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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 two-year period ending November 30, 1930.

Institutional:

As the main purpose of an institution of this kind is to reform, I have constantly striven to improve conditions. The welfare of the inmates is given every consideration; each boy is assigned to the work to which he is best suited, and we are continually striving for the mental, moral, and physical betterment of each and every one.

The best of the boys, who have been sentenced here for some slight offense, we place on our farms, where they live under the most healthful and beneficial conditions. The next class live in dormitories. As man is gregarious, the boys not on the farms endeavor to make this class. The third class of boys, the ones less amenable to discipline, are placed in the cell house, where each one occupies a separate cell. All the boys are allowed their musical instruments, books and magazines.

We have an excellent, well-managed library. Books have been added from time to time until we now have some fourteen hundred and forty-five volumes. Below is a list of library issues for the past year:

Agricultural	18	Nature	14
Biography	8	Poetry	2
Fiction	7,115	Religion	11
History	8	Science	19
Instructional	24		
Letters	6	Total Issues.....	7,225

Living quarters are very good. The food is of the highest quality, and is served under the most sanitary conditions possible. Below is a sample menu:

August 26: BREAKFAST—Boiled rice with raisins, sugar and milk, bread and coffee. DINNER—Chile con carne, with meat, fresh green peas, bread and milk. SUPPER—Baked macaroni (Spanish) with meat, fresh beets, hot rolls and coffee.

September 14: DINNER—Roast mutton with dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, lettuce, bread and coffee, watermelon.

Thanksgiving: DINNER—Fried young domestic rabbit, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, celery, cranberry sauce, string beans, fresh apple pie, candy, apples, bread, coffee.

I would call your attention to the vast improvements to the physical properties of the institution. We have maintained wrecking crews in Leadville for the last two summers, and for our labor, we have been given all materials from buildings that we dismantled. We have salvaged brick, lumber, hardwood flooring, plate glass, windows, doors and furniture. Below appears a list of new buildings built almost entirely from salvaged materials.

	Value
Chicken House.....	\$ 3,540.00
Garage	1,080.00
Wash House.....	635.00
Lambing Barn.....	2,100.00
New Horse Barn.....	3,911.00
Calf Barn	4,750.00
Administration Building	41,300.00
Creamery	1,628.00
Slaughter House	983.00
Bunk House	1,100.00
Brooder House.....	770.00
Rabbitry	2,000.00
New Garage (Uncompleted).....	800.00
Cellar in Rear of Warden's Dwelling.....	790.00
Two Oil Houses.....	597.00
Frame Bunk House.....	200.00
Vegetable Cellar	500.00
Storehouse Annex	2,000.00
Total Value.....	<u>\$68,684.00</u>

The re-wiring of all buildings has been completed. All buildings have been painted, and all buildings outside the stockade have been whitewashed. All roofs have been painted green. This has greatly improved the general appearance of the institution.

A dormitory for the milk-barn boys has been erected, and is now in use. As we milk some of our cows four times a day, this was a most needed improvement.

Industries and Labor:

The farm work has been carried on in much the same manner as during the preceding two years. Due to market conditions, I

have decreased the acreage of lettuce, and have increased the acreage of hay and small grains. Our 1930 threshing report is as follows:

Wheat, Bushels.....	1,259
Oats, Bushels.....	4,256
Barley, Bushels.....	4,366
Peas, Bushels.....	1,850
Potatoes, Sacks.....	3,155
Alfalfa, Tons.....	226.4
Silage, Tons.....	25
Native Hay, Tons.....	599.39

Our tailor shop is run much the same as before, with the exception that we now make large collared reefers, or short overcoats for winter wear.

The printing shop supplies the institution with all its printed forms.

Our garage and blacksmith shop, due to the increased use of trucks and tractors, now employs about twenty-four boys.

As all our cow-barn boys now live in the dormitory adjacent to the cow-barn, they are given an intensive course in animal husbandry through the able direction of our dairy herdsman.

