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Fourth Biennial Report

of the

Board *of* Control

of the

Colorado State Home For Dependent and Neglected Children

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FACTS

CONCERNING THE STATE HOME FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

This is the only state institution for the care of the dependent, neglected and maltreated children of Colorado.

It is supported by state appropriation.

No church collections are solicited.

No county or individual contributions received.

The members of the Board of Control serve without compensation.

"The said Board are hereby made the legal guardians of the persons and estates of all children admitted to said Home pursuant to law, which guardianship shall continue during the minority of such children, except in the cases where, under this act, the guardianship may be cancelled by resolution adopted by said Board." (From section 5 of chapter 26, Session Laws, 1895.)

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The state agent receives no commission on children received, or those placed in private homes.

Parents are not encouraged to part with their children.

It is not the aim to make institutional children.

There are desirable children now in the Home to be placed in good families upon adoption or indenture.

The state does not pay the court and other expenses for adoption or indenture papers.

The children are all committed by the county courts of the various counties of the state.

The county pays the court costs and the expense of transportation for the children to the Home.

The state pays all expense for sustenance, clothing and education.

For placing a child no remuneration is required of the counties or individuals who are charitably disposed.

According to chapter 26, Session Laws of 1895, all children free from chronic or contagious disease, who are dependent upon the public for support, and those who are neglected, maltreated or in evil environments, are eligible; and it is unlawful to do other than commit all such to the State Home.

Before contributing to the support of private societies and institutions, ascertain how many of their children may be classed as above.



BOYS' DORMITORY TENTS.

SHOWING REAR OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.
GIRLS' PLAYHOUSE.

EXCAVATION FOR SCHOOL BUILDING.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

Office of the State Home for
Dependent and Neglected Children,

December 1, 1902.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY,
JAMES B. ORMAN,
GOVERNOR OF COLORADO.

Sir—We have the honor to transmit to you the fourth biennial report of the Superintendent of the State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, covering the two fiscal years ending, respectively, November 30, 1901, and November 30, 1902.

DORA E. REYNOLDS,
President Board of Control.

Fourth Biennial Report
of the
Superintendent *of*
The Colorado State Home *for* Dependent
and Neglected Children
to the
Board *of* Control

I have the honor to present herewith the fourth biennial report of the State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children for the period ending November 30, 1902.

The Home is almost seven years of age, having opened its doors in March, 1896, since which time it has received two hundred and thirty-four boys and one hundred and seventy-eight girls, making a total of four hundred and twelve. Some of the children are now becoming self-supporting, and have pride and ambition enough to step out into the world to battle with it and care for themselves. Three of the girls have been married to men who earn a good living, four became of age, and two are working for wages and clothing themselves. One boy, during the last summer, worked for wages, and saved about forty dollars; thirty dollars of this amount are invested at 8 per cent. Five boys, although not of age, within the last year, have honorably declared themselves independent, and are working and caring for themselves and are not dependent upon the state. One desires to become a machinist, another wishes to learn the cattle business.

The table of combined statistics shows the largest number of children (151) ever received in a biennial period, and the largest number (85) indentured and adopted.

SEWING.

The following is a list of the articles made in the sewing department during the biennial period: Pillow slips, 12 dozen; sheets, 15½ dozen; children's napkins, 15½ dozen; damask napkins, 1 dozen; calico dresses, 206; woolen dresses, 73; shirts, 257; night gowns, 252; aprons, 19; waists, boys', 98; sun bonnets, 13; towels, 2 dozen; skirts, 28; bloomers, 8 pairs; table cloths, 2.

The work has been necessarily heavy, as each child is provided with two changes of clothing throughout. These he takes with him when he leaves the Home. In the majority of cases the clothes worn by the children when admitted are worthless.

The girls have done some beautiful work in embroidery, which is for sale. They have also helped with the sewing, mending and darning. The older girls are being taught to take measurements, and make various garments for their own and other's use. In this they take great delight and interest, and the knowledge will be of value to them in after years, when they are thrown upon their own resources.

SCHOOL.

Ninety pupils were enrolled at the beginning of the period, and this number increased to 118. Having only two teachers, and limited quarters, it was necessary to have a few of the younger pupils attend school only half of each day. The state course of study is followed as closely as possible in order that the children may be transferred to any other school without embarrassment.

For two months during the summer a sloyd and domestic science teacher was employed. The work of the pupils was more satisfactory and greater progress was made than ever before. At the close of the term the cooking class successfully prepared the dinner for the employes and officers.

