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## THE HOSPITAL SITE

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LOT AT 14TH AND UNION STS.

The Old Trustees Re-elected—The  
Report of the Board is Given in  
Full—A Legislative Com-  
mittee Appointed.

The Hospital Association met in the court house last evening and accepted the proposition of Henry Leh in this resolution:

"Be it resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the board of trustees of the Allentown Hospital Association accept the site offered by Mr Leh if upon further investigation it meets with their approval.

HARRY C. TREXLER,  
JOHN H. PASCOE.

The above was unanimously adopted. The lot is 2 acres at Fourteenth and Union streets

The five trustees whose terms expired were Hon Edward Harvey, Rev Dr S A Repass, Henry Leh, John R Gossler, James F Hunsicker. They were re-elected for three years.

City Engineer Rathburn presented the following estimates of cost of sewerage: 1660 feet, eight-inch cast iron pipe, at 60 cents, \$996; 1660, feet, eight-inch vitrified sewer pipe at 30 cents, \$498; 1660 feet, six-inch cast iron pipe at 47 cents, \$780 20; 1660 feet, six-inch vitrified sewer pipe, at 22 cents, \$365 20. The estimate cost is for drain in place.

Following is the report of John E Lentz, treasurer, and was accepted: To December 31, 1896. Cash received; 258 members at \$10 each, \$2580; contributions, collections, etc, \$1955 88; total, \$4535 87. Paid out, invested: \$45 City of Atchison four per cent. bonds, \$45; four months interest on same, at four per cent., \$60; total, \$4560; due treasurer, \$24 13; outstanding bills, \$3 70. Open accounts, Iowa Barb Wire Company, tickets, \$25.

Hon J H Pascoe, Colonel H C Trexler, Dr C S Martin were appointed a committee to look after the matter of receiving state aid.

The following was the report of the trustees presented:

To the Allentown Hospital Association, Ladies and gentlemen:—In behalf of the board of trustees the following report is respectfully submitted.

### ORGANIZATION.

Several days after their election the members of the board met in the common council chamber and organized by electing the following officers: President, J A Singmaster, vice president, Harry S Shimer; secretary, James F Gallagher; treasurer, John E Lentz. Eleven meetings were held during the year, at which the interests of the association were earnestly discussed.

### CHARTER.

In compliance with the constitution early in the year, the board secured a charter incorporating the association.

### AUXILIARY.

On the 1 of February 1896, a committee of board met with a number of ladies and organized a Ladies Auxiliary, which beginning with thirteenth members now numbers 275. Too much can not be said in praise of this excellent institution which has already by its intelligent devotion to the cause rendered such excellent service. By its aid a large number of tickets for the band concert was sold. Under its auspices a splendid fair was held in Market Hall in May, which netted over \$3000. In November an Art Loan Exhibition yielded \$266. These dues have swelled the treasury of the auxiliary to the handsome sum \$3756 20.

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#### SITE

The most perplexing question that your board has been called upon to consider is that of a suitable site for the hospital buildings. During the year two separate and earnest efforts were made to secure from the city a whole or part of the so called "reservoir tract," but we failed utterly in both cases. Several offers to donate land have been received and a number of tracts have been offered for purchase, all of which were visited by committees of inspection. Up to this time, however, the board has not seen its way clear to acquire any real estate either by gift or purchase. At the enjoyment of the last meeting of the board the consideration of the generous offer of Mr Henry Leh to make two acres of land at the north-west corner of Fourteenth and Union streets, was pending. It was desired that special attention should be called to this offer in the report to this meeting, so as to afford the association the opportunity to express an opinion concerning it.

#### PRESENT STATUS.

The membership of the association now numbers 258, which it is hoped will be increased during the year. The annual dues of \$5 are now due.

The available funds are as follows: In hands of Treasurer J E Lentz, \$4533 87; in hands of Treasurer of Auxiliary, \$3756 25; in hands of Mr Schaadt (legacy) \$3 80; in hands of Mr Keck \$641.90; total, \$9234 02. Of this amount about \$1400, has come to us from previous efforts, leaving nearly \$8000 as to the net financial result of the year's work.

#### ELECTION.

The term of the following trustees expires with this meeting: Hon Edward Harvey, Rev Dr S A Repass, Messrs Henry Leh, John R Gossler and James F Hundaker. It devolves upon the association to elect their successors to serve for three years.

#### PERSPECTS.

Your board has not for one moment doubted the importance and feasibility of establishing a hospital in this city. It regrets that no more has been accomplished than is shown in this report, yet it feels that the results achieved have not been inconsiderable. Besides accumulating nearly \$10,000, the board has acquired knowledge and experience that will be helpful in the future.

Moreover the way has been cleared for more aggressive work during the coming year. It is hoped that the State Legislature during the present session will favor us with a substantial appropriation to assist us in the erection of a building. We also count upon the liberality of our citizens to sustain this beneficent enterprise.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,  
J. A. SINGMASTER