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SIXTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF CONTROL

OF THE

Colorado State Home

FOR

Dependent and Neglected
Children

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OF THE

Superintendent

OF THE

Colorado State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children

TO THE

Board of Control

2309 South Clarkson Street
Denver, Colorado

From December 1, 1904, to December 1, 1906



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LOCATION.

2309 SOUTH CLARKSON STREET, DENVER, COLORADO.

TELEPHONE "SOUTH 226."

To reach the Home by the street car, take the University Park car, at 15th and Arapahoe. Get off at East Evans avenue and South Clarkson street, walk two blocks south.

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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 appropriations.

No church collections are solicited.

No county or individual contributions received.

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.

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

The court and other expenses for adoption or indenture papers are paid by the individuals securing the same.

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

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.)

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

Parents are not encouraged to part with their children.

It is not the aim to make institutional children.

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 as inmates of the State Home.

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

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

Office of the State Home for Dependent
and Neglected Children,

December 1, 1906.

To His Excellency,

JESSE F. McDONALD,

Governor of Colorado.

Sir—We have the honor to transmit to you the sixth biennial report of the Superintendent of the State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, covering the two fiscal years ending, respectively, November 30, 1905, and November 30, 1906.

BOARD OF CONTROL,

Per Dora E. Reynolds, President.



SIXTH BIENNIAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT
OF THE
COLORADO STATE HOME
FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED
CHILDREN
TO THE
BOARD OF CONTROL

The sixth biennial report of the Superintendent of the State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children reviews the work accomplished during the period beginning December 1, 1904, and ending November 30, 1906.

It is the greatest satisfaction to note, that with the growth of the Home there is also an increase of friends, some of whom have manifested their interest in the children in the most liberal and substantial manner, presenting each child with appropriate gifts upon Christmas, St. Valentine's day and Easter. A number of business firms, churches, clubs, lodges, the children of public schools and various citizens filled the hearts with delight and the stomachs with good things at Christmas times. Through the kindly consideration and interest of Superintendent, principals and teachers of the public schools, the children have accomplished much in their work. The Sabbath School has been conducted regularly by professors, students and teachers of the Denver University and churches of South Denver. Ministers from all parts of the city have willingly responded to requests for assistance. The musicians, elocutionists and graphophone operators have delightfully entertained the children at various times. The Juvenile Improvement Association entertained them at Glenmore lakes. Teachers and friends made it possible for a large number to visit

City Park, Elitch's Gardens and Manhattan Beach, the Denver City Tramway Company furnishing street car transportation. The newspapers have been considerate in their references. The railroad companies have continued their liberal concession of former years, greatly assisting in the State agency work. Visits made by Governor and Mrs. McDonald, the members and officers of the State Board of Charities and Corrections and other State and county officials, were greatly appreciated. The employes who have remained in the work have been faithful and loyal. The visiting and consulting staff of physicians have generously donated both time and talent. The successes of the biennial period are due to the guiding wisdom and discretion, the sympathy and support of the members of the Board of Control. I thank all of these friends for their manifestations of kindness.

SCHOOL.

All children of school age have attended the public schools, receiving the same advantages as children of private families in the city and State. The first, second, fourth and fifth grades were assigned to the Home building; a portion of the second grade, the third and fifth to Vassar; the seventh and eighth to Grant building. The Superintendent, principals and teachers have shown great interest in the work and advancement of the pupils. Additional hours have been granted the sloyd department, and an especial arrangement made of the classes of the fourth and fifth grades, that the girls might receive the benefit of the domestic science department.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

For some time it has been the desire of the management to open a Domestic Science department for the benefit of the older girls. Experience has proven that placing them in school, before and after which, they are given a limited time in laundry work, cooking, sewing, scrubbing and sweeping, does not in any degree, fit them for holding positions as teachers or housekeepers. On the 5th of July, 1906, the department was opened fully equipped for both sewing and cooking classes, under the direction of a most competent instructor. It is estimated that girls 15 years of age, or older, can complete the course in from 15 to 18 months, at the expiration of which time a diploma will be given to those who have been successful. After taking this course, it is hoped that the girls will be, in a measure, qualified for positions as seamstresses, cooks and housekeepers and become self-supporting, able to fill positions in many of the best homes of Colorado. To enable the department to do efficient work, the pupils enrolled for all day sessions will be retained in the Home until the course is completed. As is mentioned elsewhere in this report, the classes of the fourth and fifth grades are so arranged as to permit the girls to have two hours each day to devote to this work. The



COOKING CLASS, DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.