The boys in sloyd completed the following neatly carved models: A settee, match box, towel rack, and picture frames. Also plain models, paper cutter, stepladder, easel, rolling-pin, chair, drop-leaf table and bedstead, all of which are on exhibition in the school room. A room equipped for the do-

mestic science and another for the sloyd would be of the greatest advantage. The industrial departments are of great importance, and more time and money should be devoted to them.

HEALTH.

The need of a hospital may be seen when it is known that there were, in the two years, fifty-six cases of diphtheria; twenty-four of measles, one fatal; fourteen mumps; five pneumonia, two fatal; three heart trouble, one fatal; two each of scarlet and typhoid fever; one of tuberculosis, and one of paralysis following diphtheria, the latter being fatal. The cause of so many cases of diphtheria is unknown. The plumbing was thoroughly inspected, and all changes made which were suggested by the city plumbing inspector.

Life on the farm, with the abundance of fresh air, will certainly be conducive to good health, but with the large number of children in the Home a hospital will always be in demand, and one well equipped will prevent the spreading of contagious diseases.

VISITING STAFF.

H. W. Rover, M. D., serving January, February, March.

H. B. Whitney, M. D., serving April, May, June.

Laura B. Liebhart, M. D., serving July, August, September.

T. E. Taylor, M. D., serving October, November, December.

CONSULTING STAFF.

J. M. Blaine, M. D., dermatology.

E. C. Rivers, M. D., ophthalmology.

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G. B. Packard, M. D., orthopedic surgery.

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STATE AGENCY.

The state agency work has been done by an agent who has devoted to it his entire time. During the biennial period he has traveled 32,614 miles, making 287 visits to children and 179 to applicants. Every child on the visiting list was visited one or more times each year of the period. By these visits to private homes we keep in direct touch with the children and foster parents. The family life is better known and better treatment is insured. The agent is often able to adjust differences between the child and foster parent, and to give helpful advice to both parties.

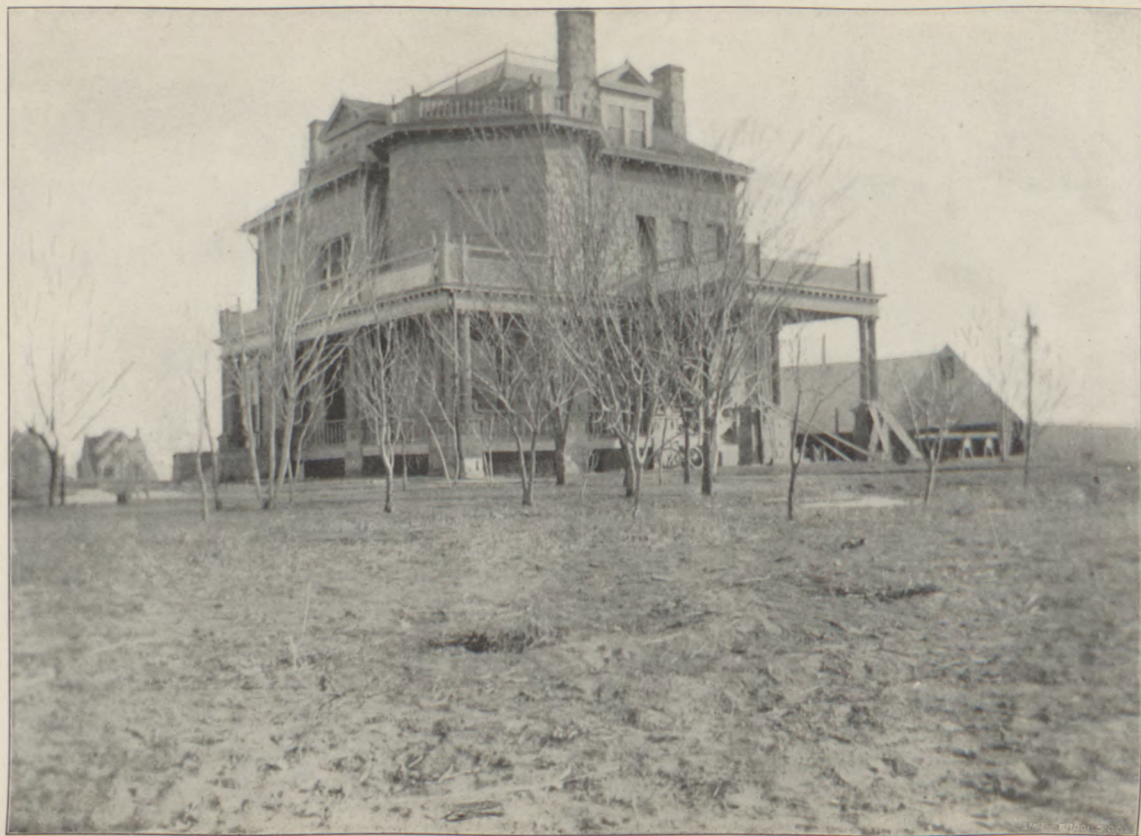
PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT HOME.

