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ELKO, NEVADA, December 31, 1920.

HON. EMMET D. BOYLE, *Governor of the State of Nevada.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to submit for your kind consideration my report of the Nevada School of Industry for the years 1919-1920.

I shall hope to make brevity the distinctive feature.

This school was opened for the reception of the delinquent and incorrigible child by your proclamation June 15, 1915.

It has long been our contention that the more we treated and regarded a person, and more especially a child in the adolescence period, as unworthy, as a mistake, as an incorrigible and a criminal, the more likely we are to have one. This particular type of child quite readily accepts your estimate of him, and usually tries to live up to the reputation given him by you, frequently with marked success. This being true it also occurs to me that should you regard them as being unfortunate, misguided, misinformed, dependent and neglected, still having within them the spark of honor and manhood, the more likely they are to discover and nurture it into definite action. I cannot conceive of a more pitiable object than a child who has lost all faith in himself, who recognizes no friends and no future.

Our conception of our institution is a place of service rather than show; one of assistance rather than punishment. We must not regard too seriously *what* a child does but rather *why* he does. We are perhaps prone to dwell so much upon a boy's rather gloomy past that we cause him to forget there is a possible bright future. We have tried to remove, as far as possible, the stigma of penal from this institution—making it rather a big family conducted on the family unit or plan—realizing that in all families there are mistakes and discouragements, and ours is no exception; have tried to impress upon them that "Greatness comes not in never falling, but rising—every time we fall," and by a practical application, or rather a democratic attitude toward mistakes, with a sincere disgust for evil and a recognition of virtue, we have met with more or less success on this plan the past two years.

I realize that rules and regulations to maintain discipline and laws must need be, but I am of the opinion that no law is greater than a boy, and either or all, if necessary, might be suspended that the best interest of the child be served.

The first thing for us to determine upon receiving a boy is whether he is normal, whether mentally or physically deficient; this being determined the treatment is safer and more effective.

No person can be treated or educated in a definite period. There seems to be a rather definite psychological time when the greatest service the institution can render—that of preparing a child to live better—comes, and such a critical period is well worth observing and considering.

### TYPES

This institution, even though small, has the three quite separate and distinctive types of children to deal with: First, the person between the ages of 16 and 21, whose acts and crimes include felonies.

and their long lines of activities in these lines rates them as almost distinctively criminal; they pride themselves upon their daring deeds, and in their own "parlance" they think they are "hard-boiled."

The other type, persons of almost similar age, who are more accidental offenders; their past record is good, they assume their own name and share in great humiliation their membership in such a school; their lure of venture and romance has had an abrupt ending; their home never looked so inviting and alluring; they readily adjust themselves to the rules and regulations and seek earnestly for credits that they may return home and still make good.

The last group is the child of various chronological ages, but whose mental age never exceeds that of the normal child of 12 years. They are feeble-minded and it is almost wrong to place them in with boys of the first group, as it is a very serious question as to whether the ultimate benefit to them has been worth while.

Large States have different institutions for the more effective treatment of these groups, and all States and school districts have the graded school for the students of the various grades, but we are under the necessity of keeping all grades in the one institution with but little opportunity of segregation; and while it may not be a feasible plan it occurs to me that under proper and equitable arrangements such States as Idaho, Utah and Nevada might, with mutual advantage, so grade their work and institutions that these three types might properly be segregated and given a decided advantage without increasing the cost to any one State and yet would add materially to the efficiency and the ultimate results. This thought is perhaps worthy of further investigation.

#### IMPROVEMENTS

Plans and specifications having been drawn for a hospital for the school and the urgent necessity for same being very apparent, I would most respectfully urge sufficient appropriation for same. Under present conditions we are absolutely unable to segregate or isolate, and one case of contagious disease necessarily exposes the entire body of students and we are practically helpless.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S COTTAGE

Plans also having been drawn for a cottage for the Superintendent and the advisability of said cottage being evident and essential, I would most respectfully advise immediate consideration of same. Under present conditions the family life of the Superintendent and any privacy in his home life is entirely wanting. The State, I feel sure, is not desirous of longer neglecting to recognize the wisdom of erecting such a cottage and eliminating this condition. I would urge only a very plain, modest cottage and entirely within bounds of reason, the cottage to be for service rather than for show.

#### POULTRY

Located as we are with limited tillable acreage, and without any water save that which is pumped by electric power, it occurs to me that devoting our energies to poultry-raising on a moderate scale will prove in this institution, as in many others, rather a profitable and desirable line to follow. I would therefore recommend an appropriation of \$1000 for the equipment and maintaining of said plant.

**MANUAL TRAINING BUILDING**

The appropriation of \$5000 appropriated by the last Legislature for the building and equipping of a manual training department, has been consumed. The building erected is one of three rooms and a cement basement, cement foundation and white brick, and makes a very attractive and useful building. Notwithstanding the extremely high price of labor and building materials we were able to complete the building and purchase \$500 worth of useful equipment, and still live within our appropriation. Much credit for same is due to E. O. Fields, superintendent of construction, who utilized a great deal of the boys' help at the school and supervised them in their work.