RAFFIA WORK, DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.

forenoons are devoted to the copying of recipes and the practice in cooking vegetables, meats, fish, poultry and game, and the baking of bread and pastry. Particular attention is given the best methods of warming over and preparing the remnants, thus instilling habits of economy. All the work in the department is the most practical. The sewing is not done upon samples, models and doll clothes, but upon aprons, skirts, underwaists, waists, night dresses, dresses, boys' shirts, all for actual wear and tear, the same to be patched and darned, when necessary, by the pupils under the supervision of the instructor. In addition to the cooking and sewing, the girls received instruction in raffia work and completed a large number of beautiful baskets, which are now on sale in the department. A few girls show special talent in this line.

SEWING.

Requisitions for all new articles needed are sent to the seamstress each week by the matrons of the various departments, after they have passed through the hands of the Superintendent and received his approval. When necessary, garments are altered in this department. The following articles were made by the seamstress, assisted by the girls' matron and some of the older girls: 503 dresses, 513 night gowns, 13 dress skirts, 213 petticoats, 14 corset covers, 13 shirt waists, 15 sun bonnets, 60 kitchen aprons, 383 boys' shirts, 129 boys' waists, 46 waiters' aprons, 31 waiters' coats, 25 waiters' caps, 120 skull caps, 230 sheets, 171 pillow slips, 3 table cloths, 127 table napkins, 136 dish towels, 10 dresser covers, 2 operating gowns, 281 roller towels, 156 iron holders. All worn out garments and shoes are brought to the office and condemned by the Superintendent before being destroyed. Material worth saving is sent to the domestic science department to be used for carpet rags.

DAIRY.

As milk forms the chief article of diet for the 206 children, much thought and care has been given to the improvement of the herd of Holstein cows, which now consists of 12 fine milkers. By sale or trade, all undesirable animals, both old and young, were replaced by good stock. The milk from each cow is weighed at the time of milking, and an accurate account is kept of the daily, monthly and annual production. In 1905 the 12 cows gave 12,368 gallons of milk. In 1906 the same number gave 13,187 gallons. The queen of the herd, pronounced a thoroughbred Holstein, gave in 1905, 1,355 gallons, and in 1906, 1,548 gallons of milk. She was milked three times a day for 105 days, during which time her highest daily record was $8\frac{1}{4}$ gallons. No butter is made. The milk and cream are given to the children. The last biennial report showed the cost of milk during the period to average 11 cents per gallon. The cost during the period just closed is less than $8\frac{1}{4}$

cents per gallon. On the basis of the wholesale price, 15 cents per gallon, the dairy saved the State \$1,726.73.

POULTRY.

In the poultry yards about 400 young chickens and a few turkeys were raised; 1,328 dozen eggs gathered. Much better results could be obtained from this department if it were in charge of a practical poultry man, who could devote his entire time to it. The greatest liberty has been given the boys who cared to own pet stock. They were permitted to go unaccompanied to the dealers and to individuals for the purpose of investing the small amounts of money earned or given them by friends, in pigeons, ducks, rabbits and chickens, from which their pens increased during the season by the raising of the young. The boys bought, sold and traded among themselves at their own pleasure. They sold also to employes and Superintendent for table use. Some second-hand lumber was given them, with their own money they purchased nails, wire and tar paper, all of which they used in building their houses and pens for the stock. One of these houses was so constructed as to be a great credit to the builders. At any time a boy wished to eat a pigeon, duck, chicken or rabbit *of his very own*, he could do so by requesting the good hearted cook to dress and cook it for him. It has been the greatest satisfaction to the Superintendent to witness the absolute and supreme enjoyment the boys derived from these privileges. Undoubtedly they were the means of making them more happy and contented.

GARDEN.