The Thirteenth General Assembly granted the maintenance appropriation asked for, but did not pass the section of the bill which provided for the purchasing of land and erection of suitable buildings. In lieu of this the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) was added to the maintenance for such purposes as the Board of Control might direct.

In April, 1902, it was learned that the appropriation of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for land and buildings, passed by the Twelfth General Assembly, and approved by Governor Charles S. Thomas, April 8, 1899, was available. This amount was drawn and expended for the purchase price of the stone dwelling and forty acres of land at the corner of South Clarkson street and Iliff avenue. Possession was given July 19, 1902. The building is large enough to supply crowded quarters for the girls, employes, the superintendent's family, the kitchen, dining room, laundry and store room.

IMPROVEMENTS.

It was necessary to install additional plumbing, bath tubs, wash basins, sinks and hot water tank, paint the exterior, calcimine and paint the walls, repair floors, porches, doors, windows, conservatory, heating plant, old plumbing, build partition, dumb waiter, cupboards and shelves. Four doors cut in the basement walls and one in a partition on the second floor constitute the principal changes made in the main building.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

To provide temporary dormitories for the boys, a school building and a hospital was a difficult problem. Finally the tent cottage plan was adopted. These cottages are all built with three-quarter-inch board walls, six feet high, with board floors, paper ceiling, canvas roof and canvas gables. There is some doubt as to whether these buildings will be comfortable during the severe winter weather. Undoubtedly it will be necessary to burn a large amount of fuel to furnish sufficient heat. A shed stable has been built, with capacity for ten cows, three horses and a buggy.

All of these improvements, together with the foundation and grading for a four-room brick school building have been made possible by the appropriation of the Thirteenth General Assembly. The buildings were ready for occupancy November 1, 1902, and the move was made at once.

WANTED.

The property selected by His Excellency, Governor James B. Orman, and the Board of Control is pronounced by visitors as a wise choice. The location is one which can not be excelled. It is the opinion of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, and of the leading and most successful business men of the state that, at the price paid, the purchase was a great bargain. It is the property of the state of Colorado, and is with all the improvements paid for, and yet, it will not serve the purpose for which it was purchased until a number of good buildings are erected for the comfort of the children.

An imperative need is the completion of the school building, which will require ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). The boys can not be made comfortable until two cottages are built for them, which will cost not less than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) each. The girls are sleeping in the attic of the main building. A cottage for them is necessary, which will cost about twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00).

To do the laundry work for 150 individuals by hand is an unreasonable task. To supplant this difficulty a building should be erected large enough to contain the heating apparatus and a laundry plant with capacity for the washing, drying and ironing of 3,000 pieces per week. Estimated cost for building and equipment, eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00). The children are crowded in the dining room in the basement.

The kitchen, built for an ordinary family, is much too small for the cooking and baking for 150 people, and there are not enough rooms for the employes. These facts make it necessary to ask for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for a building in which to place the kitchen, children's dining room, employes' dining room and employes' bed rooms.

The hospital should be built as soon as possible, as it is doubtful whether the temperature in the tent cottages can be kept at the proper degree for the sick. This building, completed and thoroughly equipped, seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00). In previous years no charge has been made for the care of children sent to Steele Hospital, but during the past two years it has been necessary to pay five hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$575.00) for the patients placed there. Eighty-four dollars (\$84.00) of the above amount were for antitoxin.

With an average daily attendance of 128 at the close of this period, and with every prospect of the number increasing during the coming two years, an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the biennial period will be necessary for maintenance.

