

San Diego, California, October 22, 1907.

The Honorable, the Board of Trustees
of the State Normal School of San Diego.

Gentlemen:-

I herewith submit a report on the bill of Messrs. Ewing and Ayres, which will come before you. In making this report, I lay no claim to expert knowledge of my own, and rely on the data referred to in the report.

In criticising this bill, I have used the scale of prices for papering and painting "adopted by the Master Painters' Association (incorporated) of San Diego. In effect December 21st, 1906."

I am also furnished by a prominent painter of the city with the following estimate regarding the amount of material used on inside flat work of two coats. ^{of paint} He estimates 8 to 10 lbs. of white lead to one gallon of paint, and that one gallon will cover 185 sq. ft., 2 coats, of inside flat work.

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The number of square feet of painting done as per Mr. West's measurement is 1459. Dividing this by 185, the number of sq. ft. covered (2 coats) by one gallon equals 8 gallons for the entire work. This gives 64 to 80 lbs. of white lead instead of 250 lbs. as charged in the bill.

Again, using the Painters' Association prices, which are as follows: "Interior painting - old or new work - including material," 2 coats per yd., 22¢. Changing 1459 sq. ft. to sq. yards we have 162 1/9 sq. yds., say 163 sq. yds. at 22¢ equals \$35.86 for the entire job including both labor and material. It is but fair to say that very

much of the work is made up of shelving and table legs which would require more labor than plain surface work, though not more material. I am, therefore, strongly of the opinion that there must be some mistake as to the amount of lead charged - 250 lbs. If Mr. West's figures and the amount of lead charged are both correct, by dividing 1459 by 250 I find that one pound of lead will cover a trifle less than six square feet. It seems to me that 1 lb. of white lead when mixed with oil and turpentine ought to cover a very much greater surface than six sq. feet.

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I quote Association prices as follows:

"Paper hanging, one edge trim, per bolt - - - - -	-30¢
Border - - - - - per bolt - - - - -	-30¢
Hanging 48 bolts of paper as per bill @ 30;	\$14.40
" 7 " (or 112 yds.) (border) @30¢,	2.10
Cost of paper as per bill,	7.20
Cost of border as per bill,	<u>5.30</u>
Total,	\$29.00

To this must be added the cost of 384 yds. of house lining, (making no allowance for 5 doors and 7 windows) together with the cost of labor in tacking this lining to the wall.

When I compare the foregoing estimates with the charges made in the bill, I cannot get away from the idea that an error has been made in the number of days' work charged as well as in the amount of white lead charged.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel G. Black
President.

A copy of this report has been sent to Messrs. Ewing & Ayres.