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| J. A. Eberle, $\qquad$ <br> The Dalles Daily Chronicie. |
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There are now nearly twelve hundred patients at the state asylum for
the insane near Salem. The daily total has been running between 1175 and 1190 for some week. The On the contrary, it is on the increas year, and calculations always made for the future on a little larger scale year there must be planted some vegetable for next year's supply, and
more than a bundred acres of land must be devoted to the raising of portion, with all the other vegetable
The keeping of the insane is cos ing the taxpayers of this state an
enormous sum annually. The per eapita expense is not too large. The patients are kept as cheaply as pos
sible, consistent with principles of humanty. People will keep on going crazy, as long as the laws of syllogisms of nature remain the same. The same causes will produce the
same effects. There will be cases of congenital insanity and idiocy and nounced forms of the former, so long as there are dissipated and diseased illy-mated fathers poorly equipped or same causes will and mothers. The and otherwise defective and poorly equipped and ordered individuals, likely to become public charges.
But the writer was speaking of the asylum for the insane. It costs a of the revenue of the state). and its unciease, at least proportionately as fast as the enlargement of the state's the burden, by means of taxation. Is there no way to lighten th
burden?

There is a way. one-third, ss the writer is informe by one who ought to know. into asy lum districts. Patients from a certain group of counties are sent
to a partucular institution, located near. When one is committe trict are informed. They go to the locality from which the patient same and there inquire concerning the or of his near relatives to pay. If he tinds him or any of them able sum becomes a lien like any other tax. It he or they are less able eordingly. If not able at all, nothing to eharged. If anyone so charget thinks himself taxed too heavily, or beyond his ability to pay, be may In this way a large part of the bur den is borne by those who are them seives able to pay, out of their own
proferty or income, or by their rels-
tives, upon whom they would otherwise be a private burden, who are able to pay. There are known to be men and women in the asylum bere at Sulem possessing a great deal of property in their own rights. Others have tich or well-to do relatives Still others have relatives who could pay $\%{ }^{5}$ or $\$ 10$ a month, anil who should be obliged to do so, since the general public has assumed the grea bulk of the burden, the erection of buildings, the purchase and improvement of lands, etc. The most able of
these patients pay nothing now hese patients pay nothing now
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ing of any dues, and in faet none for were it offered. In traib, it is often tendered by private individua's, de
siring the treatment of their relative siring the treatment of their relatives
or friends, or by physicians wishing or send their patients.
The same rule might well be inpublic ebarges, even the crimina This subject is well worthy of con The Oregon legislature at its next
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