Disbursements for biennial period:

	1901.	1902.	Total.
Light	\$ 130 00	\$ 94 65	\$ 224 65
Fuel	521 55	711 86	1,233 41
Rent	1,401 50	1,570 00	2,971 50
Salaries	4,730 88	5,151 41	9,882 29
Clothing	646 10	1,289 41	1,935 51
Provisions	4,429 99	5,493 87	9,923 86
Furniture and household furnishings.....	515 11	1,575 55	2,090 66
Repairs and improvements.....	873 63	5,118 92	5,992 55
State agency	532 98	766 52	1,299 50
Water	255 23	137 20	392 43
Telephone	120 00	120 00	240 00
Stationery and printing.....	144 25	51 65	195 90
Drugs and instruments.....	680 92	656 61	1,337 53
Burial expenses	102 50	60 25	162 75
Laundry	16 15	153 48	169 63
Insurance	7 50	66 00	73 50
Ice	96 26	109 36	205 62
Incidentals	481 64	877 02	1,358 66



GIRLS' DORMITORY, MAIN BUILDING.

	1901.	1902.	Total.
Drayage	18 75	38 45	57 20
School supplies	50 75	78 75	129 50
Postage	64 05	56 00	120 05
Advertising	18 40	.....	18 40
Farm, garden, stock and grounds.....	.....	1,639 93	1,639 93
Tools and machinery.....	.....	299 95	299 95
School building .....	.....	1,045 02	1,045 02
Total	\$15,838 14	\$27,161 86	\$43,000 00

The following table will show the work of the two years, respectively:

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Total enrollment of 1901.....	39	31	70
Total enrollment of 1902.....	57	24	81
Enrollment under six years of age, 1901.....	10	5	15
Enrollment under six years of age, 1902.....	14	4	18
Enrollment under six months of age, 1901.....	1	5	6
Enrollment under six months of age, 1902.....	0	2	2
Number adopted, 1901.....	3	7	10
Number adopted, 1902.....	3	3	6
Number indentured, 1901.....	10	18	28
Number indentured, 1902.....	24	17	41
Number of children now on trial.....	7	13	20
Returned to parents, 1901.....	4	10	14
Returned to parents, 1902.....	12	1	13
Returned to county, 1901.....	..	1	1
Returned to county, 1902.....	2	1	3
Committed to other institutions, 1901.....	..	..	..
Committed to other institutions, 1902.....	2	..	2
Ran away from private homes, 1901.....	..	..	..
Ran away from private homes, 1902.....	5	..	5
Ran away from institution, 1901.....	..	..	..
Ran away from institution, 1902.....	3	..	3
Died in institution, 1901.....	2	..	2
Died in institution, 1902.....	..	..	..
Died in other institutions, 1901.....	..	..	..
Died in other institutions, 1902.....	..	1	1
Died in hospital, 1901.....	1	1	2

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Died in hospital, 1902.....	..	..	..
Died in private homes, 1901.....	..	1	1
Died in private homes, 1902.....	..	1	1
Present November 30, 1901.....	74	24	98
Present November 30, 1902.....	99	29	128
Average age those received, 1901.....	7	7½	7¼
Average age those received, 1902.....	8½	8 1-3	8½
Average age those in Home, November 30, 1901.....	9½	10½	10
Average age those in Home, November 30, 1902.....	9¼	10½	10
Average daily attendance, 1901.....	67	27	94
Average daily attendance, 1902.....	80	24	104
Average age those adopted, 1901.....	2 1-3	2 1-3	2 1-3
Average age those adopted, 1902.....	5	3	4
Average age those indentured, 1901.....	11	13	12
Average age those indentured, 1902.....	11½	10 2-3	11

Combined statistics for the two fiscal years are as follows:

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Total number enrolled.....	96	55	151
Number enrolled under six years of age.....	24	9	33
Number enrolled under six months of age.....	1	7	8
Number adopted	6	10	16
Number indentured	34	35	69
Number now on trial.....	7	13	20
Number returned to parents.....	15	11	26
Number returned to county.....	2	2	4
Number ran away from institution.....	3	..	3
Number ran away from private homes.....	5	..	5
Number who died	3	4	7
Average age those received.....	7¾	8	8
Average age those present, November 30, 1902.....	9¼	10½	10
Average daily attendance	73½	25½	99
Average age those adopted.....	3 2-3	2 2-3	3 1-6
Average age those indentured.....	11¼	11 5-6	11½



BOYS' TENT DORMITORY.

