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tiary, \$3,641.81; at Morganza, \$2,299.26, and at Huntingdon Reformatory, \$1,022.12, making a total of \$9,653.19. The expense to the county on these four prison accounts was \$1,088.32 less in 1916 than in 1915. It is possible to still further reduce the annual expense by having proper jail facilities in our own county. It costs \$2.45 per week to maintain a prisoner in our own jail. It costs \$4.00 per week for maintenance at the Allegheny County Work House. Our foreign population is increasing, and it is only fair to anticipate increased expenses along these lines in the future.

On the matter of proposed alterations in the County Jail, I want to quote in part from the recommendation of the December Grand Jury of last year, as follows: "We further report that we found the County Jail very much in need of alterations to increase the capacity and render a classification of prisoners possible, as well as improve the sanitary condition * * * We think the wing of the jail nearest the Court House should be remodeled on both floors so as to provide eight or more cells arranged as the present so called 'Drunk Cells' and the floor above the furnace room lowered to the level of the other floors. This will provide five divisions in the jail. We recommend a bridge from the upper hall-way of the jail

to the Court Room."

It seems to us that this recommendation of a former Grand Jury is a common sense, practical proposition, and we submit it to you for your consideration. As suggested, it would improve sanitary conditions, and increase the cell capacity for a better classification of prisoners at comparatively small cost. As the jail construction is now, there can be no classification of prisoners. The professional, dangerous and vicious criminal, the degenerate, the occasional and accidental and unfortunate violators of the law, young and old, are all confined practically together, or within easy communication of each other. The evil and harmful effects of such conditions, both morally and physically, are apparent to everyone, and furthermore such conditions very materially interfere with the proper administration of justice.

You may also have reports of Viewers recommending the erection of County Bridges presented to you. In such case or cases it will be your duty to hear the testimony produced, and if it shall appear to you from the facts set out in said reports, and from the evidence adduced, that the erection of said bridge or bridges is necessary for the accommodation and convenience of public travel, it will be your duty to approve the same. If in your judgment it is not necessary for the ac-

commodation and convenience of public travel, it will be your duty to disapprove the report.

In order that you may be enabled to better perform the manifold duties of your present work, we suggest that you make your inspection of the County Building this afternoon, and not enter upon the work which will be presented to you by the District Attorney until tomorrow morning. This will give you more time to think over and discuss among yourselves just what recommendations you want to make when you will have finished your work. In order to carry out this suggestion the District Attorney has not caused any witnesses to be subpoenaed to appear before you today on any Bills of Indictment. Make your inspections this afternoon, and then you will be ready to proceed to the Grand Jury Room and take up your work as presented by the District Attorney.

Now, gentlemen of the Grand Jury, you will have a number of Bills of Indictment to pass upon, including charges of Murder, Larceny, Adultery, Riot, Violations of the Liquor Laws, Fornication and Bastardy, Assault and Battery, Cruelty to Animals, Statutory Rape, Seduction, etc.

You will fix your own hours of meeting and adjourning. We will ask you to appear in a body in open Court each morning at 9:00 o'clock, to make returns of your findings. The Court will be in session at that hour, ready to receive such returns.

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