

REPORT

OF THE

Missouri Commission to the Lewis and Clark Exposition

TO THE

GOVERNOR AND THE FORTY-FOURTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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REPORT.

Covering the work of the Missouri Commission to the Lewis and Clark Exposition, held at Portland, Oregon, from June 1st to October 14, 1905, inclusive.

To His Excellency, Joseph W. Folk, Governor of Missouri:

The Forty-second General Assembly of Missouri passed the following act, which received executive sanction April 13, 1903:

"There is hereby appropriated for the years 1903 and 1904 the sum of ten thousand dollars to provide an exhibit of the resources of Missouri at the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition to be held in Portland, Oregon, from May 1 to November 1, 1905. The money herein appropriated shall be expended under the direction of the Governor of Missouri."

By virtue and authority of the foregoing act, Governor A. M. Dockery, on the 28th day of November, 1904, appointed the undersigned, "A commissioner to provide an exhibit of the resources of Missouri at the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition," and authorized him to select from Missouri's exhibits at the World's Fair at St. Louis such products, booths and other material that he might deem necessary for an exhibit at Portland.

On the second day of December I went to St. Louis and entered upon the task of selecting a representative exhibit as required by the act of April 13, 1903. At the outset many difficulties presented themselves. The closing of the exposition and the desire of exhibitors and others to get away before winter set in made a great demand for common and expert labor, and that in turn made wages exceptionally high. I contracted with Mr. E. D. Allen, of St. Louis, to take down booths, products and other material, box and crate them and place on cars inside the exposition grounds. The fact that the appropriation expired with the closing of the year made it imperative to push the work with all possible haste. At times as many as thirty men were at work. Before the work was completed cold weather set in and this added to the discomforts of the situation. But by constant urging the work was kept going until January 6, 1905, when the contractor announced

that he had that day finished his job. Five carloads of products, booths and other material had been selected from Missouri's exhibits at the World's Fair. The loaded cars were dispatched to Portland, Oregon, during the second week of January, where free storage was promised until space could be assigned for the exhibits. Soon after the shipments were forwarded to Portland I followed them for the purpose of securing space for Missouri's exhibits. I had been assured that there would be plenty of space, and had, therefore, made quite a large selection of booths, products, etc. Upon my arrival at Portland and consultation with the exposition officials I was informed that all the available space had been assigned and that Missouri would be obliged to erect a building of its own. Having no power under my appointment to give assurance that a building would be erected, I could do nothing more. However, before leaving for home I selected in a tentative way a site for a building, so that if the regularly appointed commission should elect to put up a building a desirable location would be assured.

It will be noticed that there is a conflict in the dates of the opening and closing of the exposition as named in the act of April 13th and the dates given by me. The exposition managers made the dates as given by me to avoid as far as possible the rainy season.

The foregoing report covers the work done under the appointment given me by Governor Dockery.

Appended is a report of the expenditure incurred by me in the work of securing an exhibit under the provisions of the act of April 13, 1903:

Sum appropriated	\$10,000.00
Sum expended for taking down booths and products, crating and boxing them, switching and terminal charges, charges of exposition officials for loading onto cars, carting, freight to Portland, charges for unloading at that point, salary and expenses of commissioner, trip to Portland and return, etc., as per vouchers on file in the office of the State Auditor	8,526.77
Balance reverting to treasury	\$ 1,473.23

The foregoing report of my work is respectfully submitted.

E. S. GARVER, Commissioner.

An act approved March 22, 1905, provided for the appointment of a commission to represent Missouri at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, to be held at Portland, Oregon, from June 1st to October 15, 1905, "for the purpose of exhibiting the various resources of Missouri" thereat. By authority of this act the following commissioners were appointed under date of April 5, 1905: R. H. Kern, St. Louis; E. E. E. McJimsey, St. Joseph; E. S. Garver, Grant City.

The Commissioners met in the Metropole hotel, St. Joseph, April 10th, and perfected the following organization: President, R. H. Kern; vice-president and treasurer, E. E. E. McJimsey; secretary, E. S. Garver.

