

STATE ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE

On September 5, 1911, fire, caused by the dropping of hot solder into the dust of an air shaft by plumbers, destroyed the center and east wing of the main building. The Board collected \$25,000.00 insurance. The question then was whether it would be better to reconstruct the old building or erect a new one.

The old building was composed of two four-inch brick walls with a four-inch air space between; and it was decided that the best results could be obtained by filling the air space with concrete, and making all floors and stairways of the same material, thus producing a very substantial fire-proof structure at a cost of about \$60,000.00.

The Board deemed it advisable to do the work on force account, as it would be impossible to estimate the work done in repairing the building closely enough to make it economical for the Territory, and safe for the Contractor, on any other basis. Also, the Territory had contracts for supplies and special freight rates thereon, which would make the cost of material lower than that at which it could be furnished by a contractor.

A contract was, therefore, entered into with George H. Gallagher to furnish all plans, tools and appliances and superintendent the reconstruction at 10% of the cost of same.

The east wing and the central part of the building, which were the only parts destroyed by fire, have been completed; and the work of reconstructing the west wing to conform to the rest of the building, and the construction of

a porch along the front of the building are now in progress, and will be completed within a few months.

The Officials of the Asylum, and the Board of Control, have been for some time aware of the need of an administration building, and on January 6th the plans of Royal W. Lescher for the construction of such an edifice were accepted, and the bid of George H. Gallagher of \$16,893.00 for construction of this building was accepted on February 8, 1912. The building will be completed and occupied by the first of November. This will provide quarters for the Superintendent's family, executive offices, and recreation rooms for the attendants.

On February 14th, Dr. A. C. Kingsley became Superintendent, succeeding Dr. H. K. Beauchamp. The work at the Asylum has been reorganized, much attention being given to the gardening, dairying and poultry departments in order to provide as nutritious a diet as possible--that being one of the prime factors in the treatment of insanity. Other changes have been made tending toward increased efficiency and economy in other departments.

There were in the Asylum on June 30, 1911, 370 patients. On June 30, 1912, there were 375 patients, an increase of 5. The cost of maintenance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, was \$65,143.80; and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, \$67,020.22, being an increase of \$1,876.42. This is really in the nature of a decreased expenditure in cost of maintenance when the increased expenditures, resulting from the fire, are taken into account.

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Office of the Superintendent.

Phoenix, Arizona, June 30, 1912.

To the Honorable Board of Control,

Phoenix, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

I beg leave to submit the twenty-fifth annual report of the Arizona State Hospital for the Insane, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912.

In submitting this report I wish to remind you that, as I have only been in charge of the institution for three months, it has been impossible for me to familiarize myself with every detail, consequently should this report be more or less incomplete I have but one excuse to offer.

There were in the hospital on June 30th, 1911, 370 patients; on July 1st, 1912 there were 375 patients; being an increase of 5.

In regard to the discharged and paroled and death rate, I will simply call your attention to the appropriate tables which follow.

I find no record in the past, or has there been during my administration, of an epidemic of any kind.

Complete case records are being obtained of every patient in the institution and through these records, when we have sufficient room, we will be able to segregate, properly, our different forms of insanity.

I wish to call attention to the improvement contemplated and made possible by an appropriation of the Legislature of \$15,000.:

The installation of an Ice & Cold Storage plant,--  
\$2500.

Installation of new 30 H-P boiler, \$2500.

Hydro-Therapeutic outfit, \$2600.

New roof to Hospital Building, \$3000.

Inter-communicating Telephone system, \$300.

Remodeling of the East and West wings of Hospital building, at a nominal cost, as work is being done by our employees and patients, \$150.

Furniture for Administration and remodeled part of Main buildings, \$1600.

These with the minor improvements which appear from time to time will, I think, consume our appropriation.

I wish to thank all members of the Board for the encouragement and support I have received and trust my labors may meet with your approval.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Kingsley, M. D.

Superintendent.

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