The following tabulated statement will show the number of children received from and placed in the various counties:

	Received.				Placed.			
	1901.		1902.		1901.		1902.	
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Arapahoe	18	8	17	4	6	10	8	6
Boulder .....	..	1	..	1	1	2	4	..
Bent	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chaffee .....	..	1	1	..	..	1	3	1
Clear Creek.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Conejos .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Douglas .....	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
El Paso.....	8	4	2	..	..	1	2	2
Elbert .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Fremont .....	..	..	3	2	..	..	2	..
Gunnison .....	..	2	2	3	..	..	..	..
Garfield .....	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1
Gilpin	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Jefferson .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kit Carson.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Larimer .....	..	..	4	1	2	..	1	..
Las Animas.....	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..
Lake .....	..	3	5	1	..	..	..	..
Morgan .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Montrose .....	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..
Mineral .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mesa .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ouray	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otero	1	1	2	2	1	..	1	..
Pueblo .....	..	..	7	5	..	1	1	2
Pitkin	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Phillips .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Rio Blanco.....	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..
San Juan.....	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Sedgwick .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
San Miguel.....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Summit	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Teller	2	6	1	1	..	..	1	2
Weld .....	..	1	1	..	..	3	1	1
.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	39	31	57	24	13	25	27	20

INVITATION.

The new location is so beautiful and such a contrast to the old, it is hoped all of the old friends of the Home will be prompt to visit and become acquainted with the movements of affairs upon the children's farm. New friends are wanted and welcomed. Come and ask to be shown through the building and tents.

The state, county, and city officers, ministers, priests, teachers, and the members of the press should know more of the work Colorado is doing for the children and her future citizens. Come any day of the week, except Sunday. For those not familiar with the city, instructions as to how to reach the Home may be found on page 3.

THANKS.

The interest of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, societies, ministers, Sabbath school teachers, business firms and individuals, the attention and kindness of the medical staff are gratefully acknowledged.

Thanking the members of the Board of Control for their support and encouragement, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COWAN,
Superintendent.



WINTER SCENE AT THE HOME.



READY FOR A RIDE.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX.

TO THE PUBLIC.

There are homes of various descriptions in Colorado, founded and maintained for the purpose of taking and caring for the children of parents who must labor for their daily bread and are not able to keep them under their care while performing their duties. There are orphans who have friends or relatives willing and financially able to support them in some good charitable institution; there are children whose parents have so completely lost control of them that they seek the aid of some children's home to discipline them before too late. The State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children has another field of labor, that of giving a temporary home to those who are dependent upon the public for support, those who are maltreated, and those who are in environments of vice. All such are eligible and under the state law should be committed by the county court of the county in which they are living. Very often parents or relatives come to us with their children, expecting to place them in the institution and pay their board, and occasionally a parent or relative asks the privilege of placing a boy with us on account of having lost control of the child.

This is by no means a prison, reformatory or boarding school, but a home, and in every way possible we endeavor to have our children realize the fact. In a short time many of them become desirable for private homes, into which we place them on adoption or indenture.

HOW TO HAVE CHILDREN COMMITTED.

It is the duty of the county commissioners to petition the county judge of their county to give an order of admission for any child under sixteen years of age who is adjudged dependent upon the public for support, or who is neglected or

maltreated, or whose environments are such as to warrant the state assuming guardianship of said child, and is sound in mind and body. The citizens of a certain portion of a county may know of cases which are wholly unknown to the commissioners; it is their duty to inform these officials, to see that the children are brought before them that an investigation may be made. After the case is presented to the board of county commissioners, at least two of their number should sign the petition to the county judge, who will hear the case pursuant to citation. If the judge commits the child to the Home, it must be examined by the county physician, who shall certify in writing under oath that the child examined by him is of sound mind and has no chronic or contagious disease, and has not been exposed to any contagious disease within fifteen days previous to such examination. A certified copy of this certificate, with a certified copy of the order for admission, *must* accompany the child when brought to the Home.

Parents, guardians or relatives who are giving up their children should fully understand that as soon as they are committed to the State Home for Dependent Children, they forfeit all rights over, or to, the custody or service, or earnings of each child, and that they are released from all parental duty. Friends of the parents should see that this portion of the law is explained.

The Colorado Humane Society is now a state bureau of child and animal protection, and it is the duty of said bureau to secure the enforcement of the laws for the prevention of wrongs to children and dumb animals. In communities where there is no representative of the bureau, and there is need of an officer to enforce the law, communicate with Mr. E. K. Whitehead, secretary of the Bureau of Child and Animal Protection, Room 30, Capitol building, Denver, Colorado, who will give all worthy cases the most prompt and careful attention.

TO APPLICANTS.

