IN PERIL OF HORROR AT ASYLUM

To Say Nothing of Great Financial Loss by Fire That Might Occur Any Day and Rage Unchecked—Special Session Task.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., March 10.—On further investigation the fact becomes still more highly evident that the requirements of the Oregon state asylum for the insane are such that the calling of a special session to provide for those needs was absolutely necessary. Those who live far away from the asylum little realize the magnitude of the institution. In the Oregon asylum there are nearly 1600 patients. It has a population greater than hundreds of country towns in the state. Room for the increasing number of patients has been the great problem with which the asylum authorities have had to contend each year they have fought the fight of their lives to get a bare appropriation from a legislature that is always endeavoring to find some place to cut down expenses so that the members can go back to their constituencies and say they spent less money than their predecessors.

In 1897 the asylum was cheated out of an appropriation, for the reason that the legislature never organized. In 1905 the referendum was invoked on the asylum appropriation, and though finally affirmed by the people it was held up for 18 months. All these things have heavily handicapped the institution and discouraged its managers. The institution is behind in its improvement work to such an extent that now the wards are so crowded it is actually dangerous both to the inmates and the attendants.

Dr. Steiner's Plea.

"Time has brought out the fact that conditions are becoming daily more strained and the appropriations are entirely necessary for the state's wards," said Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent of the asylum, in an interview today.

"There has been considerable hesitation on the part of the superintendent and other physicians to urge the call for a special session upon the governor. We believe the matter should be left to the legislature altogether. It will be simply our duty to lay the facts before them.

"Today the board reads 1561 patients. Our capacity is 1600. The feeble minded institute has taken from us about 50, and can take from 10 to 15 more, which with its limited accommodations will fill that institution. We have taken every possible advantage of the provisions of the immigration bureau, and during the past year have deported about 20. Still the number of commitments last year was more than 100, and will increase directly as the population of the state increases. Before we can possibly make provision for more room the number of patients in this institution will reach nearly 1800."

Utilities Need Building Up.

An appropriation of $100,000 is asked by the asylum for the purpose of building two new receiving wards. Other money is wanted for building up the departments, which have not been enlarged, as new wings have been built on, so that consequently the laundry and other parts are not in balance with the growing institution. In his report to the late legislature Dr. Steiner outlined his plans as follows:

"The policy pursued in the past of adding new wings to the old buildings as the steadily increasing number of patients required, has resulted in building a very large number of wards for the housing of now nearly 1600 insane without increasing to a relative degree the laundry, engineering department, bakery, offices, apartments for employes and other departments, which are still in some cases no larger than when the number of patients was but 350, so that now the institution is out of balance, these various departments being inadequate. In addition to this the older parts of the institution are woefully out of repair. All this is wrong and short-sighted economy; the need of the institution is a permanent one, and it should be put in a proper state of repair, and then so maintained.

In Peril of Fire, Always.

"The need of fire protection, next to more room, is the most pertinent of the asylum's needs."

In this same report Dr. Steiner says:

"The frightful holocausts which have characterized so many fires in asylums in other states make this danger a source of constant dread, especially since the conditions here are so very insecure against the possibility of such a disaster.

"The protection of the lives of these helpless inmates should appeal to every one and, from a financial standpoint, the state carrying no insurance, the risk should be reduced to a minimum, and no precaution that renders the buildings more secure should be neglected.

Whole Thing Is a Fire Trap.

"Much has been accomplished in the past in the way of instituting frequent drills, placing fire hose and fire buckets upon all of the landings between the wards, an automatic sprinkler apparatus in the basement and engine room and a life net into which a patient might be thrown, without injury, from the third story. At present some of the dry rooms of the laundry are directly over the boilers of the engine room, which is immediately in the rear of the chapel and center building. All this portion of the building would be at once exposed to fire originating here. This is such a real and apparent danger that to fail to eliminate it would be little short of criminal negligence.

Save by Central Heating Plant.

