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"Camp White Elephant"

Synchronizing with the visit of Sen. Lew Wallace to Washington comes announcement that the War Assets administration will hold up disposition of Camp White for 30 days to give the state the opportunity to acquire it. Wallace and the Oregon Journal have been thumping for use of Camp White as a state hospital, but a special committee named to investigate the project advised the board of control against it. On the basis of this report Gov. Earl Snell vetoed a measure to require the board to take it over and operate it.

On the surface the proposition looks plausible. Here is a plant which cost the government millions of dollars to build that is offered the state free of charge. It would provide beds for from 1,500 to 2,000 patients and if acquired would permit the quick evacuation of patients from the present overcrowded state institution in Salem.

Further examination however makes the deal look impracticable. The plant was built for an army hospital, not a mental hospital. It is laid out in wings that run over a wide territory. It is situated in a virtual adobe desert. The cost of converting and operating the plant would be excessive. Its surroundings are not inviting. Its capacity is much beyond the state's present need.

We incline to agree with Gov. Snell that the state would be better off to select an attractive spot in southern Oregon and erect a hospital particularly designed for the care of mentally ill persons, planned to permit future expansion as needs require. At the end of 20 years the state would probably be much money ahead. The new plant would still have many years of life while maintenance on Camp White would become very heavy by that time.

If the veterans administration which runs hospitals all over the country can't make use of Camp White it is hard to see how it would be practicable for the state to use it. The criticism heaped on Gov. Snell by Wallace and the Portland Journal is unjust. His judgment is supported by the action of the board of control and by the report of a competent and unprejudiced commission, and should be sustained by public opinion.

Partition in India

Failure of Hindus and Moslems in India to work together in setting up a government for independent India brings report that division of the country is coming. Hindus who number 260 million and occupy the most of the sub-continent would have a country called Hindustan while regions ruled by Moslems who number 90,000,000 would be called Pakistan. Just what would happen to the several independent principalities is not certain.

But partition brings many serious problems. Moslems are not a territorial unit. They are strongest in northwest and northeast India, widely separated areas with no corridor of union. Also this question arises: Will provinces themselves be partitioned or will there be mass migrations ordered to get Moslems in Pakistan and Hindus in Hindustan?

Another worry is over the army in which Hindus, Moslems, Sikhs are enrolled side by side. Will the army be divided according to their religions? If so this means the ruin of the Indian army say the officers who have trained and directed it. And what about the navy? Pakistan has a short, Hindustan a long coastline. Will the navy be divided on the basis of length of coastline or on some other ratio? Finally who will pay army pensions which amount to \$36,000,000 a year?

Britain which found it impossible or unwise to stay longer in India now finds it almost impossible to withdraw, because of the imminence of civil war. The questions raised are not theoretical but practical and immediate when partition talk gets down to partition agreement. Tensions in India run high and those best informed on the situation are deeply fearful that withdrawal of British authority and troops may plunge India with its 400,000,000 inhabitants into armed conflict.

Views of the West

A treat is in store for the forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce Monday when moving pictures showing tourist attractions of the state will be shown. They have been prepared by Standard Oil Co. of California as part of its contribution to the promotion of tourist travel. Another of its features is its 1947 series of scenic views of the west being distributed to its patrons. Oregon views in the series include Crater lake, Willamette mountains, Hecla head on the coast and McKenzie river.

It is good business, for the oil companies to publicize the west, and it helps make good business for others who cater to travel by automobile. June will see the opening of the vacation season, so very soon the tourist flood will be rolling. We in Oregon should be alert to give a cordial welcome to our visitors, proving that hospitality increases the farther west they travel. Besides seeing the west they should get to know western people.

Klamath Falls is chagrined over the name chosen for the new school to be installed in the former marine barracks there, "Oregon Vocational School." Its Cofer manager has wired the governor that the name "gives the impression of an unimportant institution on the high school level and lacks appeal to draw students wishing advanced training." "Polytechnic Institute" might sound more high-falutin' but "vocational" is what the legislation reads.

A brunette was chosen Portland's Rosaria queen but that doesn't bar blondes and red-heads from Salem's Cherry festival.

Britain's ambassador to the U. S. has been named an admiral in Nebraska's navy. Probably his flag will be hoisted on a bath tub.

It's nice of General Motors to manufacture that "train of tomorrow" but a lot of people are still waiting for that "car of today."

With a spring like this, there isn't much chance of any new high grade records being set in next week's school exams.

It'll take more than an order and a threat to cut the flight time of Salem's major speed-law violators.

A columnist says he still likes Iowa even if Henry Wallace did come from there. A la Oregon, Morse and the old-line GOP.

If this unseasonal weather keeps up Portland will have to use fall asters for decorations at its rose festival.

Olivia Dionne says he will not dictate the future of his 13-year-old quintuplets. At 13, nobody can dictate nothing, if any.

Russia is going to admit a reporter of the Chicago Tribune. She makes no promises from there on out, however.

Justice Brand Tells of Trip To Heidelberg

(Editor's note—James T. Brand, Oregon supreme court justice now on tour as a U. S. military tribunal judge in Germany, recently made a trip to Heidelberg and describes it in the following story published exclusively in The Oregon Statesman.)

