
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1871.

The Executive Committee met on Thursday, January 19, 1871, at 3 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to call of the Regent.

Present—Messrs. Brown, Cunningham, Goltra, Lawrence, Pickrell, Wright and the Regent.

Absent—Messrs. Cobb and Griggs.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Regent made a verbal report on the work carried on in the various departments.

The sickness of the head farmer, Mr. G. S. Upstone, had necessitated the engagement of Mr. G. M. Rice, of Champaign, who being present, gave a statement of the work on the farm, and also concerning the stabling, feeding, and present condition of the cattle and hogs recently purchased.

In the Horticultural Department, grafting was in progress. Four hundred scions, of leading varieties, had been received from Mr. Chas. Downing, N. Y., and quite a number from Hon. W. C. Flagg, of Alton. Preparations for the spring work were being made.

One of the horses ordered to be sold at the last meeting had since died.

The heating apparatus in the new green-house has been completed, and is in full and satisfactory operation.

In the Mechanical Department, desks for eighteen students in the Chemical Laboratory had been made. Two large cabinet cases for the reception of zoological specimens and philosophical apparatus, are nearly completed. A thermometer graduating machine for an eastern manufacturing establishment, had been constructed, for which \$150 were received.

The winter term of the current year had been entered upon with an increase of twenty-seven new students, and the lecture season of two weeks is closing to-morrow.

A clinic for the treatment of sick animals was established under the direction of Dr. H. J. Detmers, Veterinary Surgeon, using for that purpose the old stable south of the shops, and a class of twenty-six students were receiving instruction in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

The report of the Bookkeeper of the expenditures since last meeting was then read and approved; expenditures to the amount of \$7 52 in excess of the contingent fund was allowed.

The bills presented for payment were then audited.

The Regent, as chairman of a committee on insurance, reported that the University Building had been insured in the Liverpool Globe Insurance Company for \$35,000, at three-quarter per cent.

Dr. Gregory reported that rope ladders for fire-escapes had not yet been purchased, and recommended iron steps instead. The matter was referred to him and Prof. S. W. Robinson, with power to act.

The action of the Regent purchasing twelve hogs to follow the herd of cattle, was approved, and authority given to purchase more if needed.

The chairman of a committee on the employment of a superintendent on the farm, made a verbal report, giving names of several applicants. After a brief discussion, Judge J. O. Cunningham was added to the committee, and they were instructed to select and appoint such superintendent.

On motion, the cost of house built east of the orchard was transferred from the Agricultural to the Horticultural appropriation. It was decided that the rent of that house (now occupied by Prof. T. J. Burrill) be fixed at \$150 per annum.

The Bookkeeper was instructed to credit the Mechanical Department for all their earnings, and the work done for other departments. The meeting then took a recess.

Re-assembled at 9 o'clock, P. M., after attending the evening lecture of Prof. Miles.

It was moved and carried that a committee, consisting of the Regent, Messrs. Cobb, Cunningham and Goltra, be appointed to prepare a memorial on the wants of the institution, and submit the same to the Legislature in session.

It was also moved that the Regent be directed to dispense with the services of the carpenter, and any other employee whose services are not needed.

An account of Judge J. O. Cunningham, for sundry expenses, was referred to the Regent to be audited and allowed.

The Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Regent.
