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Relief for Hospitals

Much needed relief for hospitals, which in increasing numbers are being driven to the verge of bankruptcy by the expense of treating indigent victims of automobile accidents, is proposed in a bill sponsored for introduction in the house by the committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry.

Modelled after the Ohio law, which has been in operation for the past six years, the act would impose a fee of 50 cents a year upon all licensed motor vehicle drivers—collected by the secretary of state at the time licenses are issued or renewed—to create a fund administered by the industrial accident commission out of which hospitals would be compensated for the actual expense of caring for indigent pedestrians or others injured by automobiles or in automobile crashes.

Every reasonable safeguard against racketeering is written into the administrative features of the measure. Hospitals are required to register with the commission and file schedules of charges for all types of service, in no case to exceed \$4 a day; must show evidence of diligent efforts to collect from the patient or those legally responsible for his support; state fully the services rendered, all particulars and circumstances regarding the patient, the service rendered and the accident in which the injuries were received, accompanied by an affidavit of indigency signed by the patient and verified by the county court or some other official of a recognized social service agency.

Provision is also made for reimbursement of the commission for claims paid in cases where patients later recover damages for the injuries sustained and the burden of collecting on such claims is placed on the hospitals.

The urgency of the need for some such relief is shown in the annual losses reported for services which they cannot humanely refuse to perform; for cases they would be roundly criticized for refusing to accept. Admittedly incomplete figures reveal that Oregon hospitals lost more than \$182,000 in administering to indigents during 1938 and one Salem institution has donated \$28,000 in services to this class of patients since 1933, with \$4400 lost last year alone.

The burden has been particularly heavy on small hospitals along major inter-state highway routes along which large numbers of indigent transients travel back and forth in every type of defective vehicle during the harvest season. Few of them have more than a few dollars and under existing laws are not eligible for state or county assistance, even in the event of sickness or serious injury. Accidents are no respecters of persons and when these indigents suffer injuries demanding hospitalization the burden falls upon the hospitals. They are entitled to such public relief as is embodied in this proposed law.

Ickes After Timberline

The Capital Journal's Washington correspondent writes that Secretary Ickes is planning to increase his control over Oregon. He is endeavoring to find some senator who will introduce a bill transferring the Mount Hood forest reserve into a national park, which would place the mountain under jurisdiction of the interior department, instead of the department of agriculture. For years Mr. Ickes has striven to have the forest service transferred from the department of agriculture to his own department.

Mr. Ickes has probably heard that the government has built Timberline lodge and that it is leased for \$1 a year and that it is proving a mecca for winter tourists and sportsmen and the competition is proving a detriment to Rainier and other national parks he controls.

What Mr. Ickes apparently does not know is that the Timberline idea was sold to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt by E. J. Griffith, state administrator for WPA in Oregon; that when she enthused, Harry Hopkins, WPA administrator authorized the project; that all the money came from the WPA and furnished employment to artists, craftsmen, painters and laborers, which was the WPA objective.

Another thing that "Honorable Harold" overlooks, is that his own boss, President Roosevelt, in person, dedicated Timberline and praised it in glowing terms. Because of this background, when Mr. Ickes goes to the White House and complains about the expenditure of federal funds on Mount Hood, he may not receive sympathetic hearing, for Timberline was a pet project of Mr. Hopkins, who is closer to the president than the secretary of the interior ever has been.

Not long ago, one of Mr. Ickes' admirers, a press columnist, Jay Franklin (J. F. Carter) while visiting Portland delivered a blast against Timberline by radio and in his syndicated column, although he never went near the place. He charged that the lodge was built for wealthy people and stiff shirts and the common people could not use it.

Mr. Ickes is a persistent meddler both in international as well as national affairs. He interfered in the Oregon democratic primary election and general election last year with disastrous results to the democratic party, which thereby lost control of the state.

