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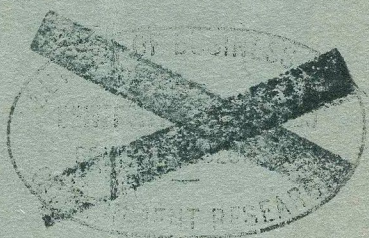
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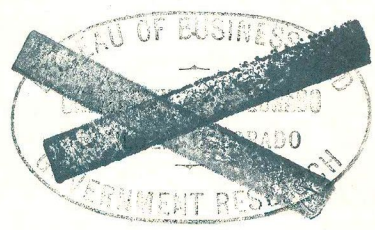


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The Colorado State Reformatory

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Colorado State Reformatory, Buena Vista, Colo.

Pueblo, Colorado, December 18, 1928.

HON. WILLIAM H. ADAMS, Governor,
State Capitol Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Herewith we submit for your information the report of the Warden of the Colorado State Reformatory, together with the reports of other officers at this institution, for the biennial period ending November 30, 1928.

While we have been able to close the period without a deficit at this institution, that fact has only been accomplished on account of the cash earnings of the institution, coupled with the additional fact that many improvements and repairs in practically every department of the institution have been impossible. The time has come, however, when the failure to further protect the property and maintain it in a proper state of repair in order that its various departments can function as they should, and the welfare and safety of the inmates guarded, funds must be forthcoming for the purposes stated. We trust, therefore, that you will give favorable consideration to the requests and recommendations of the Warden of the institution.

Yours respectfully,

C. J. MOYNIHAN,
FRANK S. HOAG,
MRS. H. L. GRENFELL,
Colorado Board of Corrections.

Letter of Transmittal

Buena Vista, Colo., December 17, 1928.

To the Honorable State Board of Corrections:

I submit herewith my Biennial Report as Warden of the Colorado State Reformatory for the fiscal period 1927-1928. Acknowledgment is made of the support and co-operation of the State Board of Corrections, the Governor of the State, the Auditor of State, the State Treasurer and the Attorney General.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. SHAW,
Warden.

Report of Warden

To the Honorable Board of Corrections, Colorado State Reformatory, Buena Vista, Colorado:

I have the honor to submit the Warden's report on the management and administration of the affairs of the Colorado State Reformatory for the biennial period ending November 30, 1928.

I assumed active control of the Colorado State Reformatory December 15, 1927. My thanks are due the Deputy Warden, the officers and guards for their loyal support and efficient co-operation.

As half of the biennial period had elapsed prior to my assuming control, this report will deal more intimately with the last year, 1928.

Industries and Labor:

We have carried on the farm work much as before, with additional land being farmed this last year. As the season is short in this altitude, I would suggest that only the hardier grains and hay be raised. I do not think the institution gains much in the growing of large garden crops. To raise enough hay and grain for our live stock herds would effect a saving greater than the profit from highly perishable garden truck.

Live Stock:

During the last year we have sold all our grade sheep. We now have one flock of purebred Hampshire sheep. Several of our rams were imported from England. Our flock is becoming very well known.

The purebred Hereford herd now numbers 81. We sold one carload of aged cows from this herd this fall.

The range beef herd numbering about 200 supplies the institution with nearly all its beef.

Our dairy herd of purebred Holsteins supplies the institution with all its milk, cream and butter. We also have a surplus of cream to sell. This herd is now second to none in the state.

The poultry department has been enlarged. We have Rhode Island Reds, Plymouth Rocks, White Leghorns and Bronze turkeys.

We have sold no hogs this last year. I believe it to be greater economy to put up all this meat for institutional use. Two large smoke houses have been erected where bacon and hams are smoked. Sausage is made and put down in lard. We have had bacon and ham of our own curing all this year.

Institutional:

All buildings are being wired to conform to the Underwriters code. This also lowers our insurance rate. A new three-car

garage has been completed. Later more units will be added so that officers may have a place for their cars out of the weather. The old horse barn has been remodeled into an administration building, deputy warden's residence and officers' quarters. This should be completed within the next few months. A creamery is in process of erection. New poultry houses are being built. Shower baths and additional toilets have been installed in the dormitories. A shower bath for the kitchen help is also being installed. New hog barns have been completed, a new lambing barn built and new stock yards are under construction.