The boys did excellent work in the garden during this period, having profited by previous experience, and their labor resulted in a bountiful crop of radishes, lettuce, string beans, rhubarb, beets, oyster plant, tomatoes, celery, navy beans, asparagus, onions, cauliflower, cucumbers, sweet corn and pop corn, pumpkins, carrots, squash and turnips. About 30 tons of alfalfa and 35 tons of mangels were harvested for the cows. The apple crop in 1905 from the orchard, which consists of 224 trees, was enormous. In 1906 the yield was not so great by half. The apples for the most part were good, sound, well flavored fruit and appeared frequently on the children's table, prepared in various ways, throughout the winter.

HEALTH.

The general health of the children during the biennial period has been excellent, although the numbers were large and the dormitories crowded. Epidemics of chicken pox and whooping cough occurred during the summer of 1905. With one or two exceptions, the cases were in a mild form. By the method of taking a throat culture of each child received, diphtheria germs were dis-





covered in the throats of eight children the day they entered. These children were isolated and carefully watched. The disease was not communicated to others and no new cases developed in the Home. The tonsils were removed from the throats of 64 children, 26 were circumcised, 3 broken legs and one broken arm were set. There was one abdominal operation and one for diseased teeth. Three operations were performed for the relief of patients suffering from appendicitis, one of which resulted fatally. A case of blood poisoning resulting from an injury received while playing at school proved serious and a number of operations were necessary to save the boy's life. A boy who had been placed in a private home contracted typhoid fever and as he was not receiving the proper care, he was brought to the Home and nursed back to health in our own hospital. One case of hereditary consumption developed and the child was returned to the county from which she was committed. There were 5 cases of appendicitis (2 fatal), 15 tonsillitis, 9 of pneumonia, 5 of bronchitis, 1 of rheumatism, 1 of Bright's disease (fatal), 2 of St. Vitus' dance, 1 of heart disease (fatal). Among the infants the following fatalities occurred: 6 cholera infantum, 2 marasmus, 1 mal-assimilation, 1 spinal meningitis, 3 gastro enteritis and 1 bronchial pneumonia. Of these 9 were under 6 months of age. The others were aged 9 months, 15 months, 10 months, and two 6 months.

STATE AGENCY.

Without extreme care in making investigations regarding applicants and in placing children in private homes, the number of those returned to the Home will increase. The work of the State Agent has grown to such an extent that it will be impossible for one man to cope with it. The past year's applicants have been compelled to wait for weeks for the visit of the agent. On account of this delay children could not be placed in private homes as rapidly as they would have been had there been help enough to cover the territory promptly. Through the continuous efforts of the one agent 51,862 miles were traveled by railroad, and 3,188 miles by livery, making a total of 55,050 miles, at an expense of \$2,605.12, including salary; 461 visits were made to children, and 293 applicants were visited. On the basis of the total number of visits the average cost per visit is a little less than \$3.47. This cost fairly represents the average cost of placing and visiting a child in a private home in any part of the State of Colorado. It includes hotel, livery and salary expenses in making three trips, first, a visit to the applicant; second (if the application is approved), a trip with the child selected, to the nearest railroad station, and third, one more trip each year to visit the same child, with others possibly in the same vicinity. On account of the liberal courtesies of the railroad companies, the expense for fare is small. With the exception of a very few, the children visited were giving perfect satisfaction, and the homes of the same had

proven desirable. It is hoped that sufficient funds can be secured to warrant the salary and expenses of another agent to assist in making necessary investigations, visits and prompt placing of children.

NEEDS.

The total enrollment, 219, is the largest ever entered during a biennial period. Every effort has been made to place children in private homes on indenture or adoption, that the Home population might be kept as low as possible. Despite this effort, the average daily attendance has gradually increased from 141 in 1904 to 204, the last few months of 1906. This number far exceeds the capacity of the present buildings. In the girls' dormitory, with a capacity for thirty single beds, there are seventy-two girls sleeping, and for this same number of children there is a play room 11x17 feet. The thirty-five children in the nursery department sleep and play in the same room, which has a capacity for twenty-four beds. Two families, with a total membership of 103, occupy the one boys' cottage, which was planned for only one family. There is floor space for sixty single beds. In quarters so inadequate the danger of spreading disease is very great. It is impossible to elevate the morals of the children under such conditions. Since 1902 there have not been sufficient funds to suitably furnish any of the departments. The children's dining room is furnished with the original home made tables, with a few additional ones, which were used eleven years ago, when the Home first opened its doors. Employes' rooms have been without carpets or rugs. There is yet great need of hospital furniture. A fire-proof vault for the protection of all records and legal papers is imperative. The administration building has needed paint and repairs for several years. The building should also be connected with the central steam heating plant, thereby saving the purchase of tons of lump coal every year. There is need of money to expend upon the domestic building, the boys' cottage, the hospital, laundry and school buildings, which were not entirely completed on account of the lack of funds.