"A further source of danger is from the heating plant, which is by hot water from furnaces in the basement. Here, in cold weather, more than 30 fires are kept going, with woodwork all about, and with the necessity of employing, more or less, patient help, the danger from this condition of affairs is easily understood.

"According to careful estimates by experts in this line of work a central steam heating plant could be installed, which would effect a saving in fuel of from 20 to 30 per cent. The present yearly consumption of fuel amounts to $22,151.86, 25 per cent of which, amounting to $5,537.96, would in a few years go far toward paying for the installation of such a plant. And, even if this should prove to be as expensive as the present heating system, this increased security in the state's property involved, which amounts to almost $1,000,000 and which is uninsured, would be ample reason for the change, to say nothing of the improved service possible from a modern plant."

Demands From Medical Staff.

The medical staff at the asylum is very desirous that all modern methods which are used in the best institutions should be placed in the hospital for the patients. Dr. Frank Griffith, the first assistant physician, who has been with the hospital for 19 years, is thoroughly in sympathy with the proposed betterments, as well as every other member of the staff. It is one of the objects in building the two new receiving wards, aside from caring for the increased insane, to modernize methods of treatment, thereby giving the patients more comfort and better opportunities for recovery.

The other institutions, including the reform school, feeble minded institute and penitentiary, are in need of the money which the legislature intended to appropriate for their use but which appropriation was never finally voted upon, through mistake, but the needs of the asylum are sufficient alone to demand immediate action.

While the special session is estimated to cost $5000, the saving in the cost of fuel, if a new heating system is authorized for the asylum, will save twice that amount within the next biennial period.

COUNTY MAKES FINAL PAYMENT

Completes Purchase of New Hospital Site in South Portland.

By the payment of $49,250 in cash, the county court yesterday completed the purchase of the C. E. Smith tract in South Portland, which is to be used for the county hospital. Possession will be given May 1, and soon thereafter the hospital patients at Hillside farm will be removed to the new site.

The members of the court are now "prospecting" for a site for a new county poor farm, the intention being to sell the Hillside farm, which is unsuited to the purpose. The growth of the city in that direction has greatly increased the value of the property within the last few years, and it is becoming too valuable to be held as a poor farm site, when much more fertile land more suited to cultivation can be purchased with the proceeds.

A valuation of $500 per acre for the poor farm site of 202 acres is regarded as reasonable. One hundred acres elsewhere, if the right kind of land, would be sufficient. One hundred thousand dollars from the sale of Hillside farm would therefore be about enough to buy and equip a poor farm property on level ground.

It is probable that the court will be in no hurry about buying a new site or selling the old, being confident that the value of the present holdings will keep on rising and that the county will be the gainer by holding on until the right figures are obtained.

The C. E. Smith tract, purchased yesterday, consists of about three and one half acres on Hooker street, in South Portland. The county took an option on the property several months ago, paying $250 down, with the understanding that the remainder would be paid as soon as the county was supplied with funds from the taxes of 1909.

There is a fine house on the tract, containing 26 rooms and substantially built. Members of the court say that only a few repairs or changes will be needed to accommodate the patients from the hospital. The tract is on high ground, with numerous native trees growing upon it, and it can be made into a creditable and sightly institution at small expense.

NEW PRESIDENT AT OLD DE PAUW

Greencastle, Ind., March 10.—De Pauw university today installed Francis John McConnell as president of that institution, in succession to Edwin H. Hughes, who resigned a year ago to become a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church. The installation ceremonies were witnessed by a large number of the most prominent educators of the United States.

The program of the day began with an academic procession this morning to Meharry hall, where the inauguration took place. Honorable Hugh Doherty, president of the board of trustees, presided over the ceremonies. Addresses were delivered by Henry McCabe Dowling, representing the De Pauw alumni; President Herbert Welch, D. D., of Ohio Wesleyan university and ex-President Bishop Edwin H. Hughes. President Doherty spoke in behalf of the university corporation and performed the solemn inaugural services. President McConnell stood with bowed head while the words which were to make him president of De Pauw university were being spoken. A moment later he took the oath of office and ceremonies closed with the delivery of his inaugural address.

