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NEWBRY'S HOSPITAL FLIP-FLOP

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry has come up with a plan to scuttle the plan of rebuilding the old hospital building at the state hospital and instead give first priority to the geniatrics building in or near Portland.

The rebuilding of the old hospital building was decided upon by the former board of control composed of the then Governor Douglas McKay, now secretary of the interior, Newbry and former state treasurer Walter J. Pearson.

All three members of the former board, at a meeting in December, more than a month following the November election, approved the plan and an observer at that meeting was the present Governor Paul L. Patterson.

It was the opinion of the board at that time that the Portland hospital, approved by the people at the November election, was a matter that should be disposed of by the legislature and therefore did not include the proposed \$3,000,000 hospital in its building program.

Tuesday, out of a clear sky, Newbry proposed that first priority be taken from the state hospital reconstruction and given to the Portland project even though he joined with his former colleagues in approving the building program which left the geniatrics hospital to the consideration of the legislature.

The former board adopted a long-range program under which it is proposed to rebuild the center wing of the hospital, together with a section in front of the present hospital which will be connected with the present administration building. A third story would be added to this latter building under the plan and a new kitchen, bakery and refrigerating plant installed.

During the 1955-57 biennium it is proposed to rebuild the south section of the old hospital, where women are not housed. During the next biennium the north section would be rebuilt, and when the entire hospital is rebuilt patients now housed in several old buildings, which are virtually firetraps, can be transferred into the new hospital.

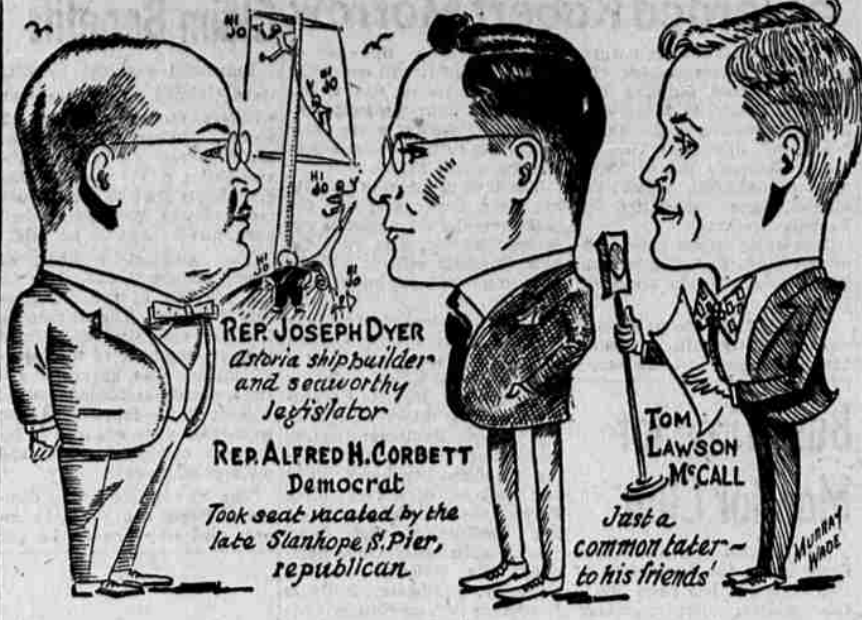
Secretary of the Board Roy Mills stated at the meeting that the increased number of elderly people requiring hospitalization would quickly fill the Portland institution and the caseload in the Salem hospital would not be reduced materially.

Just what prompted Secretary of State Newbry to suddenly propose a switch in priorities? Governor Patterson was clearly taken by surprise and said that he could certainly come to no decision with the proposal thrown at him without previous notice.

Rebuilding of the old hospital at the state hospital has been needed for a long time, and certainly this is no time for Newbry to throw a monkey wrench into well thought out plans in which he himself participated.

The rebuilding of the old hospital building should go on as scheduled, and the board of control should urge the legislature to follow the priority program as outlined by the former board of control, despite the sudden flip-flop of Secretary Newbry.

