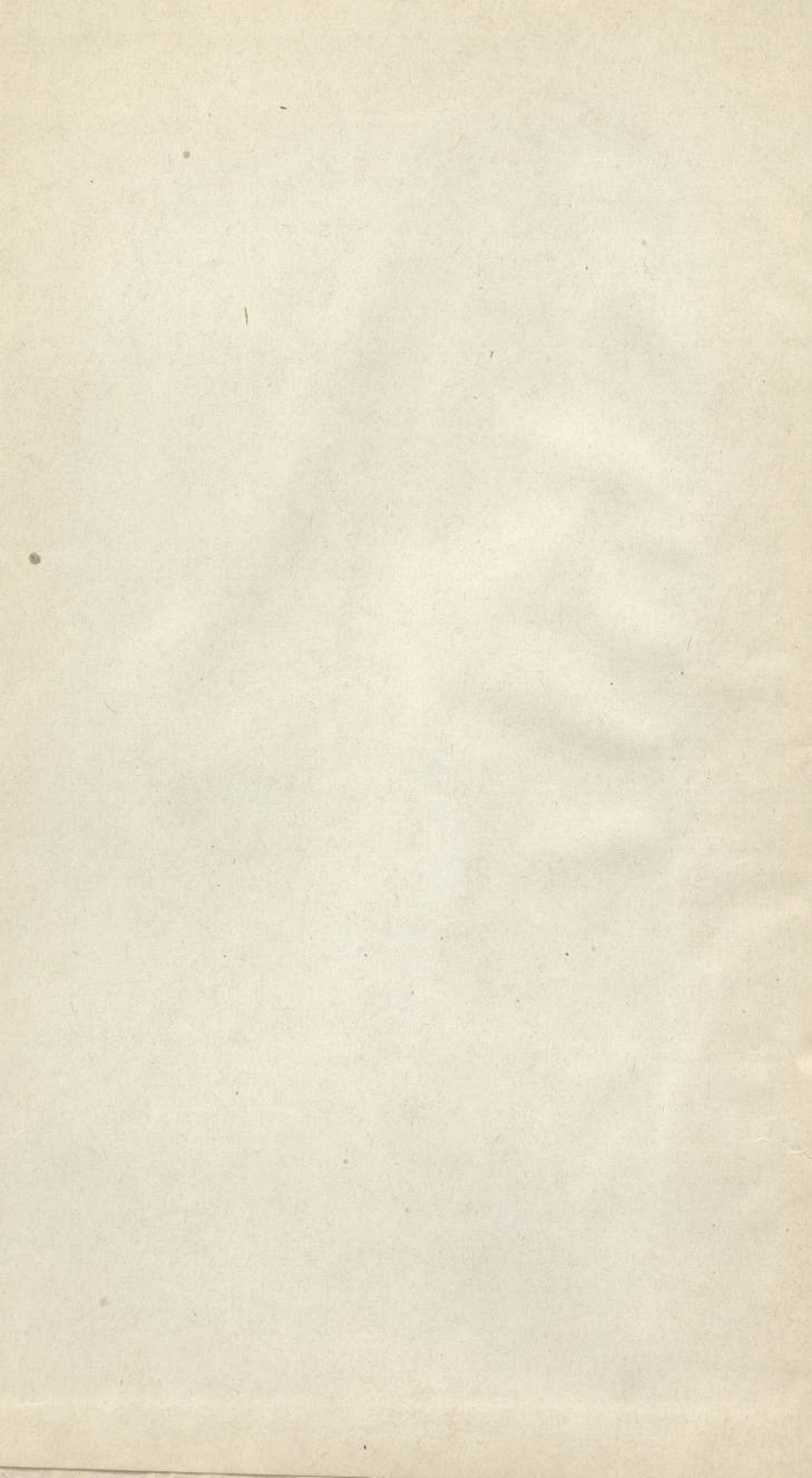


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OF THE

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OF

WEST VIRGINIA.

1904.



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To His Excellency, GOVERNOR ALBERT B. WHITE.

The Louisiana Purchase Exhibition Board of West Virginia, appointed and acting under authority of an act of the Legislature creating the Commission, passed February 27, 1903, in effect from its passage and approved March 4th, 1903.

"For making a proper exhibit of the natural and material resources of this State at the Exposition to be held in the City of St. Louis in the year 1904, to commemorate the acquisition of the Louisiana Territory, including the constructing of an appropriate building and defraying the expenses of such an Exhibit," beg leave to submit the following report of the proceedings under said act, with an itemized statement of its receipts and expenditures.

The original plan of the Louisiana Exposition Administration was to have it held during the year 1903, and with this in mind—as occurring before the next regular session of the Legislature of our State—your Excellency had in the year 1901 appointed a Board of Commissioners to attend to the interests of our State at such Exposition, consisting of

N. E. WHITAKER, of Wheeling,
FRED PAUL GROSSCUP, of Charleston,
JOHN T. MCGRAW, of Grafton,
FRANK COX, of Morgantown,
E. C. GERWIG, of Parkersburg,
D. E. ABBOTT, of Huntington,
A. H. WINCHESTER, of Buckhannon.

With the information that there were no State funds available for the purpose of carrying out the work delegated to the Board.

Subsequent to their appointment this Board had several meetings in the city of Parkersburg, at one of which the following officers were elected:

N. E. WHITAKER, *Chairman*,
FRED PAUL GROSSCUP, *Vice Chairman*,
D. E. ABBOTT, *Treasurer*,
A. H. WINCHESTER, *Secretary*,
R. M. ARCHER, *Assistant Secretary*.

From its organization this Board entered upon its duties in an effort to make a creditable exhibit through private subscriptions and the personal gratuitous service of each member, and had so far progressed that they on March 6th, 1902, sent their Secretary to St. Louis to acquire information and report as to conditions upon the grounds, secure a site for a building, and generally place them in touch with affairs there, which was done.

Soon after this the holding of the Exposition in the season of 1903 was for good and sufficient reasons found to be impracticable by those in charge of its affairs, and it was postponed until 1904 and extending the time beyond the next regular session of the Legislature of 1903, this Board deemed it advisable to suspend further efforts until at such session it should be determined as to what, if any, their functions and authority should be.

After the passage of this Act, as indicated above, and the placing of this Board under its provisions, it convened again under the above Act at the City of Charleston, at 10:30 A. M., in the Governor's office, on Thursday, April 16th, 1903, at which meeting the former action of the Board in its election of its officers were ratified, confirmed and approved.

At this meeting of the Board several of the leading architects of our State presented plans of such buildings as each deemed most desirable for the State to erect at St. Louis, and of the several so presented those of Messrs. Geisey & Faris, of Wheeling, and of Harrison Albright, of Charleston, were deemed the most desirable by this Board, and it was determined to postpone the final decision between these two plans until the selection could be made of the grounds and the environment could be given due consideration in making it, and that until this be done the matter be left open to all who might offer further plans in competition.

For the purpose of selecting a building site, making contracts for the erection of a State building, securing proper space in the Exhibit palaces, and getting in touch with local conditions and requirements, it was determined to meet at St. Louis, on May 11th, 1903, at which time it was decided to accept the building plans of Geisey & Feris, and the contract for its erection by Caldwell & Drake, as not only the lowest in cost, but from the fact that they were already upon the grounds as the builders of some of the larger Exposition palaces, many of the other State buildings and a large number of the spectacular features of the Fair, that they were in its opinion far better calculated to successfully carry out its provisions than any firm not actually engaged upon the grounds.

At this meeting it was determined to open offices in the City of Parkersburg upon July 1st, 1903, for the purpose of collecting exhibits, and then and thereafter to actively devote its time, attention, and effort to the carrying out of the plans indicated in the act creating the Board.

Upon July 6th office rooms were secured in the Citizens Bank Building in Parkersburg, and active work of the Board was begun, which has been continuous upon the part of the entire membership until this, its closing meeting, the membership being so completely affiliated and associated as to in effect be in constant session.

Following is the report of the financial transactions of this Board by its treasurer:

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXHIBITION BOARD OF W. VA.

*Report of D. E. Abbott, Treasurer, Summary of Financial Condition,
January 26th, 1905.*

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for State building.....	\$23,058 05
Paid for furniture and fixtures.....	6,349 45
Paid for office supplies and stationery.....	1,535 30

Paid for educational exhibit	1,980 86
Paid on forestry exhibit	250 00
Paid on coal exhibit	1,270 95
Paid on horticultural exhibit	2,000 00
Paid on office and general expenses.....	5,203 69
Paid on commissioners expenses.....	1,435 56
Paid on West Virginia hand book.....	5,768 27
Paid on salaries and expenses of employees.....	8,913 18
Total expenditures to date.....	\$57,765 31

1903. Cash received as follows:

June 20. Check received from Auditor.....	\$ 5,000 00
Sept. 26. Check received from Auditor.....	5,000 00
Oct. 17. Check received from Auditor.....	7,000 00
Dec. 3. Check received from Auditor.....	8,000 00
1904.	
Jan. 14. Check received from Auditor.....	5,000 00
Mar. 19. Check received from Auditor.....	5,000 00
May 7. Check received from Auditor.....	5,000 00
June 8. Check received from Auditor.....	5,000 00
July 21. Check received from Auditor.....	5,000 00

\$50,000 00

From Subscriptions From Counties, Cities and Boards of Trade for Special Notice in West Virginia Hand Book.

Cabell county	\$ 100 00
City of Huntington	50 00
Huntington Land Co.	50 00
Tyler county	100 00
City of Pt. Pleasant	100 00
Pt. Pleasant Development Co.	50 00
Logan county	300 00
Monroe county	100 00
Kanawha county	300 00
Gilmer county	150 00
City of Fairmont	200 00
Marion county	200 00
Charleston Chamber of Commerce.....	100 00
City of Charleston	100 00
Monongalia county	300 00
Greenbrier county	200 00
Morgan county	150 00
Mason county	300 00
McDowell county	300 00
Mingo county	200 00
Jefferson county	100 00
Ohio county	200 00
Fayette county	300 00
Taylor county	100 00
City of Clarksburg	300 00
Wheeling Board of Trade	100 00
Calhoun county	100 00
Berkeley county	100 00
	\$4,650 00

Less cost of collecting:

Exchange .50, .50, .10, .25, .30, .30, .15, .25, .25, .25,	
.25, .15, .30, .30. Total	4 10 \$ 4,645 90

From sale of State building.....	1,125 00
Total amount received	\$55,770 90
Total expenditures to date.....	\$57,765 31
Total receipts to date.....	55,770 90
Total expenditures over receipts to date.....	\$ 1,994 41
Cash in bank	155 89
Amount borrowed from bank.....	\$ 2,150 30

LIABILITIES.

Due First National Bank of Huntington for borrowed money	
Commissioners note	\$ 2,150 30
Due Tribune Printing Company, Charleston, balance for printing 10,000 hand books	2,219 40
For printing this report.....	125 00
Due State Horticultural Society, balance due them for expense making exhibit	1,050 00
	\$ 5,544 70
Less cash in bank.....	155 89
Net liabilities	\$ 5,388 81

ASSETS.

Furniture and hand books on hand representing at cost about	\$10,600 00
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DETAIL STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.

Amount Expended for State Building.

1903.			
Oct.	1.	Caldwell & Drake 1st payment.....	\$7,650 00
Nov.	20.	Caldwell & Drake 2nd payment.....	7,650 00
1904.			
Jan.	10.	Caldwell & Drake 3rd payment.....	3,000 00
Dec.		Caldwell & Drake 4th payment for balance due and extra work	1,850 30
		Edward P. McGrath for bill of electrical fixtures as per contract made by Architect Farris and Commissioner Winchester	310 00
		Paid Louisian Purchase Exposition Co. bill of gas connections	\$ 5 00
		Inspecting 51 openings @25c.	12 75
Apr.	4.	R. A. Bennett for tinting walls of six rooms on second floor of West Virginia building.....	150 00
		W. S. Gibson Co., for decorating two rooms as per contract with Mr. Bennett	100 00
May	24.	Wheeling Corrugating Co., for painting and decorating steel ceilings	180 00
May	24.	Wheeling Glass Letter and Novelty Co., for gold tiling for dome of West Va. building	350 00
		William Baxter for repairs to building.....	25 00
		Geisy & Farris, Architects, payment on plans.....	300 00
		Geisy & Farris, Architects, payment on plans.....	200 00
		Geisy & Farris, Architects, part payment on plans, and Sup. Geisy & Farris, Architects, for balance due on contract, Architects fees	250 00
		Harrison Albright, payment for special services rendered the commission account of plans and contract.....	200 00
		Orion E. Scott, premiums on \$18,000 fire insurance on State building	540 00

Orion E. Scott, premiums on Tornado insurance, covering \$10,-
000 on West Va. building 35 00

Total \$23,058 05

*Amount Expended for Furniture for West Virginia State Building, and Office at
Parkersburg.*

1903.