NUERNBERG, Germany—(Special to The Statesman)—Perfect weather and scenery of indescribable beauty all along the way marked our recent trip to Heidelberg.

The first stop, after driving through miles of blossoming fruit trees, was a small town with white and purple blossoms, was Wuerzburg. From a large stone bridge over the deep canyon, we admired a magnificent old fort, high on a hill, built five centuries ago of the native yellow-brown sandstone.

Across the canyon a Greek-orthodox church with its onion-topped towers and fire station's, likewise tower-topped, march up the steep hillside, all mellowed by age. We drove along the famous river road, bordered for miles with blossoming horse-chestnut trees and stopped for flocks of sheep grazing by the road side, and for railroad crossings barred by old fashioned hand-manipulated gates.

Lunch at Outpost
We lunched at a military outpost, one of the kind of which we have heard so much and seen so little, a complete garrison of one captain, one lieutenant, one civilian and one enlisted man. Their duty is to back up the German courts with U. S. authority. The rest of the time they hunt roebuck and wild boar. Hard life! Theirs is stand-by service!

At beautiful Heidelberg, the college campus is a disappointment. There isn't any! The time honored library and sacred halls look like factory buildings of the old type. A new hall erected by America is equally ugly, but highly utilitarian. Three thousand students told there. (That's the right word!) The ruined fort, reached by cable car which seems to go up a perpendicular wall, commands a superb view of the valley town and of the leisurely Neckar river, winding between low, tree bordered banks. The castle is crumbling—due to age, not bombing—and houses the American officers club restaurant. The treasures were removed long ago. Chief object of interest is the old wine cask in the wine cellar. The barrel is made without hoops, nails or pegs and holds 49,000 gallons. During one year of festivity it was emptied three times!

"Philosophers' Dwellings"
Across the Neckar river and barred from the road by steep rock walls and richly blooming rock gardens is a row of modest houses in which the "Philosophers" dwell. Among these dwellings, older than the others, is "Scheffelhaus" where the "Student Prince" was written. It is a crowded, musty restaurant run by a descendant of the famous innkeeper, who majors in poor food and windy anecdotes.

At bombed and battered Stuttgart, we found the down-town squares cleared and business "as usual," but the spacious parks are neglected. The grass around the art museum and colonades has been raggedly trimmed, probably by those who seek food for their rabbits, but the broken statuary lies where it fell. In the midst of broken glass from the conservatory, a few exotic plants struggle, but weeds and neglect have conquered most of them.

In ignorant of its future, Germany lacks an incentive to clean up and rebuild.

Option Expires On Paper Mill

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31—(AP)—The proposed \$7,900,000 sale of Hawley Pulp & Paper Company fell through today, as an option period expired with no further action.

An option was granted Feb. 14 to John D. Wilson, Scarsdale, N.

Obituaries

CREECH
First Lt. John W. Creech, 180 S. 14th st., in Ethiopia, March 20. Survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Creech of Salem; three sons, Mr. Sherman E. Wilson of Detroit, Mich.; Mr. Philip Palmer of Oswego, Mich.; and Mrs. Lane Johnson of Rochester, N.Y.; two daughters, Mrs. L. Creech of Salem and Fred Creech of Forest Hill, Mich. Graveside services will be held Monday, June 2, at 2 p. m., at Belcrest Memorial park, under direction of the Clough-Barrick company.

CASHMAN
Henry S. Cashman, late resident of 435 S. 2nd st. at a Portland hospital Thursday, May 29, at the age of 78 years. Survived by a son, Earl S. Cashman, San Francisco, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Anna Subberger, Portland, and Mrs. Lela Blowers, Yakima, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Anna Heckman, Salem; two brothers, William Cashman, Tacoma, Wash., and Elmer Cashman, in Alaska; 13 grandchildren; and one great grandchild. Services will be Monday, June 2, at 1:30 p. m. in Howell-Edwards chapel.

FRIESEN
Abraham A. Friesen, at the family residence, 1180 Ruge st., West Salem, May 29, at the age of 63 years. Survived by his widow, Mrs. Agnes Friesen of West Salem; nine children, Mrs. Helen Ruml of Dillard, Ore.; Mrs. Agnes Harder of Innan, Kan.; Mrs. Mary Ann Dick of Portland, Mrs. Hulda Hiebert of Sim Mission, Africa; Mrs. Tilla Galvin, Mrs. Elizabeth Fast and Dan Friesen and George Friesen, all of West Salem, and Mrs. Pauline Lyden of Western, Ill.; three sisters, Mrs. George Friesen of Sterling, Ill.; Mrs. Fred Betin of California, and Mrs. Willie Smith of Oregon; and four brothers, George Friesen and Jacob F. Friesen, both of California, Henry Friesen of Portland and Pete

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Whenever I feel I'm off my game, Joe, I try going back to the office for a day or so—"

IT SEEMS TO ME

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debt and reparations. Britain and France found it impossible to meet installments of interest and principle due to their debts to the U. S. The world was caught in a devastating depression.