In view of the increased population mentioned herein, five cottages are necessary to give comfortable sanitary quarters. An important building needed is a barn built with the latest approved facilities for properly feeding and milking dairy cows. As the milk is one of the principle articles of diet, much care must be given to the sanitary conditions surrounding the stock. An artesian well with pneumatic waterworks system and an electric light plant would save a large sum of money. These with many other minor improvements are of vast importance. The appropriations for this Home for the last four years have been less than one half the amount appropriated for the support of similar institutions in other states having the same or a less number of children in daily attendance. After careful consideration and consultation with the members of the Board of Control, in view



of the existing circumstances, it is respectfully recommended that the Sixteenth General Assembly be asked to pass a bill which provides for an appropriation of \$70,000 for maintenance and \$80,000.00 for buildings and permanent improvements.

STATISTICAL FORM.

Prepared in accordance with a resolution of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, adopted May 15, 1906.

POPULATION.

	Year 1905			Year 1906		
	Male	Fem.	Total	Male	Fem.	Total
Number of inmates present at beginning of fiscal year.....	104	37	141	123	58	181
Number received during the year—						
New admissions.....	53	50	103	62	54	116
Children returned.....	18	44	62	9	22	31
Number discharged or died during the year	52	73	125	63	59	122
Number at end of the fiscal year.....	123	58	181	131	75	206
Daily average attendance during the year (i. e., number of inmates actually present)	115	44	159	126	64	190
Average number of officers and employes during the year.....	6	12	18	6	12	18

EXPENDITURES.

	1905	1906
Current Expenses—		
1. Salaries and wages.....	\$3,915.00	\$7,648.92
2. Clothing	3,353.04	2,703.63
3. Subsistence	6,493.75	6,723.52
4. Ordinary repairs	174.56	136.06
5. Office, domestic and outdoor expenses.....	5,912.34	5,632.51
Total	\$22,758.69	\$22,844.69
Extraordinary Expenses—		
1. New buildings, land, etc.....		
2. Permanent improvements to existing buildings.....	\$ 3,412.77	\$ 983.85
Total	\$ 3,412.77	\$ 983.85
Grand total	\$26,171.46	\$23,828.54

DISBURSEMENTS FOR BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING
NOVEMBER 30, 1906.

MAINTENANCE.			
	1905	1906	Total.
Salaries	\$ 6,915.00	\$ 7,648.92	\$14,563.92
Provisions	5,098.67	5,209.07	10,307.74
Clothing	3,353.04	2,703.68	6,056.72
Household furnishings and furniture.....	598.23	513.93	1,112.16
Light	664.65	557.55	1,222.20
Fuel	1,470.30	1,551.55	3,021.85
State Agency	580.42	635.20	1,215.62
Drugs and instruments.....	404.37	170.92	575.29
General expense	620.43	565.21	1,185.64
Postage	78.35	93.33	171.68
School supplies	31.15	50.77	81.92
Stationery, printing and office supplies.....	95.09	29.80	124.89
Telephone	146.25	152.65	298.90
Laundry	289.93	310.73	600.66
Water	696.75	842.94	1,539.69
Drayage	3.25	11.90	15.15
Undertaker	121.00	111.00	232.00
Building improvements and repairs.....	174.56	136.06	310.62
Campus improvements	58.01	5.91	63.92
Farm and garden.....	114.72	103.14	217.86
Implements and tools.....	27.66	20.62	48.28
Stock	26.50	8.50	35.00
Feed	1,190.36	1,411.31	2,601.67
Total	\$22,758.69	\$22,844.69	\$45,603.38