July 22.	Remington Typewriter Co.:		
	1 Remington typewriter	\$ 97 50	+
July 22.	T. E. Saunders:		
	4 iron cuspidors @60c.	2 40	
July 22.	Parkersburg Chair Co.:		
	11 chairs	45 08	
July 22.	C. E. Smith & Sons:		
	1 Regulator clock	25 00	
July 22.	Bentley & Gerwig:		
	1 fine oak desk	\$ 60 00	
	1 typewriter desk	22 00	
	8 ft. director's table	35 00	
	5 ft. director's table	25 00	
	Letter press stand	7 50	
	Office chair	13 50	
	Office chair	8 50	
	Rug	37 50	
	Rug	45 00	
	Oak settee	6 00	
	Water cooler	1 50	
	Stand	1 00	
	Hat rack	30 00	
	Shade	3 00	
	Couch	50 00	
	Duster	90	
		<u>\$346 40</u>	
	Less cash discount 5 per cent.....	17 32	
		<u>\$329 08</u>	

Aug. 29. Olen N. Mathers:
Bill for sign painting..... 3 50

Oct. 1.	Bentley & Gerwig:		
	1 Rug	\$ 25 00	
	1 Typewriter desk	25 00	
	2 Chairs	6 00	
	1 Chair	2 50	
	1 Chair	75	
	2 Kitchen tables	4 00	
	1 Library table	12 00	
	1 Rocker	6 00	
	1 Kitchen table	2 00	
	1 Towel rack	2 00	
		<u>\$ 85 25</u>	
	Less 5 per cent. discount.....	4 30	
		<u>\$ 80 95</u>	

Oct. 1. D. E. Abbott & Co.:

	1 Second hand Remington typewriter.....	55 00	+
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1904.

Apr. 8.	The Lammert Furniture Co., General Reception Room:		
	1 Weathered Oak table desk	\$12 50	

1 Weathered Oak table chair	4 75	
1 Weathered Oak library table	12 00	
1 Fibre Rush settee	14 00	
1 Fibre Rush rocker	9 50	
1 Fibre Rush rocker	8 25	
2 Fibre Rush rockers @\$5.50.....	11 00	
1 Fibre Rush arm chair	7 50	
		\$79 50
Ladies Retiring Room:		
1 Cheval glass	\$21 00	
2 Tables G. Oak @\$1.25	2 50	
1 Reed settee, Maple frame.....	4 75	
2 G. Oak chairs @\$1.25	2 50	
6 G. Oak rockers @\$1.50	9 00	
		\$39 75
Toilet Room:		
1 Oak frame glass		1 50
Smoking Room:		
1 5-ft. G. Oak table	\$ 9 50	
4 Reed arm chairs @\$2.25	9 00	
4 Reed rockers @\$2.50	10 00	
3 Tabourettes @\$1.25	3 75	
		\$32 25
Verandas:		
3 Reed settees @\$4.75	\$14 25	
6 Reed arm chairs @\$2.50	15 00	
6 Reed arm rockers @\$2.25	13 50	
3 Reed back settees @\$4.25	12 75	
12 Reed rockers @\$2.75.....	33 00	
		\$88 50
Cloak Room, (Check & Package):		
2 Wood seat chairs @50c.		1 00
Porter's Room:		
1 Dresser, G. Oak	\$ 8 00	
1 Combination desk & washstand, water tank	10 50	
1 Rocker, G. O.	1 50	
1 Chair, G. O.	75	
1 Table, G. O.	1 25	
1 Wardrobe	6 00	
		\$28 00
Back Veranda:		
12 Wood seat chairs		\$ 6 00
Sitting Room:		
1 Reed rocker	\$ 4 00	
1 Reed chair	3 50	
1 Reed table	6 50	
		14 00
Bed Room, Bird's Eye Maple:		
2 Dressing tables @\$12.50	\$ 25 00	
1 Chiffonier	21 00	
2 Dr. table stools @\$3.75	7 50	
1 Reed rocker	2 25	

1 Reed table	3 50	
1 White iron bed	11 50	
1 Spring	2 25	
		\$ 73 00
Bed Room, Curley Birch:		
1 Dresser	\$ 21 00	
1 Chiffonier	20 00	
1 Table	5 50	
1 Heavy brass bed	33 00	
1 Spring	2 25	
1 Chair	2 50	
1 Reed rocker	4 50	
		\$ 88 75
Spare Bed Room, Mahogany:		
1 Dresser	\$ 23 50	
1 Washstand	7 50	
1 Rocker	4 75	
1 Reed Ottoman	3 25	
1 Heavy Brass bed	33 00	
1 Spring	2 25	
1 Costumer	2 25	
		\$ 76 50
Toilet Rooms:		
1 Costumer, Maple	\$ 2 25	
1 Costumer, G. O.	2 25	
		\$ 4 50
Sitting Room, Old Mission:		
1 Table, Weathered Oak	\$ 10 00	
1 Rocker, Weathered Oak	6 25	
1 Rocker, Weathered Oak	4 75	
1 Desk, Weathered Oak	8 00	
Sitting Room:		
1 Desk chair, Weathered Oak	\$ 3 25	
1 Arm chair, Weathered Oak	3 50	
3 Tabourettes, Weathered Oak @\$1.25.....	3 75	
		\$ 39 50
Bed Room, Golden Oak:		
1 Dresser	\$ 18 00	
1 Chiffonier	19 00	
1 Table	3 00	
1 Brass bed	33 00	
1 Spring	2 25	
1 Chair	2 50	
1 Reed rocker	4 50	
		\$ 82 25
Ladies' Parlor:		
1 3-Piece parlor suite	\$218 00	
1 3-Piece parlor suite	196 00	
1 Gold table	50 00	
		\$464 00
1 Table for Mahog. room.....	\$ 5 25	
Less discount on bill.....	5 25	

1904.

Apr. 15.	William Prufrock :		
	1 Center seat & electric statue	\$110 00	
	1 Turkish rocker	64 90	
	1 Turkish arm chair	44 00	
	1 Library suit, 3 pieces	52 80	
	2 Davenport sofas @\$70.40	140 80	
	2 Davenport sofas @\$64.90	129 80	
	1 Davenport sofa	31 90	
	3 Small box couches @\$5.25	15 75	
	2 Large box couches @\$9.35	18 70	
	6 Center seats	231 00	
	2 Reclining chairs @\$9.35	18 70	
			\$858 35
Apr. 13.	Stix, Baer & Fuller :		
	Sheets, pillow cases, etc., as per bill attached to voucher..		\$107 92
Apr. 22.	Simmons Hardware Co. :		
	Bill attached to voucher		67 50
Apr. 15.	William Prufrock :		
	2 Fibre mattresses @\$5.50	\$ 11 00	
	2 Felt mattresses @\$7.35	14 70	
	8 Pair feather pillows @\$4.40	35 20	
	1 Pair feather pillows.....	2 20	
			63 10
May 18.	William Prufrock :		
	1 Box couch	\$9 35	
	Sofa cushions	7 90	
			\$ 17 25
May 18.	Stix, Baer & Fuller :		
	Bills from Apr. 19 to May 18, for household linens, bedding, blankets, lamps, etc., as per copy of bill attached to voucher		151 93
May 18.	J. Kennard & Sons Carpet Co. :		
	Inlaid linoleum—first hall fitted.....		
	Plain linoleum—room right of main entrance fitted		
	1 Axminster rug		
	Plain linoleum—Smoking room fitted.....		
	6 Fibre porch rugs		
	1 Windsor Wilton bordered rug, made and stretched		
	Matting—second hall fitted		
	Matting—Committee rooms 1-2-3 fitted.....		
	Matting—3 Committee rooms fitted		
	2 Cocoa mats		
	1 Special wool bordered mat		
	Velvet—Ladies' parlor, made and stretched...		
	Velvet—1st flight stairs fitted		
	Pads		
	Velvet stair rug on landing	\$1,198 00	
	2 Pairs muslin curtains @\$1.00	2 00	
	1 Pair muslin curtains	1 50	
	2 Pairs muslin curtains @\$2.00	4 00	
	2 Pairs muslin curtains @\$1.00	2 00	
	1 Pair muslin curtains	1 50	
	39½ yds. muslin @15c.	5 93	
	10 yds. Madras @40c.	4 00	
	19 Extension rods @10c.	1 90	

	63 Shades	82 84	
	1 Pair ruffled muslin curtains	1 50	
			\$1,305 17
June 6.	Bills attached to vouchers as follows:		
May 18.	Geo. R. Taylor Co., table linen.....	\$ 16 80	
May 30.	Leopold Oesterei, palms	50 00	
May 28.	P. A. Lighter, screens for building.....	91 00	
May 16.	Day Rubber Co., hose and attachm.....	26 80	
May	Simmons Hardware Co., kitchen utensils	22 70	
May	Lammert Furniture Co., dining room.....	9 42	
June 1.	Edward P. McGrath, electrical lamps, etc.....	61 37	
			\$278 09
	Less April 13, voucher 161, memo., as to Stix, Baer & Fuller, payment attached to voucher 161	107 82	
			\$ 170 27
June 6.	J. Kennard & Sons Carpet Co.:		
	2 Windows in Ladies' Reception Room draped	\$122 00	
	2 Oak poles and sockets @40c.	80	
	12 1-3 yds. linoleum—2 bath rooms on 2nd floor @50c.	6 17	
	Fitting above @10c.	1 23	
	1 Brush mat	3 50	
	2 Pairs Renaissance lace curtains put up @\$10.00	20 00	
	1 Single portiere made and hung.....	10 50	
	6 Silk curtains	29 65	
	1 Duplex shade	1 70	
	1 Couch	7 00	
	1 Pad	4 00	
	1 Denim curtain	4 10	
			210 65
July 5.	Comfort Printing & Stationery Co.:		
	Newspaper files	\$ 4 00	
	1 Paper rack	12 00	
	2 Doz. paper files	20 00	
			36 00
July 5.	J. Kennard & Sons Carpet House:		
	2 Doz. brass rings @55c.	\$ 1 10	
	2 Curtains for box	2 75	
	2 Velvet hassocks @\$1.00	2 00	
	4 Draperies for windows	21 90	
	2 Pillows @65c.	1 30	
	1 Yd. silk	85	
	2 Yds. China silk @75c.	1 50	
	4 Pillows @65c.	2 60	
	1½ Yd. stripe covering @45c.	68	
	1½ Yd. stripe covering @45c.	67	
	1½ Yd. stripe covering @45c.	68	
	3 Yds. stripe covering @35c.	1 05	
	8 Pillow covers made @25c.	2 00	
	2 Rods and brackets put up @85c.	1 70	
	6 Drapery scarfs of Madras made and hung..	29 25	
	2 Rods and brackets put up @85c.	1 70	
	2 Rods and brackets put up @75c.	1 50	
	4 Tapestry Brussels rugs made and set.....	159 00	

1 Folding couch	7 00
1 Pad	4 00
6 Pr. net curtains	
3 Transoms in hall	
4 Windows in Commissioner's room made and hung	60 00
Tapestry Brussels carpet and border for 6 rugs made and set	175 00
4 Sets Velour curtains made and hung on 2nd floor	145 50
6 Pairs wool rep. curtains with brass poles..	93 00
4 Pairs muslin curtains @\$2.75	11 00
2 Rods and brackets @\$1.35	2 70
4 Pair loops and hooks @15c.	60
4 Pairs net curtains and 2 rods.....	20 00

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July 5. J. H. Crane Furniture Co.:

2 Settees	\$14 00
4 Chairs	16 00
2 Rockers	9 00
2 Porch tables	11 00
1 Chair	2 50
2 Reed couches	17 00
1 Reed rocker	12 00
1 Reed chair	12 00
1 Reed settee	16 00
4 4-ft. lawn settees @\$3.75.....	15 00
6 Chairs	13 00
2 Mah. rockers	24 00
1 Mah. reception chair	10 00
1 Mah. reception chair	12 00
1 Mah. pedestal	9 00
1 Stool	5 50
2 G. O. tabourettes	4 00
2 G. O. tabourettes	6 00
1 Oak rocker	10 00
2 Reed rockers	12 00
1 Rocker	9 00
1 Antwerp desk	13 50
1 Antwerp desk	17 00
1 Mah. cabinet	35 00
1 Mah. dresser	50 00
1 Mah. washstand	25 00
1 Mah. wardrobe	20 00
2 Oak commodes @\$10.00	20 00
2 Mah. chairs	7 50
1 Mah. table	10 00
12 Folding chairs	9 00

\$446 00

Less 10 per cent. 44 60

\$ 401 40

July 5. Brilliant Sign Letter Co.:

2 Japan tin signs @\$1.75	\$ 3 50
Lettering names and doors	4 00
6 Palms and 1 fern.....	35 00

H. Westerman & Co.:

Jardiniers	8 75
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July	5.	William Prufrock :		
		Bill of furniture	\$127	40
		Less for return of one davenport and 1 center seat		114 90
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				12 50
July	5.	Lammert Furniture Co. :		
		1 W. O. cellarette	\$21	00
		2 W. O. tables	11	50
		1 W. O. Table, leather	13	50
		1 W. O. arm chair	6	25
		1 W. O. arm chair	8	50
		2 W. O. arm chairs	14	50
		1 W. O. hat tree	2	75
		1 Lady's desk	10	50
		1 Rocker	9	50
		1 W. O. small chair	3	00
		1 W. O. arm chair	4	00
		2 G. O. leather seat rockers.....	17	50
		1 G. O. leather seat rocker	9	50
		1 G. O. leather seat rocker	9	50
		1 G. O. leather seat rocker	12	00
		1 G. O. leather seat rocker	7	50
		1 G. O. leather seat rocker	7	50
		1 Mah. palm stand	1	25
		1 Mah. palm stand	1	40
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July	5.	Simmons Hardware Co. :		
		1 Alarm clock	\$ 1	00
		Carving set, sugar shell, butter knife.....	4	65
		1 Jap. flour can	85	
		96 S. P. call bell	1	00
		Finger bowls and nappies	4	95
		3 Brass cuspidors	6	75
		2 Doz. spoons	7	00
		Glasses, tumblers, etc.	9	85
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			\$36	05
		Less bill of June 14, .25, & 5.25.....	5	50
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				30 55
July	16.	J. Kennard & Sons Carpet Co. :		
		1 Oak easel		3 00
July	22.	Wm. Barr Dry Goods Co. :		
		4 Jardinieres @\$1.00	\$ 4	00
		4 Jardinieres @98c.	3	92
		2 Jardinieres @\$1.35	2	70
		2 Jardinieres @\$1.15	2	30
		1 Hamper	1	25
		1 Doz. glasses	1	20
		1 Linen square	50	
		1 Linen square	25	
		1 Linen square	30	
		1 Linen square	50	
		2 Linen scarfs @35c.	70	
		1 Linen scarf	35	
		4 Linen scarfs @39c.	1	56
		1 Linen scarf	45	
		1 Toilet set	4	50
		2 Bowls and pitchers @\$1.00	2	00

	2 Slop jars @65c.	1 30	
	2 Mugs @10c.	20	
	2 Soap dishes @8c.	\$ 16	
	1 Pitcher	35	
	6 Aprons @50c.	3 00	
	4 Maid's caps @15c.	60	
			32 09
July 10.	Scruggs, Vandervort & Barney:		
	2 Couch covers @\$6.50	\$13 00	
	1 Doz. towels	1 75	
	1 Doz. towels	3 00	
	1 Couch cover	6 00	
	2 Doylies @50c.	1 00	
	2 Doylies @20c.	40	
			25 15
July 10.	J. Kennard & Sons Carpet co.:		
	1 Body Brussels rug	10 00	
July 14.	William Barr Dry Goods Co.:		
	Porch curtains, etc.	19 25	
July 15.	Simmons Hardware Co.:		
	1 Doz. fruit dishes	\$2 75	
	1 Doz. B. & B. plates	2 50	
	1 Tankard	20	
	1 Tankard	20	
	1 Jap. sprinkler	50	
			6 15
July 15.	J. Kennard & Sons Carpet Co.:		
	2 Guard ropes @\$1.95	\$ 3 90	
	1 Guard rope	3 25	
	6 Ends for rope @75c.	4 50	
	3 Pr. hooks @25c.	75	
			12 40
July 17.	J. H. Crane Furniture Co.:		
	4 G. Oak chairs	\$31 00	
	Less 10 per cent.	3 10	
		\$27 90	
	Cr. for 1 settee returned	14 40	
			13 50
Aug. 28.	Simmons Hardware Co.:		
	Goods purchased for kitchen as per bill attached to voucher	64 48	
	Total	\$6,349 45	
	<i>Amount Paid for Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage.</i>		
1903.			
July 22.	Frank Stanton for one loose leaf minute book.....	\$ 5 00	
July 22.	Huntington Herald, for printing vouchers.....	8 75	
July 22.	Wheeling News, for 200 Bulletins.....	2 50	
July 22.	Intelligencer Pub. Co., for circulars, letter-heads, and envelopes	34 50	
July 21.	H. P. Moss, for bill of Sta. and supplies.....	8 87	
July 21.	H. P. Moss, for bill of Sta. and supplies.....	19 40	
July 21.	H. P. Moss, for bill of Sta. and supplies.....	7 42	
July 20.	A. H. Winchester, cash paid for postage.....	20 00	
Aug. 1.	A. H. Winchester, cash paid for office fixtures.....	6 55	
Aug. 5.	Parkersburg Sentinel, for envelopes, etc.....	14 20	

Aug. 15.	A. H. Winchester, cash paid for carbon paper.....	4 30
Aug. 15.	A. H. Winchester, for postage and stamped envelopes.....	85 30
Aug. 17.	A. H. Winchester, cash paid for office stationery, eyelet machine and supplies	9 90
Aug. 25.	A. H. Winchester, postage and stamped envelopes.....	74 10
Oct. 1.	For subscription to World's Fair Bulletins.....	7 50
Oct. 1.	Parkersburg Sentinel, for stationery.....	8 34
Oct. 1.	A. H. Winchester, postage and stamped envelopes.....	149 20
Nov. 3.	Remington Typewriter Co., 1 doz. ribbons.....	7 00
Nov. 3.	Parkersburg Sentinel, printing and stationery.....	15 50
Nov. 7.	Jarvis Engraving Co., for 125 electrotypes.....	102 50
Nov. 7.	Wheeling News, for circulars and stationery.....	11 50
Nov. 7.	A. H. Winchester, for printing and stationery.....	3 85
Dec. 3.	A. H. Winchester, for stationery and supplies.....	4 80
Dec. 31.	A. H. Winchester, paid Parkers'burg Sentinel for office supplies	2 20
July 26.	R. M. Archer, expressage on supplies, Wheeling to Parkersburg	1 70
Aug. 13.	R. M. Archer, stamps for mailing Bulletin	2 00
Aug. 15.	Rent of typewriter, May and June.....	10 25
Sept. 8.	Stamps for mailing electros and Bulletin.....	27 50
1904.		
Feb. 27.	A. H. Winchester, for office supplies.....	4 75
Feb. 29.	A. H. Winchester, Tribune Printing Co.....	2 00
Feb. 29.	A. H. Winchester, Parkersburg Sentinel for Dec., Jan., and Feb. bills	27 45
June 6.	A. H. Winchester, C. S. Severson for stationery.....	1 90
June 6.	A. H. Winchester, Comfort Printing & Stationery Co.....	54 20
July 5.	Lambert-Deacon-Hull Printing Co., for engraving die and stamping envelopes and paper	150 00
July 15.	Lambert-Deacon-Hull Printing Co., for engraving plate and printing 600 invitations	72 00
July 15.	496 2-cent stamps	9 92
July 10.	Comfort Printing & Stationery Co., for programs, envelopes printing, etc.	69 77
July 10.	For 5 M. letter heads and envelopes.....	32 00
Aug. 30.	A. H. Winchester, for cash paid Geo. E. Benz & Co., 2,000 flags	30 00
Aug. 30.	Comfort Printing & Stationery Co.....	37 93
Aug. 30.	Telegrams and sundries	4 65
1904.		
Apr. 11.	Postage stamps	\$ 10 00
Apr. 11.	Visitor's register, Spalding & Co.....	5 25
Apr. 11.	Stationery bills, C. S. Severson.....	4 40
July 30.	Geo. E. Benz, souvenir flags completing June order.....	18 60
Sept. 30.	Geo. E. Benz, 4,000 souvenir flags.....	60 00
Sept. 30.	Comfort Printing & Stationery Co., env. & letter heads....	17 50
Sept. 30.	Comfort Printing and Stationery Co., env. & letter heads....	10 50
Sept. 30.	Comfort Printing and Stationery Co., env. & letter heads....	6 50
Sept. 30.	World's Fair Program Co., bill to Sept. 3rd.....	4 80
Sept. 30.	World's Fair Program Co., bill to Oct. 1st.....	2 40
Sept. 30.	Postage, 2c. stamps, \$10.00; 1c. stamps, \$5.00.....	15 00
Sept. 30.	Street car fare for Sept.....	10 00
Sept. 30.	Buxton & Skinner Co., visitor's register.....	5 00
Sept. 30.	Telegrams	2 50
Oct. 31.	Comfort Printing Co., 9,000 letter heads.....	29 50
Oct. 31.	Geo. E. Benz & Co., 6,000 souvenir flags.....	90 00
Oct. 31.	Buxton & Skinner Co., stationery.....	3 05
Oct. 31.	Official Program Co., 1 month.....	2 40
Oct. 31.	Postage stamps	10 00
Oct. 31.	Street car fare	9 00
Dec. 14.	Parkersburg Sentinel bill.....	3 50

Dec. 14.	Dillon & Sons bill for June.....	13 30
Dec. 14.	Comfort Printing bill to close	11 00
Dec. 14.	Geo. E. Benz & Co. bill to close.....	30 00
Dec. 14.	Official Catalogue Co.....	7 50
Dec. 14.	Official Program Co.....	2 40

Total \$1,535 30

AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT.

1904.

Feb. 27.	Thos. C. Miller for electro plates, re-touching re-etching, and similar work on account the Educational Book. Bills of Geo. E. Smith \$54.66 and \$28.38.....	83 04
Apr. 15.	Geo. E. Smith for electro plates, etc.....	44 72
Apr. 15.	Wm. M. O. Dawson, supt. public printing, for 160 reams 25x38 half-tone paper at 4½c. Caldwell & Drake, for building Educational booth	504 00
May 12.	New Jersey School Furniture Co. for 10¼ circle educational leaf cabinets at \$16.50.....	165 00
	7 Plain base cases @\$4.75.....	33 25
	3 Base cases with glass show cases.....	22 50
	10 Doz. cards 22x28 @90c.....	9 00
	2 Locks @50c.....	1 00
	2 Metal Index Holders 45c.....	90
		\$231 65
	April 5, cash advanced.....	24 00
		207 65
	18 Doz. card boards @90c.....	16 20
	1 Lock	50
	1 Index Holder	45
	Terminal and freight charges.....	12 50
		237 30
June 10.	Thos. C. Miller, bill of expenses for installing Educational Exhibit	208 60
June 6.	A. H. Miller, 15 days services in charge Educational Exhibit to May 17th.....	30 00
July 5.	Prof. Virgil A. Lewis for assistance on history of Education, as per requisition made by Hon. Thos. C. Miller.....	50 00
July 5.	Miss Mabel Brown, services in charge exhibit..	50 00
July 30.	Dana P. Miller, services in charge educational exhibit for 12 days @\$3.00.....	36 00
July 30.	Miss Mabel S. Brown, for services charge of Educational Exhibit to July 18.....	69 65
Sept. 7.	Miss Reaves, 12 days in charge exhibit.....	36 00
	Mrs. Martin, charge exhibit, 10 days.....	30 00
	Geo. W. Brown, charge exhibit 2 days.....	6 00
	J. G. Peters, janitor July and August.....	8 00
Oct. 18.	Miss Elenor Hopper, 5½ days charge Exhibit..	16 50
	Mrs. Ella V. Martin, 3 days charge Exhibit..	9 00
	Geo. W. Brown, ½ day charge Exhibit.....	1 50
	Miss Nellie C. Osgood, 9 days charge Exhibit..	27 00
	Miss Belle Gibson, 12 days charge Exhibit....	36 00
	Hooks for hanging charts.....	1 80
	Storage packing case for Exposition period....	1 75
	Janitor 5 weeks to October.....	5 00
Oct. 31.	Miss Gibson, 24 days charge Exhibit.....	72 00
	Janitor four weeks	4 00

Dec. 10.	Miss Belle Gibson for services as attendant at Educational Booth for Nov.....	78 00	
	Robt. S. Williams, janitor for Educational Booth	5 00	
	Robert Williams, for packing Educational Exhibit	30 00	
	Cost of attendants in charge of Exhibit.....		603 20
	Total		<u>\$1,980 86</u>

Amount Expended on Forestry Exhibit.