The new president of De Pauw is 38 years of age and a native of Ohio. He attended the public schools of Indianapolis and later graduated from Phillips Andover academy and Ohio Wesleyan university. After entering the ministry in 1894 he occupied Methodist pulpits in several cities and towns of Massachusetts. From Cambridge he went to Brooklyn to become pastor of the New York Avenue church in that city, where he remained until called to the presidency of De Pauw university upon the resignation of Dr. Hughes.

ROBERTS RESIGNS FROM LAND OFFICE

Washington, March 10.—Representative Ellis has placed in the hands of Secretary Ballinger the resignation of A. A. Roberts, receiver of the La Grande land office, and it was immediately accepted. Mr. Roberts' resignation was voluntary. The investigation that had been under way for three months disclosed that the books of the office were in bad shape, but there was no evidence of wrongdoing on the part of Mr. Roberts, though his administrative methods had been lax. It is expected that his successor will be appointed soon after congress convenes.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING; NO FIRE PROTECTION

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., March 10.—At the school election Monday a $20,000 bond issue was authorized for the construction of an additional school building but the taxpayers refused to provide fire protection for the present school buildings. A bond issue of $9000 was asked for that purpose. The bonds will be sold to residents of the school districts and not to brokerage concerns. The vote was light, only about 200 votes being cast.

ASHLAND HOSPITAL PARTIALLY BURNED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Ashland, Or., March 10.—The Southern Oregon hospital caught fire this morning. Before being brought under control the roof and second story were practically destroyed. All the patients and all the effects were removed without accident. One patient who was recently operated upon is in a critical condition from the shock.

DECREE OF DIVORCE TO MRS. LEAVITT

Lincoln, Neb., March 10.—Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, was granted a divorce yesterday afternoon from W. H. Leavitt, the artist, her plea being nonsupport. There was no defense. Mrs. Leavitt was granted the custody of their two children.

The sides of a new French automobile ambulance are curtained instead of being made solid, so that more than the usual amount of light and air can be admitted when necessary.

VENDETTA GETS TWO MORE MEN

Brother and Friend of Man Murdered at Seattle Have Both Disappeared.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, March 10.—Following the mysterious murder of Harry Joseph Helassis, whose body was found on the Seattle boulevard on the morning of February 5, Michael Helassis, brother of the dead man, has disappeared, as has also S. Damascus, who had been associated with him in the search for his brother's murderers, and detectives who have been seeking the missing men express the fear that the men may also have been murdered.

Michael Helassis and Damascus were instrumental in bringing about the arrest of Albert Fisher and May Clayton as suspects in the case, at Tacoma a week ago.

On the night of March 5 detectives left Michael Helassis at Tacoma. The murdered man's brother planned to go to Centralia to pursue the hunt for others he believed to be implicated in the Seattle murder. Damascus was to have assisted him. Neither has been heard from since.

To add to the mystery, the detectives have learned that before the murder, Damascus and Harry Helassis engaged in a serious quarrel in the saloon where Helassis was porter.

Nicaragua Must Be Good.

Washington, March 10.—The cruisers Colorado and South Dakota have arrived at Corinto, Nicaragua. Their presence is a tacit warning by the United States that the peace of Central America must not be disturbed.

SPECIAL SESSION WORK CUT OUT

Speaker and Assistants Sifting Out Errors to Be Rectified.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., March 10.—Speaker C. N. McArthur, Walter C. Winslow and others at Salem are working industriously to seek out all errors and defects in the laws passed by the late legislature, and will have ready an abstract of what the session will be called upon to do. This is to expedite the work.

The water code will in all probability have to be reenacted in order to make its application immediate. The defects in the game laws will probably necessitate a total reenactment of that measure, aside from the passage of the general betterment appropriation bill, which is also being redrafted by the speaker. There are a number of minor defects in various laws that are being taken up, and will be ready to submit to the special session in their amended and corrected form next Monday.

