
JANUARY MEETING, 1872.

The Executive Committee met on Wednesday, January 10, 1872, at 4 o'clock, in the Regent's office.

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

Absent—Mr. Griggs.

The Chairman stated, that on consultation of the members of the Committee, it had been found advisable to change the day of meeting from January 3, to the present date.

The report of the Book-keeper and the statement of expenditures to date, and receipts for collections, were read and approved.

The bills presented were then audited and allowed.

The bills on State appropriations were referred to Messrs. Cobb and Goltra.

The Committee then adjourned, till Thursday, January 11, 1872, at 8 A. M.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

The Committee met at the hour appointed and proceeded to business.

Dr. Gregory as chairman of the committee appointed, reported the engagement of Mr. D. A. Stedman as foreman carpenter, at a minimum salary of \$1,000 per annum to March 1, 1872.

On recommendation, Prof. Taft was appointed to full Professorship in the chair of Geology and his salary fixed at \$1,000 per annum from date.

Judge A. M. Brown moved that the Regent be requested to go to Springfield to attend to the interests of this University, in regard to

the prospective appropriation for the finishing of the new building, and that he call such members of the Board to assist him in his work, as he may deem necessary. Carried.

On motion of Mr. J. M. Pearson, it was resolved that the Book-keeper be instructed to prepare for the next meeting of this Committee an account of the amount paid for students' labor during the year ending January 1, 1872, also, state in what departments said labor was employed, and as far as possible, the amount of profit and loss involved in the operation.

The Regent then read the following communication from Hon. F. Watts, Commissioner of Agriculture :

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, D. C.

December 20th, 1872.

J. M. GREGORY, L.L. D.,

Regent Illinois Industrial University:

SIR: By the act of the 2d of July, 1862, Congress donated to the several States a portion of public lands, in the ratio of their population, for the purpose of establishing Agricultural Colleges, thereby evincing a purpose to promote that great interest, through the instrumentality of the respective States.

Many Colleges have been and doubtless more will be established. State Agricultural and Horticultural Societies and Boards of Agriculture have also been established by law in many states. A correspondence and consultation between friends of these interests have lead to the conclusion that a convention of delegates representing them, for the purpose of conferring upon subjects of mutual interests, would promote the good of all. It has been suggested that I take the responsibility of initiating such a meeting. I therefore propose, that each Agricultural College, State Agricultural Society, State Horticultural Society, and State Board of Agriculture, depute two delegates, to meet in convention in the city of Washington, on Thursday the 15th of February next, to take such action regarding the interests of Agriculture as they shall deem expedient.

I am, very respectfully,

FREDERICK WATTS,

Commissioner

Dr. J. M. Gregory and Hon. C. R. Griggs were appointed delegates to the meeting. It was moved and carried, that the bill for extra work on the Mechanic and Military hall, and the subject of acceptance of the building, be referred to the Chairman of the Building Committee with instructions to report at 2 P. M. The Committee adjourned to meet at 2 P. M

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee assembled at the hour appointed.

The Chairman of the Building Committee made the following report:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the bill for extra work rendered in the construction of the Mechanic and Military hall, together with the proposition to formally receive from the hands of the contractor the above named building, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration.

They find the building well and substantially constructed, so far as they can see, in accordance with the contract entered into with Mr. Gehlman. They also find his bill for extra services in construction of building, including the setting of the engine, and sidewalks in front of the building, amounting to \$730 64, reasonable. They therefore recommend that the building be accepted from the hands of the contractor, and that he be paid the amount of such bill.

M. C. GOLTRA,

Chairman.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

Mr. Cobb reported back the following bills on State appropriation :

B. F. Gehlman, balance of bill for Mechanic and Military hall.....	\$ 663 73
N. W. Manufacturing Company, pipes and valves for steam heating in the halls.....	631 77
S. W. Robinson, for engine complete, material and students' labor.....	1141 06
S. W. Shattuck, superintendent's services.....	74 50

The above bills were audited and warrants for same drawn and signed.

It was resolved that a committee be appointed, to consist of the Regent, Mr. Goltra, and the Treasurer, to propose a plan, to be submitted to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, for the sale of wild lands belonging to the University, and also to consider and report upon the disposition of the scrip remaining on hand.

This committee is to report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Regent was instructed to have the roof on the present University building put in good repair as speedily as possibly.

It was resolved that the Regent require from each foreman of the several departments a receipted inventory of all tools and implements now on hand, with the condition of each ; and each of said foremen, at the end of each quarter, be required to report tools and implements in their possession, with the state of repairs of each article.

The meeting then adjourned to the second Wednesday in February.