1903.			
Dec. 4.	At a meeting in the office of this Commission of Representative Lumbermen of the State in conference with the Chairman of the Forestry Committee of this Board, a permanent organization was effected with Mr. J. J. Linehan as Chairman, and he was selected and by resolution empowered to take full charge of all work and efforts tending towards the unification of individual efforts and exhibits into a centralized State Exhibit, and since that date he has been almost constantly employed in active and efficient effort along lines indicated. The exhibits will be at the expense of the Lumberman, the cost of unification will be borne by this Commission. Matters have now progressed where it is found desirable to provide funds for this purpose by Advance from Forestry Fund. Total		\$250 00

Amount Expended on Coal Exhibit.

1903.			
Nov. 18.	By resolution passed at a conference held in the office of this commission between the committee of coal operators of the State and this board, Mr. Neil Robinson was selected to take the active management of all combined and joint efforts tending towards the unification of the individual exhibits of each coal field into a centralized state exhibit. It was resolved to advance Mr. Robinson on February 5th for expenses incurred, the sum of.....		250 00
Feb. 27.	Neil Robinson for expense account.....		250 00
Apr. 9.	Neil Robinson for expenses incurred on account of coal exhibit		374 95
June 10.	L. H. Cammack 3-30x40 Flemish Oak frames @\$2.00.....	6 00	
	Painting three charts on coal and oil statistics	7 50	
	2 Oak Panel boards 26x42, \$2.00.....	4 00	
	4 Supports for same.....	40	
	Painting two signs statistics of the coal of West Virginia, @\$3.00.....	6 00	23 90
July 10.	Naeger Sign Printing Co., for one sign put up in Mine & Metallurgy Building		21 00
	For amount paid M. J. Duggan for timbers to reinforce floor		
	2 men 3 hours each @25c.....	1 50	
	Unpacking coke job 40	1 20	
	Getting big lump of coal in shape to handle, labor 3 men	5 00	
	Up ending and placing coal.....	20 00	
	Building up Pyramid of coke, 2 men 6 hours..	3 00	
	1 man 6 hours	2 40	
	Finishing up job cleaning up and patching up coal bin	6 00	41 10
	Weber Drayage & Warehouse Co., building Pyramid of coal, 195 hours @25c.....	48 75	

	Plus 40 per cent. as agreed as per contract with Mr. Neil Robinson.....	19 50	68 25
	H. L. Mains, for shoring under block of coal..	10 00	
	To building stand for coke.....	10 00	
	To building platform under coal as per contract with Mr. Neil Robinson.....	6 50	26 50
	General Service Co., for moving contents of car C. & O. 7232 from door to space of exhibit..	5 25	
	Extra expense unloading from car N. & W. 31083 placing in space M. & M. building 1 piece coal weight about 28,000 pounds and per rules and regulations L. P. E. Co.....	110 00	
			115 25
	Richard H. Phillips for drawing plans for coal column which was to be erected as an exhibit of all the coal seams of W. Va. as per contract with Mr. Neil Robinson.....		100 00
	Total		\$1,270 95
	<i>Amount Expended on Horticultural Exhibit.</i>		
1903.			
Aug. 11.	J. O. Thompson, Treasurer State Board of Agriculture for use of Board in connection with preparation and exhibition of productions of this State.....		\$ 500 00
Apr. 6.	Fred E. Brooks, Sec. and Treas. West Virginia Horticultural Society		1,500 00
	Total		\$2,000 00
	<i>Office and General Expenses.</i>		
1903.			
Aug. 1.	Express charges		1 00
Aug. 1.	Janitress and messengers.....		5 05
Aug. 15.	Janitress, icebell, and messengers.....		3 40
Aug. 15.	Telegrams		2 85
Aug. 22.	Sundry office expenses		4 50
Aug. 28.	Telegrams		1 00
Aug. 25.	Express charges		1 40
Sept. 30.	Telegrams		1 80
Oct. 1.	Telegrams		3 85
Oct. 1.	Rent of typewriter, janitress, messenger boys, electric lights, and office expenses		18 10
Oct. 1.	Secretary's traveling expenses		21 35
Oct. 1.	Express charges		4 65
Nov. 3.	Electric light bill, janitress and messenger boys.....		9 95
Nov. 3.	Telegrams		2 27
Nov. 3.	Express charges		2 05
Nov. 3.	Central District and Printing Co. bill.....		9 00
Nov. 28.	Janitress, messenger boys, electric light, and other office expenses		11 70
Nov. 28.	Express charges		2 65
Nov. 28.	Printing and telephone charges.....		16 85
Nov. 28.	Telegrams		3 60
Dec. 31.	Citizens' National Bank for rent of rooms to Jan. 31, 1904..		155 56
Dec. 31.	Electric light, janitress and messenger boys.....		11 50
Dec. 31.	Telephone bill		6 15
Dec. 31.	Express charges		3 00
Dec. 31.	Telegrams		1 77
Jan. 30.	Electric light, janitress and messenger boys.....		10 67

Jan. 30.	Telephone bill	15 89
Jan. 30.	Freight and express bills.....	3 67
Feb. 27.	Telegram	4 90
Feb. 27.	Janitress, messenger boys, and office expense.....	7 65
Feb. 27.	Telephone bills	25 37
Feb. 27.	Citizens' National Bank for office rent to March 15, 1904..	37 50
Mar. 17.	Feldoner Transfer Co., for carriage and baggage bill during the time of Parkersburg office.....	8 75
Above bills are for expenses while conducting office at Parkersburg by Mr. A. H. Winchester, Secretary.		
Apr. 12.	A. H. Winchester, cash expended for street car fare to and from grounds and auto on grounds.....	6 50
Apr. 12.	A. H. Winchester, postage.....	1 00
Apr. 12.	A. H. Winchester, for cash expended for janitress, errand boys, express and so forth.....	9 75
Apr. 12.	A. H. Winchester for sleeper and baggage to St. Louis, Mo..	6 25
Apr. 12.	A. H. Winchester for telephone bill.....	9 05
Apr. 12.	A. H. Winchester for telegrams.....	2 01
Apr. 12.	Electric light bill to March 17.....	2 80
Apr. 12.	Porters, janitress, packing boxes, and carpet beating.....	9 00
May 18.	A. H. Winchester paid St. Louis House and Window Cleaning Co., for cleaning building.....	55 00
May 18.	For laundry, household linen and sundry cash purchases....	13 38
May 18.	For freight and express charges moving furniture to St. Louis	87 07
May 18.	A. H. Winchester paid for teams and labor.....	8 50
May 18.	Sundry expenses and help in purchasing furniture and fixtures for building	14 20
May 18.	A. H. Winchester for subscriptions to papers, guides, and official programs	12 75
May 18.	A. H. Winchester for cash expended for street car and intramural railroad since April 1st.....	10 60
May 18.	A. H. Winchester for cash expended for rent of typewriter for three weeks	3 25
May 18.	A. H. Winchester for telegraph bills.....	13 56
Apr. 5.	A. H. Winchester for cash paid Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co. water bill.....	10 00
	Inspecting electrical connections.....	5 00
	Laclede Gas Co. advance bill.....	25 00
	Revised Electricity bill	80 43
	2 Garbage cans and sacks.....	7 00
	1 Garbage wagon coupon book.....	10 00
	8 Regulation employees' passes.....	8 00
	Fees Executive Association	6 00
	Gas bills, April and May.....	16 92
		168 35
May 18.	Hanley, Casey Co., 7 stoves.....	98 00
May 18.	A. H. Winchester for cash expended for express charges....	3 98
June 6.	For cash paid David Dick for packing, and material for shipment of portraits from state house.....	83 32
June 6.	A. H. Winchester for cash expended for household laundry, decorations for press congress.....	16 14
June 6.	A. H. Winchester for cash expended for express charges....	6 70
June 6.	A. H. Winchester for cash expended for Intramural and street car fare for May.....	12 00
June 6.	A. H. Winchester, cash expended for postage stamps.....	10 00
June 6.	A. H. Winchester, cash expended for telegrams for month of May	27 42
July 5.	Geo. E. Benz for bunting flags.....	87 50
July 5.	Geo. E. Benz for silk flag, pole and pin.....	106 25
July 5.	Geo. E. Benz for flags.....	5 00

July 5.	H. L. Grant for special photographic work.....		10 00
July 10.	Simmons Hardware Co. for lawn mower, stepladder, saw and rake		9 30
July 10.	Chas. Honig for carriage hire.....		15 00
July 10.	Doughtery Bros. Tent & Awning Co. for rent of awnings and covers and labor		135 00
July 10.	Joseph Kern for orchestra furnished for reception West Vir- ginia Day		55 00
July 10.	Ostratag Bros. Co., decorations and flowers West Virginia Day		70 00
July 10.	David Nickolson for refreshments West Virginia Day.....		213 70
July 15.	Doerr, Seller Catering Co., for collation served on W. Va. day as per contract		274 00
July 15.	J. F. Conard, for bill removing decorations, &c.....		11 70
July 15.	A. H. Winchester for cash expended for postage.....		20 00
July 15.	A. H. Winchester for cash expended for street car fare	12 80	
	Telegrams	7 33	20 13
June 15.	A. H. Winchester for cash expended as follows:		
	Official photos for employees.....	4 00	
	Official badges, six employees.....	6 00	
	Official sacks for garbage	1 00	
	Removal of garbage.....	20	
	Official programs to July 9.....	5 40	
	Official gas bills to July.....	18 84	
	Electric bill for June.....	57 38	
	Official ice bill	10 00	
	Polar Wave ice bill.....	16 00	
	C. H. Clouston, telephone ex.....	5 15	
	Messengers from Administration cash 4@25c..	1 00	
	Dues Executive Commission	6 00	130 97
June 15.	A. H. Winchester for cash expended as follows:		
	Express on portraits from Charleston.....	102 05	
	Express on silver from Wheeling.....	25	
	Express on portrait.....	1 60	
	Freight on portrait of Senator Kenna.....	14 87	
	Express on magazines from Philadelphia.....	1 80	
	Gen. Service Co. for delivery.....	3 00	123 57
July 30.	A. H. Winchester cash expended:		
	Street car fare	11 20	
	Postage	10 00	
	Visitors register	5 00	
	Telegrams and express	4 65	
	Ice	20 00	
	Gas bill	11 28	
	Water bill	10 00	
	Electric light bill	75 88	148 01
Aug. 30.	A. H. Winchester for street car fare.....	8 50	
	Postage	15 00	
	Gas bills	15 36	
	Removing garbage	10 00	
	Ice bill	40 00	
	Water service June and July.....	37 50	
	Electric light for August.....	75 43	201 79
Sept. 30.	A. H. Winchester for water bill, ice bill, gas bill and plumbers repairing.....		141 18
Sept. 30.	A. H. Winchester for paid Stix, Baer & Fuller for bedding	18 00	
	P. A. Lighter housing in dining room.....	30 00	
	Less rebate for cancelled insurance policy....	9 15	38 85

	Paid McGaughan & Burr for hanging pictures in June	45 00	
	Less return express charges from the joint ex- press office	19 20	25 80
Oct. 31.	Maintenance.		
Oct. 12.	Official garbage coupons	10 00	
Oct. 27.	Official ice coupons	10 00	
Oct. 20.	Official water bills to date	95 18	
Oct. 31.	Official electric bills to close	226 29	
	Official distilled drinking water to date.....	15 50	356 97
Oct. 31.	Paid David Dick, crating pictures June 7.....	4 75	
	J. Kennard & Son, easel.....	3 00	7 75
Oct. 31.	Heating.		
	Plugs for wash basins and plumbing requisites	1 00	
	Gas stove's essentials	3 95	
	Waters, Pierce Oil Co., 6 oil stoves @\$4.....	24 00	
	2 Barrels carbon oil.....	13 52	
	Oil pump, oil can and oil stove outfit.....	3 00	45 47
Oct. 31.	Gas bills from Oct. 11 to Nov. 1.....		35 88
Dec. 10.	Gas bill 5 weeks.....	80 52	
	Oil bill	4 86	
	West disinfectant bill to close.....	9 00	94 38
Dec. 10.	Paid Gen. Service Co. for exchanging literature	5 00	
	Telegraph bills for Nov.....	9 70	
	St. car accounts	14 30	
	Oil stove wicks	1 00	
		30 00	
	Less, Sold palms	16 00	
	Jardiniere	1 00	
	Oil stoves	5 00	
	Garbage ticket	1 00	7 00
Dec. 14.	Entertaining W. Va. foot ball team when they played Washington University, as arranged by the Commission through Mrs. Brown, the hostess:		
	Ribbons for colors	8 85	
	Cash items	4 50	
	Catering, Doerr & Seller.....	35 00	48 35
Dec. 14.	Moving.		
	A. J. McGarvey for packing, moving.....	5 00	
	W. A. Reno	10 00	
	Great Northern Excelsior Co. for burlap, etc..	32 93	
		47 93	
	Official water bill	25 02	
	Official gas bill to 12th.....	20 28	45 30
	A. H. Winchester for cash expended as follows:		93 23
	Telegrams as to cars and teams.....	1 81	
	Excelsior and marking utensils.....	3 00	
	Barrels, boxes and twine.....	2 75	
	Reno & Strong, professional packers up to 17th	30 00	
	Hauling exhibits from palaces to W. Va. building	9 00	
	Packing and shipping expense.....		46 56
	A. H. Winchester for amount paid for:		
	Gas bill balance for Dec. 28 20@7.56.....	35 76	
	Expresage on pictures and exhibits loaned..	23 35	

Telegrams	6 39	
W. A. Reno and 3 men 5 days work each packing and moving	50 00	115 50
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Board of 6 servants and stenographer for 28 weeks, also board of extra help during exposition period as per itemized bills attached to vouchers, average cost about \$2.60 per week.		
March 27, bills	12 50	
April, bills	62 15	
April and May, bills.....	35 00	
June 6, bills	63 38	
July 14, bills	30 66	
July 15, bills	7 99	
August 22, bills	71 77	
August 30, bills	21 87	
Sep. 30, bills	14 10	
Oct. 31, bills	62 09	
Nov., bills	18 54	
Nov. and Dec., bills.....	108 75	508 80
Southern Illinois Construction Co., for hauling goods from West Va., building, 3 car loads, to East St. Louis.....		220 80
Charleston Utility Co., freight and drayage on furniture, Big Four car 11947.....	62 20	
C. & O. car 9677.....	81 00	
C. & O. car 8876.....	77 05	224 25
First National Bank of Huntington, discount on Commissioners note, \$2,150.30.....	39 42	
Insurance on furniture in storage.....	40 00	
Storage charges	60 00	
Drayage and handling	20 00	
D. E. Abbott, Treasurer, telegrams, postage and expenses, disbursing \$57,781.78, 1/2 of one per cent.	286 60	446 02
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Total		\$5,203 69

Commissioner's Expenses.

