

Appropriations, Lapse of on Women's Dormitory. Montana Agricultural College, Lapse of Appropriation. Appropriation, State Railroad Commission (not) for Printing Railroad Commission of Montana, Printing and Stationary.

The appropriation for the erection and furnishing of a Women's Dormitory at the Agricultural College expires on Nov. 30th, 1910. The general appropriation for the Board of Railroad Commissioners should not be charged with bills for printing, office furniture and supplies.

Helena, Montana, November 30, 1910.

State Board of Examiners,

Helena, Montana.

Gentlemen:—

I am in receipt of your letter of November 21st, where you refer to letter from Mr. G. R. Callaway, secretary of the Montana Agricultural College, dated November 16, 1910, and ask for advice concerning the date of expiration of the appropriation for the erection and furnishing of a woman's dormitory at the Montana Agricultural College.

The same letter contains an inquiry as to the proper fund against which to charge the printing and stationery bills of the railroad commission of Montana.

You are advised that House Bill No. 162, Session Laws of 1909, page 351, makes an appropriation of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a building at the Montana Agricultural College to be used as a woman's dormitory. The second section of this act provides that the amount "shall be appropriated for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1910." This appropriation lapses at the expiration of the date last named and all bills chargeable against this fund should be approved not later than November 30th.

In answer to your second inquiry, you are informed that suitable offices, furniture, stationery and printing should be furnished to the board of railroad commissioners by the state and none of these items are a proper charge against the railroad commission appropriation. This is in conformity with the provisions of Section 4369, Revised Codes, and is also in conformity with the printing contracts now in force. Class 2 of the printing contract provides for the publication of a report of all state officers and boards. Class 8 includes general office supplies and the daily and monthly accident reports of the commission are also provided for by the printing contracts in force. You are therefore advised that the regular appropriation made for the railroad commission should not be charged with the stationery and printing.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT J. GALEN,

Attorney General.