I have discarded the old tin dishes in the inmates' dining room for china. The dining room has been redecorated throughout. I have tried to make this room as cheerful and home-like as possible.

The gymnasium or recreation hall has been redecorated. This entire building has also been rewired, so that we are able to show moving pictures. The stage has been repaired, scenery repainted and repaired and new wings installed.

Health:

The health of the inmates has been excellent. Dr. Ayers from Buena Vista calls daily. Dr. Wilson, dentist from Salida, makes weekly calls. For your consideration, I suggest that the dentist be allowed to perform other dental work than extractions. The modern reformatory strives to correct all physical defects as well as moral defects.

Below is a sample inmate menu:

COLORADO STATE REFORMATORY—INMATES' MENU

Week of July 15, 1928

Sunday—Breakfast—W. W. Hot Cakes, Butter and Honey, Coffee. Dinner—Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Pickled Beets, Rhubarb Pie, Bread and Coffee.

Monday—Breakfast—Oatmeal Mush, Sugar and Milk, Bread and Coffee. Dinner—Pinto Beans with Pork, Bread and Milk. Supper—Meat Stew with Vegetables, Corn Bread, Coffee.

Tuesday—Breakfast—Fried Mush with Honey, Bread and Coffee. Dinner—Creamed Marrow Peas with Pork, Turnips, Greens, Bread and Milk. Supper—Spanish Macaroni with Meat, Stewed Prunes, Hot Rolls and Coffee.

Wednesday—Breakfast—Corn Meal Mush with Sugar and Milk, Bread and Coffee. Dinner—Baked Pork and Beans with Tomato Sauce, Bread and Milk. Supper—Brown Hash with Onions, Stewed Turnips, Bread and Milk.

Thursday—Breakfast—Boiled Rice with Raisins, Sugar and Milk, Bread and Coffee. Dinner—Boiled Pinto Beans with Pork, Break and Milk. Supper—Chili Con Carne, Bread and Coffee.

Friday—Breakfast—W. W. Hot Cakes with Honey and Butter, Coffee. Dinner—Boiled Navy Beans with Pork, Bread and Coffee. Supper—Spanish Rice with Meat, Stewed California Figs, Hot Biscuits and Milk.

Saturday—Breakfast—Oatmeal Mush with Sugar and Milk, Bread and Coffee. Dinner—Creamed Marrowfat Peas with Meat, Bread and Milk. Supper—Hamburger Steak with Onions, Baked Potatoes, Hot Rolls and Coffee.

CHAS. A. GAGE,
Steward.

Church:

Church services are held every Sunday, Rev. L. H. Forde of Salida being the chaplain. In addition to this regular chapel service, we also have one Christian Science service a month. Catholic, Salvation Army and others hold services frequently.

School:

Our school is under the direction of a teacher from the State Penitentiary. He is assisted by two of our own boys. At present we are confining ourselves to those who have had little or no schooling.

Athletics:

I have tried to stimulate interest in all athletics. On holidays and Sundays athletic events are held. Our basket ball team plays matches with Buena Vista and Leadville.

The budget for 1929-1930, the financial and statistical report of the Chief Clerk, the report of the chaplain and physician are hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. SHAW,
Warden.

*Board of Corrections, Colorado State Reformatory,
Buena Vista, Colo.*

Gentlemen:

Herewith a list of the improvements that are vitally necessary for the good of the institution:

1. Creamery. This building in process of erection will require a churn, cooling vats, separator, ice box, butter table, molds, etc.

2. The present stairway to the chapel is in very poor condition. This has been repaired, but a new stairway should be installed. I would suggest a steel or iron stairway.

3. The stairway to the tailor shop should be replaced by a new stairway.

4. Tier walks in cell house are badly in need of repair. These walks for the safety of all concerned should be completely replaced.

5. Smoke Stack. The smoke stack on the boiler house must be replaced. We are at present getting along with half a stack. The upper half had to be taken down account the stack burning in two.

