

OVER 1,000 INSANE  
T ARE IN THIS STATE

WHAT THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE INSANE ASYLUM SHOWS AND THE COST OF THEIR CARE—OTHER STATISTICS.

Gov. Chamberlain Goes Upon Record as a Friend of Superintendent Bickers of the Reform School and Objects to His Removal Unless He Can Be Replaced by Some Man of Equal Ability and Experience.

Salem, Oct. 6.—The board of trustees for the reform school, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, met yesterday afternoon, as did the board of trustees for the insane asylum, consisting of the same officers and action was taken at these two meetings that will surprise the people of the state. The board of trustees for the reform school, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, met yesterday afternoon, as did the board of trustees for the insane asylum, consisting of the same officers and action was taken at these two meetings that will surprise the people of the state.

Gov. Chamberlain protested against

the change, urging the retention of Mr. Bickers, unless he could be replaced by a man with greater experience and better qualifications than the incumbent. He stated that personally he had no objections to Mr. Looney, but that the latter had no experience and that he was opposed to removing the head of any institution unless he could be replaced

by a better man; that he only knew of two men in the state whom he could support as against Mr. Bickers, and they were W. T. Gardner and H. H. Hawley, superintendent and assistant, respectively, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Portland.

The board received the report of Superintendent Calbreath of the asylum for the month of September. It shows a

"The general health of the patients for September has been good. There have been no "confectious" or contagious diseases and the death rate for the month has been low.

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| No. patient              | Aug. 31.... | 933 | 298 | 1,231 |
| No. received in Sept.... |             | 23  | 10  | 33    |
| No. returned escapes.... |             | 3   | ... | 3     |

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|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| No. under care .....               | 959 | 408 | 1,367 |
| No. discharged recovered, 6        | 6   | 6   | 12    |
| No. discharged im-<br>proved ..... | 1   | 3   | 4     |
| No. not improved .....             | 1   | ... | 1     |
| No. died .....                     | 10  | 1   | 11    |
| No. eloped .....                   | 7   | ... | 7     |

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|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Discharged, died, eloped. | 25    | 10    | 35    |
| No. patients remaining.   | 934   | 298   | 1,232 |
| Average No. daily.        | 1,335 | 16-30 |       |

The number of officers, employes and patients fed and lodged during September is shown in the following statement:

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| No. officers and employes... | 168         |
| Average No. patients...      | 1,234 16-20 |

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| Average No. patients                                                       | 1,504 16-30 |
| Total                                                                      | 1,504 16-30 |
| The cost of keeping the officers and patients per the month is as follows: |             |
| Per capita, monthly                                                        | \$9.57 9-10 |
| Per capita, daily                                                          | .31 93-100  |
| * The cost of supplies and other expenses for the month was \$6,797.28, on |             |

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| Account of the several departments: |           |
| Male department .....               | \$ 559.20 |
| Female department .....             | 199.84    |
| Infirmary .....                     | 85.42     |
| Bakery .....                        | 433.15    |
| Laundry .....                       | 74.90     |
| Engine room .....                   | 307.02    |
| Farm, garden, dairy .....           | 114.16    |
| Stable .....                        | 10.75     |

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| Sewing room .....     | 205.60   |
| Center building ..... | 58.07    |
| Carpenter shop .....  | 7.02     |
| Tailor shop .....     | 22.91    |
| Factory .....         | 125.35   |
| Office .....          | 26.09    |
| Drug store .....      | 200.00   |
| Cottage farm .....    | 1,273.38 |
| W. 2nd St. .....      | 2,231.33 |

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| Kitchen and dining room..... | 2,717.81   |
| Expense .....                | 347.11     |
| Total .....                  | \$6,797.28 |

The report of Superintendent H. E. Bickers for the reform school was received and acted upon. He reported the work on the new industrial building progressing nicely and expects to have the

new structure completed by November 1. There are 108 boys in the school at the close of the quarter, two of whom, George Wilson and Fred Landers, were paroled by the board at this meeting. The expenditures on account of the maintenance fund for the quarter were \$8,785.02, and from the improvement fund, \$7,242.65.

The reports of the superintendents of the blind and mute schools were also received and audited. Both schools report good attendance and more pupils are expected in during the next six weeks.

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**UNITED STATES**

## STEEL DIVIDEND

New York, Oct. 6.—The United States Steel corporation declared a dividend on its common stock for the ensuing quarter of one-half of 1 per cent, being

reduction of one-half per cent, being put on a yearly basis of 2 per cent. The usual dividend of 1½ per cent is declared on preferred stock. The short surplus for the nine months, after all charges and dividends have been paid, is \$29,348,000. This is the meeting on which the financial world has been waiting the attention of

**Ancient Willow Uprooted.**  
An old willow tree that has stood at the corner of Twelfth and Taylor streets

G. T. Myers, who is also an old-timer in this city, lives near where the tree

A large number of people have viewed the fallen monarch and several chipped off pieces of the wood for souvenirs. The tree was one of the oldest landmarks in the city.