
FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1871.

The Committee convened at the Regent's office, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Dr. Gregory in the chair.

Present—Messrs. Cobb, Cunningham, Lawrence, Pickrell and the Regent.

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

REGENT'S REPORT.

To the Executive Committee:

GENTLEMEN:—Since your last meeting, the contracts with Mr. E. Gehlman for the erection of the new mechanic shops and new University Building have been made in due form, according to your instructions; and the work on these buildings has already begun with great vigor. Mr. Gehlman's accounts for work and materials to date, will be laid before you. As these accounts must be signed by a majority of the Trustees before any money can be drawn on them from the State appropriation, they will need the signatures of the Executive Committee, and at least eight other Trustees.

The Committee charged with the choice of a Superintendent of Building, have employed, temporarily, Col. Shattuck. Under his directions the excavations, not provided for by the contract, have been made; and two wells have been sunk for the Mechanic Hall, and two for the new University Building.

The Agricultural experiments are going forward under the charge of Hon. W. C. Flagg. The general work on the farms and Horticultural grounds is more satisfactory in character than in any former year, and the condition of these departments is steadily improving. The machine shop has been provided with some new and valuable machinery, and the patterns are in preparation for a new steam engine, of sixteen horse power, for the new Mechanical Building.

Changes and improvements are in progress in the University Building, to fit it for the largely increasing numbers of students. Every room was bespoken for the next year, before the close of the past term, and seventeen names were left on file of students for whom no rooms remained. The applications now daily coming to hand, make it evident that something will need to be done to meet the demand for rooms the coming year. Doubtless, something will be done by private enterprise, and already there are parties proposing to erect cottages for the occupancy of the students. Should they fail, then it may be necessary for the University to carry out the plans heretofore proposed for the erection of a group of cottages.

In the new arrangements, provision is to be made for the greater convenience of female students, of whom a much larger attendance is expected next year. Having decided to attempt the education of young women at the University, it is due that every practicable provision shall be made to afford them the highest facilities for such education as they may need. Having this in mind, I recently visited the School of Design at the Cooper Institute, in New York city, to ascertain how far its plans are adapted to the University. In the selection of additional teachers—especially the teacher of drawing—the wants of our female students should be held in view.

In accordance with your vote, the annual circular has been issued, and 20,000 of the same, in paper form, are now being distributed through the State.

I herewith present the Bookkeeper's statement, and the accounts to be audited.

J. M. GREGORY,

Regent.

The report of the Bookkeeper, containing statement of expenditures, abstract of vouchers and collections, was then read, and bills presented for payment were audited and allowed.

Judge J. O. Cunningham offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Mr. E. Gehlman be permitted to use so much of the clay on the west side of the site of the new University Building, for making brick, as he may require, provided he replace the clay thus used, by soil, to the required grade; and provided, further, that the surface soil be removed to the east side of the building, and that all rubbish be removed immediately upon the burning of the brick.

On motion of Mr. E. Cobb, vouchers were drawn and signed by the Committee for the following amounts:

E. Gehlman, on certificate of Superintendent J. M. Van Osdel, for material, etc., for Mechanic Hall.....	\$6,812 50
For material, etc., for University Building.....	202 00
Dr. Gregory, expenses for plans, etc.....	83 90
S. W. Shattuck, excavation wells for University Building.....	322 93
S. W. Shattuck, excavation wells for Mechanic Hall	64 00
C. L. Rice & Co., machinery for shops	1,273 50
J. W. Bunn, State appropriation.....	5,000 00

The Committee on employing a Superintendent, reported that they had temporarily employed Prof. S. W. Shattuck to act, under instructions of Mr. J. M. Van Osdel, the Architect.

The report was approved, and Prof. S. W. Shattuck continued as local Superintendent of the building in progress of erection.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Pickrell, the Committee adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, August 2, 1871, at 3 o'clock, P. M.