6. A new ice house should be provided. The present one has been repaired from year to year and is bulging. The ice costs nothing, being put up from our lake, but a proper place to store it is a necessity.

7. A new ice box or cooling room for the storing of meat and other perishable food stuff.

8. The administration building, under construction, will need a complete set of furnishings. The office, Warden's office and the office of the Board will have to be completely furnished. The officers' quarters on the second floor must be furnished. Officers' kitchen and dining room will require furniture and equipment.

9. The roofs on the cell house and over the chapel should be repaired. Much of this may have to be replaced.

10. A new chicken house should be erected, with incubator and brooder space.

11. Stock yards, being constructed, need new sheep sheds.

12. Stockade. The fence at back of cell house should be moved back so that the back of the cell house is free and not a part of the fence, as at present.

13. Dairy Barn and Calf Barn. If we are to continue our dairy herd, the time is at hand when the cow barn must be enlarged. At present we are using a makeshift calf barn, that should be either remodeled or rebuilt entirely.

14. Garage. As the Reformatory is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Buena Vista, we badly need a building where the officers can store their cars.

15. Hydro-Electric Plant. This plant is of paramount importance to the institution. We have two sites for such a plant. The spillway from the lake has sufficient drop and flow for the installation of one of the smaller and newer types of hydro-electric plants. The dam on the river is an ideal site for a larger plant. With a larger plant we could furnish all our light, power and heat. The smaller plant would be able to furnish all the light and power needed. This would effect a saving in the fuel used. The cost of running the plant would be next to nothing. If only the smaller type is put in, the saving in fuel during the summer would more than pay its cost. Along with this we could have electric

refrigeration, enabling us to keep our meats and other food stuffs indefinitely.

16. General Repairs. The time has come when we must inaugurate a program of intensive repairing. There is no building or department that is not in need of repairs.

17. The cell house and the dormitory should be completed as was originally planned. The population is steadily mounting. It will mount. With these two buildings joined we will be able to take care of the future increases in our population.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. SHAW,
Warden.

Report of Clerk

Buena Vista, Colorado, December 17, 1928.

HON. R. L. SHAW, *Warden*,
State Reformatory.

Herewith I submit financial and statistical report for the biennial period 1927-1928.

W. G. KEEGAN, Chief Clerk,
Colorado State Reformatory.

FINANCIAL REPORT, BIENNIAL PERIOD 1927-1928

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—

Receipts:

Maintenance Appropriation	\$129,950.00	
Salary Appropriation	75,000.00	
Land Appropriation	23,000.00	
Building Appropriation	10,000.00	
		\$237,950.00

Disbursements:

Salaries Officers	Salaries	\$ 32,043.91
Salaries Employees	Salaries	25,097.27
Salaries Guards	Salaries	17,858.82
Office Expense.....	Maintenance	2,191.02
Expense Board Corrections.....	Maintenance	318.15
Provisions	Maintenance	21,854.27
Clothing	Maintenance	12,394.96
Bedding and Linen.....	Maintenance	1,447.78
Furniture and Fixtures.....	Maintenance	3,819.60
Medical and Hospital.....	Maintenance	4,448.95
Paroles, Discharges and Escapes...	Maintenance	7,950.00
Library and Entertainment.....	Maintenance	1,578.35
Fuel, Light and Power.....	Maintenance	5,090.37
Freight and Express.....	Maintenance	8,363.23
Telephone and Telegraph.....	Maintenance	1,807.07
Laundry Expense	Maintenance	929.53
Livestock, Investment	Maintenance	675.30
Livestock, Maintenance	Maintenance	2,450.81
Livestock, Stock Feed, Medicine, Veterinary	Maintenance	8,711.55
Electrical Supplies.....	Maintenance	1,776.33
Tools and Implements.....	Maintenance	4,898.54
Farm and Garden.....	Maintenance	4,631.58
Repairs and Improvements.....	Maintenance	14,365.21
Insurance	Maintenance	1,585.70
School Expense	Maintenance	28.38
Printing Press	Maintenance	81.09
Utility Equipment, Investment....	Maintenance	500.00
Utility Equipment, Operation.....	Maintenance	14,970.25
Incidental	Maintenance	3,081.04
To General Revenue.....	Maintenance	.94
Returned to General Revenue, Farm Lands Appropriation		23,000.00
Returned to General Revenue, Office Building Appropriation		10,000.00
		\$237,950.00