1903.		
July 23.	Expense meeting No. 3, Mr. E. C. Gerwig.....	4 00
July 22.	Mr. Frank Cox for meeting of Commission at Charleston, W. Va., April 15th and 16th, 4 days.....	16 00
	R. R. fare paid	1 50
	For meeting at Parkersburg, W. Va., July 21, 1903, 2 days..	8 00
	Railroad fare paid	
	<i>A. H. Winchester.</i>	
May 8.	Railroad fare from Fardoche, La., to St. Louis, T. & P. mileage, \$25.00; ticket after using up mileage, \$13.40.....	38 40
May 8.	Sleeper to and from.....	10 00
May 8.	Stenographer and postage	1 80
May 8.	Expenses 7 days	28 00
Aug. 15.	Mileage Buckhannon from Parkersburg, 125 miles at 2c....	2 50
	Mileage to Buckhannon from Parkersburg.....	2 50
	Ticket Parkersburg to St. Louis.....	14 25
	Ticket St. Louis to Parkersburg.....	14 25
	Pullman to St. Louis	4 00
	Pullman from St. Louis	4 00
	Expenses 7 days at \$4.00.....	28 00
	<i>Fred Paul Grosscup.</i>	
Aug. 8.	Charleston meeting, 2 days @\$4.00.....	8 00
	St. Louis meeting:	
	Fare to St. Louis.....	14 60
	Pullman	6 00

		Hack fare	1 00
		Fare from St. Louis.....	14 60
		Pullman	4 00
		Hack fare	1 00
		Five days @\$4.00.....	20 00
		Western Union Telegraph acct. to May 16, 1903.....	6 20
		Long distance telephone acct. to May 16, 1903.....	7 20
		Western Union Telegraph acct. from May 16, to Aug. 6, 1903.....	4 60
		Long distance telephone acct. from May 16, 1903.....	4 00
		Express charges	60
		Stenographic services, May 16, to Aug. 6, 1903.....	13 00
		Parkersburg Meeting.	
		Fare to Parkersburg	4 90
		Fare from Parkersburg.....	4 90
		Pullman	1 50
		Four days @\$4.00	16 00
		Postage from May 16, to Aug. 6, 1903.....	7 65
Oct.	1.	Trip to St. Louis and return.	
		Aug. 22 to 25 inclusive.....	60 80
		Trip to Deer Park and return Sept. 1 and 2.....	28 45
		Miss Matthews, stenographer, services to Sept. 19.....	18 75
		Postage	2 00
		Telegrams	2 50
Nov.	28.	R. G. Tompkins, stenographer.....	4 20
		Parkersburg meeting	19 30
		Postage, etc.....	6 00
		Miss Long, stenographer	15 00
		Miss Thompson, stenographer	8 00
		Trip to Wheeling and return	24 60
		Miss Tompkins, stenographer	20 25
		Trip to Parkersburg and other expenses.....	47 60
1904.		<i>Fred Paul Grosscup.</i>	
July	22.	Trip to Parkersburg	17 85
		R. G. Tompkins, stenographer.....	24 25
		Trip to Parkersburg and Cincinnati and return.....	28 65
		Trip to Cincinnati and return, fare \$11.20; expenses \$4.00 per diem, \$8.00	23 20
		Telegrams for January	85
		Trip to St. Louis and return, fare \$15.80; expenses \$4.20; Pullman \$7.00; 5 days \$4.00.....	47 00
		R. G. Tompkins, stenographer	21 45
		Trip to Parkersburg	16 30
		R. G. Tompkins, stenographer	17 60
		Trip to St. Louis and return, fare \$15.80; expenses \$4.95; Pullman \$7.00 per diem; June 5 days, July 2 days, \$20.00	55 75
1903.		<i>D. E. Abbott.</i>	
July.	22.	Expenses meeting at Charleston No. 1:	
		R. R. fare	3 00
		2 days	8 00
		Meeting at St. Louis No. 2:	
		R. R. fare	23 40
		4 days	16 00
		Meeting at Parkersburg No. 3:	
		R. R. fare	6 55
		One day	4 00
Nov.	3.	Trip to Deer Park and return Sept. 1 and 2:	
		R. R. fare	13 90
		Two days expenses	8 00
		Charleston meeting Oct. 5:	
		R. R. fare	2 85
		One day's expenses	4 00

	Postage		2 00	
	Telegrams		50	
1904.				
May 26.	For attendance at two meetings last held at Parkersburg:			
	R. R. fare two trips		11 12	
	Chair car fare		2 00	
	4 day's expenses @\$4.00.....		16 00	
	Attendance at St. Louis meeting April 30:			
	R. R. fare		14 85	
	Pullman		5 50	
	5 days expenses at \$4.00		20 00	
	Postage		2 25	
1905.				
Jan. 20.	E. C. Gerwig:			
	Per diem Parkersburg meeting.....	4 00		
	Expenses and per diem for second meeting at St. Louis	33 50		
	Expenses and per diem for second meeting at St. Louis	33 50		
	Expenses and per diem at Charleston meeting..	10 00		
	Expressage	80		81 80
	<i>N. E. Whitaker.</i>			
	1 trip to Charleston	4 00		
	4 trips to Parkersburg	16 00		
	1 trip to Deer Park	4 00		
	2 trips to St. Louis, 3 days. 6 days @\$4.00....	24 00		
	R. R. fare to St. Louis and return, two trips...	30 00		
	Pullman fare	14 00		
	Telegrams	5 00		97 00
	<i>John T. McGraw.</i>			
	1 trip to Charleston	4 00		
	4 trips to Parkersburg	16 00		
	1 trip to Deer Park	4 00		
	2 trips to St. Louis, 3 days each—6 days.....	24 00		
	R. R. fare to St. Louis and return.....	30 00		
	Pullman fare	14 00		
	Telegrams	5 00		97 00
	<i>Fred Paul Grosscup.</i>			
	Round trip fare to St. Louis for two meetings			
	November	\$16 50	\$33 00	
	Pullman, two round trips.....	7 00	14 00	
	6 days		24 00	71 00
	<i>D. E. Abbott.</i>			
	For attendance at Parkersburg meeting May 30,			
	R. R. fare		\$ 7 50	
	Chair car fare		50	
	2 days per diem		8 00	
	Attendance 2 meetings at St. Louis, R. R. fare			
	2 round trips @\$14.85 each.....		29 70	
	Pullman fare		10 00	
	6 days per diem for two trips.....		24 00	79 40
	<i>Fred Paul Grosscup.</i>			
July 10.	E. Doddridge, stenographer		\$3 10	
Aug. 1.	Telegrams for July		85	
Aug. 20.	Miss Long, stenographer		4 60	
Oct. 1.	Telegrams for Sept.		1 65	
Nov. 1.	Telegrams for Oct.		25	
Dec. 1.	Telegrams for Nov.		1 33	

Jan. 1.	Telegrams for Dec.	1 36	
Jan. 20.	Incidentals L. D. Telephone, postage, etc.	5 00	18 14
	Total		\$1,435 56

Amount Expended on West Virginia Hand Book.

1903.			
Oct. 1.	Virgil A. Lewis, part payment on contract for work on hand book		\$ 350 00
1904.			
Jan. 19.	Virgil A. Lewis, payment on contract for work on hand book		100 00
Feb. 5.	Virgil A. Lewis, on contract for compiling W. Va. hand book		500 00
Feb. 27.	Virgil A. Lewis, for bill for traveling expenses and per diem in attendance on Commission on Literature at Charleston and Cincinnati, in letting contract for printing hand book and in soliciting orders for advertising from courts from various counties as per bill to Feb. 16.		164 63
Jan. 19.	A. E. Kenney, traveling expenses soliciting.		100 00
Feb. 27.	A. E. Kenney, traveling expenses and per diem soliciting orders for advertising in W. Va. hand book.		89 92
Apr. 8.	A. H. Weisbrodt, half-tones and electro-types for hand book		319 90
Apr. 12.	A. E. Kenney, expenses from Feb. 13 to Mar. 18 for mileage	\$20 00	
	R. R. fare to New Cumberland and return.	8 92	
	R. R. fare to Clarksburg and return	4 86	
	Hotel bill, 30 days	68 00	
	Porters, telephones, telegrams and typewriting.	8 00	109 78
Apr. 12.	Virgil A. Lewis, expenses from Feb. 18 to Mar. 20 on account of soliciting advertisements for hand book		198 62
May 2.	Tribune Printing Co., advance payment on contract for printing ten thousand hand books		2,000 00
May. 14.	A. E. Kenney, expenses from Mar. 18 to Apr. 18, mileage	\$ 20 00	
	R. R. fare to Charleston and return.	8 20	
	Livery bill to Gilmer county.	8 50	
	Expense, livery and driver	4 50	
	Hotel bills, 30 days.	56 00	
	Typewriting, telephone and telegrams.	4 00	
	On salary	100 00	201 20
June 27.	Prof. Virgil A. Lewis, expenses and per diem as per bill rendered from Mar. 25 to May 19		273 13
June 5.	A. E. Kenney, mileage	\$ 35 00	
	Livery bill, Jefferson and Morgan counties.	6 00	
	Expense livery team	3 00	
	Hotel bills	68 00	
	R. R. fare to Webster county.	2 40	
	Typewriting, telephone and telegrams.	8 00	
	On salary	100 00	222 40
	A. E. Kenney, paid on salary account of Calhoun county.		100 00
July 10.	A. H. Winchester, Adams Express on hand books from Charleston		18 05
July 15.	Transportation on hand books from Charleston, W. Va., to West Va. building, via. East St. Louis	\$27 04	
	Drayage on hand books from East St. Louis to West Va. building, World's Fair	10 70	37 74
July 30.	Two engravings of building for hand books.		3 00
Aug. 23.	Prof. V. A. Lewis, for work compiling hand book, which		

	completes contract		125 00
Dec.	For County Orders turned over to the Tribune Printing Co., part payment on contract for printing: Kanawha county	\$300 00	
	McDowell county	300 00	
	Mingo county	200 00	800 00
	R. C. Franklin, paid for drayage and delivery of 84 copies to the members of the House of Delegates and 28 copies to members of Senate, hand book	\$ 1 00	
	Delivery to City Council	25	
	Delivery to County Court	25	
	Expressage	25	
	Incidentals, envelopes, etc.	2 00	
	Services and labor	20 00	23 75
	Fred Paul Grosscup, for freight and expressage on hand books, packing, etc.		31 15
	Total	\$5,768 27	
	Balance due Tribune Printing Co., to Feb. 1.....	\$2,219 40	
	Making total cost of hand book.....	\$7,987 67	
	<i>Salaries and Expenses of Secretary and Other Employes.</i>		
July 22.	R. M. Archer:		
	Salary 9 weeks, May 1 to July 4 @\$15.00 week	\$135 00	
	Trip to Charleston, Apr. 15 and 16.....	6 80	
	Hotel bills	6 50	
	Stationery	50	
	Stamps for 7 months	8 80	
	Telegrams	3 07	
	Typewriter ribbon	1 00	\$ 161 67
	A. H. Winchester, secretary:		
	Salary for 18 months, from July 1, 1903 to Dec. 31, 1904, @166.66.....		3,000 00
	Expenses allowed for 18 months @\$100.00.....		1,800 00
1903.			
July 25.	Miss Annie H. McVay, stenographer 6 days....	\$15 00	
July 25.	Miss Laura C. Schirmerer, stenographer.....	6 00	
Aug. 16.	to Dec. 15. Miss Napler V. Twigg, 18 weeks @\$10.00	180 00	
Jan. 1.	to 30. Miss Nellie L. Wilson, 4 weeks @\$10.00	40 00	
Feb. 27.	Miss Bernice McNulty	7 50	248 50
	Miss Annie Russel, stenographer, salary for 76 weeks from July 18, 1903 to Dec. 31, 1904 @\$15.00.....		1,140 00
	Mrs. Agnes E. Brown, salary as hostess for 7 1-6 months to Dec. 31		716 67
	Geo. W. Claire, custodian 8 1-3 months @\$50.00.....		416 67
	Mrs. Geo. W. Claire, assistant custodian 8 1-3 months.....		416 66
	R. R. transportation, secretary, ticket Buckhannon to Grafton	1 87	
	Ticket Grafton to Parkersburg	3 12	4 99
	A. H. Winchester.		
	1 book Eastern mileage	\$30 00	
	1 ticket Belington to Huttonsville.....	1 00	31 00
	A. H. Winchester.		
	Eastern mileage	\$30 00	