Our rabbitry is a new department that has been added during the last year, and it has grown to large proportions. Our rabbits are all of the thoroughbred Flemish White, Steel and Gray Giants. We feed the meat from this department at both the officers' and inmates' dining rooms.

Our poultry department is now raising chickens, geese and ducks.

Our purebred Hampshire sheep now number six hundred, and in another part of this report will be seen the rather sizeable revenue derived from this industry.

The dairy herd supplies the institution with all milk, cream and butter, and our hog and range beef herds supply the institution with nearly all its meats. Another part of this report will show the revenue derived from the sale of surplus produce from these sources.

Health:

The health of our inmates has been excellent. We have had no epidemics, and there has been but one death during the last two years. This death was the case of a young boy who entered the institution in a very poor physical condition. He was sent to the hos-

pital in Canon City, where the best medical attention failed to save him.

Dr. V. B. Ayers of Buena Vista makes daily calls. Dr. A. O. Wilson of Salida, our dentist, visits weekly.

From a health standpoint, we are ideally situated. The summers are cool, and the winters, mild. This, coupled with the purest water in the state, cannot help but be conducive to good health.

Church:

Chaplain F. C. Sager conducts services every Sunday, and in addition, one Christian Science and one Catholic service are held each month.

Athletics:

Sundays and all holidays are given over to athletics. Baseball, basketball and boxing, which are conducted under expert supervision, are the most popular. Our basketball teams frequently play games with the Buena Vista town and high school teams, our baseball teams are good, and our boxers excel in this part of the state. It is my policy to encourage good clean sports under expert surveillance. We also have a very good orchestra, which provides considerable entertainment.

General:

The discipline and spirit of the institution are excellent, and I have enjoyed the closest co-operation and support of each of the officers.

The budget for 1931-1932, the financial and statistical report of the Chief Clerk, and the reports of the Chaplain and Physician follow.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD L. SHAW, Warden
Colorado State Reformatory.

Report of Clerk

Buena Vista, Colo., Dec. 8, 1930.

HON. RICHARD L. SHAW, *Warden*
Colorado State Reformatory.

Herewith I submit financial and statistical report for the biennial period 1929-1930.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT, BIENNIAL PERIOD 1929-1930

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Receipts:

Maintenance Appropriation.....	\$155,000.00	
Salary Appropriation.....	103,333.00	
		<u>\$258,333.00</u>

Disbursements:

Salaries Officers.....	Salaries	\$ 39,784.50
Salaries Guards.....	Salaries	14,796.45
Salaries Employees.....	Salaries	26,470.99
Office Expense.....	Maintenance	2,590.84
Expense Board of Corrections.....	Maintenance	255.24
Provisions	Maintenance	20,309.18
Clothing	Maintenance	13,272.89
Bedding and Linen.....	Maintenance	1,925.99
Furniture and Fixtures.....	Maintenance	2,798.41
Medical and Hospital.....	Maintenance	5,709.27
Paroles, Discharges and Escapes.....	Maintenance	5,466.53
Library and Entertainment.....	Maintenance	1,364.98
Fuel	Maintenance	4,622.36
Freight and Express.....	Maintenance	9,295.01
Telephone and Telegraph.....	Maintenance	2,054.38
Laundry Expense.....	Maintenance	411.42
Livestock—Investment	Maintenance	3,717.83
Livestock—Maintenance	Maintenance	3,033.22
Livestock—Stock Feed, Medicine and Veterinary	Maintenance	5,227.13
Electrical Supplies.....	Maintenance	941.95
Tools and Implements.....	Maintenance	1,029.85
Farm and Garden.....	Maintenance	8,704.23
Repairs and Improvements.....	Maintenance	14,283.89
Insurance	Maintenance	2,711.39
School Expense.....	Maintenance	99.52
Printing Press.....	Maintenance	323.72
Utility Equipment—Investment.....	Maintenance	450.00
Utility Equipment—Operation.....	Maintenance	29,040.98
Incidental	Maintenance	3,160.41
Balance, Salary Fund.....		22,414.39
Balance, Maintenance Fund.....		12,066.05
		<u>\$258,333.00</u>