CASH FUNDS—

State Cash (Account with Warden):

Receipts:

Sale of Hay	\$ 1,717.41	
Sale of Grain	2,343.49	
Sale of Cattle, Beef Products.....	7,218.93	
Sale of Hogs and Pork.....	3,419.94	
Sale of Dairy and Poultry Products.. ..	2,532.30	
Sale of Sheep and Wool.....	17,309.29	
Sale of Lettuce and Garden Produce.....	5,618.22	
Sale of Horses.....	1,072.00	
Sale of Unclassified Produce.....	2,179.02	\$43,410.60
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Remitted State Treasurer.....	\$43,410.60	\$43,410.60
	\$43,410.60	\$43,410.60

Reformatory Cash Fund (Account with State Treasurer):

Receipts:

Balance December 1st, 1926.....	\$ 7,872.71	
Remitted by Warden.....	43,606.94	
Refunded to Treasurer.....	17.38	\$51,497.03
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Disbursements:

Warrants Issued (Investment Account)—

Cattle	\$ 5,451.00	
Horses	200.00	
Chickens	651.25	
Sheep	1,557.00	
Hogs	1,415.72	\$ 9,274.97
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Warrants Issued (Maintenance Account):

Hay	\$ 2,881.54	
Miscellaneous Maintenance	26,543.77	
Motor Vehicle Maintenance.....	11,009.70	\$40,435.01
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Balance State Treasurer.....		1,787.05
		\$51,497.03

Inmates Library and Entertainment Fund, 1927-1928:

Balance December 1st, 1926.....	\$ 12.51	
Deposits		
Withdrawals	\$ 5.00	
Balance December 1st, 1928.....		7.51
	\$ 12.51	\$ 12.51

Inmates Cash Fund, 1927-1928:

Balance December 1st, 1926.....	\$ 693.23	
Deposits—December, 1926	\$389.14	
January, 1927	173.73	
February, 1927	241.02	
March, 1927	434.20	
April, 1927	302.69	
May, 1927	251.67	
June, 1927	357.57	
July, 1927	186.16	
August, 1927	219.14	
September, 1927	173.76	
October, 1927	322.25	
November, 1927	209.68	
December, 1927	370.49	
January, 1928	189.85	
February, 1928	183.13	
March, 1928	412.50	
April, 1928	230.37	
May, 1928	526.55	
June, 1928	351.69	
July, 1928	485.87	
August, 1928	294.89	
September, 1928	361.98	
October, 1928	396.13	
November, 1928	321.66	\$ 7,386.12

Withdrawals—December, 1926	\$	620.68	
January, 1927		226.56	
February, 1927		249.46	
March, 1927		202.65	
April, 1927		304.88	
May, 1927		383.97	
June, 1927		388.88	
July, 1927		382.41	
August, 1927		162.98	
September, 1927		164.62	
October, 1927		287.07	
November, 1927		219.79	
December, 1927		433.44	
January, 1928		149.86	
February, 1928		204.27	
March, 1928		301.62	
April, 1928		298.32	
May, 1928		281.88	
June, 1928		322.80	
July, 1928		499.25	
August, 1928		372.36	
September, 1928		397.26	
October, 1928		257.41	
November, 1928		357.98	
			\$ 7,470.40
Balance, December 1st, 1928			608.95
	\$	8,079.35	\$ 8,079.35

