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ASYLUM NEEDS MORE FUNDS.

Even before the Eastern Oregon branch asylum at Pendleton is completed, a movement is on foot for more appropriations for the plant. An inkling of what the coming legislature will be called upon to do in this matter is contained in the following from a Pendleton newspaper, the East Oregonian:

In the budget for the Eastern Oregon state hospital when it goes before the legislature this winter will be a recommendation for an appropriation of \$70,000 for an additional wing to be constructed on the east side of the structure that is now nearly completed. The recommendation will be made at the instance of Superintendent McNary who has data to show that by the time the new wing can be constructed and many ready for use there will be inmates sufficient to fill the same. It is estimated that it will require nearly two years time to arrange for and complete the wing.

When the new institution is opened 346 patients or near that number will be brought here. The hospital when completed will have a capacity of 400. Estimating a net increase of 25 per year and the place will be filled to capacity before the legislature will convene again following the coming session.

Other items in the budget for the branch hospital will be \$180,000 to cover maintenance for two years, the

estimate being made on a basis of \$20 per month per capita. A dairy building, a piggery and a superintendent's cottage will also be asked for.

About 25 patients for the new hospital will arrive here the latter part of this week from Salem. They will be brought up under the guidance of G. P. Whipple, supervisor, and will be placed at work about the new institution. They will be used at unpacking goods and in preparing the building for use. They will be kept in one of the wards at night but allowed the freedom of the institution during the day.

"It was my ambition to see the hospital open for general use January 1 but in this I will be disappointed," says Dr. McNary, superintendent. "Owing to delay on the part of the factory that is turning out the door locks that part of the equipment is not yet here. It will probably be 30 days before the main body of patients arrives."

When the new institution is in full working order there will be some 50 officials, attendants, and other employees on duty. Practically the entire crew will consist of trained men and women, selected by Dr. McNary personally with a view to efficiency and nothing else. He has been given absolutely free rein in the selection of his staff and political considerations are not allowed to enter into the choosing in the slightest way.

Of the hospital staff several important functionaries are already here. Mr. Foster, head chef, and his wife who will be in charge of the kitchen, have been here several days preparing for the coming of the patients.

Esther Stamp, matron, arrived last night from Salem. The supervisor, Mr. Whipple, will come the latter part of the week as stated above. Dr. Tamlesie, first assistant, will come about the first of the year and so will Fred W. Hendley who is to be bookkeeper and is now at Salem learning the bookkeeping system in use there.

WHEAT RECORDS.

All previous records for the planting of winter wheat in Washington have been broken, this fall, according to figures just received from the crop statistical report of the department of agriculture.

The total acreage devoted to winter wheat on December 1 was 1,138,000, as against 1,035,000 in 1911.

The condition December 1 was given as 100 per cent, the best record ever known in the state, as against 91 per cent for last year, with a past year average of 92 per cent.

The same winter wheat acreage is reported for Idaho this year as in 1911 when it was 348,000.

Oregon has 570,000 acres in winter wheat, as against 640,000 a year ago. Its condition is 97 as against 88 last year.

Montana planted 557,000 acres this year; last year, 493,000. Condition, 1912, 91; 1911, 86.

Throughout the United States the area sown this fall is 2.5 per cent less than in 1911, equivalent to a decrease of 828,000 acres.

THE AMATEUR'S EGGS-ELLENT PERFORMANCE.

By Milton A. Stoddard.

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RAY W. LOGAN,
City Treasurer.

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