Immediately after organizing the Commission entered into a contract with E. D. Allen, of St. Louis, for the erection of what was known as the "Missouri building" on the exposition grounds. The work was pushed forward rapidly and by the opening day, June 1st, it was sufficiently advanced to permit the installing of the exhibits. The building was 60x80 feet in dimensions, surmounted by an imposing dome, and was classed as one of the neatest structures on the ground, though not so large as those of other states. After the exhibits, which represented the resources of Missouri, had been installed, it was found that the exhibit of the St. Louis Artists' Guild, which had been promised space, could not be accommodated. Accordingly an annex was built at a cost of \$860 in which to place the exhibits of the Guild. The original building cost the sum of \$10,000. Later another annex was added as a reception room for the accommodation and entertainment of friends and visitors to the Missouri building.

Not being able to secure space in the Exposition buildings, and the appropriation being too limited to erect a large building, Missouri's exhibits were limited in variety. But in quality the State did not suffer by comparison with the exhibits of other states. The exhibits were entered in the name of Missouri, the individual feature being eliminated, and were representative of their class.

The agricultural exhibit consisted of the various grains, grasses and tobacco grown in the State, with corn as the leading feature.

The mineral exhibit consisted of carefully selected specimens of the different ores found in Missouri. In addition, there was a large plate glass showcase which contained a specimen of every mineral found in the State. This case attracted a great amount of attention from the miners of the West. The Commission is in-

debted to the School of Mines at Rolla for this case of mineral samples.

The forestry exhibit consisted principally of beautiful panel work made from the different woods found in Missouri.

The horticultural exhibit consisted solely of process fruit and it was not in a presentable condition, having partly spoiled by imperfect preserving. A quantity of apples had been purchased for exhibition purposes. They were taken out of cold storage at St. Joseph on the 28th day of April and sent to Portland, where they were again placed in cold storage until the opening of the exposition. When some of the apples were taken out of the cold storage plant to be placed on exhibit it was found that they had so badly deteriorated that they could not be used for the purpose for which they were intended. One-half of them were in an advanced state of decay and had to be thrown away. Many of the remaining ones were specked, and all of them turned color on exposure to the air and light for several hours. Commission men, whose business is the handling of apples, gave as a reason for the going down of the apples that it was due to difference of temperature after withdrawal from the cold storage plant and while in transit. They also gave as an additional reason that eastern apples that have been in cold storage will invariably go down after taking out, due to climatic conditions. Under the circumstances the only thing to do was to dispose of the apples, which was done.

The exhibit of wool was the most extensive on the grounds and elicited much favorable comment.

The Missouri University was splendidly represented by pictures of the various buildings and campus, together with statistical charts showing the progress of the University since its establishment. The work of the public schools of Missouri was shown in bound volumes and represented every county in the State. No State made a finer showing along educational lines than Missouri.

The exhibit of grain picture work was the most extensive on the ground and elicited the admiration of the thousands who viewed it. The pictures represented Thomas H. Benton, James S. Rollins, Governor A. M. Dockery and Governor Joseph W. Folk. Also the varied live stock interests of Missouri.

MEDALS AWARDED MISSOURI.

The following medals were granted to Missouri by the Jury of Awards in the different departments:

Gold on the Missouri State building.

Gold on secondary education.

Gold on collective exhibit of elementary education.

Gold on timothy.

Gold on collective exhibit of leaf tobacco.

Gold on blue grass.

Gold on collective exhibit of corn.

Gold on collective exhibit of wool.

Gold on grain picture work.

Gold on general installation of agricultural exhibits.

A number of silver medals were awarded and honorable mention made in several instances, but it is deemed unnecessary to reproduce them here.

MISSOURI BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The disaster that befell Missouri at the World's Fair at St. Louis in the burning of her magnificent building, was repeated at Portland. On Friday night, October 14th, just the day previous to the closing of the exposition, the Missouri building took fire and inside of an hour it was destroyed, together with its contents. The loss was a heavy one to the State. The furniture, carpets, magnificent plate glass showcases, glass grain and fruit jars, school work and other fixtures, amounting in value to thousands of dollars, were all lost. The building and fixtures had all been sold and were to be turned over to the purchasers on Monday after the fire of Friday night. The origin of the fire is shrouded in mystery.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Following is an aggregate statement of the receipts and expenditures during the life of the commission. Vouchers covering every item of expense are on file in the office of the State Auditor:

Total State appropriation	\$35,000.00
Total from sale of products.....	234.85
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Total receipts	\$35,234.85
Total expenditures	35,226.96
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Balance reverting to treasury.....	\$ 7.89
Amt. returned by Luke Emerson(live stock premium)	250.00
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Total balance reverting to treasury.....	\$ 257.89