains here."

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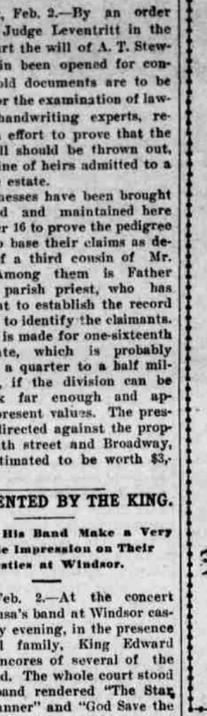
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CONGRESSMAN MEEKISON OF OHIO.

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Only one flaw marred the otherwise complete success of this rising statesman. Catarrh with its insidious approach and tenacious grasp, was his only unconquered foe. For thirty years he waged unsuccessful warfare against this personal enemy. At last Peruna came to the rescue, and he dictated the following letter to Dr. Hartman as the result:

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This is the way the chronic catarrh generally begins. A person catches cold, which hangs on longer than usual. The cold generally starts in the head and throat. Then follows sensitiveness of the air passages which incline one to catch cold very easily. At last the person has a cold all the while seemingly, more or less discharge from the nose, hawking, spitting, frequent clearing of the throat, nostrils stopped up, full feeling in the head, and sore, inflamed throat.

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