

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

President's Office, College.

Tuesday, January 12, 1909.

4:00 o'clock P. M.

Present, Messrs. Doherty, Waterbury, Marston, and President Snyder.

No quorum being present, the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Bennett House, Mt. Pleasant.

Wednesday, February 24, 1909.

2:00 o'clock P. M.

Present, President Graham, Governor Warner, Messrs. Doherty, Waterbury, and President Snyder.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

President Snyder presented the following communication from Professor Shaw in regard to field work:-

East Lansing, Mich.,

February 23, 1909.

President J. L. Snyder,

East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir,-

About one year ago the State Board of Agriculture authorized the establishment of extension work along Animal Husbandry lines. The efforts during a part of this time consisted in presenting a plan to stimulate live stock improvement in the state through the establishment of co-operative breeders' associations. In this work a field agent has been employed for about five months at a cost not to exceed a few hundred dollars. The results as given in circular 4, have been simply amazing, and it seems as though a wave of reform in improved cattle breeding has begun to sweep over the state.

I hereby recommend that extension work be established also along the lines of soils, crops and horticulture. I am satisfied that the work of the College and Experiment Station can be placed before the people of the state in an impressive manner that will produce speedy results in the improvement of our agricultural conditions in general.

If possible it seems desirable that these lines of work be started immediately. It should be undertaken in a very moderate way for the first year at least without involving the expenditure of unduly large sums of money till the plan is tried out.

Communica-
tion from
Mr. Shaw in
regard to
field work.

Because of the character of this work, Experiment Station funds ought not to be used and the projects would therefore have to be supported by funds secured from state sources.

The live stock work in progress should be continued and developed. During the first year one man could conduct the work in soils and crops, involving an expenditure of about \$600.00 for salary besides traveling expenses. For the Horticultural work a man would need to be employed at about \$1200.00 per year and in addition to this there would be the expense involved in traveling, demonstrations, etc. (See accompanying note from Prof. Eustace.) The men engaged in these lines of work during the summer season would be needed as instructors, institute lecturers, etc. during the winter season.

After having consulted with you regarding these plans I believe further detail will be unnecessary.

Yours truly,

R. S. Shaw.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the following resolution was adopted:-

Resolved that the recommendation of Dean Shaw in regard to instituting field work in soils, crops, horticulture and live stock, be adopted, and that Dean Shaw be authorized to take the necessary means to carry them into effect.

The Secretary presented the following resolution of the East Lansing Common Council:-

East Lansing, Mich., Feb. 23, '09.

To the State Board of Agriculture:

Gentlemen,-

The following resolution was passed by the Common Council of the city of East Lansing, February 23, 1909. It is hereby submitted for your consideration.

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the city of East Lansing:

Whereas complaints have been made relative to the sewage from College Grove Plat, East Lansing, being a menace to the city of East Lansing and the State Agricultural College therefore be it

RESOLVED that the State Board of Agriculture be invited to appoint a committee to confer with the council to provide some method to secure better sanitary conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee of three including the Mayor and City Surveyor be appointed to represent the council at such a conference; That the City Clerk forward this resolution to be in the hands of the State Board of Agriculture at its next meeting.

W. J. Wright, City Clerk.

Mr. Shaw's
communica-
tion in re-
gard to
field work.

Recommendation of Dean
Shaw adopted.

Resolution
from the
Common Council of the
city of E.
Lansing.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, President Snyder, Secretary Brown, and President Graham were appointed a committee to confer with the committee named by the Common Council.

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The Secretary presented a communication addressed to the postmaster at East Lansing from the First Assistant Postmaster General in regard to the rental of quarters for the office, saying that the government might consider the proposition for renting the present quarters at not to exceed \$504.00 per annum.

regarding quarters for post-office.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the Secretary was authorized to execute a proposal to lease the present quarters for this amount.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the bill of Mr. Hagamier for glass broken was allowed and ordered paid when approved by Architect Bowd.

Mr. Hagamier's bill

President Snyder presented the resignation of Mr. H. C. Howe, which upon motion of Mr. Waterbury was accepted.

Resignation of H. C. Howe.

President Snyder presented an application from the Hesperian Society for a permit to build a society house on the campus.

Hesperian House.

On motion of President Snyder, the matter was referred to President Graham with the request that he investigate the matter of society houses and report to the board.

The Secretary reported the following communication from Architect Bowd in regard to his examination of College Hall:-

Lansing, Michigan.

February 16, 1909.

To the Honorable Board of Agriculture,
E. Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen,-

At your request I made a careful examination of College Hall on February 12, with reference to its safety.

Although the walls have shown serious defects, in my opinion, they have been sufficiently tied with iron bolts as to do away with any immediate danger, except in case of fire, and for temporary use there is no occasion for alarm.

Communication from Architect Bowd in regard to College Hall.

Nevertheless, I would not recommend the building to remain standing any great length of time, as it should be torn down and not left until there is danger of its collapsing.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. Bowd,
Architect.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the board adjourned to meet at Detroit on Saturday, March 13, at 9:00 o'clock A. M. State Fair Office, Majestic Bldg.

A. M. Brown
Secretary.