		Pullman, Deer Park and return.....	1 50	
		Pullman, Wheeling and return	1 00	32 50
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Nov. 3.		A. H. Winchester, R. R. transportation :		
Sept. 8.		1 book B. & O. mileage, Western.....	\$30 00	
		Pullman to St. Louis.....	3 00	
Sept. 15.		Pullman from St. Louis.....	3 00	
		R. R. fare after expiration of mileage.....	5 85	
Oct. 6.		R. R. fare, Charleston to Pt. Pleasant and return	3 50	
		Pullman and return	1 00	
Oct. 31.		Book B. & O. mileage, Eastern.....	30 00	
		2 books B. & O. mileage, Western.....	60 00	
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			\$136 35	
		Less refund Sept. 22, on B. & O. cover No. 78,902	\$10 00	
		Less refund Sept. 23, on B. & O. cover No. 83,651	10 00	20 00
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				116 35
Nov. 28.		A. H. Winchester, transportation :		
Nov. 7.		Pullman to St. Louis.....	\$3 00	
Nov. 10.		Pullman from St. Louis.....	3 00	
		Cab in St. Louis	1 00	7 00
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Dec. 31.		A. H. Winchester, transportation :		
Dec. 3.		Pullman, Parkersburg to Wheeling and return..	\$ 1 00	
		Pullman, New York and return.....	6 00	
		Book Eastern mileage	30 00	
		Book Western mileage	30 00	
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			\$67 00	
		Less Western mileage rebate	\$10 00	
		Less Eastern mileage rebate	10 00	
		Less Eastern mileage rebate	10 00	30 00
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				37 00
Jan. 30.		A. H. Winchester, transportation :		
		Pullman, Washington and return	\$ 4 00	
		Cab and car fare.....	1 25	
		Pullman, St. Louis and return.....	6 00	
		Central mileage	30 00	
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		Less Eastern mileage refund	\$10 00	\$41 25
		Less Central mileage refund....	10 00	20 00
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			\$21 25	
		Cab and car fare, St. Louis.....	3 50	\$24 75
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Feb. 27.		A. H. Winchester, transportation :		
		Pullman to St. Louis and return.....	\$ 6 00	
		Western mileage	30 00	
		Cab	1 00	
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			\$37 00	
		Less rebate on Western mileage.....	10 00	27 00
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Apr. 12.		Transportation :		
		Miss Russel's transportation to St. Louis.....	\$14 20	
		Sleeper	3 00	
		Porter	25	
		Meals en route	2 25	

	Baggage, etc.	1 50	
	Planter's hotel	6 75	28 00
May 18.	Transportation, etc.:		
	G. W. Claire transportation from Charleston	28 70	
	Meals en route	1 50	
	Baggage	2 00	
	Expense arranging for boarding G. W. Claire and wife	13 00	45 20
May 18.	Hostess.		
	Mrs. Agnes E. Brown, transportation from Wheeling	\$14 75	
	Sleeper	3 50	
	Breakfast	1 00	
	Baggage	3 25	
	St. car fare	15	
	Hotel	4 00	26 65
June 6.	Transportation, William Mallory and wife, Charleston round trip	\$40 45	
	Transportation Matilda Roman from Charleston	17 00	
	Grace Wyatt, services and expense.....	23 25	80 70
July 13.	Servants. Anthony Claire, 13 days.....	\$ 9 25	
	Hake Holden, 5½ days.....	3 25	
	Holden's wife, 5½ days.....	3 25	
	Lydia Jenkins, 12 days.....	8 57	
	Flora Moss, 3 weeks	15 00	
	Entrance Anthony, Lydia and Flora	1 50	40 82
July 14.	Servants. Matilda Roman, services as maid to July 2 inclusive, @\$5.00 for 4 5-7 weeks.....	\$23 57	
	For additional services, 2 weeks.....	10 00	33 57
July 13.	William Mallory, services as porter from May 25 to July 2	\$ 27 50	
July 29.	William H. Mallory, services as attendant, 4 weeks to July 30	20 00	
July 29.	J. A. Graves, services as attendant, 2½ weeks to July 30..	12 50	
July 29.	Lydia Jenkins, services as attendant, 1 week to July 30....	5 00	
Aug. 30.	Attendants:		
Aug. 14.	Arthur Graves	\$10 00	
Aug. 21.	Bessie	5 00	
Aug. 27.	Bessie	5 00	
Aug. 27.	Aunt Lucy	5 00	
Aug. 27.	William Mallory, porter	20 00	45 00
Sept. 30.	Servants:		
Sept. 10.	Colored maid, Bessie, 2 weeks.....	\$10 00	
Sept. 24.	Colored maid, Ada Moss, 2 weeks.....	10 00	
Oct. 1.	Colored maid, Lydia Jenkins.....	5 00	
Oct. 1.	Lurana Lee	20 00	
	Annie Mallory, cook, 5 weeks.....	25 00	
	William Mallory, porter, 5 weeks.....	25 00	95 00
	Mrs. A. E. Brown, expense to Wheeling.....	25 38	
	William Mallory, Annie Mallory, Lydia Jenkins and Lurana Lee, servants for Nov. and to departure.....	115 75	
	A. H. Winchester, transportation to Buckhannon	\$23 50	
	Transportation, Miss Russel, stenographer.....	24 35	
	Transportation, Geo. W. Claire and wife to Charleston	38 50	86 35

<i>Servants.</i>			
W. H. Mallory, porter, 4 weeks.....	\$20 00		
Lydia Jenkins, maid, 4 weeks	20 00		
Lucy Moss, maid, 1 week.....	5 00		45 00
Total			\$8,913 18

BUILDING.

The West Virginia State Building was most advantageously located upon that beautiful portion of the Exposition grounds, officially known and placed upon the maps as the Plateau of States.

The early date of the selection of its site enabled the Board to secure the location which of all the entire grounds seemed to them the most ideal, and for it and its environment the building designed and planned by Messrs Geisey & Faris seemed unquestionably the most appropriate, as was the bid for its construction of Messrs. Caldwell & Drake, the one showing the greatest efficiency and most economy.

That the general effect of these decisions and their result was to secure to our State a conveniently located and most desirably constructed building, will, we are confident, be corroborated by the thousands of our citizens who visited it, and that its general ensemble was such as to inspire State pride and to attract the admiration of the world is clearly evidenced by the fact that in any illustration of any group of State buildings gotten up for the purpose of showing the beauties of the Fair, you will always find among them that West Virginia, even should it contain but three or four of those deemed most attractive.

The contract price of this building was \$18,781.00, but as the work progressed several alterations and additions were deemed advisable, as, for instance, the beautiful golden glass tiling, the product of a novel West Virginia manufacture, which rendered the dome so conspicuously attractive, the re-arrangement or decoration of its rooms, and the like, together with the enormous, and, but for prevailing conditions, unreasonable cost of grading, sodding, and beautifying the grounds, the customary architect fees, the cost of insurance, which owing to the rates and regulations then prevailing, were most exorbitant, and such other charges as seemed to properly belong to its construction and maintenance brought the total cost of the building and grounds to \$23,058.05, as shown by the appended report of the treasurer.

As in common with all the buildings of the Exposition, this was erected with the stipulation that it must be removed and the grounds restored to Park like condition within four months of the close of the Exposition period, it was necessary to act promptly in disposing of that, which at a time when all the buildings in the grounds in the construction of which more than three hundred million feet of building lumber alone was consumed, was simultaneously being forced upon purchasers and made it impossible to obtain for it a greater sum than the \$1,125.00, for which it was sold to the Southern Illinois Construction Co., of East St. Louis, Ill., but in consideration of the fact that the Kentucky building, which cost some \$32,000, brought but \$325.00, those of Indiana, Ohio, and Texas, each costing more than double the cost of our own, brought but \$500.00 each, the National Pavilion of Austria and of France, which by their expensive beauty were the admiration of the entire world were disposed

of for \$600.00 each, while that of Brazil, which stood out in its bold gradeur above all its fellows, and in its construction cost \$135,000.00, brought but \$800.00, this Board feels that it did well when no others did comparatively better. It being remembered that the restoration to Park-like condition was an unknown and necessarily an unfixed factor, reduced the number and amount of the bids.

FURNITURE.

The proper and appropriate furnishing of the beautiful building of our State was a most important matter, requiring and receiving careful consideration, and the personal attention of the membership of the Board. That it was well performed and acceptably and tastefully accomplished, we think is the concensus of opinion of the thousands of our citizens who made this building their rendezvous during the Exposition period.

The cost of this furnishing was \$6,345.45, as shown by the accompanying treasurer's report.

Believing that to sell this valuable furniture at a time and place where millions of dollars worth were being forced upon a purely local market, which in its efforts to provide the visiting thousands with rooming accommodations had already overbought similar effects, your Board decided that it was to the best interests of our State to retain such of it as was movable, and turn it over to the uses that may by you seem most desirable, feeling sure that there is nothing in the three car loads but what was well and economically bought, and can be most advantageously used in filling known and developed wants in the Executive mansion and other State buildings.

The cost of material so returned was \$5,866.92, as per appended report of our treasurer.

STATE FLAG.

At the time of the selection and location of the site for the State Building, a demand was made upon the Commission for the flag of the State by which the site so selected could be identified and located. As the State had adopted no flag, we were unable to furnish one. We found that the several buildings of the different States each one had her own colors and this State was embarrassed by the fact that we had no official flag and were unable to furnish one. In this dilemma it was the concensus of opinion of all the members that this Commission should adopt an ensign and State flag for this purpose. The Commission after considering the matter adopted a flag, the design of which is a sprig of Mountain Laurel on a white field with a pale blue border, and caused to be made a large flag after this design, which with the National colors floated on the West Virginia building on the exterior, and the silk flag after the same design was used for interior decoration and has been transmitted to the Governor for such use as in his judgment he may deem best. On West Virginia Day reproductions of the same design were used throughout the Exposition ground as State badges and received universal commendation of all West Virginia visitors and the officers of the Exposition. As the State has no flag and as the design is typical of the State, harmonious in its blending of colors and beautiful in design, we take the

liberty of suggesting that the same be adopted by the State as the official State flag.

EXHIBITS.

From the outset of its organization your Board took under active and thoughtful consideration the problem of making such exhibits of the resources, institutions, and methods of our State as would best comply with the letter and spirit of the Act under which we were appointed, and with this and the higher interests of our State ever before us it was determined that education as provided for and conducted within her borders was the foundation of that good citizenship in which we have reason to take our greatest pride, and which properly placed before the world is best calculated to attract to us the most desirable population of other States and countries.

That in agriculture in its broader sense, and more especially that part of it relating to fruit growing, lay the basis upon which to found the prosperous homes of any number of immigrants under conditions that carry better assurance of peaceful prosperity than can be afforded by any other State in our Union.

While in our mines and our forests were such fields of investment as few other portions of the earth surpass.

EDUCATIONAL.

