

TERRITORIAL ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

Since submitting our last report little has been done in the way of improvements or additions to the Asylum for the Insane. This is due largely to a lack of funds for carrying out the more extensive improvements and also to the want of a definite plan for the construction of new buildings and improvements which would ultimately result in a harmonious and useful arrangement. The plans laid out by Mr. Thornton Fitzhugh of Los Angeles, of which the new hospital building is a part, were not considered suited to the needs of the institution in many ways, and it was thought best to defer the addition of the cold storage plant and other buildings until a definite plan could be decided upon. This has not yet been done and we would recommend that a competent architect having knowledge of the needs of such institutions be employed to design a plan for the construction and arrangement of such future additions to the Insane Asylum as may be deemed necessary by the Board from time to time.

During the past year the Superintendent, Dr. Ketcherside, was forced by press of private business to give up his position in the institution and the Board appointed as his successor, Dr. H. K. Beauchamp of Phoenix.

During the past year the population of the Asylum has shown considerable increase, keeping pace very closely with that of the Territorial Prison, and, as in the case of the latter institution, the net daily per capita cost of maintenance has dropped considerably, that for 1910 being \$.5977 and for 1911, \$.4933. This, as in the case of the prison, is due to increased population and the greater amount of supplies consumed from product.

Superintendent Beauchamp, in his report, attached hereto, has made recommendations for certain improvements, all of which the Board of Control endorses most earnestly.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

To the Honorable, the Board of Control,

Phoenix, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the twenty-fourth annual report of the Territorial Asylum for the Insane, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1911.

Approximately, the first half of this period the management of the institution was under the former Superintendent, the remainder under the present.

There were in the Territorial Asylum for the Insane on July 1st, 1910, 368 inmates - on July 1st, 1911, 370. There were admitted during the year 132. This is an increase of only two during the last year. With this small rate of increase, the Territory is caring for far more insane than its population warrants. It is not to be inferred that we have a larger native insane population than other states, since a study of the nativity exhibits readily shows that we are caring for many insane not natives of this Territory, several of whom have not been within the Territory long enough to establish a residency. To illustrate precisely, will cite two cases - one a woman, age 46, who was enroute to Phoenix from an eastern state; was removed from the train and kept in a hospital for ten days, at the end of this time was committed to this institution. Another case was a young man of twenty-seven, committed on the fifth day of his sojourn in the Territory. Others have been picked up along the railroads too far demented to tell where they were from, and it is such cases that cause our number of insane to appear relatively larger for our population than of the states. Of the foreign born, Mexico leads with a

total of thirty, some of whom are proper subjects for deportation.

The exhibit showing the number admitted from each county would lead one to believe that Maricopa County greatly outnumbered the other counties with the number of insane, but several of these were brought by relatives from other counties to Phoenix to be committed.

The death rate has been high but is accounted for by the fact that, almost without exception, the cause of death has been some chronic ailment from which it was hopeless to expect recovery. There has been no suicides or homicides, but I regret to report the accidental drowning of an inmate while swimming in the lake. This patient had been restored mentally and was to have been discharged at an early date. The health of the inmates has been all that can be hoped for, and with the exception of two cases of Chicken Pox there has been no contagious or infectious diseases. So far as I am able to learn, the first authentic case of Pellaagra ever reported in the Territory was admitted during the month of June. The case, so far as recovery is concerned, is regarded as hopeless. Of the number discharged none have been returned. Of those paroled only two have been returned. The discharge rate is higher than for any other similar institutions of which I have any report. Not all the cases discharged were normal individuals, but they were regarded as harmless and able to care for themselves, and requested to have the opportunity of showing their fitness. Some have returned to their homes and contributed to the support of their families and no cause for regret has been had from any discharged patient.

The net expense for the year is \$65143.80 as compared with 74591.17 for the previous year, and the net daily per capita .4933 as against .5977 for the previous year. The income from the farms was \$12192.35 which is greater than for any former year. Many improvements have been made which added to the expense, such as the purchase of

farming implements, wagons, a modern Chemical Fire Engine, the latest system of filing cases for the office and a complete detailed system of book-keeping. Complete clinical records of the inmates will be introduced with the ensuing year. In the past the work has been too great for the superintendent, unaided, to keep clinical records of the patients, and an assistant that is able to fill them is difficult to secure and retain at the present salary paid. However, the services of a trained psychiatrist has been secured in the person of Dr. G. W. Stephens who has been assistant physician for the past three years at the Eastern Mississippi Insane Hospital. He comes highly recommended and, no doubt, his assistance will contribute materially for the betterment of the institution.

For the ensuing year, the following estimated expenditures are advisable for the most efficient and economical administration:

Fire proof ward building,	\$23000.00
Addition to the general dining room and new bakery, oven, dairy and cold storage,	7539.00
Machinery for cold storage	5000.00
Repair of water tower and tank not to exceed	600.00
Repair to boilers and engine room and laundry,	2100.00
Painting and repairing of old buildings	2500.00
Reinforced concrete barn	5000.00
Centrifugal pump and electric motor, with new water mains for fire protection,	3000.00
Hydro-therapeutic room and equipment,	5000.00
Improvement to lawn, trees, shrubery, grading, etc.	1000.00

There are many betterments mapped out for the future but they cannot be hurried, as it will require time and labor to reach the goal of our ambitions. There is always something to be constructed and re-

paired about an institution of this kind, therefore, one can never be
consoled with the fact that everything is complete and there is nothing
further to be done.

I thank you for your past support and kind consideration, and
may my administration in the future merit its continuation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. Beachamp, H. D.

Superintendent.