Abolish the Capitol Commission

A legislative committee has recommended the passage of senate bill 256 continuing the capitol reconstruction commission until August 31, which will mean an unnecessary expenditure of over \$8000 overhead plus traveling and incidental costs. This is an unnecessary waste of taxpayers money, for the commission has virtually finished its labors, and the heating plant, the only structure left, is nearly completed and can be supervised by the state board of control.

The payroll of the capitol board, consists as follows: Allen Toole, PWA inspector, who is an occasional visitor, \$350 a month; John A. Bassett, secretary, who draws a salary of \$350 a month plus \$4 a day traveling expenses driving to and from Portland; a stenographer at \$150 a month plus traveling costs and incidentals of the commission, a total of \$1300 a month.

That the commission should be abolished is also the opinion of Dr. H. H. Olinger, of Salem, the only resident member. In an interview with Ralph Watson in the Portland Journal, he states that the money saved by immediate dissolution of the commission would finish the landscaping project, erect a flag pole and leave money in the bank. Both the capitol and the library building have been turned over to the state and there is nothing for it to do except draw salaries as sinecures. The commission has done a good job, but its work is over.

Recollections

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

A boy born 130 years ago closed the banks, public offices and various places around here today, yet in his early years he was a rail splitter and grocery clerk of very doubtful pulchritude and great modesty. It is rather interesting to compare his place in history with that of another man who has assumed great power in the world during a period of but a few years, who himself was an obscure artisan and arose out of nowhere to gain complete control over 80,000,000 people. Throughout the world the one man is revered, the other is feared; the one dwelt in humanity, the other lives on bombast. It takes all kinds of people to rule a world as well as to make it.

A statistic informs us that there are 72 bald-headed men in the 76th congress now meeting in Washington. There would have been 73 but for Jimmie Mott's popularity in his congressional district last November.

The Marlon Taylors are celebrating their 71st wedding anniversary today at their Taylor grove home up the little north fork of the Santiam above Mehama. Mr. Taylor is 91 years old, his wife is 87 and for 67 years they have lived on the home place. This is the sort of record which deserves more than ordinary mention. Taylor's grove has been the scene of hundreds, probably thousands, of picnics and various gatherings and probably few couples have had a wider circle of acquaintances than these two Oregon folk. Seventy-one years of wedded life give two people a pretty good chance of becoming acquainted not only with each other's good points, but also faults, if any, and we've never heard that either of the Taylors had any of the latter.

By the way, Taylor's grove is the home of the famous ant hills which have aroused the curiosity of the constant flow of visitors up that way each year. These are some of the most gigantic building projects in the vicinity. Compare the size of the ant to the size of one of these ant hills, and then compare to that the size of a man to our state capitol building, for instance, and the ant has all the best of it, when considering what a stupendous job he and his co-workers have done. There's no machinery, no elevators or concrete mixers on the jobs at Taylor's grove, just a gigantic WPA project all done by ant power on a complicated architectural design. It's sure a great place for the sluggard to consider, as suggested by the old prophet.

Argument

St. Louis — Disgruntled union workmen here used picketing for a new purpose. They stalked up and down before the home of a worker who refused to sign up, police said.

Bullet Billiards

Chicago—Louis Konopka thinks he's lucky. As he sat reading in a chair in his hotel room a bullet crashed through the window. It missed him by inches, ricocheted against a door, passed within six inches of his chest and hit another wall. Konopka dropped to the floor then. Police couldn't find the mystery gunman.

Consistency

Decatur, Ill.—Frank Batchelder of Harrisonville figures his special jinx has headquarters along state route 36 west of here.

One day recently his car stalled on the road. His brother, Ed, drove to the rescue and began towing the disabled machine. Frank's car was hit and badly wrecked by a truck during the journey.

Frank purchased a new car. It was hit by another auto as Frank drove homeward on No. 36.

