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Protect the Hospitals

It is to be hoped that the legislature will this year give favorable consideration to a proposal once more before it, after being defeated in the senate in 1939, to protect the hospitals of the state against staggering losses for the care of indigent persons injured in automobile accidents.

In some communities along the main traveled highways of the state the smaller hospitals are faced with the cruel alternative of going broke because of their losses in administering to indigents, or of closing their doors to persons in vital need of medical attention and care. Losses reported by 26 out of 72 Oregon hospitals incident to the treatment of this class of patients during the year 1940 have reached a total of \$52,658, with an additional \$6000 in claims in litigation.

The remedy proposed is to assess each motor vehicle driver an additional 50 cents every two years for his or her driver's license. The fund thus created would be administered by the industrial accident commission and used to reimburse hospitals for legitimate expenses incurred in the treatment of indigent automobile accident victims. Rates for services would be prescribed by the commission, proof of the inability of each patient or his relatives to pay required, and other safeguards against fraud set up in the proposed law.

Hospitals are by the very nature of the service they provide called upon to do enough charity work in every community, without saddling them with this needless burden that can be equitably financed on a sound insurance basis at a nominal cost shared equally by all who drive automobiles. The plan has worked well in Ohio and other states, and Oregon has its experience to build on.

A Scottish Falstaff

C. L. Sulzberger, correspondent of the New York Times in the Grecian-Italian war sends from Crete an interesting account of a fabulous character such as become the mythical heroes of legend, a lieutenant-commander of the British navy—a Scotsman with a gray-streaked red beard, a neck so big he cannot wear a collar, but drapes it in a muffler, a face like Henry VIII, an appetite like Gargantua and the nickname of "Falstaff." He weighs over 300 pounds, as strong as a bull and many are the stories told of his fearlessness and prowess in battle. His record most of which is unrecorded is thus described:

He was born in Argentina and had to obtain a military-exemption permit from that republic before joining the British Fleet. He was the sole survivor of a torpedoed ship during the last war. He became a monk for two years and then entered the Black and Tan police in Ireland.

He is a Knight of Malta and a Papal Count, a Bishop of the Assyrian church and was a member of the general staff of Lawrence of Arabia. He speaks Turkish, Arabic, Amharic, Kurdish and Assyrian. He fought with the Druzes against the French and with Assyrians against the Kurds.

As assistant to an Arab chief, he hanged two Arabs down a well for torturing a Jew, was court-martialed but released. He aided another Arab chieftain who was also a surgeon in scientifically decapitating culprits and amputating their right arms with the aid of anesthetic and scalpel, thus combining the advantages of modern science with the usages of tribal custom.

"Falstaff" is beloved by the children of Crete. He feeds them sweets and gives milk from the ship's store. Once he tried to fly in Alexandria, in the largest flying boat in the aircraft war service but could not get through the door of the craft. Once he picked up a man and threw him through a door 16 feet away. When a dud bomb fell, he cleared the space of men and dug it out himself. He has been a true soldier of fortune, seeing war service in many lands.

International Law

The Axis powers have been shouting that any further aid by us to Britain, Greece and China would be considered a violation of international law, a breach of neutrality and, likely, an act of war on our part.

In his message to congress on the state of the Union the president pledged the country to aid democracies and refused to be intimidated by any such threats on the part of dictators.

The assumption that such action on our part would be in violation of international law is false, for, under the law of nations, no state is duty bound to remain neutral unless expressly bound by previous treaty. Neutrality is but a status in international law, which does not make it the duty of states to remain neutral in event of a foreign war. The right of a state to remain at peace whilst other states are engaged in war is an attribute of sovereignty—one that may be changed at any moment, even after a formal declaration of neutrality.

Neutrality is a status, not a legal duty. The international community is not a super-state with power and machinery necessary to enforce its decrees, suppress war and protect the life, liberties and properties of its members. Not being able to protect its members this international community expects each state to look out for itself. The law of nations does not make it the duty of states to intervene in foreign wars nor does it make it their duty to remain neutral.

Hither has never paid the slightest attention to the laws of nations. He invaded Norway, Holland, Denmark, Belgium and Luxembourg in violation of their sovereign rights, international laws, treaties and provisions of the Hague convention of 1907. We are not violating the law of nations when we aid Britain. We are exercising a right of sovereignty—and for self preservation.

Taxation of Municipal Securities

In his report to congress for the fiscal year 1940, Secretary Morgenthau states that, of the increase in our public debt since 1938, 46 per cent was absorbed by the banks, 18 per cent by insurance companies, and only 11 per cent by individuals and non-financial corporations.

It is shown by the treasury's latest figures that for years 1927 to 1938, tax exempt securities held by all estates amount to but 5.7 per cent of the gross estates. It would seem, therefore, that the charge that the wealthy are using tax exempt securities for the purpose of escaping taxation is not borne out by the facts. Most individuals and non-financial corporations appear to prefer placing their funds, available for investment, in saving banks or insurance policies rather than making direct investments in non-taxable securities.