IMPROVEMENT FUND.			
	1905	1906	Total.
Household furnishings and furniture.....	\$1,390.68	\$353.93	\$1,744.61
Drugs and instruments.....	105.75	5.05	110.80
General expense	7.43	8.12	15.55
School supplies	17.50	114.68	132.18
Stationery, printing and office expenses.....	3.67	.....	3.67
Insurance .....	.....	20.00	20.00
Laundry	3.25	3.25	6.50
Buildings	1,463.94	.....	1,463.94
Building improvements and repairs.....	113.88	397.62	511.50
Campus improvements	40.72	5.68	46.40
Farm and garden.....	29.00	1.04	30.04
Implements and tools.....	86.95	74.48	161.43
Stock	150.00	.....	150.00
Total	\$3,412.77	\$983.85	\$4,396.62

THE FOLLOWING TABULATED STATEMENT WILL SHOW
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVED FROM AND
PLACED IN THE VARIOUS COUNTIES.

	Received					Placed				
	1905		1906		Total	1905		1906		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Arapahoe .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
Bent .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
Boulder .....	..	..	1	3	4	..	..	3	2	5
Chaffee .....	..	2	1	2	5	..	1	..	..	1
Clear Creek.....	..	..	1	3	4	..	..	..	..	..
Conejos	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	2
Denver	19	13	32	24	88	3	12	5	5	25
Douglas .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	4
Elbert .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2
El Paso.....	7	4	4	6	21	3	2	2	4	11
Fremont .....	..	..	11	5	16	1	1	1	2	5
Garfield	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Gunnison	4	5	..	..	9	..	..	1	..	1
Hinsdale	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Huerfano	2	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
Jefferson	1	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	2	4
Kit Carson.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Lake .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
La Plata	3	2	..	..	5	..	1	1	1	3
Larimer	1	..	2	1	4	..	..	..	1	1
Las Animas.....	7	6	2	2	17	..	2	..	1	3
Mesa .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	3
Mineral .....	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Montrose .....	..	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	1
Morgan .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Park .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Pueblo .....	..	3	2	4	9	..	..	2	3	5
Rio Grande.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
San Miguel.....	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	1
Teller	1	3	1	..	5	2	2	..	1	5
Washington ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Weld	4	5	2	2	13	..	1	1	5	7
Yuma .....	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	6	2	15
Total	53	50	62	54	219	24	25	27	37	113

STATISTICS FOR THE TWO YEARS RESPECTIVELY.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Total enrollment.....	1905.... 53	50	103
	1906.... 62	54	116
Number adopted.....	1905.... 11	8	19
	1906.... 7	17	24
Number indentured.....	1905.... 13	17	30
	1906.... 20	20	40
Number out under special contract.....	1905.... 3	13	16
	1906.... 4	5	9
Number declared self-supporting.....	1905.... 2	2	4
	1906.... 11	..	11
Number out on trial.....	Nov. 30, 1906.... 15	9	24
Returned to counties.....	1905.... 1	1	2
	1906.... 2	2	4
Returned to parents.....	1905.... 3	3	6
	1906.... 7	8	15
Released to relatives.....	1905.... ..	2	2
	1906.... 3	5	8
Ran away from private homes.....	1905.... 3	..	3
	1906.... 7	..	7
Ran away from institution.....	1905.... 2	..	2
	1906.... 10	..	10
Died in the institution.....	1905.... 4	4	8
	1906.... 7	1	8
Died in hospital.....	1905.... 1	..	1
	1906.... ..	..	..
Died in private homes.....	1905.... ..	..	..
	1906.... 1	..	1
Average age of those received.....	1905.... 6.94	7.36	7.15
	1906.... 6.81	7.53	7.17
Average age of those adopted.....	1905.... 3.67	3.50	3.59
	1906.... 6.96	3.66	5.31
Average age of those indentured.....	1905.... 11.20	12.20	11.70
	1906.... 12.29	10.66	11.47
Average age of those in the Home.....	Dec. 1, 1904.... 10.25	11.25	10.75
	Nov. 30, 1905.... 9.75	11.50	10.63
	Nov. 30, 1906.... 9.65	11.31	10.48
Average daily attendance.....	1905.... 115	44	159
	1906.... 126	64	190
Number present.....	Dec. 1, 1904.... 104	37	141
	Nov. 30, 1905.... 123	58	181
	Nov. 30, 1906.... 131	75	206