Are we going to repeat this experience after the second world war when Europe is more impoverished than ever?

One proposal is that the United States import more goods. But the pull is chiefly in the other direction. Europe is so much in need of everything that it can offer little in exchange. South America has coffee, petroleum, metals which we can use, but little in the way of manufactures. Even if our tariff gates were thrown wide open it is doubtful if imports could balance our exports very soon.

Talk of tariff reductions starts shivers among domestic producers. Wool growers for instance are urging a higher tariff. If tariffs are to be cut what producers are to be offered in sacrifice? Cherry and filbert growers for example do not like to be picked out for sacrifice even though they may agree with the economic fact that our foreign trade must be brought in to our overall balance. However, high tariffs did not save them from severe declines during the 1930's. They like all producers are interested in maintaining a high level of prosperity in this country; and how can we do it if our export trade collapses through lack of dollars in Lima, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Calcutta, Liverpool, Antwerp, Port Said?

This is the acute economic problem of our time. At present our foreign trade is sustained by loans—grants chiefly from the U. S. treasury. Former President Hoover is making a study on how long we can keep this up. Harold Stassen suggests that we contribute 10 per cent of our production annually for 10 years to help the world get back on its feet. Our statesmen and economists need to think the problem through not merely in terms of theory but of human reactions and effects. The people themselves need to understand that unless this problem is solved or partially solved, history may repeat itself in another period of economic disaster.

Y. R. B. Gerard, Kent, Conn., and James H. Malloy, Philadelphia, owners of the Claremont (N.Y.) Paper corporation.

John H. Smith, Hawley president, said the \$300,000 initial payment made by the three men would be distributed among Hawley stockholders who had put their shares for sale.

By Lichty

Johnston Buys Full Control of Spa Restaurant

Salem's oldest restaurant, the Spa, is today under the full ownership and management of Charles A. (Chuck) Johnston, he disclosed Saturday. Building and service improvements, already begun by streamlining of booths, are to be continued, he said.

Johnston has bought the partnership interest of Robert Lehman, who has been manager since he and Johnston purchased the firm in July 1944 from Frank Myers, owner for nearly a half century.

Gould Pavey is to be assistant to Johnston and manager of the dining room and fountain. A new chef, Walt Salbeck, has been secured. Both are from Los Angeles, where they have been engaged in restaurant business.

Johnston said the Spa will specialize in steak and southern-fried chicken dinners. Because of increased supplies of sugar, a greater variety of candy is planned.

Trapper Gets Brown Bear

The pelt of a female brown bear was brought to Salem Saturday by Francis G. Watson of Silverton, government trapper for Marion county. He said the three-quarters grown animal was the first bear he had caught this season. It had reportedly been molesting sheep southeast of Silverton and was trapped on government land in the Porter district.

Watson reported he had also caught numerous foxes, which have bothered turkeys, as well as coyotes and bobcats.

School Meet Delegates Set

Twenty-nine delegates from Oregon, including Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, and Carl E. Aschenbrenner, principal of the Parrish Junior High school, will represent the Oregon Education association at the annual conference of the National Education association in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 7 to 11. The Oregon delegation was announced this week by Mr. Frank W. Parr, executive secretary of the statewide association of teachers. The size of the Oregon delegation is due to the state's high participation in NEA affairs, Dr. Parr said.

In addition to the two Salem men, the Oregon delegates include Mrs. Antonia Crater, Newberg; Dr. W. L. Van Loan, Corvallis; Ernest Caldwell, Lebanon.

Federal Right to Build Rogue Dam Defined

The federal government has the right to construct a dam on the Rogue river without requesting permission from the state legislature, Attorney General George Neuner told the state game commission today.

In other rulings, Neuner held that the new Oregon wheat com-

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mission might borrow money to effect its organization, and decided against the issuance of two real estate licenses to the same partnership, in an opinion requested by the state real estate commissioner.

Henderson New Parole Officer

Resignation of Deputy Sheriff George D. Henderson to accept a position as parole officer with the state parole board was announced Saturday by Sheriff Denver Young. Henderson is to remain on duty a few days until a replacement is secured.

A Salem resident since 1936, Henderson was graduated from Salem high school in 1938 and immediately entered the army. He served in various branches, principally in the military police, in both the European and Asiatic-Pacific theatres of war and was a first lieutenant when released from active duty. He has been a deputy sheriff here since March 1946.

Today Proclaimed Shut-In Day Here

Observance of today as International Shut-In day is recommended by Salem's Mayor R. L. Elstrom in a statement which reads: "I urge upon all the people of Salem to give special and generous consideration to all unfortunate persons who are confined to their rooms, whether at home, in a hospital, sanatorium or elsewhere, and to do what they possibly can to bring cheer, comfort, hopefulness and a general sense of friendliness to these good people who for the time being, at least, are in distress and are unable to successfully seek a form of happiness of their own choosing."

Gov. Earl Snell also has designated today as Shut-In day.

CYCLE, CAR CRASH
A motorcycle operated by Eugene J. Dietz of 2855 N. River rd., and a car driven by Oscar F. Lux, 133 Evergreen ave., collided in the 400 block of North Wednesday, city police report.

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