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[SENATE FILE No. 215.—APPROPRIATIONS.]

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE CLAIM OF J. P. BUSHNELL & CO., FOR FIVE THOUSAND COPIES OF THE PUBLICATION "IOWA RESOURCES AND INDUSTRIES."

WHEREAS, The State of Iowa was represented at the New Orleans World's Fair in the year A. D. 1885, in the various departments of mechanics, manufactures, arts, science and agriculture ; and

WHEREAS, It was deemed expedient and necessary by the State Executive Council that the various resources and advantages of the State as an inducement to those who are looking for new homes or location for business, should be set forth in some publication to be distributed at said Exposition ; and

WHEREAS, The said Executive Council not having any State funds under their control for such purposes, did recommend to J. P. Bushnell & Co. that they prepare and publish a pamphlet for such purpose, agreeing to recommend the payment thereof by the General Assembly ; and

WHEREAS, Said J. P. Bushnell & Co., relying upon said agreement and recommendation did prepare, publish and distribute the said pamphlets as set forth in the accompanying communication from the State Executive Council ; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of dollars out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in payment of the claim of J. P. Bushnell & Co., and the Auditor of State is hereby directed to draw a warrant on the State Treasurer for the same.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

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To the Honorable Members of the Twenty-first General Assembly of Iowa:

GENTLEMEN—We desire to call your attention to the publication entitled "Iowa Resources," a work devoted to the general interests of the State, showing the unsurpassed resources and advantages for the prosecution of all kinds of agricultural and mechanical pursuits. The acknowledged need of a reliable reference work of this character must be apparent to all understanding the benefits to be derived from the dissemination of such information. In view of the fact that our agricultural resources should be better understood, and our mineral wealth, manufacturing and other resources, and the demand for skilled labor are comparatively unknown, and there being no publication giving the information of our State, so much desired by parties in all portions of the country, from whom letters of inquiry are received almost daily, it was important that such a work be issued.

The value of the work is apparent as it presents articles on the various interests of our State, prepared by prominent writers of recognized ability, who are among the best informed in their several specialties, thus making it a valuable reference work of Iowa, as will be seen from the following contents: History, physical features of the State, mineralogy, climate and health, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, stock-raising, dairying, bee-keeping, mining, manufacturing, industrial statistics, and statistical tables of population, etc., from the census of 1880; business and commercial interests, transportation facilities, educational interests, new capitol, State library and State institutions, State finances, State, county and municipal government; State, judicial and county officers; inducements offered for immigration and the investment of capital, a complete newspaper and post-office directory of the State, also a new railroad and county map of the State.

It was the opinion of the Executive Council that, as there would be many leading industries represented at the World's Industrial Exposition at New Orleans by persons desirous of obtaining information in regard to the advantages offered for the location of new factories, and as other States were furnishing such information of their respective sections as would secure the industries necessary to the development of their resources, by which many of them might be induced to locate elsewhere, and thus be lost to Iowa, it was important for the credit and benefit of our State that a work of this character be distributed there.

But in view of the fact that the Executive Council was unable to make any appropriation for the publication of such a work, to meet the exigency, we agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that an appropriation be made for that purpose, and upon this agreement Messrs. J. P. Bushnell & Co., of Des Moines, undertook the responsibility of securing the necessary information, and of publishing the book and distributing it at New Orleans,

6 and we therefore recommend to your honorable body that the sum of two thousand five
7 hundred dollars be appropriated to reimburse the said J. P. Bushnell & Co. for expenses in-
8 curred in securing and preparing said information, and in publishing and distributing the
9 work at New Orleans during the World's Exposition.

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J. A. T. HULL, } *Executive Council.*
J. L. BROWN, }
E. H. CONGER, }

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT,
DES MOINES, Dec. 26, 1884.