COST OF MAINTAINING REFORMATORY FISCAL PERIOD 1927-1928

Items	Salaries	Maintenance	Cash	Total
Salaries, Officers	\$ 32,043.91		\$ 2,479.52	\$ 34,523.43
Salaries, Employees	25,097.27		1,770.89	26,868.16
Salaries, Guards	17,858.82		989.22	18,848.04
Office Expense		\$ 2,191.02	88.51	2,279.53
Expense Board of Corrections		318.15	15.00	333.15
Provisions	21,854.27		2,351.76	24,206.03
Clothing	12,394.96		329.03	12,723.99
Bedding and Linen	1,447.78			1,447.78
Furniture and Fixtures	3,819.60		753.00	4,572.60
Medical and Hospital	4,448.95		788.40	5,237.35
Paroles, Discharges, Escapes	7,950.00		178.00	8,128.00
Library and Entertainment	1,578.35		184.61	1,762.96
Fuel, Light and Power	5,090.37		48.40	5,138.77
Freight and Express	8,363.23		70.40	8,433.63
Telephone and Telegraph	1,807.07		321.05	2,128.12
Laundry Expense	929.53		22.00	951.53
Livestock, Investment	675.30		9,505.77	10,181.07
Livestock, Maintenance	2,450.81		58.40	2,509.21
Livestock, Stock Feed, Medicine and Veterinary	8,711.55		3,165.29	11,876.84
Electrical Supplies	1,776.33		288.22	2,064.55
Tools and Implements	4,898.54		763.25	5,661.79
Farm and Garden	4,631.58		8,651.41	13,282.99
Repairs and Improvements	14,365.21		1,595.21	15,960.42
Insurance	1,585.70		2,099.92	3,685.62
School Expense	28.38			28.38
Printing Press	81.09			81.09
Utility Equipment, Investment	500.00		10,190.90	10,690.90
Utility Equipment, Operation	14,970.25		2,102.08	17,072.33
Incidental	3,081.04		899.74	3,980.78
	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 129,949.06	\$ 49,709.98	\$ 254,659.04
Total Cost of Maintaining Reformatory				\$ 254,659.04
Cost per Day				348.37
Per Capita Cost per Day				1.84
Cost to Taxpayers of the State				1.48

BUDGET 1927-1928, COLORADO STATE REFORMATORY

Maintenance Appropriation—	Requested	
	1929	1930
Salaries	\$ 45,959.92	\$ 45,959.92
Office Supplies and Stationery	800.00	800.00
Postage	360.00	360.00
Telephone and Telegraph	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance	2,091.42	2,091.42
Express, Freight and Drayage	5,000.00	5,000.00
Water, Heat, Light and Power	1,000.00	1,000.00
Printing Reports	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	200.00
Travel	5,000.00	5,000.00
Chemical, Laboratory, etc.	2,200.00	2,200.00
Institutional Supplies--		
Food	15,000.00	15,000.00
Forage	4,500.00	4,500.00
Fuel	1,500.00	1,500.00
Wearing Apparel	6,000.00	6,000.00
Household	1,000.00	1,000.00
Farm and Garden	2,500.00	2,500.00
Shop and Power Plant	450.00	450.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00
Motor Vehicle Supplies, Gas, Oil	6,500.00	6,500.00
Special Activity Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
Repairs and Upkeep	10,500.00	10,500.00
Equipment—		
Office Furniture and Fixtures	500.00	500.00
Apparatus and Appliances	1,000.00	1,000.00
Household and Institutional	1,000.00	1,000.00
Machinery, Tools, Implements	2,500.00	2,500.00
Motor Vehicles	3,000.00	3,000.00
Permanent Improvements—		
Land	21,000.00	21,000.00
Buildings	5,000.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	2,000.00
Revolving Fund	1,000.00	.....
	<u>\$150,161.34</u>	<u>\$149,161.34</u>

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION, FISCAL PERIOD 1927-1928

	Admitted	Paroled Returned	Paroles	Escapes	Died	Average Population
December, 1926	28	2	32	..	..	175
January, 1927	31	3	18	..	..	180
February, 1927	21	1	9	..	..	192
March, 1927	27	4	4	..	..	214
April, 1927	17	2	24	..	..	219
May, 1927	26	1	31	..	..	221
June, 1927	26	3	36	..	..	209
July, 1927	20	2	27	..	..	200
August, 1927	25	..	38	..	..	195
September, 1927	27	4	18	..	..	196
October, 1927	16	1	15	..	..	198
November, 1927	18	2	29	..	..	193
	<u>282</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>..</u>	<u>..</u>	<u>...</u>
December, 1927	23	3	55	..	..	176
January, 1928	30	1	9	3	..	170
February, 1928	24	4	13	..	..	189
March, 1928	27	2	28	..	..	193
April, 1928	25	1	27	..	..	188
May, 1928	22	1	34	..	..	186
June, 1928	27	2	23	..	..	183
July, 1928	19	1	17	..	..	183
August, 1928	23	3	24	4	..	178
September, 1928	28	2	43	..	..	174
October, 1928	23	1	33	..	..	166
November, 1928	21	2	36	..	1	163
	<u>292</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>...</u>

