

## DR. A. E. ROCKEY DEFENDS HOSPITAL

Marquam Hill Site Said to Be  
Well Chosen.

### COUNTY BOARD LAUDED

Great Possibilities Seen in Future  
of Portland as Medical  
Center.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—(To the Editor.)—When the activities of the present day have passed into history and the errors of judgment are forgotten, the present board of county commissioners will be held in grateful remembrance for their wisdom and foresight in locating the county hospital in the medical center on Marquam hill, and in building this splendid first unit just as they have.

From the columns of your esteemed newspaper I learn that it is to cost a million dollars. As a taxpayer I am highly pleased with my share of the investment. I have no doubt that we, the people, will get more real value for that particular million than for any money we will spend in the present generation.

Its possibilities have been recognized and approved by some of our best citizens. They followed and inspired, as did the board of county commissioners, the plan of the late Dr. Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie for a great medical center for Portland.

**Board Listens to Reason.**  
I know that to a man the commissioners were at first opposed to it, but the one fact that must establish their character as sound is that they were willing to listen to reason. Dr. Mackenzie had the vision when he persuaded the directors of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. to donate the land. He was sustained with the legislature by raising a sum by private subscription equal to their appropriation for the construction of the first unit of the medical school.

Were the county commissioners wrong in following the way up the hill, that our best citizens had marked with dollar signs when Dr. Mackenzie made good his promise to the legislature? We think not. One of their acts much criticized in large type is a provision that the building shall revert to the medical school, if it is not used as a hospital. What could be more just than such an arrangement, both to the state and county? Not 30 days, not 30 minutes, in the centuries that have passed since they were founded, have the famous hospitals of the European capitals ceased their activities as hospitals. They have the sick, and in giving shelter and comfort to the dying.

**Concrete Buildings Praised.**  
Let us be grateful to providence that our great medical center is having its beginning in an era of concrete construction. One thousand two hundred years from now the Multnomah county hospital in its lofty position may be caring for the sick. The Pantheon in Rome was built of concrete more than 2000 years ago, and is still in daily use as a church. The purchase of X-ray apparatus has been criticized. I know some things about this. I know that Dr. Dorrin Palmer, who made the selection and who devotes time to the supervision of the radiographic department of the county hospital without monetary reward, is one of the most skillful radiographers in our community, and an absolutely honest man. I know that the Victor corporation, which built the plant, make radiographic apparatus of the finest quality.

**Apparatus Good for Years.**  
The greatest single improvement since Roentgen's discovery was the interrupterless transformer. The first machine made by Snook 12 years ago is still in daily use at the Massachusetts general hospital, notwithstanding improvements in minor parts. I have no doubt that the apparatus purchased by the commissioners will be in daily service for at least a quarter century to come. Let us hope that some new principle may be discovered by that time. If not, we can continue to use this for another generation.

The most efficient and successful municipal hospital on the American continent is the Vancouver general hospital at Vancouver, B. C. It cost more than a million dollars, and accommodates more than a thousand patients in a city less than half the size of ours.

But why so many patients in a municipal hospital in so small a community? It is this. All classes are received there. The county pays a per diem for indigent patients. It contributes to the cost of those who cannot pay a full rate.

**All Pay If They Can.**  
Those who are able to pay do so in privately owned hospitals, and the wealthy may pay \$10 a day, or more, according to their accommodations. The profit on their fees helps to carry the hospital expense. The advantages of this plan, the absolute demonstration of its success in Vancouver, would require an article rather than a paragraph. Suffice it here to say that Oregon has now on her statute books a law which enables Multnomah county to produce the same results here.

Sponsored by Dr. E. F. Geary, then county physician, and ably aided by Dr. Harry Cliff, his associate then and present incumbent of that office, Mrs. Alta Spalding, then matron of the county hospital, now manager of the Portland Woman's hospital, circulated a petition to have such a law passed. The petition was signed by 300 managers of the largest corporations, principal merchants, taxpayers and persons of influence and high standing in our community.

**Bill Passed Unanimously.**  
The bill passed without a dissenting vote. It is as follows: Section 225, Oregon laws, Olson's code. "That the county court, consisting of the county judge and the commissioners in any county in the state of Oregon is hereby authorized to arrange, maintain and operate a hospital where the poor of the county may be treated and cared for."

class of service which always surrounds a medical school to have it without being pauperized either by implication of mendacity or actually by excessive cost of private service.