That federal taxation of municipal securities would mean an increase in municipal interest rates is borne out by the fact that the RFC, upon the purchase of municipal securities, insists on a contingent increase of interest rates—to become operative upon federal or state taxation of such securities.

Recollections

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Van Wieder, the town's well known dirty linen cleaner, was called out of bed at nearly midnight last night by a woman out in the country who was in a pretty frantic state about a \$500 diamond ring. The woman had wrapped the ring in a baby's stocking and for extra precaution had stuffed the stocking into the extreme end of a pillow case on her bed. Someone around the house, in picking up the articles to send to the laundry, had pulled off the pillow case, with the ring in the baby stocking, nonchalantly tossed it into the laundry and it was as nonchalantly driven into town to Van's dirty linen cleaning emporium. Van, on receiving the news, dressed hurriedly, hustled to town and began an examination of the dirty linen in the plant. The midnight search finally revealed the pillowcase, the baby stocking in it and the ring in the baby stocking. Just as it had been told to him. So everybody was happy.

The only man about town who probably won't enjoy the climax in foregoing paragraph is our friend John Graber. Old time customers of this column will remember how, years ago, we used to keep track of John's antics in excavating for diamond rings that had gone down bathroom drains or slipped through the drains in washbowl into the bowels of the earth via the sewer pipe. John, in his day, was known around here as the leading diamond retriever of the northwest and if Van hadn't hustled downtown and found the baby sock it might have been necessary to call John back from the plow handle, like Cincinnatus of old, so he could

once more dig and delve. But, anyway, all's well that ends well.

Ahoy, the Harlem Globe Trotters are here tonight, the world's greatest basketball team and nobody wants to miss the world's best.

We were handed a heavy disappointment last evening. As the world has been finding out, and us in particular, ever since Vern Perry has taken over the editorship of the Salem Eklet, he has been waging total war on our column, with verbal blitzkrieg after blitzkrieg directed at our column and person. Appeasement wouldn't work and it was far from us to invite Vern to a Munich conference. So we'd been getting our Spiffles and Hurricanes ready, along with a few flying fortresses and some secret weapons with which we'd intended to turn loose and blast this said Vern from the face of the earth. All this has been done only to find out last night he has but a few weeks left to serve in the Editorship and he's done with the Eklet forever—doggone it. So we'll stow away our weapons and wait for the next guy.

A slight, frail and fragile little woman yesterday afternoon closed her already nearly sightless eyes in the last slumber of an endless peace. The pain and suffering ended for Mary Eliza Yockey. She was the exemplification of the nobility, the beauty, the charm and sweetness of the American mother. Whatever this country has achieved, whatever ideals it has cherished and nourished and won to, much more than a heavy share of it has been due to the American mother. She wields her influence in the shadow without asking or hoping for either glory or reward. And of such was the mold of Mary Eliza Yockey.

Kelly Says:

Deluge of Letters
On Lend-Lease Bill

Medford Protests
Argentine Pear Deal

Building Concerns
Advised to Register

—By John W. Kelly

Washington, Jan. 28—According to Senator Holman's office, the letters rolling in are about four to one against the lend-lease bill as it stands today. None of the letters, for or against, appears to be systematic propaganda. There are no printed cards to be signed by a citizen. All are written, either in pencil, pen and ink or typewriter.

There is another part of the mail which is printed, however, and this is a short, simple appeal to "keep us out of war." This message is printed upon varied colored slips of paper which appear to have been generally distributed over Oregon, and they are coming from dozens of places.

The minority mail favoring the lend-lease measure, in large part, comes out strongly for war. These communications demand that Holman give the British everything that is required, "including men." Senator Holman's mail is a fair sample of what the northwestern delegation is receiving from constituents, and the letters come from all classes of people.

Pear Deal Stands

To the office of Milo Perkins, administrator of surplus marketing administration, went Rep. Walter M. Pierce and Senator Holman, Oregon, to see what could be done about keeping out Argentine pears for protection of growers in Oregon and Washington. They were informed that negotiations had been entered to limit Argentina imports of pears to 250,000 boxes to April 1, or 300,000 boxes to April 15, with no limitation after the latter date. The deal has been consummated and can not now be repealed.

Back to their offices went the Oregon legislators in a taxicab; wrote the tidings to Hood River, Rogue river valley, etc., and waited. Hood River pear growers wrote letters of approval; Medford growers protested.

With a box of Comice pears came a letter to Administrator Perkins from R. R. Reter, Medford. Mr. Reter wrote that the industry had not been consulted as to quantities or dates. He stated that the market for Winter Nells and Anjou pears is April, May and June; that 100,000 boxes of Winter Nells are in Rogue river valley now and their market has been almost exclusively New York. The United States, continued Mr. Reter, gave Argentina \$10,000,000 recently, so why not give \$75,000 to \$100,000 more to buy 200,000 boxes of their fruit and tell them to keep it at home?