CASH FUNDS

Reformatory Cash Fund

Receipts:

Balance, December 1, 1928.....	\$ 1,787.05	
Remitted by Warden.....	24,359.05	
		\$26,146.10

Disbursements:

Livestock, Investment.....	\$ 1,055.00	
Livestock, Maintenance.....	2,077.90	
Utility Equipment, Investment.....	5,664.22	
Utility Equipment, Maintenance.....	1,322.45	
Miscellaneous, Maintenance.....	15,000.66	
Salaries.....	119.43	
		\$25,239.66
Balance, State Treasurer.....		906.44
		\$26,146.10

Sale of Surplus Produce

Sale of Dairy Products.....	\$ 4,002.80	
Sale of Garden Products.....	2,882.04	
Sale of Grain.....	1,043.65	
Sale of Sheep and Wool.....	4,239.65	
Sale of Cattle and Beef Products.....	6,859.59	
Sale of Hogs and Pork.....	2,458.83	
Sale of Horses.....	89.00	
Sale of Unclassified Products.....	2,783.49	
		\$24,359.05
Remitted to State Treasurer.....		\$24,359.05

Inmates Library and Entertainment Fund

Balance, December 1, 1928.....	\$ 7.51	
Balance, December 1, 1930.....		\$ 7.51

COST OF MAINTAINING REFORMATORY 1929-1930

Items	Salaries	Maintenance	Cash	Total
Salaries, Officers.....	\$ 39,784.50			\$ 39,784.50
Salaries, Guards.....	14,796.45			14,796.45
Salaries, Employees.....	26,470.99		\$ 119.43	26,590.42
Office Expense.....		\$ 2,590.84	104.05	2,694.89
Expense Board of Corrections.....		255.24		255.24
Provisions.....		20,309.18	1,535.05	21,844.23
Clothing.....		13,272.89		13,272.89
Bedding and Linen.....		1,925.99		1,925.99
Furniture and Fixtures.....		2,798.41	660.05	3,458.46
Medical and Hospital.....		5,709.27	41.66	5,750.93
Paroles, Discharges, Escapes.....		5,466.53		5,466.53
Library and Entertainment.....	1,364.98		162.65	1,527.63
Fuel, Light and Power.....	4,622.36		20.00	4,642.36
Freight and Express.....	9,295.01		286.10	9,581.11
Telephone and Telegraph.....	2,054.38			2,054.38
Laundry Expense.....	411.42			411.42
Livestock, Investment.....	3,717.83		1,055.00	4,772.83
Livestock, Maintenance.....	3,033.22		58.41	3,091.63
Livestock, Stock Feed,				
Medicine and Veterinary.....	5,227.13		2,019.49	7,246.62
Electrical Supplies.....	941.95		2.85	944.80
Tools and Implements.....	1,029.85		580.30	1,610.15
Farm and Garden.....	8,704.23		7,271.92	15,976.15
Repairs and Improvements.....	14,283.89		1,940.30	16,224.19
Insurance.....	2,711.39		1,186.24	3,897.63
School Expense.....	99.52			99.52
Printing Press.....	323.72			323.72
Utility Equipment, Investment.....	450.00		5,664.22	6,114.22
Utility Equipment, Operation.....	29,040.98		1,322.45	30,363.43
Incidental.....	3,160.41		1,209.49	4,369.90
	\$ 81,051.94	\$ 142,800.62	\$ 25,239.66	\$ 249,092.22
Total Cost of Maintaining Reformatory.....				\$249,092.22
Cost Per Day.....				341.22
Per Capita Cost Per Day.....				1.885
Per Capita Cost Per Day to Taxpayers.....				1.237

