

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI,

December 15, 1905.

Hon. Louis Houck,
Chairman Executive Board and President
of Board of Regents State Normal School,
Third District, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Dear Sir:

On the 20th of August, 1903, your board entered into contract with Regenhardt & Maul for the construction of Academic Hall (exclusive of plumbing and heating) for the sum of \$174,840.00 plus such an amount as might be necessary to extend the foundations under the east end to solid ground, which in the execution of the work amounted to \$857.66.

During the construction of said building Mr. E.F. Regenhardt purchased Mr. Maul's interest in said contract and became sole contractor for the construction of said building and was ordered by your executive committee at the request of President Dearmont to construct extra blackboards to cost \$520.00 additional. These items make Mr. Regenhardt's entire contract amount to \$176,217.66.

This building was contracted to be finished January 1st, 1905, with a forfeiture clause of \$25.00 for each and every day thereafter until said building was completed, but owing to the tacit understanding that native stone was to be used in its construction, and the large amount of worthless stone necessary to quarry and remove before suitable stone could be obtained, and other vexatious delays that could not reasonably be controlled, the building was not finished until the date of this report.

I am pleased to report that Mr. Regenhardt has now completed his contract, that Academic Hall is now ready to deliver to the Board, that in material and workmanship it is all the specifications require, and that in size, form, detail and construction it is in full conformity to the drawings for same.

I wish to further state that said building is perfect and complete in every particular, that it meets my most sanguine expectations, and I unhesitatingly state that in execution, material, and workmanship it is the best building in the State of Missouri.

While Mr. Regenhardt spent eleven and one-half months more in construction of this building than was allotted him by contract, this extra time was not wholly wasted or spent to the detriment of the state, but to the contrary; the character and solidity of the building largely compensates for this apparent waste of time. I am glad to inform you that there is not a crack or settlement in the entire building and to further say that in my thirty-seven years of experience in the construction of good buildings and my personal observation of other architects' work, it is the only building that I know of without a crack or settlement.

In the construction of the building I found it necessary to use more lumber and iron and labor in the construction of the roof trusses, second story ceiling and framing of dome than was thought necessary when plans were made; to add one front step to suit the grade; to box certain pipes, and some other slight additions; and in the course of construction we left out partition in library, raised floor in critique room, casing gymnasium beams, and changed four rooms to art hall, and in carefully figuring values, I find the additions and omissions practically balance.

While Mr. Regenhardt consumed the aforesaid extra time in constructing the building, it was not owing to his abandoning the building to do other work, for he took no other work or did anything else during the entire period but work on the Academic Hall.

In the 11-1/2 months extra time consumed in the construction of this building, exclusive of all legitimate material, labor and mechanical work, it was necessary for Mr. Regenhardt to continue his superintendent of construction at \$125.00 per month, his clerk of works at \$100.00 per month, and his watchman at about \$50.00 per month, aggregating \$3,162.50.

During the 11-1/2 months of over time consumed by Mr. Regenhardt in the construction of Academic Hall, it was necessary for the state to pay builders insurance, to retain Mr. Page, the superintendent of construction, at \$115.00 per month, amounting to \$1,322.50, to lose the use of the building, besides involving a large amount of work and the expenditure of much valuable time on the part of members of the Executive Board.

The amount of time charged to Mr. Regenhardt on account of this 11-1/2 months up to December 15th, 1905, of extra time consumed by him in the construction of this building, exclusive of Sundays, is 300 days, which should be credited by 15 days on account of extra foundations, and in my judgment about 60 days on account of inclement weather and other unavoidable hindrances, leaving 225 days chargeable to him at \$25.00 a day, amounting to \$5625.00.

Owing to the exceedingly good material and workmanship used by Mr. Regenhardt in the construction of this building, and his ever

willingness to comply with drawings and specifications during the execution of this work, I wish to suggest that the Board consider these matters in adjusting his accounts in the construction of Academic Hall. Should it, in the wisdom of the Board, be illegal or beyond its jurisdiction to relieve Mr. Regenhardt of the \$5625.00 chargeable to him on account of over time, and the \$5446.92 he is short in the payment of labor and material bills incurred in the execution of his contract,

I trust that the Board may carefully consider the advisability of recommending a relief bill in favor of Mr. Regenhardt for \$11,071.92, said amount being necessary to settle for the over time and with his creditors for work and material furnished in the construction of Academic Hall.

I hereby relinquish any claim I might have for my personal time and expenses on account of said over time by Mr. Regenhardt, and hereto attach Mr. Regenhardt's bill in full as per contract and in full for all extra work and in full of all demands for the construction and completion of Academic Hall.

Very respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JEROME B. LEGG,
Architect.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Architect's Report as filed with the Board of Regents, State Normal School, Third District of Missouri:

Christine N. Randolph - Secretary