**Criticisms Are Questioned.**  
I am sure The Oregonian would not willfully do anything to the detriment of such a splendid enterprise as has been started by Dr. Mackenzie, and yet I fear that some of the criticisms may have that effect. After Dr. Mackenzie's untimely death, his associates recognized the importance of carrying on his work, and the committee, known as the Oregon University Medical Center Memorial Aid committee, were appointed, and have organized for work. The committee consists of P. L. Campbell, J. D. Farrell, W. D. Wheelwright, J. N. Teal, W. B. Ayer, A. L. Mills, and Drs. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Tucker, C. J. Smith, R. B. Dilworth, Lawrence Soling, and A. E. Rockey.

Other hospitals are projected in this group and it is anticipated that they will be a duplication here of what has already taken place around Johns Hopkins medical school and hospital and Harvard medical school in Boston, associated with that, in addition to the Massachusetts general hospital, the Boston city hospital, and the women's free hospital.

**Many Hospitals on Grounds.**  
There are on the grounds the Peter Bent Brigham hospital, the Thomas Morgan Roach Memorial hospital for infants, the children's hospital and the Huntington hospital for cancer research with endowments totaling many millions of dollars.

Our own medical center has a future equal to this and even greater. It is among the possibilities that the state at the present session of the legislature will endorse the plan of a state reconstruction hospital.

The need of such an institution was recognized by Dr. Mackenzie, and framed by him into a bill, which narrowly missed adoption by popular vote. In this failure credit may be given to some captious and undeserved criticism of a plan which had much wisdom in it, and which would come if the state is to realize that maximum efficiency in treatment to which injured persons are entitled. It is the common economic necessity, or rather the necessity is here now.

Let us have commendation for the foresight which the commissioners so well deserve. Let us admit that they are human, and may possibly have made some mistakes. Few of us get along without them. Let us spend some columns in stimulating effort in the carrying out of Dr. Mackenzie's plans. Let us ask charitably disposed persons to give money, bequeath estates and help in every way to uphold institutions for the betterment of health and the relief of suffering.

A. E. ROCKEY.  
Grain Hearing Is Set.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Hearings on legislation to regulate grain exchanges and dealing in grain futures will be held by the house agriculture committee beginning January 4.

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### HOUSE FAVORS ROAD BILL

LEADERS PROMISE TO BACK  
MEASURE OF CHAMBERLAIN.

Funds Would Be Provided for Two  
Years Instead of Five.

Total Is Cut.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—J. E. Bean of Eugene, who returned last night from Washington, D. C., where he was several weeks ago in the interests of the Chamberlain road bill, designed to aid the public land states of the west in building highways, today received a telegram from Representative McArthur stating he had received assurance from Chairman Mondell of the house committee on public highways that the bill, which provides for the construction of roads for two years instead of five, as provided in the Chamberlain bill, and the aggregate amount might be cut from \$100,000,000 to \$75,000,000 or even \$50,000,000, on account of the number of national projects that are being completed and on account of the general attitude of congress at

the present time regarding large appropriations.  
Mr. Bean went to Washington with Highway Commissioner E. B. Kidd and Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn to attend the meeting of the National Highway association, which convened to discuss highway problems in general. Mr. Bean while there was successful in having placed a clause in the resolutions passed by the highway association endorsing the Chamberlain bill.

### LIQUOR AND JOB ISSUE

Court Rules Once Drunk Is Not  
Enough to Discharge Employee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A single act of drunkenness is not sufficient to justify the discharge of an employee who is under contract, two justices of the supreme court held in a decision today. A third justice dissented and declared a single act of drunkenness during business hours "is inexcusable."  
The decision was given at an appellate term of supreme court, in a suit brought by Frederick W. Herbert, a real estate agent, against his employers, who had discharged him because he was found drunk.  
"The day may come," he added, "when intoxication will be such a cause for disgrace that a single instance of it will be sufficient to justify discharge, but the court declared that day is not yet here."

### MILLION IN LONDON IDLE

EVEN PICCADILLY CAN NOT ESCAPE  
GLUM.

Ex-Army Officers' Wear Masks to  
Conceal Identity While Beg-  
ging in Streets.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The United Kingdom as a whole was facing a far from cheerful holiday season with the grim situation in Ireland and the desperate want which has invaded homes by scores of thousands throughout the kingdom due to unemployment.  
It was estimated today that at least a million people are without work, and London's east end was looking sadly and longingly toward the luxury of the west end.  
Even the gay throngs in Piccadilly could not escape the haunting look of women who ask for pennies by the curb or of ex-army officers in war-stained, tattered uniforms who ground out music from hurdy-gurdies, while they watched through the slits of the masks they wore to hide their identity.

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