BUDGET 1931-1932, 1932-1933

	Requested	
	1931-2	1932-3
Maintenance Appropriation	1931-2	1932-3
Salaries	\$ 46,679.92	\$ 46,679.92
Office Expenses:		
Office Supplies and Stationery.....	900.00	900.00
Postage	400.00	400.00
Insurance	1,350.00	1,350.00
Telephone and Telegraph.....	950.00	950.00
Express, Freight and Drayage.....	4,000.00	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	230.00	230.00
Travel	3,000.00	3,000.00
Supplies:		
Hospital	2,700.00	2,700.00
Food	9,000.00	9,000.00
Forage	1,600.00	1,600.00
Fuel	2,500.00	2,500.00
Wearing Apparel.....	6,500.00	6,500.00
Household	1,800.00	1,800.00
Farm and Garden.....	1,600.00	1,600.00
Shop and Power Plant.....	400.00	400.00
Miscellaneous	1,600.00	1,600.00
Motor Vehicle Supplies, Gas and Oil.....	12,000.00	12,000.00
Special Activity Supplies.....	600.00	600.00
Repairs and Upkeep:		
Buildings	500.00	500.00
Motor Vehicles.....	4,500.00	4,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	500.00	500.00
Equipment:		
Motor Vehicles.....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Permanent Improvements:		
Buildings	17,500.00	17,500.00
Other Improvements.....	1,750.00	1,750.00
Revolving Fund.....	1,000.00	.....
	\$128,559.92	\$127,559.92

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION, FISCAL PERIOD 1929-1930

Month	Admitted	Paroles Returned	Paroled	Escaped	Died	Average Population
December, 1928.....	17	2	26	..	..	161
January, 1929.....	25	1	9	..	..	163
February.....	20	..	17	..	..	176
March.....	30	..	29	..	..	176
April.....	16	2	25	..	..	174
May.....	19	..	26	..	..	170
June.....	15	2	36	..	..	165
July.....	18	2	15	1	..	152
August.....	19	1	23	..	..	150
September.....	15	..	23	..	..	150
October.....	25	1	18	..	..	152
November.....	26	..	18	..	..	157
December.....	26	..	16	..	..	167
January, 1930.....	36	4	20	..	..	182
February.....	30	1	22	..	..	173
March.....	26	3	17	..	..	201
April.....	26	1	24	..	..	211
May.....	27	1	20	..	..	203
June.....	36	..	38	..	..	211
July.....	29	..	45	..	..	204
August.....	45	1	30	2	..	197
September.....	24	..	25	206
October.....	47	..	26	1	..	218
November.....	18	2	30	..	1	222
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	615	24	578	4	1	...
Population, December 1, 1928.....						159
New Admissions.....						615
Paroles Returned.....						24
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Paroled.....						578
Escaped.....						4
Died.....						1
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						583
Population, November 30, 1930.....						215
Average daily population.....						181

COUNTIES OF CONVICTION OF INMATES ADMITTED
BIENNIAL PERIOD 1929-1930

County	Crime Against	
	Property	Person
Adams	9	2
Alamosa	6	..
Arapahoe	9	..
Archuleta	3	2
Bent	13	..
Baca	5	..
Boulder	13	..
Chaffee	4	..
Conejos	7	1
Crowley	8	..
Cheyenne	..	2
Douglas	8	1
Delta	1	..
Dolores	1	..
Denver	162	3
Eagle	3	..
Elbert	..	1
El Paso	30	1
Fremont	7	..
Garfield	4	..
Grand	7	..
Gunnison	4	..
Huerfano	11	..
Jackson	2	..
Jefferson	16	4
Kiowa	5	..
Kit Carson	6	1
Lake	4	..
La Plata	7	..
Larimer	29	2
Las Animas	14	3
Lincoln	8	4
Logan	17	3
Mesa	1	..
Moffat	11	..
Montezuma	6	..
Montrose	6	2
Morgan	11	..
Otero	9	..
Ouray	2	..
Phillips	2	..
Prowers	5	4
Pueblo	36	2
Rio Grande	7	4
Routt	10	1
Saguache	3	1
Sedgwick	11	..
Yuma	1	..
Washington	5	..
Weld	46	..