We do not wish our children placed out to be raised in idleness, but we want them placed in good homes, where they will receive a mother's love and a father's tender care, and be taught habits of industry and self-reliance. Many people have a desire to secure a child to do the work of a man or a

woman, and thereby save the expense of paying a servant a salary, and the Board has continually to contend with just such applicants. When you have decided to take a child, visit the Home, if possible, that you may select for yourself, the child you wish, but do not expect to take it with you. You will be furnished an application blank, which must be properly filled out, signed by husband and wife. The signatures and addresses of two taxpayers, other than relatives, are also necessary as references. After securing the necessary signatures, return the application to the Home, and as soon thereafter as possible the state agent will visit your home and make such investigations as are necessary to satisfy the management of your capability for raising and educating a child. The personal investigation has proven to be the only safe way of deciding the fitness of a home for a child, and even with this precaution there are mistakes made. The destiny of the child depends upon the home selected for it, and the members of the Board of Control keenly feel the responsibility devolving upon them and take the greatest care in making their selections.

At the first meeting of the Board after the visit by the state agent, the application is presented for their consideration, and they approve or disapprove as they see fit. It is their intention to send a child into a home that is mutually suitable, considering intelligence, disposition, modes of living, environments, personal habits, appearance, and all conditions which tend to affect the future of a child. Upon the approval of the Board the state agent takes the child to your home at the expense of the state. It is allowed to remain sixty days on trial, during which, or at the expiration of which time, if not satisfactory, you may return it to the Home at your expense, and another may be given a trial. When satisfied with the child it is necessary, at your own expense, to secure adoption or indenture papers and furnish us with a certified copy of the same. The blanks for each will be furnished by the superintendent. A copy of these contracts may be found in this appendix.

If the applicant can not visit the Home a child will be very carefully selected by the Board and superintendent, who will give such information regarding its history and that of its parents as they may possess. These selections have been, with a few exceptions, perfectly satisfactory. After knowing the character of the family home and having the thorough

acquaintance of our children, the management is well qualified to fit the child to the home and the home to the child. We earnestly request a notice of any removals or changes in address of foster parents. The object in establishing this Home was to care for and educate the children whose parents could not or would not, and in so doing, make good citizens for the state of Colorado, and under her laws only are we permitted to make adoptions. For these reasons we are compelled to disapprove applications received from neighboring states.

TO THOSE WHO SIGN AS REFERENCES.

If you sign the application with someone who applies for a child, our state agent will call upon you for a personal interview, and the superintendent will send you a blank list of questions which you are requested to kindly fill out and promptly return to him.

If you have only a business acquaintance it is unwise to attach your name to the application. The most important information desired is that regarding the home life and the moral character of the applicants.

The references are understood to be interested in the family applying for the child, and are furthermore interested in his welfare.

The members of the Board of Control consider those who sign as references, willing to share the responsibility of placing a child with the applicants to such an extent as to report to the superintendent any change of address or any ill treatment of the child.

TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

We hope every county commissioner, incumbent or elect, may receive a copy of the report, and that he may become so familiar with its contents as to be deeply interested in the children who should be placed here, and assisting us in securing good family homes for those already in the State Home. Read chapter 26 of the Session Laws of 1895, and especially sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16; also parts first, second and third of section 7. From this it is very evident that you have a prominent part to perform in looking after the welfare of the children who are neglected, maltreated, and in the

environments of vice, as well as those who are dependent on the public for support.

The dependent ones are by no means the dangerous ones, but the greatest danger is to those who are surrounded by vice of every description and those who are so abused as to become firm in the belief that every man is his enemy, and therefore always on the defensive. As long as these children are permitted to remain in such circumstances, crime of the lowest degree will be propagated from year to year. It is therefore due to this commonwealth that all officers and citizens who in any manner have to do with child saving, be diligent in the performance of their duties, and by so doing advance the greatest remedy for crime. No fee is charged by the state for any child committed. The only expense to the county is that of transportation and court costs.

The children must be brought to us accompanied by a certified copy of the order for admission and the county physician's certificate. The county sending is then fully released from all care and expense unless the child should have to be returned to the county for reasons stated in parts first, second and third of section 7, chapter 26, Session Laws of 1895.

TO THE COUNTY VISITORS.

No doubt there are those of your number who are not aware that in section 15, chapter 26, of the Session Laws of 1895, there is a provision made whereby you may be asked to visit a child which has been placed in your county by the management of the Home. You may think this is asking a great deal, and in some cases it is, but you are not asked to make a visit to relieve someone else of his duty or for the purpose of relieving the superintendent or state agent. The visit is for the good of the child, and it was certainly in the mind of the legislature to use every means practicable in securing information regarding the treatment of our children during the life of the indenture contract. Residents of the county have a better opportunity of gaining the acquaintance and learning the reputation of the foster parents than those who reside in other parts of the state.