STANFORD STUDENTS INTEND TO CONTROL

Stanford University, Cal., March 10.—The students of Stanford university have taken the first steps toward student control of undergraduate affairs. At a mass meeting of 1000 students, following the lead of Yale, Harvard and other great universities of the country, the undergraduates proposed to present a constitution to the students, to be voted on March 22.

The constitution provides for the selection of 100 representatives to a general conference, each representative appearing on behalf of a group of 40 students of the university. From this conference will be drawn a committee of five to control student affairs.

The drawback hitherto to the plan has been the presence of Professor A. H. Clark, who has antagonized the students. It is intimated that Clark will be deposed from the head of the present student affairs committee, to give place to a member of the faculty less radical in his views.

Income Tax in France.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, March 10.—The chamber of deputies after a long and bitter debate has voted to impose an income tax. The action is expected to result in expelling a large part of the rich foreign colony here, which is composed mostly of Americans.

INFIELD COMPLETE WITH BREEN ON JOB

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

San Luis Obispo, Cal., March 10.—Manager McCredie is not to have his infield broken up should he fail to secure Jimmy Shinn, for he is already figuring on some way to fill up the hole should the national commission fail to recognize his claim. He has not decided yet whether or not he will grant Ort's request and pay him a salary which he really thinks Ort is not entitled to, or bring Bassey from the Northwest to fill up the place. However, he is going to put up a hard fight for Shinn and expects to get him.

The big manager received a wire from Second Baseman Breen of Holyoke, stating that he would reach San Luis Obispo today. This will complete the Beavers' infield as Johnson, Olson and Kennedy are already here.

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I was terribly afflicted with Rheumatism for eighteen months, and during my sickness tried the skill of many good physicians, all of whom pronounced my case hopeless. I was for a year in such a helpless condition that I was unable to dress or feed myself. I had filled at different times fifty-two prescriptions suggested by friends, none of them giving me any relief. I finally decided to include S. S. S. in my list, and took the first dose while hobbling about on crutches. After taking two bottles I found so much relief I was able to relinquish the use of one crutch, and a faithful continuance of the medicine relieved me of the other crutch and shortly afterwards enabled me to go to my work, at which I have been ever since. I have had no return of symptoms of Rheumatism, although this was five years ago.

Yours very truly, J. O'MALLEY.
2135 N. Senate Ave. Indianapolis, Ind.

OFTEN CONFINED TO BED.

Raleigh, N. C.

For several years I would be completely broken down with Rheumatism in all the bones and joints of my body. I was several times confined to my bed for weeks and weeks. The pain was excruciating and I was fearful that I was going to become a hopeless cripple. About three years ago I commenced the use of S. S. S. and I commenced to improve from the first. I continued the medicine until I got my blood pure and the Rheumatism was entirely cured. Since S. S. S. restored me to health I have not had an ache or pain. LUCY CARR.

THE BEST REMEDY FOR RHEUMATISM.

I was severely troubled with Rheumatism. I had it in my knees, legs and ankles, and any one who has ever had Rheumatism knows how excruciating the pain is and how it interferes with one at work. I was truly in bad shape—having been bothered with it for ten years, off and on. A physician advised me to use S. S. S. I did so. After taking a few bottles I noticed the soreness and pain were greatly reduced. I continued the medicine and was thoroughly cured; all pain, soreness and inflammation gone. I recommend S. S. S. to all Rheumatic sufferers. J. L. AGNEW.
606 East Gambier St. Mt. Vernon, O.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM.

Newport News Va.

Last summer while recovering from illness of fever, I had a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism in the knees, from which I was unable to leave my room for several months. I was treated by two doctors and also tried different kinds of liniment and medicines which seemed to relieve me from pain for awhile, but at the same time I was not any nearer getting well. One day while reading a paper I saw an advertisement of S. S. S. for Rheumatism. I decided to give it a trial, which I did at once. After I had taken a few bottles I felt a great deal better, and I still continued to take it regularly until I was entirely cured. I now feel better than I have for years, and I do cheerfully recommend S. S. S. to any one suffering from Rheumatism. CHAS. E. GILDERSLEEVE.
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