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PRESTON SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY,
WATERMAN, CAL., October 22, 1896. }

To his Excellency JAMES H. BUDD, Governor of California:

SIR: The last biennial report of this Board closed with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, at which date the Administration building was finished, furnished, and occupied; and on July 1, 1894, the School was formally thrown open, by proclamation of the Governor, for the reception of inmates. A corps of officers and employes was in attendance at that date, and seven boys, who had been transferred from the State Prison at San Quentin, were in custody and under the discipline of the school.

At that date, also, a temporary structure for housing the electrical plant and other machinery had been completed; and the Trades School building was under construction.

Since the said date the Trades School building has been completed and the various trades departments thereof equipped and placed in operation. The water-power system has been so far completed as to furnish an ample supply of water for propelling two 48-in. and one 36-in. Pelton water-wheels, which furnish power for running the dynamos, the laundry, and the printing machinery in the Trades School building.

The buildings and premises are now thoroughly illuminated, both by incandescent and arc lights.

The U. S. Government has established and maintains a post office in the Administration building; the post office address of the School being "Waterman, Amador County, California."

We have connections with the Sunset and Capital telephone lines, and a local service about the premises. This we consider a necessary adjunct to a reformatory which is conducted on the "open plan."

As the water-supply from Sutter Creek was found to be unwholesome, and unfit for domestic use, we have utilized a spring located on the premises, by conducting the water through an iron pipe to a point near the Administration building, from whence it is temporarily pumped, by hand, to the kitchen and other departments.

The farm lands were unimproved at the time of our first occupancy. We have made many improvements since, in the clearing out of the wood and brush thereon, in fencing tracts, and in leveling the valley

portions, which now constitute the best tracts on the premises; although at the time when we commenced these operations this valley land was little more than abandoned placers, with their heaps of earth and rock, which were anything but promising tracts for tillage. We have planted an orchard of about twenty acres, containing varieties of the fruits that are best adapted to the existing climatic conditions and soil, and have a young vineyard, consisting of about fifteen acres of table grapes. The hill lands have been utilized for pasturage and hay growth, and the limited tracts of valley land for gardening and general tillage.

Unfortunately our tillable area of land is far too limited in extent to enable us to realize the most practicable and profitable results, although, during the present season, we have produced the larger quantities of vegetables, other garden supplies, and small fruits, consumed by our inmates. With suitable land we could be able to raise all the hay and other farm products which we need for supplying our several departments, and would also be able to raise cattle for slaughter.

To secure these results will accomplish a double purpose—save the State a large sum of money that is now expended for these supplies in the market, and at the same time furnish profitable and healthful employment for our rapidly increasing colony of boys. We respectfully request that you present this matter to the Legislature for its consideration.

Our milch cows are mostly of thoroughbred stock, and are yielding a good supply of milk per cow. By natural increase, we will, in a few years, have a fine herd of stock.

The swine are principally of the Berkshire and Poland-China breeds, and are now yielding a good supply of pork and lard.

The time of the formal opening of the School, on July 1, 1894, was the beginning of the fiscal year. Previous to that date we had purchased a full stock of supplies for the furnishing and maintenance of the Institution. The payment for these supplies was made, necessarily, from the appropriation for the preceding year. With these accumulated supplies to draw from, we have been able, even in our overcrowded condition, to subsist on the amounts appropriated by the Legislature for maintenance, without, as yet, overdrawing our monthly allowance. The number of the inmates, being in excess of our estimate, has necessarily compelled the management to use all reasonable economy in order to keep the expenses within the appropriations. Our operations have been necessarily restricted, and the management greatly embarrassed, because of the fact that we received from the last Legislature no appropriation for construction and improvements. Our farm and grounds need fencing; hay barns, sheds for stock, tool-houses, piggeries, and hen-houses are seriously needed at the present time, as our accommodations in these lines are entirely inadequate to our present requirements;

a hospital and additional dormitories must be provided if we are to protect the health of the inmates of the School.

Having received no appropriation for improvements, we have been compelled to use the most rigid economy with the balance remaining over from the preceding appropriations, that we might have funds for the construction of such improvements as were absolutely necessary to prevent the waste and destruction of machinery and supplies.

We beg, also, respectfully to call your attention to the fact that our needs in the way of appropriation on these lines for the next two years will necessarily be much greater than they would be if we had been allowed a reasonable sum for expenditure up to the present time, as we have to *build for the past as well as for the future* out of our next appropriation.

In arranging our schedule of estimated appropriations needed, we have endeavored to be as conservative as is consistent with the well-being of the inmates and the most economical administration of the several departments.