**POPULATION**

The number of boys having been committed to this institution since its opening, has been 82. There are at present 25 boys in attendance. The month of November is taken as a basis of this report.

**Boys Committed During 1919-1920**

There have been 41 boys received during the past two years, distributed as follows:

Committed by order of court.....	33
Paroled from State Prison.....	5
Returned voluntarily .....	3
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	41

Those committed during the past two years represent the following by counties:

Clark County .....	8
Lincoln County .....	6
Elko County .....	5
Washoe County .....	4
White Pine County .....	3
Ormsby County .....	2
Pershing County .....	2
Churchill County .....	1
Lyon County .....	1
Humboldt County .....	1
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	38
From State Prison .....	5
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**States Represented by Commitments**

Nevada .....	8
New York .....	5
California .....	4
Missouri .....	4
Utah .....	3
Colorado .....	2
Idaho .....	2
New Mexico .....	2
Pennsylvania .....	1
Kansas .....	1
Ohio .....	1
Arizona .....	1
Oklahoma .....	1
Wyoming .....	1
Oregon .....	1
Old Mexico .....	1
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<b>Family History of Boys</b>	
Both parents alive .....	6
Both parents dead .....	4
Father dead .....	7
Mother dead .....	4
Parents separated .....	4
	25
<b>Their Nationalities</b>	
American .....	16
Indian .....	4
Mexican .....	2
English .....	1
Dutch .....	1
Italian .....	1
	25
<b>Escapes</b>	
Escaped .....	8
Recaptured .....	6
	2
At large .....	2

#### PUNISHMENTS

There has been no corporal punishment applied in the Institution the past two years. On two occasions it was necessary to use some physical force to maintain discipline and quell sheer defiance and insubordination.

There was a period of one year, one month and 11 days without an attempt at an escape.

The Meditation Room has been used for a total of 40 days during the past two years. There have been seven boys sentenced by their own court. The longest period has been 7 days, or an average of 5 and 5-7 days each.

There was a period of 10 months and 12 days without an occupant for the Meditation room.

#### APPRECIATION

May I at this time take this means of extending sincere appreciation to the Governor, Emmet D. Boyle, Secretary of State, State Controller, State Auditor, Attorney-General and State Treasurer in general, and the Board of Government in particular, for their prompt, active and efficient interest in the school.

#### NEEDS FOR MAINTENANCE

An estimate for the amount required for the coming two years is herewith attached and made part of this report.

#### CONCLUSION

During the past two years there has been but one boy recommitted, thus we may safely assume that the effect of the school upon the boys has had a somewhat beneficial effect, and that our efforts have not been in vain, and inasmuch as results in saving boys for useful citizenship cannot be measured in dollars and cents we make humble appeal to the Governor, State Officials, and the Legislative Bodies for a liberal appropriation for the maintenance, instruction and improvement of the school, and most respectfully solicit your deepest interest in the boys—citizens of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. MILNE,  
Superintendent.

**FINANCIAL**

The appropriation of \$35,000 has been expended and distributed as follows:

Executive .....	\$745.84
Management .....	7,981.49
Education .....	3,087.84
Health .....	980.41
Commissary .....	9,587.70
Fuel, light and power.....	2,045.54
Clothing .....	1,300.24
Shoes .....	634.08
Laundry .....	274.25
*Transportation .....	2,522.98
*Automobile and upkeep.....	1,769.35
Miscellaneous .....	868.51
Farm and garden.....	710.83
Improvement and Repairs.....	2,101.35
Equipment .....	389.64
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	\$35,000.00

\*Includes transportation of 38 cadets to school, return of 3 escapes, and all expense connected with investigations, etc.

\*Includes \$840 applied on purchase of new Dodge car.

Does not include deficit of \$1,122.45, bills for December, 1920.

**PRODUCTION**

During the two years we have produced as follows:

Milk, 2,534 gallons at 23 cents per gallon.....	\$582.80
Hay, 28 tons at \$20 per ton.....	560.00
Eggs, 365 dozen at 60 cents per dozen.....	219.00
Spuds, 3,200 pounds at 3½ cents per pound.....	112.00
Veal, 550 pounds at 20 cents per pound.....	110.00
Chickens, 40 at 75 cents each.....	30.00
Turnips, 1,000 pounds at 3 cents per pound.....	30.00
Cabbage, 400 pounds at 3 cents per pound.....	12.00
Carrots and beets, 500 pounds at 3 cents per pound.....	15.00
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	\$1,670.80

**ESTIMATES FOR THE YEARS 1921-1922**

All estimates are based upon an average attendance equal to that of the month of November, 1920, that of 25 students, and cover a period of two years.