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION

Population December 1st, 1926.....	171	
Committed	282	
Paroles Returned	<u>25</u>	
Paroled	281	478
Population at close of year.....		281
Total population for year.....		197
Average daily population.....		478
		199 ✓
Population December 1st, 1927.....	197	
Committed	292	
Paroles returned	<u>23</u>	
Paroled	345	512
Escaped	7	
Died	<u>1</u>	
		353
Present at close of year November 30th, 1928.....		159
Total population for year.....		512
Average daily population.....		179 ✓

COUNTIES OF CONVICTION OF INMATES ADMITTED
BIENNIAL PERIOD 1927-1928

County	Crime Against	
	Property	Person
Adams	12	..
Alamosa	9	..
Arapahoe	9	..
Archuleta	1	..
Bent	5	..
Boulder	20	3
Chaffee	4	..
Clear Creek	1	..
Conejos	2	..
Costilla	3	..
Crowley	6	..
Cheyenne	2	..
Delta	6	..
Denver	184	12
Eagle	3	..
El Paso	17	..
Fremont	4	..
Garfield	1	..
Grand	4	..
Gunnison	5	..
Huerfano	11	..
Jefferson	6	..
Kiowa	2	..
Kit Carson	6	..
Lake	2	..
La Plata	1	..
Larimer	23	3
Las Animas	17	..
Lincoln	7	..
Logan	14	..
Mesa	7	..
Mineral	1	..
Moffat	5	..
Montezuma	1	..
Montrose	12	..
Morgan	11	2
Otero	22	..
Phillips	3	..
Prowers	17	..
Pueblo	46	..
Rio Grande	7	..
Routt	4	..
Saguache	9	..
Sedgwick	5	..
San Miguel	1	..
Teller	3	..
San Juan	1	..
Summit	2	..
Telluride	1	..
Yuma	6	..
Washington	6	..
Weld	40	5
Total	597	25 622

OFFENSES OF INMATES COMMITTED, BIENNIAL PERIOD 1927-1928

Grand Larceny	114
Burglary	92
Larceny	74
Forgery	66
Burglary and Larceny	46
Confidence Game	37
Possession of Still	35
Parole Violation	30
Robbery	25
Larceny of Live Stock	17
Rape	13
Possession of Liquor	12
Receiving Stolen Goods	10
Uttering Fictitious Check	6
Larceny as Bailee	6
Assault to Rob	6
Killing Live Stock	4
Accessory to Crime	4
Embezzlement	3
Blackmail	3
Perjury	3
Conspiracy	2
Violation of Probation	2
Kidnaping	2
Assault	1
Incest	1
Driving Auto While Drunk	1
Crime Against Nature	1
Concealed Weapons	1
Bigamy	1
Arson	1
Removing Mortgaged Property	1
Non-support	1
Incorrigibility	1
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AGES OF INMATES COMMITTED, BIENNIAL PERIOD 1927-1928

AGE	Crime Against		Totals
	Property	Person	
15	1	..	1
16	25	2	27
17	62	2	64
18	83	6	89
19	125	8	133
20	116	4	120
21	42	1	43
22	63	..	63
23	39	1	40
24	28	1	29
25	9	..	9
26	2	..	2
27	1	..	1
28	1	..	1
	597	25	622