Recognizing the thoroughly efficient manner in which the educational affairs of our State were being conducted by State Superintendent, Hon. Thos. C. Miller, and believing no one could so well present them at the Exposition as the one who has done and is doing so much to put and keep them upon their present high plane of usefulness, it became from the outset our effort to induce him to unite with us in undertaking this important work, and in spite of his manifold other duties and cares we succeeded in inducing him to do so, and largely to his untiring efforts and devotion of time, energies, and abilities is the great success which we feel was achieved attributable, as he awoke an enthusiasm and inspired an *esprit de corps* throughout the educational circles of the State in regard to this work through channels not always accessible or attainable by others.

It was determined that our efforts should be along two main lines. First, in an attempt to exhibit to the world as much evidence as possible of our educational methods and progress, and, second, through sending as representative a class of teachers for attendants, from as diversified portions of our State as possible, and by having their terms of service as short as would be just and reasonable, secure the individual attendance of as large a number of our practical active educators as was expedient, that through them the lessons of the great World's Fair, one of the greatest of the world's educational events, might be studied, learned, brought back and reflected in schools, neighborhoods, and communities throughout our State, bringing its benefits to the very door of thousands of the homes of our citizenship, as could have been accomplished by no other means and as indicating the wisdom and success of this course we insert the following extract from one of many similar letters, received from the

corps of many devoted teachers who made up the list of frequently changed attendants:—

"I know my visit there benefitted me in my work more than a year in any Teachers Training School I could have attended. I think all teachers, who saw the school work exhibited in the Palace of Education, had their ideal standard raised, and went home with a firm resolve to do better work in the school-room than ever before."

All in all, our exhibit compared favorably with those of the same rank from other States. It showed that, in all grades, we are doing similar work to New York and many other schools that have the educational lead for some time.

This should be gratifying to the State and the officials who worked so hard and faithfully to have even the small exhibit that we did, and to know that in a measure it was successful.

As to the detail of this exhibit, the account thereof by Hon. Thos. C. Miller, State Superintendent of Schools, in his annual report fully covers the field, but through modesty does not contain indications of the great sacrifice and efficient and successful work of its writer, which highly as it is appreciated by this Board, and widely known as we feel it should be throughout our State, both as to Prof. Miller, who formulated, and the teachers, who so faithfully executed the plans, we find ourselves inadequate to express.

The influence of this exhibit it is hard to estimate, as they were certainly wide and far reaching, coming as a matter of great surprise to citizens of other States unfamiliar with, and in many instances doubtful of, the existence of such advanced methods within our borders, while to the citizens of our own State it was a constant satisfaction and pride.

To this Board it seemed that the best exhibit of any was that of the intelligent, devoted, capable attendants drawn from, and so creditably displaying to the world, the teachers of our schools.

No one from outside of our bounds could see this exhibit without having higher ideas of our standing among the States, while to our own citizenship it brought increased pride, loyalty, and devotion to the State which had fostered and developed such conditions as this exhibit indicated.

The cost of this exhibit, from the funds of this Board, was \$1,980.86, as shown by the report of our treasurer.

That so much was accomplished by so small an expenditure speaks volumes for the good management of our State Superintendent of Schools, and the self-sacrificing devotion of the teachers and scholars throughout our State.

We have heard nothing but commendation of this exhibit, and feel a pardonable degree of pride in having been associated with its success, our only regret being that we were unable to judiciously appropriate more of our funds to so desirable an object.

HORTICULTURAL.

The first proposition regarding the agricultural exhibit was to have it include the entire field of all the industries dependent upon the soil, and for the purpose of developing the best line of procedure we had many conferences and discussions with the State Board of Agriculture, the officials:

of the State Experiment Station, and the membership of the Horticultural Society, each and all of whom we found actuated by the high spirit of good citizenship in their treatment of the matter, and finally as a final concensus of opinion it was determined that it was better to take horticulture as the one interest in which agriculturists of our State feel that we stand pre-eminent, and exploit that to the fullest extent possible, than to attenuate our efforts in an attempt to cover the entire field.

In the many discussions that preceded the making of this decision this Board never witnessed better evidence of unselfish, altruistic good citizenship than was made manifest in this connection, which resulted not only in the recommendation by all the parties at interest of this course, but in the generous action of the State Board of Agriculture in turning over to their brethren of the State Horticultural Society all of the funds they had so carefully hoarded to be available for this Exposition purpose, and in uniting with us in inviting the State Horticultural Society to take upon themselves the gathering, installing, and displaying of an exhibit that should set before the world the present success of fruit culture in our State, and the potentiality of our lands from fertile creek valley and broad river bottom to the very summits of our ridges and tops of our loftiest mountains, for the production of the best varieties of all the fruits successfully grown in the temperate zone, and to accentuate the fact that in our mining villages and lumber camps were communities who consumed to an extent that every commodity of this class was of more value at the gate of the grower than it would be if raised under the shadow of the great metropolitan cities of our country.

The State Horticultural Society responded to the requests made by taking up the responsibilities of this important work, placing it under the immediate supervision and direct personal care and charge of their efficient Vice President, Mr. S. W. Moore, and the opening of the Exposition found installed in the Palace of Horticulture an exhibit of West Virginia fruit that surprised even those most instrumental in collecting it, which, upon a floor covering seven and a half acres, covered, and much of the time crowded with the fruit displays of the States and nations of the entire world, never at any time reflected anything but credit to our State, and under the constant personal attention of Mr. Moore and his wife, both of whom were at their post every hour of every day working faithfully and talking intelligently and attractively, for the benefit of our State, visited by the citizens of the entire world with surprise and interested curiosity resulting in a widespread belief in the advantages of our State for fruit raisers, and in conjunction with our educational exhibit convincing them of its desirability to the home seeker, while to our own citizens it was ever a matter of pride in the display, pleasure in meeting the patient, polite, and alert attendants, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, and appreciation of the success of their efforts.

This Board fully appreciates the widespread field of benefits through this display, and realizes that it probably exceeds that of any other influence in showing the world the attractiveness of our resources, to that best of citizens, the small, thrifty, and successful farmer, but it thinks that perhaps the greatest influence and benefit was to the citizens of our own State, in bringing to their own realization the possibility and advisa-

bility of horticultural efforts each at his own home.

The cost of this exhibit paid from the funds of this Board was \$2,000.00, as shown by the appended report of our treasurer, but as much was expended from other sources this information would be misleading unless taken in connection with the report of the State Horticultural Society, showing the whole of their expenditures and setting forth more in detail efforts, accomplishments, and successes, which again considered in connection with our educational exhibit, cannot well be overestimated in its beneficial results, both in attracting and inviting the home seeker from abroad, and inciting to higher effort our own citizenship.

We feel that we cannot too highly commend the work and influence of the State Horticultural Society.

COAL.

As the heaviest of all the material interests of our State, and the foundation present and prospectively of its heaviest investments and future prosperity, alike the best known and most widely sought for of all our resources, it was recognized from our first meeting that we would be looked to by the entire world for a creditable display of our coal interests, and means for attaining this result were at once taken under consideration.

Recognizing that this attempt would require effort and expenditures beyond the resources of this Board, and that in any event to be even measurably successful it must have the benefit of the co-operation of the coal operators of our State, we at once took steps to gain such action upon their part, and succeeded in interesting them in this purpose to an extent never before participated in by the representatives of any industry of this State upon any former occasion.

After many consultations and several meetings of the representatives of the B. & O., the C. & O., the N. & W., the Wabash, and the Coal & Coke R. R. fields, it was decided that each of the recognized fields should make its own individual exhibit at its own expense and in its own chosen way, while anything deemed essential or desirable in unifying these individual exhibits into a whole in the interests of the State was to be under the guidance and direction of a joint representative selected by the representatives of the various fields, his expenditures to be made under the supervision, with the approval, and at the expense of this Board, and this was acceded to and Mr. Neil Robinson, the well known coal expert of Charleston, was unanimously selected as such joint representative.

The work performed under the above arrangement was entered into with an energy and skill that could have only satisfactory results of the greatest magnitude, which attracted the attention of the entire world, and brought the name of our State prominently into the foreground.

To discuss the individual merits of displays made by individual communities of interest, and thrown into a whole only by courtesy for the honor of our State, might not be becoming or within the lines of the ethics of the occasion, but there are few and should have been none of the visitors of the Exposition who did not see these grand exhibits, redounding so greatly to the pride of our people, and cannot within themselves weigh the comparative value of each.

The Fairmont Coal Co., with its model in relief of a mining village and a working mine, each building, machine, car, and appliance being to an

exactly accurate scale, and with all its machinery "alive" and active by electrical workings.

The Davis Colliery, with its view of one of its mining plants within a beautiful cabinet, with tastefully displayed sections of its coal and pyramids of coke.

The New River field, with its scientifically accurate relief map of its entire field, showing every stream and hill, and the location of every mine.

The Kanawha field, with a similar map of its own territory, and a statistical pyramid showing the comparative growth of bituminous coal mining in this country in periods of ten years in cubes of coal on the scale of 1 to 1,000, and to guide the eye in making comparison were models of familiar objects upon a similar scale, the Washington Monument, the Eifel Tower, the Palace of Mining and Metallurgy, and others upon the scale indicated the amount of coal mined. The first period of ten years is indicated by a cube about that of the end of a brick, while the ninth, which is the last period, is about the cube of the end of a box car.

These relief maps and models are presented to and will be perpetuated and displayed by the United States Government in buildings being erected for this and similar purposes, while the Norfolk & Western or Pocahontas field was represented by an enormous section of her far-famed coal and a pyramid of coke.

Each of these displays cost many thousands of dollars to its exhibitor, and an aggregate for all sent from our State of something over \$50,000.00 used from their own funds.

In the unification of these displays in such manner that it could be looked upon as a whole as "West Virginia's Coal Exhibit," there was expended the sum of \$1,270.95, as set forth in the report of our treasurer.

No more faithful or unselfish work was ever undertaken or performed than that of Mr. Robinson in connection with this exhibit, the success of which speaks for itself.

LUMBER.

A lumber exhibit was undertaken along similar lines to that of coal, and the leading lumbermen of our State were easily and apparently deeply interested and favorably impressed with the desirability of a creditable exhibit, a liberal contribution was made for the purpose, and Mr. J. J. Linehan, of Richwood, was selected by them as their representative, with the understanding that the unifying, as in the case with coal, should be at the expense of this Board.

The work was pushed on rapidly, and gave promise of being successfully accomplished with funds in the treasury for its completion, but just before the opening of the Exposition, too late for any other arrangement to be possible, owing to the fact that the forestry space was so crowded that others were waiting to take advantage of any time limit, and while Mr. Linehan and a representative of this Commission was engaged upon the Exposition grounds in making the final contracts for the reception and installation of the exhibits, he was wired to return to West Virginia, where he learned that a decision had been arrived at by which the whole lumber exhibit was abandoned just upon the eve of its consummation.

Up to this point there had been expended by Mr. Linehan along lines devolving upon this Commission in accordance with its agreement the sum

of \$250.00, as shown by our treasurer's report chargeable to this account.

This failure to secure from the lumbermen of the State the creditable exhibit we had been led to expect was the greatest disappointment this Board encountered during its service.

MAINTENANCE.

In the beautiful West Virginia State building, built and furnished as indicated on preceding pages, the offices and headquarters of this Board were installed on April 21, 1904, nine days previous to the formal opening of the Exposition, and from that time until December 22, 1904, three weeks after its formal closing, it was continuously represented there; there not being an hour of that time when one of its members was not in attendance, much of the time two, and frequently the entire membership were there to look after the interests of our State as good judgment and circumstances might dictate.

In order that this might be in fact what in its planning and constructing it was intended to be, a hospitable home for all visiting citizens of our State, it was decided to have a typical West Virginia woman to act as West Virginia hostess upon its floors, and for this purpose this Board was fortunate in securing the presence of Mrs. Agnes E. Brown, of Wheeling, and from the opening to the public of the gates of the Exposition to the day of their formal closing she was ever there to "welcome the coming and speed the departing guest," so that there is to-day few as well known faces in our entire State as hers, and certainly was there no building upon the entire plateau of States where hospitality was more evidently in the atmosphere of the entire place than in that of West Virginia.

The care of the entire building was placed under the charge of Geo. W. Clair, of Charleston, as custodian, who employed and superintended the other servants, and subsequently when a mess was established acted as its steward. To him is due the frequently expressed recognition of the perfect order in which our building was found upon the hour of each day's opening, no matter what condition the endless throng of sight-seers may in seasons of dust or mud have brought it to upon the preceding hour of closing, and this was a fact growing more and more apparent as the season advanced, until at the close ours was one of the very few that kept up its neat and attractive appearance, as it did until the very night of the last day.

The establishment of a mess, for the convenience of the inmates of the building and economy in the securing of servants, was one of the most satisfactory experiences of the Board, and in its workings of very great advantage in keeping all under the roof and ready for any required purpose who without such arrangement would be so much of their time out in getting their meals, while servants who must go out for their board were at an expense that made their wages almost prohibitory. This plan was so appreciated upon the grounds that many other States inaugurated similar plans later.