We therefore present the following schedule, as embracing such appropriations as we shall need for acquiring tillable land, the construction of buildings, the advancing of necessary improvements, and the cost of maintenance of the estimated average number of inmates for the next two years:

FOR PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

Dining-room, Assembly-room, etc.....	\$23,000 00
Furnishing dining-room, Assembly-room, etc.....	1,000 00
Double cottages (2), at \$15,000.....	30,000 00
Furnishing two double cottages.....	3,500 00
Hospital.....	8,000 00
Furnishing hospital.....	500 00
Superintendent's cottage.....	3,000 00
Furnishing Superintendent's cottage.....	1,500 00
Ice and refrigerating plant.....	2,500 00
Printing outfit.....	1,500 00
Equipment of blacksmith-shop.....	800 00
Equipment of carpenter-shop.....	500 00
For library.....	500 00
Piggery and abattoir.....	1,000 00
Enlarging cow-barn.....	2,000 00
For fences.....	1,500 00
Forcing-house.....	600 00
Walks, water-pipes, etc.....	1,000 00
Hay and grain barn.....	1,500 00
Purchase of land.....	5,000 00
Cream separator equipment.....	500 00
Twenty cows, at \$25.....	500 00
Total.....	\$94,900 00

FOR MAINTENANCE DURING THE FORTY-EIGHTH AND FORTY-NINTH FISCAL YEARS.

350 inmates (estimate average number), at \$28 each per year....	\$79,800 00
For two years.....	159,600 00

For further details relative to our financial transactions, the general management of the Institution, progress of the work, etc., we beg to refer you to the accompanying reports, to wit:

Report of E. Carl Bank, Esq., Superintendent.

Report of H. R. Bernard, Esq., Secretary.

Report of A. L. Adams, M.D., Physician.

In conclusion, we have reason to congratulate ourselves and the State on the excellent work of our Superintendent in his successful handling of the inmates of this institution; also, the very efficient manner in which our worthy Secretary has conducted affairs in his department, and the Military Instructor upon the establishment of a high state of military discipline; and, finally, the subordinate officers have shown a marked ability in the discharge of their duties, in the various departments under their charge, and we believe the Institution will compare favorably with all others of its kind.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed:) E. M. PRESTON,
President Board of Trustees.

Attest: H. R. BERNARD,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

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TABLE III.

Counties from which Boys have been Received.

Counties.	Previous Years.	1894-95.	1895-96.	Total.	Per Cent.
Alameda.....	1	24	9	34	14.8
Amador.....	0	3	2	5	2.1
Butte.....	0	2	2	4	1.7
Colusa.....	0	4	1	5	2.1
Fresno.....	2	0	0	2	0.9
Glenn.....	0	0	1	1	0.4
Humboldt.....	0	0	2	2	0.9
Kern.....	0	6	0	6	2.5
Los Angeles.....	1	10	3	14	6.3
Merced.....	0	0	4	4	1.7
Monterey.....	0	1	2	3	1.3
Nevada.....	0	1	0	1	0.4
Orange.....	0	0	4	4	1.7
Placer.....	0	1	0	1	0.4
Sacramento.....	0	2	1	3	1.3
San Diego.....	0	3	0	3	1.3
San Francisco.....	1	88	14	103	43.8
San Joaquin.....	0	3	0	3	1.3
San Luis Obispo.....	0	0	2	2	0.9
Santa Cruz.....	0	3	2	5	2.1
Slakiyou.....	0	5	0	5	2.1
Solano.....	0	2	2	4	1.7
Sonoma.....	1	4	5	10	4.2
Stanislaus.....	0	1	0	1	0.4
Tulare.....	1	0	6	7	3.0
Tuolumne.....	0	2	0	2	0.9
Totals.....	7	167	60	234	100.0

TABLE IV.

Causes of Commitment.

Offense.	1894-95.	1895-96.	Previous.	Total.	Per Cent.
Burglary.....	28	22	2	52	22.3
Grand larceny.....	12	6	4	22	9.4
Larceny.....	48	9	0	57	24.4
Vagrancy.....	60	13	0	73	30.9
Forgery.....	1	1	0	2	0.9
Misdemeanor.....	2	0	0	2	0.9
Attempt to rape.....	1	1	0	2	0.9
Indecent exposure.....	1	0	0	1	0.4
Disturbing the peace.....	1	0	0	1	0.4
Felony.....	2	0	0	2	0.9
Malicious mischief.....	5	0	0	5	2.1
Assault.....	1	2	0	3	1.3
Battery.....	1	1	0	2	0.9
Indecent assault.....	2	0	0	2	0.9
Vulgar language.....	1	0	0	1	0.4
Obtaining money under false pretense.....	1	0	0	1	0.4
Incorrigibility.....	0	2	0	2	0.9
Infamous crime.....	0	1	0	1	0.4
Embezzlement.....	0	2	0	2	0.9
Robbery.....	0	0	1	1	0.4
Totals.....	167	60	7	234	100.0