COMBINED STATISTICS FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Total number enrolled.....	115	104	219
Number adopted	18	25	43
Number indentured	33	37	70
Number out under special contract	7	18	25
Number declared self-supporting.....	13	2	15
Number returned to counties.....	3	3	6
Number returned to parents.....	10	11	21
Number released to relatives.....	3	7	10
Ran away from institution.....	12	...	12
Ran away from private homes.....	10	...	10
Number who died.....	13	5	18
Average age of those received.....	6.87	7.45	7.16
Average age of those adopted.....	5.32	3.58	4.45
Average age of those indentured.....	11.60	11.43	11.51

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENROLLED SINCE OPENING IN
MARCH, 1896.

	Boys	Girls	Total
1896	31	21	52
1897	31	30	61
1898	34	25	59
1899	19	15	34
1900	30	24	54
1901	39	31	70
1902	57	24	81
1903	42	24	66
1904	42	36	78
1905	53	50	103
1906	62	54	116
Total	440	334	774

NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED SINCE OPENING IN
MARCH, 1896.

	Adoption		Indentures		Total for Period
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
1896	1	1	1	..	
	—	—	—	—	3
1897	2	5	4	2	
1898	11	16	4	5	
	—	—	—	—	49
1899	5	6	4	5	
1900	5	5	10	10	
	—	—	—	—	50
1901	3	7	10	18	
1902	3	3	24	17	
	—	—	—	—	85
1903	6	3	18	21	
1904	12	11	17	17	
	—	—	—	—	105
1905	11	8	13	17	
1906	7	17	20	20	
	—	—	—	—	113
Grand total	66	82	125	132	405

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COWAN,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The object of the State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children is that of giving a home to those who are dependent upon the public for support, maltreated and 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 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 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 to contend continually 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 of 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.

THOSE WHO SIGN AS REFERENCES.

If you sign the application of someone who applies for a child, our State agent will call upon you for 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 to 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 in 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 an 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 Honorable Judges and the Clerks of the County Court:

Your attention is respectfully drawn to sections 10, 11 and 12 of chapter 26, Session Laws of 1895; also to the foot notes on the "petition to commit" and "the order for admission."

The record of each child admitted is kept in the office of the Home. The only reliable source of information is the order for admission. It is, therefore, of the greatest importance that a condensed history, secured from facts related in the petition and from testimony given in court, be set forth in the order.

TO 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, provision is 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 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 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 our desirable children in the best homes in Colorado.

APPLICATION FOR A CHILD.

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

....., 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 post-office 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, inhealth, 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..... (denomina-
 tion) 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 descrip-
 tion 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 STREET, DENVER, COLO.

APPLICATION.

By
For
(Name of child)

Date19.....

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. We are not relatives of the applicant's family.

Dated19..

Have three taxpayers sign here.

Name
Address
Name
Address
Name
Address

INDENTURE.

THIS INDENTURE, made this.....day of.....
 A. D. 190., by and between the State Home for Dependent and
 Neglected Children, of the State of Colorado, part of the first
 part, and.....of.....County of
and State of Colorado.

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, en-
 titled "An act in relation to the establishment of a State Home
 for Dependent and Neglected Children; and making an appro-
 priation therefor;"

NOW, THEREFORE, the party of the first part, for an in consid-
 eration 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 re-
 main with the party of the second part until.....attains the
 age of.....years, and that.....will learn the occu-
 pation 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 oc-
 cupation; 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 inher-
iting 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 Dependent 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....., 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...

.....
.....

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...
.....
.....

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 Neglected 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 chapter 26, of the laws of Colorado, being an act in relation to the estab-

lishment 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 peti-
 tioners and
 appearing in
 their own proper persons and by.....
 their attorneys, and the court having read said petition and hav-
 ing 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, educate,
 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 satisfied
 of the fitness and propriety of such adoption, and of the willing-
 ness 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 has become an inmate of The State Home for Dependent
 and Neglected Children, an organization 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 appearing to the court that consent in writ-
 ing hath heretofore been given by.....
 president of said society, to the petitioners herein, for the adop-
 tion 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.

.....
 Judge of the County Court.

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