
NOVEMBER, 1871.

The Committee met at the Regent's office, on Wednesday, November 1st, 1871, at 4 o'clock P. M.

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

Absent—Messrs. Griggs and Pearson.

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

Judge J. O. Cunningham offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That the Regent be instructed to cause regular daily meteorological observations to be taken from this date, or as soon as suitable instruments for such observations can be obtained; and that accurate records of such transactions be kept in the University.

Resolved, That the Regent and Faculty be requested, as soon as circumstances will permit, to fix accurately the point on the Illinois Central Railroad where the fortieth parallel of latitude crosses said road, and take measures for permanently establishing a monument at said point, and that they likewise be requested to fix the exact latitude and longitude of the northeast tower of the new University building.

The Book-keeper's report of collections and expenditures to date, was then read and adopted. An amount of \$20.21, expended from the contingent fund, was audited and allowed.

The bills and accounts which have been paid since last meeting, and such as were now presented for payment, were audited and allowed.

The Committee then took a recess, to meet again at 7:30 P. M.

The Committee re-assembled at 7:30 P. M.

The Regent reported that the Special Committee appointed to purchase blooded stock had made the following purchases :

One young Hereford bull, "Challenger,"	\$150
One yearling Hereford heifer, "Graceful 6th,"	250
(These were purchased on the recommendation of Dr. Miles, from Mr. Jones, a breeder in Canada.)	
One young short-horn bull, "Baron Lonajo,"	700
(Purchased of J. H. Pickrell, who donates \$200 of the price.)	
One short-horn yearling heifer, "Lady Una," bought of Mr. Harvey Sodowsky	200
One Ayrshire bull calf, 6 months old	150
One Ayrshire yearling heifer, "Niobe,"	300
(These were purchased of Hon. M. King, of Minnesota.)	

All the foregoing are now on the Stock farm, and are doing well.

The Committee have also bargained for one Devon heifer, Minnewawa, for \$200, on the way here from the Michigan Agricultural College.

One Jersey bull and one heifer, to be received from Col. Colt, of Hartford, Connecticut, to cost together, \$300. Hon. W. C. Flagg has offered us a donation of a young Devon bull from his herd. This will give us a male and a female of each of the leading breeds of neat cattle.

There have also been purchased or donated the following pure bred animals, now on the farm :

Four Southdown ewes, bought of M. Jones, for.....	\$100
One Southdown buck, donated by J. H. Pickrell.....	
One Berkshire boar, "Primus," bought of J. H. Pickrell.....	50
One Berkshire sow, "Biddy," bought of J. H. Pickrell.....	50
Two Berkshire sows, donated by J. H. Pickrell.....	

The Committee contemplates other purchases, when a full report will be made.

The money for several of these purchases has been advanced by Mr. J. H. Pickrell, and a warrant is asked to reimburse him.

This report was accepted, and a warrant for \$1,051 ordered to be drawn to J. H. Pickrell, for moneys advanced in the purchase of stock.

The purchase of one Durham heifer from Mr. H. Sodowsky and one Devon bull calf from the Michigan Agricultural College, were sanctioned, and warrants ordered to be drawn for the amounts.

It was resolved that the Committee accept, with thanks, the donation of one Devon bull calf from Hon. Willard C. Flagg.

The thanks of the Committee were also expressed to Mr. Burdett Loomis, for a donation of pictures of pure bred sheep.

It was voted that the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture be requested to make such arrangements as he may see fit, for the care of the blooded stock, and report at the next meeting.

The plan for ditching and drainage, presented by Farm Superintendent Lawrence was accepted, and he was authorized to carry it out. He was also directed to sell, at his discretion, three horses, now not needed for work.

It was decided that the arrangement for the employment of Mr. H. K. Vickroy for next year, be referred to a committee, to consist of Dr. J. M. Gregory and Judge A. M. Brown, to report at next meeting.

A contemplated sale of a span of mules from the Horticultural Department, was referred to the Regent and Prof. T. J. Burrill, with power to act.

The following accounts of the State appropriation were audited and allowed :

E. F. Gehlman, for University, main building, material and work.....	\$16,000 00
E. F. Gehlman, for Mechanic and Military hall.....	20 00
S. W. Shattuck, sundry bills.....	79 88

The Regent was authorized to employ Prof. J. F. Carey as Professor of Ancient History and Languages, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum.

It was further resolved, that Prof. J. B. Webb be appointed to the Professorship of Civil Engineering, at a salary of \$1800 per annum, subject to the action of the full board, provided that he enter at once upon service.

The current appropriation for Building Grounds was increased by \$1,000

The subject of insurance on buildings was referred to the former special committee, Dr. J. M. Gregory and Judge J. O. Cunningham.

On motion, it was resolved that the Regent be authorized to cause to be built in a convenient position in the new University building, a fire-proof vault, of sufficient size for the protection of the valuable papers and books of the Institution.

The Committee then adjourned, till Wednesday, December 6th, 1871, at 3 o'clock P. M.

J. M. GREGORY, *Regent.*

E. SNYDER, *Secretary.*