Reter Wants Inquiry

This Argentine deal looks to Mr. Reter like something cooked up for the benefit of Argentine growers, New York speculators and the American Republics line, which is subsidized by the United States government. Why, inquired the Medford grower, does not the president cause an immediate investigation by the federal tariff commission of the pear situation? Section 22 of Triple A, as amended, makes it mandatory for the president to arrange for an investigation when

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Fred Meyer MONTH-END SALE!

Pure Silk Hose

Values to 79¢ 55¢ 2 pairs \$1.00

Sheer hosiery loveliness is yours for only 55¢ a pair! Why, at these low prices it's almost imperative that you stock up with a good supply for wear clear through the Spring months! 3-thread evening chiffrons, 4-thread dressy chiffrons and smart 6-thread service weights... all full fashioned, woven with reinforced heel and toe and cradle foot. Sizes 8 1/2-10 1/2.



\$1 Value Chenille Bed Jackets

Soft, fluffy, extra warm chenille jackets for that extra comfort on crisp mornings. Choose from those lovely tearose and blue shades to complement your appearance. 79¢

Clearance! Reg. 5.95 Chenille Robes

Soft, warm, like chenilles in those sweeping lines you like so well. Zipper or generous wrap-around styles in every popular color. \$3.95

\$1.00 Value Rayon Satin Slips

Lovely form-fitting rayon satin slips with reinforced shoulder straps and guaranteed seamless. Buy now at this low Month-End Sale price. Sizes 34-44 in tearose only. 77¢

Tuckstitch Panties

Regular or long style tuckstitch panties for extra warmth during those nippy days. Regular sizes. 39¢ 3 for \$1.00

Clearance! Regular \$1.59 Cotton Flannelette Gowns, Pajamas

You'll enjoy the comfort and smartly tailored lines of these extra warm cozies for winter wear. Smart plain and colored print patterns, styled with yoke or novelty collar necklines. Sizes 15-16-17. 98¢ All Women's Wear Section

They're Warm, Practical for Work or Play 79¢ Fleece-Lined Sweat Shirts

Every man and boy likes to slip one of these sweat shirts on and really enjoy his leisure hours working about the house or at some sport. Neatly styled with crew neck, tight-fitting wrist bands and snug waist. Choice of gray or white, snugly fleece lined for extra warmth. Regular sizes. 59¢

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Men's 25c Terry Cloth Socks

Colorful, comfortable terry cloth socks in a variety of patterns every young man likes. They're just right for wear with your sport slacks. 15¢ 4 Pair 50¢ Men's Wear Section Lower Level, Drug Bldg.



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Renew your hats now for the coming Spring season. They're thoroughly cleaned and neatly blocked by experts.

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With any two suits, coats or dresses cleaned and pressed at the regular price of — each.

49¢

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Save 50%—3 Days Only Ski Suits Waterproofed

Cleaned and Pressed

Have your ski pants, jackets and other garments waterproofed by our special "Poncho" process. Your garments look and feel just like new... and shed water just like a duck! Have it done today so you'll be all ready for the week-end's skiing. Fred Meyer Laundry Section Lower Level, Drug Bldg. Reg. 79¢ \$1.58

PRICES GOOD TUESDAY THRU THURSDAY

Fred Meyer FOR thrifty BUYERS LOCALLY OWNED-OPERATED

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Apples 5 lbs. 23¢

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Lamb Steaks—Tender and Juicy lb. 23¢

Breast of Lamb—for Stewing lb. 10 1/2¢

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Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

Happy Landing

Delphi, Ind.—This is a bedtime story about what the Charles Robertsons did when their farmhouse caught fire.

The couple and their two small children were upstairs in bed at the time.

They tore one of the beds apart, threw the mattress to the ground and, one by one, jumped out on it, landing unhurt.

The house burned down. Damage was estimated at \$4,500.

Big Stick

Indianapolis—Policeman Charles O'Donnell caught a man with his club.

A druggist pointed out a thief who had just run from his store, but the man had a head start on O'Donnell and the sidewalk was icy.

He threw his club at the fugitive's feet. The thief tripped over it and fell head first into the snow. He was arrested for petit larceny.

Kansas Preferred

Seattle—Eugene V. Riley, 28, testified his wife left him and returned to Kansas "because she didn't like the weather here and wanted to be with her mother."

"She preferred the climate of Kansas to that of Puget Sound," asked the judge.

"Yes, sir," replied Riley. He was granted an interlocutory divorce.

Maybe he Was Joking

Kewanee, Ill.—Romance in the offing.

A newspaper want ad expressed a woman's request for correspondence with a man who played an "Only Forever" record for her three times last November on a tavern juke box.

Central Howell—Donald Jarmin, Howard and Willard Nyseth, will leave soon for the CCC camp at Klamath Falls, where they have enrolled for six months.