One of the most appreciated advantages of this mess system was our ability through it to extend to the teachers in attendance upon our educational exhibit the use of rooms and board at prices that were within their slender recompense for services performed, and at the same time gave our building the advantage of their presence in our efforts to wel-

comly receive and cordially entertain all the people of our State who called, nothing seemingly pleasing them more than meeting in this State building the teacher of their children at home. It was also a great benefit to our work as Commissioners to come in daily contact with this observant, intelligent element as keeping us in close touch with conditions as they occurred to their observant eyes and keen ears.

Through its instrumentality were we also enabled to have the presence of our Governor and his family and many of our State officials and representative citizens, giving us the advantage of their counsel and advice and prestige of their association, while they could see for themselves and carry to the people of the State a full knowledge of the workings of our plans and methods, and under the arrangements formulated by this Board all of these advantages were secured without cost as each Commissioner, official and visitor contributed their full share to the common cost, which with board of servants at nominal price made it self-sustaining.

Our work had not far progressed before we recognized that to save frequent and expensive trips from our office, then in Parkersburg, to our constantly increasing interests in St. Louis, it was most desirable to have some local representative there which could intelligently and faithfully look after wants as they from time to time developed.

In this we were most favored by fortune in securing for this purpose the unselfish, gratuitous services of Mr. C. H. Clouston, of Huntington, but with business offices at No. 418 North Broadway, St. Louis, and Mr. Oreon E. Scott, of 817 Chestnut street, St. Louis, and they were by resolution duly appointed and accredited our "Resident Representatives." Mr. Clouston is such a loyal son of our State that although located for nearly twenty years in the office he now occupies, he comes home to Huntington regularly to vote and thus renew his allegiance to the State he loves so well.

Mr. Scott was formerly of Bethany, where his father is still an honored citizen and a delegate to our Legislature, while himself one of the leading real estate men of that great city of St. Louis.

It would be hard for this Commission to express their appreciation of the constant attention that their affairs have had at the hands of these two men, extending on throughout the entire period of the Fair down since its close to the date of this writing in efforts to assist us in closing our affairs there.

One constant effort of this Board was to respond to every request of any kind for information, advice, or help by any citizen of our State regarding anything pertaining to this Exposition, and in this connection few can realize the number of errands and messages devolving upon us regarding railroad passage, tickets, and the like. Very fortunately for our convenience and the welfare of the people of our State, Mr. Ashby J. Smith, the well known passenger agent of Parkersburg, was throughout the entire World's Fair period in charge of the great validating office in the St. Louis Union Station, apparently always on duty and always accessible, and this Board soon found that no message we could send him was too insignificant to receive his personal attention if written in the interest of any citizens of our State, and we as a Commission got the good will and the thanks of thousand of the citizens of West Virginia for

smoothing their way as wayfarers, when it was due to the good nature and kind attention of Mr. Smith.

The Hand Book of our State, so well written and compiled as it was by Prof. Virgil A. Lewis, and so full of information as to our State, was an invaluable adjunct to our work and was universally commended.

It was too valuable to hand to every passer-by as they did breakfast food advertisements and the like, but whenever any one showed a specific intelligent interest in our State or its affairs, he was uniformly presented with a volume, as was each State and country represented by a Commission upon the grounds, and every library or other institution for which one was requested. All not so distributed were returned to the State to be used as your Excellency shall decide, and it is unqualifiedly endorsed by this Board as a valuable document, second to none of those provided by any other State.

In exchange for the books distributed to other Commissions we obtained a large collection of books and documents relating to other States and nations; these we also sent to the State Capital, believing they would make valuable additions to public or college libraries.

Our building was rendered doubly interesting and inviting through the loan of the State's collection of portraits of all its Governors, and many of its prominent men and officials. These were conspicuously hung and added very greatly to its attractiveness. This was particularly and sometimes pathetically true of the many hundreds of former citizens who called to renew their acquaintance and express their loving loyalty to their old State, and they were always glad to recognize in the portrait of some Governor or other men of prominence some old, familiar face.

In addition to those furnished by the State, Mrs. W. L. Wilson sent a portrait of her husband, so long prominent in the affairs of our nation, Mr. W. E. Chilton sending the life-size painting of Senator John E. Kenna, those of Senators Davis, Camden, Faulkner, Elkins, and Scott being provided by the State collection.

All of these were returned to the Capitol at the close of the Exposition.

We were also placed under many obligations, our rooms beautified and our State honored, by the loans of many works of art from private sources. Conspicuous among them, and well displayed in one of the best known alcoves, was the historic collection of relics, portraits, flags, etc., loaned us by the Col. Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution, Mrs. Delia A. McCullough, Regent.

The piano in the main corridor was loaned and placed in position, and kept in tune by the Hoehl & Gieseler Piano Co., Wheeling, while that in the ladies' parlor was similarly provided by Chas. M. Stieff, of Baltimore, Maryland. We need not say to any who were there how much these added to the pleasure of the people of our State.

Conspicuous among other art loans was a cabinet of carved lichens, the work of Mrs. Geo. H. Hill, of Bluefield, which with the punch bowl decorated by Miss Kelley, of Fairmont, which was set upon the same cabinet, received constant admiring attention.

The painting, "Moonlight in Venice," by Mrs. McNeeland, of Parkersburg, the three landscapes in oil by Mr. Clayton Heaton, now of New York, but formerly of Parkersburg, and the painting of a dog by Miss Carrie

Harding, of Elkins, each received its full share of attention, while the beautiful silk State flag, which so conspicuously hung over the stairway, was in its spray of rhododendron, our State flower, a reproduction of a painting from nature of Miss Mary Higginbotham, of Buckhannon.

The one cardinal principle and leading effort of this Board was at all times and in every way to make it as easy as possible for any West Virginian to attend the Exposition, and as pleasant as possible to them while there, and as indicating some of the work performed we would call attention to the fact that in our central office, first at Parkersburg and then at the West Virginia building, there accumulated thirty-two closely-packed volumes of standard files of correspondence, and each individual member directing efforts from his own home office has several more, and we know of no single instance where a request for information, or for the little amenities so common in West Virginia social life, whether in writing or by personal application, that was not promptly acceded to, and the Board would here state with no small degree of pride that of all the many thousands of incidents of this kind, emanating from every type of every class in every section of our entire State, none of us can now recall one that was unreasonable, or that it was not a pleasure to perform so far as our abilities and surroundings admitted, and as an evidence of the solid worth and integrity of our average citizenship we take great pride in recording the fact that in an effort to accommodate such of our visitors as needed to cash checks or drafts, and to save them the trouble of bank identification and the cost of exchange, which during the Exposition period was somewhat excessive, we endeavored to keep in our office funds (individual, not those of the Board,) sufficient to take them up in such amounts as were offered, and in this manner, without any cost to the applicant for exchange or any other charge, we handled this miscellaneous paper in any and all forms, checks, on banks, drafts on individuals, and bank exchange, most of it from people with whom we were unacquainted and much from those of whom we had never heard, to the extent of nearly \$15,000.00, and when out of funds, as we frequently were, endorsed their paper at the banks to an extent that brought the total up to approximately \$20,000.00, and of all this sum not one dollar remains unpaid.

We can think of no better evidence of the integrity of an entire State than this, and wish that we could more plainly express our pride in being able to state such desirable facts, and this leads to the assertion most unhesitatingly made, that of the exhibits made of the resources of West Virginia, none were so important, and none attracted more favorable comment from either friend or stranger than that of West Virginia's citizenship, focused and centralized throughout the entire Exposition period in West Virginia's building.

In one feature this Exposition stood out conspicuously among the group of great World's Fairs that have preceded it, and that was in the prominence of the social life clustering around the various State buildings, noticeable to an extent exceeding that of all others combined. In the Ohio building you could form an excellent idea of the Ohio type of citizenship, in that of Texas one could in an hour learn more of Texans than by reading a book on the subject, and so on down the entire list of States, and among these object lessons in the social economy and ethics of the States

none were more creditably taught than that of West Virginia, and it seemed to us fortunate that circumstances seemed to conspire to keep under West Virginia's roof at all times a full representation of West Virginia's home life, and as a nucleus around which to assemble the chance visitors there was generally some State official or well known citizen, perhaps with his family staying, as has been indicated, for a short time and always one or more Commissioners, and never a day which was not graced by the presence of one or more of the Commissioner's wives.

The hostess was always there, and as has been indicated, some of the lady teachers from various sections of our State, and rarely was there a time that the building was devoid of childhood representing the boys and girls of West Virginia, while each of the efficient servants worthily represented a class of West Virginians in which State pride could well be felt, and the result of this harmonious blend of typical West Virginian humanity was to give her building a reputation throughout the grounds and over the world as the model of State homes.

Our endeavor was to add to this sentiment of a home for our State, rather than an attempt at general and elaborate entertainment of the public, and all of our expenditures followed along State, rather than general lines .

One of the pleasantest occasions on the entire plateau of States was the "West Virginia Day" ceremonies on June 27th, at which more than 700 West Virginians, beside other invited guests, held such a general reunion as perhaps the State never before enjoyed, as there was nothing local in its personnel. This was addressed by President D. R. Francis, of the Exposition Company, Governor Odell, of New York, our own Governor, Albert B. White, Hon. John T. McGraw, and Hon. Fred Paul Grosscup, followed by an ample collation and just such social features as one expects from the people of our State when assembled in friendly harmony, all leaving feeling proud of the fact that they were West Virginians.

Another notable occasion was the arrival of an excursion of West Virginia merchants, giving opportunity to display to the world a type of manhood that any State or nation in the world might well be proud to point out with the remark, "There are our citizens," and later when the football team of our State University came to play upon the grounds a game with a western university, which they won so manfully, and carried off their victory so modestly as to give full assurance that the next generation represented and typified in them was one in which will in no way lower West Virginia's type of grand manhood.

The results of our efforts are now history, and are for you to judge as to their failures or successes, whatever they are they have not been attained without great effort and personal sacrifices upon the part of the membership of this Board, and while we have had the inspiration of many known successes we have often labored under the depressing influence of failure of well intended efforts, but at no time have we consciously shirked a responsibility or neglected a duty.

Our greatest anxiety has been through the existence of conditions at the Exposition in regard to labor and supplies that threw all of our calculations and estimates of cost and expenses out of joint as it did those of every other Commission and the shrewdest of contractors, making larger

or smaller additions to every expense we had anticipated. As for example, in all our preliminary estimates we placed "electricity, gas, water, and ice ten months at seventy-five dollars—seven hundred and fifty dollars." We used only half the number of lights that were wired for and only eight candle power in place of sixteen, as was originally intended, thus using only one-fourth of the electricity originally intended, and yet they alone cost more than we had expected for the entire list and the combined cost was

Electricity	Gas	Water	Ice	Total
\$627.91	\$472.55	\$194.20	\$148.00	\$1,442.66

or nearly twice the amount of our estimate.

Perhaps this condition of affairs can as well be illustrated as in any other manner by relating that the day after one of the most successful builders upon the grounds closed the contract for erecting the great Agricultural Palace based upon conditions as they at that time existed it was offered fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the contract by another concern, which was refused, but although rapidly rushed to completion conditions as to labor had so changed that it was finished at practically no profit; and so in all things cost and expenses there followed an ever ascending scale, which adversely affected our financial plans. The history and facts of which are set forth in the accompanying report of our treasurer.

With our work accomplished, our record made, and the entire Exposition now relegated to history, we tender to you this our final report, our relief at laying down the burden of our duties not unmixed with regrets at severing the pleasant ties that have bound us to you at a time when your patience and kindness toward us is so fresh in our memory, and that the spirit of friendship and good comradeship that our associations as a Board has so strongly engendered in our harmonious efforts must now receive the pang of parting.

West Virginia's building now stands stripped of windows, doors and golden dome and within a few days will be obliterated. If as Scott puts in the mouth of Baron Barwarden in Waverly it be true that "houses, families and men have stood long enough when they have stood until they can fall with honor," we feel that we can stand resigned, if not dry-eyed, to see the roof under which so many pleasant memories cluster razed to the ground.

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Commissioners.

In addition to the matter stated in the foregoing report and before finally submitting the same, we the undersigned members of the Commission desire to add our acknowledgment of the debt of gratitude we owe Col. A. H. Winchester, the faithful and efficient Secretary of the Commission, for the service he rendered the State in the delicate and

important position of secretary and the resident commissioner located at the State building in St. Louis.

From the first meeting of the Commission to this its concluding session his services have been of incalculable benefit to the State in innumerable ways, and we cannot let the foregoing report pass out of our hands without adding this testimony as a tribute to the service he rendered this Commission and the people of the State of West Virginia.

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Charleston, West Virginia, January 26, 1905.