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OFFENSES OF INMATES COMMITTED, BIENNIAL
PERIOD 1929-1930

Grand Larceny.....	177
Burglary	142
Forgery	63
Robbery	45
Larceny	39
Confidence Game.....	27
Parole Violation.....	24
Burglary and Larceny.....	19
Rape	25
Possession of Still.....	14
Possession of Liquor.....	10
Receiving Stolen Goods.....	6
Uttering Fictitious Check.....	6
Perjury	4
Removing Mortgaged Property.....	4
Incorrigibility	4
Contributing to Juvenile Delinquency.....	4
Embezzlement	3
Kidnapping and Rape.....	3
Larceny of Livestock.....	3
Kidnapping	2
Larceny as Bailee.....	2
Driving Auto While Intoxicated.....	3
Assault on Kill.....	2
Blackmail	1
Violation of Probation.....	1
Assault	1
Indecent Liberties.....	1
False Pretenses.....	1
Bigamy	1
Soliciting for Prostitute.....	1
Crime Against Nature.....	1
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AGES OF INMATES COMMITTED, BIENNIAL
PERIOD 1929-1930

Age	Crime Against		Total
	Property	Person	
15.....	1	..	1
16.....	24	1	25
17.....	77	5	82
18.....	95	7	102
19.....	115	14	129
20.....	111	10	121
21.....	54	..	54
22.....	44	5	49
23.....	32	2	34
24.....	32	2	34
25.....	6	..	6
29.....	2	..	2
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OCCUPATIONS OF INMATES COMMITTED, BIENNIAL PERIOD 1929-1930

Farmer	164	Tailor	2
Laborer	161	Pharmacist	2
Truck Driver.....	54	Bell Hop.....	2
Mechanic	51	Dishwasher	2
Clerk	23	School Teacher.....	2
Student	15	Dairyman	1
Miner	15	Shoemaker	1
Painter	12	Bootblack	1
Baker	12	Seaman	1
Salesman	13	Porter	1
Barber	9	Tinner	1
Printer	8	Packing House Worker.....	1
Carpenter	7	Vulcanizer	1
Cook	9	Welder	1
Waiter	7	Tire Builder.....	1
Electrician	5	Telegraph Operator.....	1
Chauffeur	5	Pugilist	1
Interior Decorator.....	4	Accountant	1
Plumber	7	Civil Engineer.....	1
Foundry Worker.....	7	Stone Cutter.....	1
Bookkeeper	3	Engineer	1
Messenger Boy.....	3	Journalist	1
Laundryman	3	Cement Finisher.....	1
Logger	3	Shepherd	1
Musician	2	Soldier	1
Fireman	2	Steward	1
Blacksmith	2		
Bricklayer	2		
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NATIVITY OF INMATES COMMITTED, BIENNIAL PERIOD 1929-1930

Arizona	1	Pennsylvania	10
Alabama	6	Rhode Island.....	2
Arkansas	5	South Dakota.....	4
California	13	North Dakota.....	1
Colorado	188	Tennessee	4
Georgia	2	Texas	15
Indiana	9	Utah	4
Illinois	36	Virginia	2
Iowa	14	Washington	3
Kansas	58	West Virginia.....	1
Kentucky	6	Wisconsin	10
Michigan	11	Wyoming	4
Minnesota	8	South Carolina.....	1
Massachusetts	2	North Carolina.....	2
Mississippi	2	Mexico	27
Maryland	1	Canada	6
Missouri	38	Italy	1
Montana	5	England	1
New Mexico.....	33	Germany	1
Nebraska	31	Poland	1
Nevada	2	Porto Rico.....	1
New York.....	12	Russia	3
Oregon	3	Spain	1
Ohio	14		
Oklahoma	34		
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MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS OF INMATES COMMITTED
BIENNIAL PERIOD 1929-1930

Criminal Record:

Serving First Time.....	576
Serving Second Time.....	53
Serving Third Time.....	10
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Conjugal Relation:

Single	520
Married	119
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Habits at Time of Commitment:

Tobacco	596
Cigarettes	519
Liquor	82
Narcotics	11

Race:

White	614
Black	25
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Family History:

Parents Living	340
Parents Both Dead.....	51
Parents Separated	92
Father Dead.....	86
Mother Dead.....	70
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Church Affiliations:

Protestant	381
Catholic	185
Jewish	5
Mormon	4
None	64
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Education:

No Education.....	12
Below Second Grade.....	6
Second Grade.....	18
Third Grade.....	16
Fourth Grade.....	49
Fifth Grade.....	36
Sixth Grade.....	41
Seventh Grade.....	72
Eighth Grade.....	153
Ninth Grade.....	77
Tenth Grade.....	56
Eleventh Grade.....	40
Twelfth Grade.....	47
Collegiate	16
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Report of Chaplain

TO THE HON. RICHARD L. SHAW,
Colorado State Reformatory,
Buena Vista, Colorado.

On September 17, 1929, I became chaplain of the Colorado State Reformatory, and have served continuously since that time, conducting regularly the Sunday morning chapel services of worship, special Thanksgiving and Christmas services, making regular visits during the week for the purpose of giving advice and counsel to any inmates who need or desire my help. I have also assisted a few of the inmates with correspondence with relatives and friends.

We have used such musical talent as has been available to aid in the chapel services and most of the time we have someone regularly at the piano who can play well enough to furnish good accompaniment for the hymn singing. The chaplain's wife leads the singing and we have been able to get the boys to unite in the singing and take some other active part in the service. My purpose in preaching to the boys is to try to get them to see and understand that there is really a right way to live, and that religion may be a very vital force in everyday life for every person who desires to succeed in the noblest and truest sense. The percentage of the men in the institution who claim to have no religious belief is very low. About two-thirds of those who come to the institution claim to be Protestant and most of the others register as Catholics. A few claim to be of the Christian Science persuasion and there are also a few of the Jewish faith. These percentages vary from time to time. Provision is made regularly for all Catholics to attend mass and confession and there is a Christian Science service once a month.

During the year plans have been perfected by a committee appointed by the Warden to make use of the psychometric tests in order to determine more definitely and accurately the actual intelligence of the inmates. This will also serve as an aid to vocational adjustment and guidance. In a group of about fifteen who were examined last summer a few were found to actually belong in the class of superior adult. These men are the exception, however. The most of them are below the average in intelligence and a considerable number can definitely be classed as feeble-minded. The Chaplain is serving as a member of the committee and will spend considerable time in carrying on this part of the work.

Thanking you for the co-operation I have received from the

officers and the personal interest you have shown in the work of the chaplain to build up the moral and spiritual welfare of the men in the institution, and trusting that the most of the work that is being done may produce the results which we earnestly seek, I am,

Respectfully yours,

F. C. SAGER, *Chaplain.*

Report of Physician

Buena Vista, Colo., Dec. 8, 1930.

HON. RICHARD L. SHAW, *Warden*
Colorado State Reformatory.

I hereby submit my report for biennial period ending November 30, 1930.

During the last two years, the health of the inmates has been excellent. No epidemics of any nature have occurred. All inmates have been examined upon admission, and records kept.

Venereal cases are isolated from the rest of the institution.

Regular inspections have been made of the cell house, dormitory building, kitchens and dining rooms, and corrections have been made where needed. All bedding is washed once a week.

The hospital building has been used but a few times, as it is not equipped for major surgical operations. All such cases, by order of the Board, are sent to the hospital at Canon City, where a number of appendectomy, hernia, and tonsillectomy operations have been performed with uniformly good results.

One death has occurred recently at the hospital at Canon City.

Sanitation throughout has been excellent, the water is splendid, and I consider it absolutely unnecessary to make any changes in the Reformatory supply. There has been no typhoid in this vicinity for the last twenty years. The water has been tested at regular intervals and found pure.

The thanks of the physician is extended to the officers for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. V. B. AYERS, *Physician to*
Colorado State Reformatory.

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