NATIVITY OF INMATES COMMITTED, BIENNIAL PERIOD
1927-1928

Alabama	3	Tennessee	5
Arkansas	4	Texas	23
California	9	Utah	6
Colorado	193	Virginia	1
Georgia	3	Washington	4
Indiana	10	West Virginia	4
Iowa	16	Wisconsin	7
Illinois	23	Wyoming	4
Kansas	40	Washington, D. C.	1
Kentucky	4	Idaho	4
Louisiana	3	South Carolina	1
Maine	2	Florida	1
Michigan	7	Mexico	24
Minnesota	4	Russia	11
Missouri	56	Canada	5
Montana	1	Italy	3
Nebraska	37	England	1
Nevada	2	Argentina	1
New Jersey	2	Germany	3
New York	20	Austria	1
Ohio	11	Scotland	2
Oklahoma	41	Sweden	1
Pennsylvania	9		
South Dakota	5		
North Dakota	4		
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OCCUPATIONS OF INMATES COMMITTED, BIENNIAL
PERIOD 1927-1928

Laborer	146	Blacksmith	2
Farmer	95	Dental Laboratory Work	2
Mechanic	56	Tire Builder	2
Truck Driver	37	Hostler	2
Cook	23	Interior Decorator	1
Student	22	Picture Framer	1
Clerk	19	Huckster	1
Miner	14	Laundryman	1
Carpenter	13	Bricklayer	1
Electrician	10	Telegraph Operator	1
Barber	10	Ice Cream Maker	1
Baker	9	Motion Picture Operator	1
Waiter	9	Peddler	1
Dairyman	9	Aviator	1
Painter	12	Pugilist	1
Fireman	7	Poultry Inspector	1
Printer	7	Railroad Machinist	1
Chauffeur	6	Watchmaker	1
Musician	5	Shepherd	1
Shoemaker	5	Hod Carrier	1
Bookkeeper	5	Steeplejack	1
Cowboy	11	Crane Operator	1
Bootblack	4	Accountant	1
Seaman	4	Boilermaker	1
Porter	3	Cattle Buyer	1
Tinner	3	Drug Clerk	1
Actor	3	Linotype Operator	1
Factory Worker	3	Cement Finisher	1
Packing House Worker	3	Hospital Helper	1
Messenger Boy	3	Canning Helper	1
Stenographer	3	Tent Maker	1
Soda Dispenser	3	Bottler	1
Candymaker	2	Floor Coverer	1
Salesman	2	Warehouse Man	1
Trunkmaker	2	Auto Upholsterer	1
Vulcanizer	2	Editor	1
Lineman	2	Oil Field Worker	1
Welder	2	Teamster	1
Section Worker	2		
Plumber	2		
Dry Cleaner	2		
		Total	622

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS OF INMATES COMMITTED BIENNIAL PERIOD 1927-1928

Criminal Record:

Serving First Time.....	574
Serving Second Time.....	41
Serving Third Time.....	7
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Race:

White	600
Black	22
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Conjugal Relation:

Single	536
Married	86
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Habits at Time of Commitment:

Tobacco	524
Cigarettes	417
Liquor	82
Narcotics	5
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Family History:

Parents Living	321
Parents Both Dead.....	58
Parents Separated	86
Father Dead	91
Mother Dead	66
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Church Affiliations:

Protestant	404
Catholic	167
Mormon	7
Jewish	7
None	37
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Grade Standing in School:

No Education	15
Below Second Grade.....	9
Second Grade	7
Third Grade	9
Fourth Grade	27
Fifth Grade	28
Sixth Grade	35
Seventh Grade	77
Eighth Grade	132
Ninth Grade	84
Tenth Grade	84
Eleventh Grade	38
Twelfth Grade	53
Collegiate	24
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Report of Chaplain

HON. R. L. SHAW, *Warden*,
Colorado State Reformatory,
Buena Vista, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Shaw:

I take pleasure in handing you my report for the biennial period just closing.

I would express my appreciation of the cordial relations existing between not only the Warden and myself, but all the employees of the institution. It is a pleasure to work with so much co-operation.

You have tabulated the various misdemeanors for which the "boys" have been sent to the institution. It is a genuine sorrow that so many boys who have had opportunities for better things in life have come to us in order that they may secure a grip on themselves, and get a new vision of life. There have been in the institution boys that could neither read nor write; there have also been boys who have almost completed their high school course, and boys that were in college. Thus we have dealt with a wide variety of young people. Many of the boys have come from splendid homes. Many more have not; and many may have been here because of broken homes; some because of evil influence, companions, thoughtlessness. Then there are those who cannot withstand the high pressure of our modern extravagance. They must have as good as others who have more money to spend; and so have gone wrong.