Rodegord Winner In Ski Tourney

Bend, Feb. 13 (AP)—Jumping into a thick snowstorm, Olaf Rodegord, Cascade Ski club, Portland, won the combined ski running and jumping championship of the Pacific northwest on Skyliner hill yesterday.

Rodegord won the B division cross-country Saturday with a dash through a near blizzard, then garnered 187.45 points in B jumping to take the title.

The class A jump went to Olaf Ulland, coach of Italy's ski team in the 1936 Olympics and former holder of the world's longest jump record. His longest leap was only 182 feet. The hill record, held by Ole Tverdahl of the Seattle Ski club, is 211 feet.

Sigurd Ulland, Lake Tahoe club, national amateur champion, was second. His best try was 184 feet, longest of the day. Tony Knutson, Fjeld Ski club, won the class A cross-country Saturday but did not compete in the jumping.

Wacanda—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall and small grandson Gordon Tuve have returned to their home in Mission Bottom after spending the past two and a half months at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Stafford, where Mrs. Hall and Henry Stafford have both been recovering from severe attacks of pneumonia. Charles Hall cut the ligaments off and almost severed his left thumb while chopping wood at the Stafford home and will have his hand in a cast for six weeks.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

Washington, Feb. 13.—Things are getting so strained here that Vice-President Garner is supposed to be leading the movement to keep the senate in recess. A few more debates like the relief, Judge Roberts and war planes arguments would probably cause most of the statesmen to refrain from speaking to each other.

There is something about Mr. Roosevelt's hard-hitting way of expressing himself that seems to bring out the animal instinct in both his friends and opponents. Also his opposition is eager to get at him on the latest issues he has raised.

Senate Leader Barkley, at the last two short senate sessions, Monday and Thursday, was bobbing up continuously in his eagerness to move adjournment before anyone else could get the floor. Particularly, the administration does not want Senators Hiram Johnson, Gerry Nye and Bennett Clark—and Borah if he were well—expressing themselves in their usual manner about the foreign policy.

Mr. Roosevelt is in a precarious situation. It will be evident if Garner and Barkley let the senate out of recess before the boys cool off.

Eager for Debate

House Judiciary Chairman Hutton Summers rarely speaks, but when he does, he makes a decisive oration. More than usual significance therefore attaches to the intimation that Mr. Summers feels a speech coming on to refute Mr. Roosevelt's independence in judgeship nominations.

The last time Summers spoke, he set forth the basis upon which the president's supreme court proposal was subsequently rejected.

Congressmen appear more eager to meet Mr. Roosevelt on this issue than any other he has submitted.

Senators Homer Bone, Clark, Nye and Vandenberg have been getting together in corners planning a way to open up the neutrality issue. Three amendments probably will be proposed by them: (1) a straight declaration against any trade with belligerents except on a cash and carry basis barring use of American ships; (2) banning arms and munitions shipments to neutral states if any ground exists for suspicion that the shipments are destined for belligerents; (3) outlawing the arming of American ships under any circumstance.

Dope on Amlie

The dope is the extraordinary Amlie appointment will be approved 3 to 2 in the senate commerce subcommittee, but no one will guess what the full committee will do.

Mr. Roosevelt has two new dealers on the subcommittee and a third democrat who is an oldtime railroad labor man. The two republicans will vote ineffectively in the negative.

Word of mouth stories being circulated nationally about streams of German refugees pouring into the country are denied by all authorities. Labor department says there are only about 5,000 foreigners in on visitor permits; the German-Austria quota of 27,370 is not being exceeded although 55,000 applications are on hand; no refugees can come in under South American quotas because birth certificates are required for passport visas. Rep. Dickstein made a speech in the house the other day denying all the rumors.

NLRB Vacancy

A few presidential advisers have tried to interest Harry Hopkins in getting the president to appoint an outstanding business man to the National Labor Relations board in the place of Donald Wakefield Smith. Their idea is to thus deflect the heat from the board. Hopkins is considering it but probably will not lend a hand. Far more



PUSS IN BOOTS hadn't anything on young Terry Buck who fits nicely into boot belonging to 293-pound Kenneth Kinnebrew of Shreveport, La. A senior at Wentworth military academy in Lexington, Mo., Kenneth is school's biggest cadet.