You can also greatly assist the county commissioners and humane society by bringing before them children who are dependent, neglected, maltreated or in evil environments, and

who should be committed to our care. We will greatly appreciate any effort you may make to bring this Home to the notice of anyone desiring a child, and thus putting us in touch with them by a visit or correspondence. It is our aim to place all of our desirable children in the best homes in Colorado.



SMITH BROS. CO.

BOYS DOING STABLE WORK.

APPLICATION FOR A CHILD

FROM THE STATE HOME FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN, 2309 SOUTH CLARKSON STREET, DENVER, COLO.

....., Colo.,, 190...

To the Board of Control:

I hereby make application to have a child of said Home (write "indentured" or "adopted") to me pursuant to law.

I am a resident of..... (if in the country, give township and section; if in the city, give street and number) in the county of My postoffice address is..... and my nearest railroad station is..... on the R. R. (state distance and direction from R. R. station). I will promptly notify your superintendent of any change I may make in my postoffice address.

I own the following real estate (if farm land, state whether improved or unimproved, and number of acres tillable):

I rent the following real estate:

My occupation or profession is I have no other income (if you have other income, state it here) I am years of age, in health, and my nationality is My wife is years of age, in health, and her nationality is..... The names and ages of my children living at home are:

The other members of my household are: (State names and relation to you, also the number of hired men and women)

The district school, which is maintained months each year, and which could be attended months in the year by a child living in my family, is (give number of miles or blocks) from my residence.

I am (If not a member, insert the word "not") a member of (denomination) church; my wife is a member of church. We are (regular or irregular) attendants of (denomination) church.

I desire a (boy or girl), about years of age, nationality preferred.

(Give name of child, if one has been selected, or a further description of such a child as you would like).

My object in taking a child is.....

My wife unites with me in making this application.

Husband and wife sign here.

R. R. Station.....

Date of visit.....

.....Approved

COLORADO STATE HOME FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN, 2309 SOUTH CLARKSON, DENVER, COLO.

APPLICATION

By

For

(Name of child.)

Date,, 19..

To the Board of Control:

We, the undersigned taxpayers, after a careful investigation, certify that the within-named applicant is a resident of the place named, where he has a good home, and that he is a proper person to have the care and education of a child. We further certify that he is a person of good moral character; that he is temperate and that he does not sell intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, and that we believe he will properly provide for and educate said child, and will otherwise faithfully execute the contract required. The statements apply fully to husband, wife and their children.

Dated, 19..

- Name
- Address
- Name
- Address
- Name
- Address

INDENTURE.

THIS INDENTURE, made this.....day
ofA. D. 190.. by and between the State
Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, of the state of
Colorado, party of the first part, and.....
of, county of
and state of

WITNESSETH: That, whereas, the party of the first part
is the legally appointed guardian of
under the provisions of an act of the general assembly of the
state of Colorado, entitled "An act in relation to the estab-
lishment of a State Home for Dependent and Neglected Chil-
dren; and making an appropriation therefor;"

NOW, THEREFORE, the party of the first part, for and in
consideration of the covenants and agreements of the party of
the second part, contracts and agrees that said.....
..... is of the age to wit years;
that shall remain with the party of the second part
until attains the age of years, and
that will learn the occupation of

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That said party of the first part may
cancel this agreement whenever it deems the interests of the
said child require it.

And the party of the second part hereby covenants and
agrees on part that will educate said child in
the public school where reside at least six months
in each year; that will teach some useful
occupation; that will kindly and properly treat said
child as a member of family; and that will
pay on the termination of this contract, to said party of the
first part, for the use and benefit of said child \$...., or, that
..... will pay to said party of the first part, for the use and
benefit of said child \$.... per month, beginning with
sixteenth year; provided, is not kept in school
after that age.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That said second party reserves the right to cancel this agreement at any time within sixty days from the date of this contract, upon returning said child to said Home, free of expense to said Home.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties aforesaid have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

STATE HOME FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN,

By
President.

Attest:
Secretary.

..... (Seal.)

APPROVED this day of A. D. 190..

.....
County Judge.

PETITION FOR ADOPTION.

State of Colorado, County of.....SS

In the Court Term, A. D. 190...