Many of the boys have evidently never learned the dignity of labor. Many have not taken kindly to discipline. But they are boys who have a future ahead of them if we can only direct them into the right paths. That I believe to be the real cause for this institution. It is not primarily a penal institution, yet of course must be penal. But it is a retreat for the boys from evil influences and surroundings, where by stopping to think of the consequences of wrongdoing they may secure a grip on themselves. That is the effort of the chaplain, to get the boys to see that they have a future ahead of themselves, and to grip themselves, and go back into life to be real men.

Services have been held regularly during the past two years. These services are not sectarian, but are positively Christian. No one denomination is given any preference. In fact, the boys are not asked to identify themselves with a particular church, but to select one and to work in it when they leave the institution. The boy is free to follow his own choice in regard to the church he identifies himself with after leaving here, but we urge that he select some church and work in it.

We are proud of the library. When I took the work the

library was in bad condition. There were many books torn and ready to be discarded. The whole library was gone through very carefully; books were catalogued according to a simple method. Through the very able selection of books by Mrs. Grenfell, a member of the Board of Corrections, many very valuable books have been added to the library. The library now is a well-selected one. It is not large, not a thousand volumes as yet; but it is useful and has been very generally used and appreciated by the inmates. It is open every day under the direction of a trusty from Canon City. Then, too, by the assistance of Mrs. Grenfell, a number of good magazines have been subscribed for and come to the library. The chaplain has secured literally tons of old magazines from friends which have been taken to the institution and given to the boys. The reading matter is carefully censored. School was conducted under the direction of a trusty from Canon City. But the need is for a thoroughly trained teacher to have supervision of this work. I believe that there are boys in the institution who could be used under direction to help in teaching, so that no boy would need leave here without being able to read and write. Perhaps we could go farther.

Bibles were secured so that a Bible could be in each cell. The boys are urged to read these Bibles, and many do. The Warden has secured the benefit of books from the State traveling library, so that practically every subject is covered in reading matter for the boys.

For a time, there being a printer among the boys, "Young America" was published, a paper in the interests of the boys. It was well gotten up and thoroughly enjoyed. It was a wide-awake little paper. I suspect that it was enjoyed in the homes that are interested in the institution.

There is a splendid spirit of patriotism being developed. The Oath of Allegiance is given before every service. The flag is raised and lowered according to military requirements. The boys are drilled in marching. All this cannot but reflect on the boys, awakening a love of the flag and our American institutions. We are aiming to have none but thorough young Americans go out of our institution. When they will be needed, we are anxious that they will be loyal boys.

Recently I was called upon to conduct a funeral for one of the boys who passed away soon after coming to the institution. It was a sad occasion—the first, I understand, in over six years. It made a deep impression on the boys who attended the short, simple services at the grave.

The boys have some talent in getting up and presenting amateur shows. They have presented some very creditable shows. These are encouraged for the entertainment of the boys. They take great pride in their entertainments.

L. HAROLD FORDE,
Chaplain.

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE PHYSICIAN TO THE
COLORADO STATE REFORMATORY

Buena Vista, Colorado, December 16, 1928.

To the Warden, State Board of Corrections and the Governor:

During the past two years there have occurred no diseases of an epidemic nature until the present one of influenza, which has been contracted by some twenty inmates. This epidemic is mild with no complications following.

Inmates on entrance have been examined and those with any kind of contagious disease isolated for a time. Sanitary inspections are made as to the conditions of messes, bedding, food supply and cleanliness of sleeping quarters. Visits will average one daily. Major operations are now done at Canon City and the results of the work done there have been most excellent.

One death occurred at the Reformatory—a boy who was sick on admission with intestinal tuberculosis.

Venereal diseases have been infrequent and all of a chronic nature. There is at present only one case of syphilis which has been under treatment.

The thanks of the physician is due the officers who have cooperated to take care of the sanitation and to report promptly those needing attention.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) DR. V. B. AYERS,
Physician to Colorado State Reformatory.