Hit and Run Drivers Held For Accidents

Henry Hendrickson of Salem suffered a compound leg fracture Saturday night about 7 o'clock when he was struck by an automobile driven by Alex John Sheirman at Center and Liberty. Sheirman was arrested by the city police on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He furnished \$500 bail and was released. Sheirman was stopped by a service station attendant who saw the accident, and he also has a hit and run charge against him. Sheirman lives at 855 North 18th.

Frank E. Logan, 2105 North Fourth, is also booked for driving while intoxicated. He was not involved in an accident, police said.

Another hit and run case occurred Saturday night on the Salem-Dallas highway near the Independence junction which caused Lloyd Yocum of Dallas to be brought to Salem Deaconess hospital with injuries that were not serious.

The accident and others that followed were rather spectacular. Yocum was in a car that was struck by a truck which, police reported, did not stop. Terrence Michael McCarthy of Carlton has been arrested in connection with the case for having no driver's license.

While police were investigating the wreck and a wrecking car was at work on the scene a car driven by Clayton Alvin Kimble of Liberty drove up and collided with another vehicle that was parked near the place. Next a car driven by Frank Melton Watson of Dallas came along and collided with the wrecker. Both Kimble and Watson were held for reckless driving.

Sundown Stories

By Mary Graham Bonner

"I must be leaving right away," Miss Puddle Duck told Mrs. Quacker, and she picked up her webbed feet and then flew a little but not very well or far. She hoped, however, she was out of sight so that they would have been impressed by her flying even that much.

"Of course I didn't mean to tell her to go," quacked Mrs. Quacker, "but I'm glad she took the hint."

"It was a pretty broad hint," quacked Mrs. Quacker, "but I'll say it was a good duck riddance."

"Yes," agreed Mrs. Quacker, "she is not for us. She wouldn't want to be a wild duck who flies miles and miles and miles and settles in one place in the winter and another in the early summer, and she wouldn't want to know the joy of always having a home, a place to love and one in which to feel happy at all times."

"She put on airs and I didn't think she was a bit polite to you," quacked Mrs. Quacker.

"I agree with you," quacked Mrs. Quacker, "and I didn't like the way she spoke to you. We are so different. We never want to show off or be too touchy or cranky. We like to be friendly."

"Of course we do," quacked Mrs. Quacker. It was time for her to leave and as she rode off Sweet Face smiled to himself, for he knew that both Mrs. Quacker and Mrs. Quacker had believed what they had said and yet how often they had shown off, and even quarreled.

And as he carried Mrs. Quacker away she waved a wing yet another time and shouted:

"Goodbye, dear. I'll be seeing you very soon, I hope!"

Tomorrow: "Heart-Shaped Fish."

Final Card Series Slated Tuesday Night

Mt. Angel—St. Ann's Altar Society will hold the last of the series of card parties before Lent Tuesday evening in the school auditorium. Prizes will be given and a lunch will be served in the dining room, by the committee.

Mrs. Leo Schwab is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Steve Sprauer, Mrs. Joseph Sprauer, Mrs. Carl Sprauer, Mrs. John Schmitz, Mrs. Anna Smith, Mrs. Lawrence Schneider, Mrs. Paul Schwab, Mrs. John Lehalberger, Mrs. A. L. Schindler, Mrs. Elizabeth Schmalz and Mrs. Conrad Schmalz.

Roland Farm Sold

Jefferson—Hart & Goin, local real estate dealers, have sold the Roland farm on the Green's bridge road to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Jones. They have also sold a lot north of the school house to Ed Ricks, who will build a residence on it.

Legislators as Seen by Murray Wade



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