To the Hon., Judge of said court:

Your petitioners,
 of in said
 county, would respectfully show unto your honor: That they
 are residents of said county and inhabitants of this state, and
 are desirous of adopting a child so as to render it capable of
 inheriting their estate. That the name of said child is
, that it was of the age of years on
 the day of last, and is a
 child. And further, that your petitioners desire the name of
 said child changed to that of
 Your petitioners would further show unto your honor that the
 said child became an inmate of The State Home for Depend-
 ent and Neglected Children, on to wit, the
 day of 190..., by virtue of an order of the
 County Court of county, the said Board of
 Control of which consents to its adoption by said parties,
 which consent is annexed hereto, and that it would, there-
 fore, be to the interest of said child to become the adopted
 child of your petitioners, and that said petitioners are willing
 and able to maintain and educate said child properly as their
 own child.

Your petitioners would, therefore, pray this honorable
 court to make an order declaring said child to be the adopted
 child of your petitioners, and capable of inheriting their
 estate, and that the name of said child be changed to that of

 as provided by the act of the general assembly of the State of
 Colorado, approved March 31, 1895.

State of Colorado, County of Arapahoe, ss.

.....
the above named petitioners, being duly sworn, depose and say that the facts contained in the above petition, by.....
..... subscribed, are true according to the best of knowledge, information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of A. D. 190...
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.....

AFFIDAVIT FOR ADOPTION OF CHILD.

State of Colorado, County, ss.

..... of lawful age, being duly sworn, upon his oath, says: That he is Superintendent of The State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Colorado.

That a child of the age of about years, was committed to said Home by an order of the Judge of the County Court of county. (If the foregoing clause does not apply, state the facts as they exist.)
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 190...
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.....

CONSENT TO ADOPTION OF CHILD.

The Board of Control of The State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Colorado, of whose temporary home and asylum a minor child of the age of about years and under fourteen years, is an inmate, does hereby consent to the adoption of said child by and his wife in manner and form as provided by the laws of the state of Colorado.

Dated at Denver, Colorado, this day
of, 190...

THE BOARD OF CONTROL,

By
President or Superintendent.

CONSENT OF CHILD, BEING OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE,
TO ADOPTION.

I,, being
now an inmate of the State Home for Dependent and Neg-
lected Children, and being at this date over fourteen years of
age, do hereby consent to being adopted by
..... of the county of
Colorado, as their child as provided by the laws of Colorado
relating to the adoption of children.

CONSENT OF THE COUNTY AGENT OF BOARD OF CHARITIES AND

CORRECTIONS OR BOARD OF COUNTY VISITORS.

Consent is hereby given as required by section 8, of chap-
ter 26, of the Laws of Colorado, being an act in relation to the
establishment of a State Home for Dependent and Neglected
Children, for the adoption of said child in accordance with the
laws of Colorado and according to the prayer of the foregoing
petition.

.....
Agent of Board of Charities and Corrections for
..... County, Colorado.

.....
By
President of said Board.

DECREE.

STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF, ss.

In re the petition of and
. for the adoption of
the minor child

This cause coming on to be heard this
day of A. D. 190 . . . , upon the petition of
.

and
duly verified, for the adoption of the minor child heretofore
known as
the said petitioners
and

appearing in their own proper persons and by
. their attorneys, and the court
having read said petition and having examined upon their
oaths the said

and and the
court being fully satisfied from the testimony submitted
herein of the ability of the petitioners to properly rear, edu-
cate, support and maintain said child, and it appearing to
the court upon the examination of

the said wife, that she, of her own free will and accord, desires
the adoption of said child; and the court being further satis-
fied of the fitness and propriety of such adoption, and of the
willingness and wish of said petitioners and each of them to
adopt said child as their own; and it further appearing to
the court that said child had become an inmate of The State
Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, an organiza-
tion existing under the law of the state of Colorado, on to wit,
. day of, 190 . . . , by being
committed to said Home by order of the judge of the County
Court of county, and it further appear-
ing to the court that consent in writing hath heretofore been

given by, president of said society, to the petitioners herein, for the adoption of said child, and the court being now fully advised in the premises.

It is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the said minor child, heretofore known as shall be from this date, to all legal intents and purposes, the child and legal heir of the petitioners, and and that the name of said child is hereby changed, altered and declared to be and said child shall be, and is hereby entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all legal obligation in respect to said petitioners as if to them born in lawful wedlock.

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Judge of the County Court.



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