J. P. BUSHNELL & Co., *Des Moines, Iowa:*

GENTLEMEN—Your petition of Dec. 4th, requesting the Executive Council to assist you in
2 the publication of a pamphlet entitled "Iowa Resources" intended for general distribution,
3 but especially at the World's Exposition at New Orleans during the ensuing six months,
4 has been considered by us, and in reply would say that for the general good of the State, as
5 the work will represent the unexcelled resources and advantages for the prosecution of all
6 kinds of industrial pursuits, we regret that we cannot assist you, as an appropriation of
7 that kind cannot be made by the Executive Council unless first provided for by the Gen-
8 eral Assembly. Realizing that the distribution at New Orleans of the work proposed by
9 you, would be of great benefit to our State, in view of the fact that the great industries of
10 the country will be represented there by persons no doubt desiring information in regard to
11 the advantages offered by the different States, for the location of new industries, we regret
12 that the late General Assembly were not aware of your proposed publication as we believe
13 they would have made an appropriation to publish and distribute the work. If you are
14 willing to take the risk of the publication and its distribution at New Orleans we will rec-
15 ommend to the next General Assembly that they reimburse you in an appropriation not ex-
16 ceeding a reasonable amount for five thousand copies; *provided*, that you are willing to
17 publish and distribute the work under the direction of the Executive Council.

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DES MOINES, February, 1885.

MESSRS. J. P. BUSHNELL & Co.—GENTLEMEN:

In reply to your request that we designate the number of copies which should be printed
2 of your proposed work entitled "Iowa Resources" to be distributed at New Orleans on
3 account of the World's Industrial Exposition now in progress there, we would say that we

4 recognize the importance of the work, and the good it will do for Iowa, in making known
 5 her wonderful resources and superior advantages. In view of your consenting to prepare,
 5 publish and distribute the work under the direction of the Executive Council looking to
 6 the State for reimbursement (as it is a matter which should properly come under the con-
 7 sideration of the Legislature, and for which we could not, therefore, give a direct order.) we
 8 recommend that you print five thousand copies, to contain from one hundred and fifty to
 9 two hundred pages, on sixty pound paper, bound in pamphlet form with suitable paper
 10 cover, and for the expense incurred in thus preparing, publishing and distributing the
 11 work at New Orleans, we will recommend to the next General Assembly to make a reasona-
 12 ble appropriation to reimburse you therefor.

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Executive Council { B. R. SHERMAN,
 FRANK D. JACKSON,
 J. L. BROWN,
 V. P. TWOMBLY.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Dec. 1st, 1885.

To Governor Buren R. Sherman and the Executive Council :

GENTLEMEN—We have the honor to report that, in compliance with your recommenda-
 2 tions that we should prepare and publish a work on the resources and advantages of our
 3 State for distribution at the World's Fair at New Orleans, the publication entitled "Iowa
 4 Resources, was prepared, published and distributed at said World's Fair to the best of our
 5 ability. The work was prepared with great care, much valuable information being secured
 6 from all possible reliable sources, relating to the varied interests of the State, her resources
 7 and advantages, institutions, &c., &c. We believe the publication was well received by all,
 8 and the papers of our State noticed it in the highest terms of praise, many of them publish-
 9 ing extracts from it. We had many demands for copies which were sent to parties request-
 10 ing them. The papers at New Orleans made good notices of the work, stating that copies
 11 could be obtained by addressing or calling at the Iowa Headquarters during the Exposition.
 12 They were given personally by us to representatives of different countries all over the
 13 world, and to the various persons representing the leading industries of our own country,
 14 at the Exposition. It was received and appreciated by all, and the fact that copies were
 15 called for so frequently was one evidence that it was needed. The fact that other States
 16 had similar publications which they were distributing to all, made it very important that
 17 Iowa should be represented in a work setting forth her resources and advantages,
 18 especially for business, commercial and manufacturing interests.

We secured copies of the different publications of the States, and some of foreign coun-
 2 tries, in exchange for the Iowa work, which we will turn over to the State Librarian.
 3 Thanks for the honor you conferred upon us by the appointment of Commissioner of Immi-

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