**Salaries for 1921-1922**

Superintendent, \$250 per month.....	\$6,000.00
First officer and teacher, \$125 per month.....	3,000.00
Farm supervisor, \$100 per month.....	2,400.00
Matron, \$65 per month.....	1,560.00
Chef and cook, \$100 per month.....	2,400.00
Manual Training Instructor, \$100 per month.....	2,400.00
Physicians, \$25 per month.....	600.00
Dentists, \$8.33 per month.....	200.00
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	\$18,560.00

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## General Expense, 1921-1922

Light and power at \$60 per month for 2 years.....	\$1,440.00
Equipment and supplies, Manual Training department.....	600.00
Food and substance, Commissary, \$400 per month.....	9,600.00
Gasoline and upkeep of auto, \$30 per month.....	720.00
Drugs.....	240.00
Farm implements.....	100.00
Coal for two years, 5 cars.....	2,500.00
Postage and stamps.....	200.00
Telephone and telegraph.....	300.00
School supplies.....	200.00
Laundry supplies and barn brooms.....	150.00
Seeds, including spuds.....	200.00
Transportation cadets estimated at 40.....	2,000.00
Return escapes, based on past two years actual cost.....	300.00

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 \$18,550.00

## Clothing, 1921-1922

Suits, 1 suit per boy per year for 2 years at \$15.....	\$750.00
Dress shoes, 1 pair per year per boy at \$4.50.....	225.00
Work shoes, 3 pairs per boy per year at \$4.50.....	675.00
Overalls, 4 pairs per year per boy at \$2.75.....	550.00
Shirts, 6 per year per boy for 2 years at \$1.50.....	450.00
Night shirts, 2 per year per boy for 2 years at \$1.50.....	150.00
Sox, 6 pairs per year per boy at 25 cents.....	100.00
Straw hats, 1 per year per boy at 40 cents for 2 years.....	20.00
Dress-hats, 1 per year per boy for 2 years at \$3.....	150.00
Gloves, 2 pairs per boy per year for 2 years at \$1.....	100.00
Overshoes, 1 pair per boy per year at \$2.25.....	112.50
Ties, 2 ties per year per boy for 2 years at 35 cents.....	35.00
Garters, 2 pairs per boy per year for 2 years at 25 cents.....	25.00
Underwear, 4 suits per boy per year for 2 years at \$1.50.....	300.00
50 yards mercerized linen.....	26.00
3 dozen mercerized napkins.....	7.50
60 bath towels.....	40.00
60 yards unbleached crash toweling.....	15.00
1 bolt unbleached pillow-slip muslin.....	16.00
36 yards bleached sheeting, 72 inches wide.....	30.00
8 white bed spreads full size.....	15.00
40 cretonne bed spreads for dormitory beds.....	80.00
150 yards strong unbleached muslin.....	37.50
25 pairs blankets.....	100.00
4 dozen face towels.....	12.00
300 packages gold dust.....	100.00
300 packages borax chips.....	85.00
2 rugs for officers rooms.....	50.00
Electric light globes for 2 years.....	70.00
Miscellaneous items not enumerated.....	200.00

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 \$4,526.50

## Athletic Equipment, Amusements, Magazines

For motion pictures, baseball, basket-ball, swimming suits,  
appropriate magazines, entertainments, records, rolls, etc. \$500.00

**Miscellaneous Household Supplies**

2 cases sapollo .....	\$13.50
2 cases chloride of lime.....	14.00
1 case candles .....	11.50
3 cases Dutch cleanser.....	12.00
6 push brooms .....	18.00
12 mop sticks .....	6.00
3 dozen house brooms.....	51.00
8 whisk brooms .....	2.80
8 galvanized pails .....	10.00
1 dozen scrub brushes .....	2.25
1 case bon ami.....	3.50
2 cases lye .....	11.00
20 lbs. Silver Gloss starch.....	3.50
4 cases toilet soap.....	19.00
6 cases toilet paper.....	60.00
100 lbs. sal. soda.....	4.50
8 cases Savon soap.....	44.00
4 dozen hair combs.....	12.00
4 dozen tooth brushes.....	12.00
12 quarts liquid blue.....	2.25
6 gallons cedar polish.....	15.00
Improvements and repairs .....	1,000.00

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**\$1,327.80****Office Supplies**

For two years .....	\$200.00
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**Superintendent's Cottage**

Plans and specifications drawn up.....	\$5,000.00
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**Hospital and Equipment**

Plans and specifications drawn up.....	\$5,000.00
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**Poultry Plant**

Runs, equipment and stock.....	\$1,000.00
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**RECAPITULATION**

Salaries .....	\$18,500.00
General expenses .....	18,550.00
Clothing .....	4,526.50
Athletic equipment, amusements, etc.....	500.00
Miscellaneous household supplies .....	1,327.80
Office supplies .....	200.00
Superintendent's cottage .....	5,000.00
Hospital and equipment .....	5,000.00
Poultry plant .....	1,000.00

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**Grand total asked for.....\$54,664.30**