LEGISLATORS as Seen by Murray Wade



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Take a Kid to Circus Even If You Have to Borrow One

New York (AP)—If you don't have a child, borrow one—and take it to a circus this spring. It's a real adventure. And you'll learn a lot.

Such as:
1. A child's stomach will hold more than a lady's handbag.
2. A child has a more civilized and humane sense of entertainment than the average grownup.

Francis and I made the experiment recently. We took our God-child, Nina, to the Polack Brothers vest-pocket circus, which raises about one million dollars a year for the Shriners' fund to help crippled children.

Nina is blonde and five and serious and pretty. The trip to the circus was partly to help her recover from a great sadness that threatens to blight her life young—her desperate inability to grow pig-tails.

"I know a little girl only four years old, and she's got pig-tails," Nina has been saying. "And I am half-past-five, and don't have any. I don't understand that."

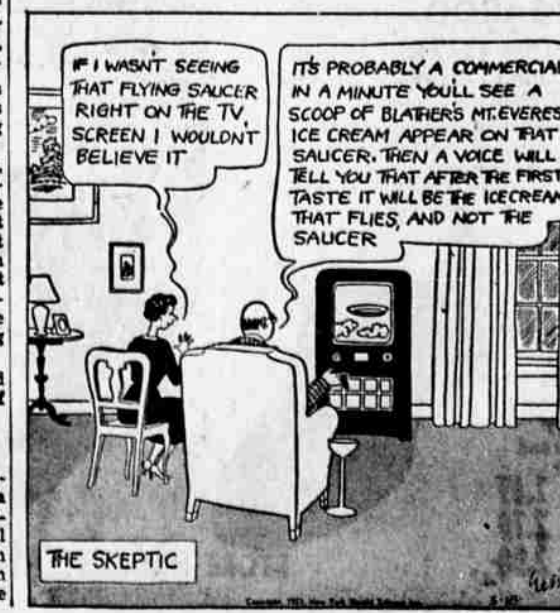
The circus was in the Flushing Armory, and when we entered I hesitated, uncertain whether to stay or run. The wooden stands were packed with hundreds of screaming, ANOTHER CABINET OFFICE (Albany Democrat-Herald)

President Eisenhower's request of congress for the creation of another full-fledged department in the cabinet brings to mind the fact that this is the first enlargement of the presidential advisory body in 40 years.

There has long been agitation for the raising of the present so-called office of education to full cabinet status, also for a secretary of health in the cabinet. The combination is a reasonably logical one, as such matters go, and the selection of Mrs. Hobby promises an efficient, businesslike start for the new department.

BY H. T. WEBSTER

The Unseen Audience



Hear Chase On Conflicts

Portland (AP)—The Oregon Education Association, holding its annual meeting here, Tuesday urged the legislature to reverse itself and approve a state-owned educational television station for Oregon.

This action came on a motion to tell the board of trustees to send such a resolution to the legislature. The delegates heard Stuart Chase, author and economist, tell of the causes of conflict. He said such study is into one of the neglected fields of knowledge. Conflicts can be offset, he said, by various means and he cited labor policies of Standard Oil of New Jersey as one of them: workers are treated as

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Super Carriers Subject of Behind the Scenes Struggle

Washington — The joint chiefs of staff are sitting most of this week in a difficult battle over the \$4,250,000,000 budget cut handed them out of the blue by Secretary of Defense Wilson.

The question of carriers has created storms in congress and helped bring the resignation of one defense secretary — Louey Johnson. Nevertheless, it remains a fact that the defense budget cannot be cut by trimming down every item a little bit; it must be cut by drastically trimming the least-needed weapons of defense a lot.

All the secret studies show that the supercarrier is in this category. Not only is it least-needed, but many military experts consider it a liability. It takes too many other vessels to protect it. This was the report of the British joint chiefs of staff following NATO naval maneuvers in the Baltic.

On top of this, the U. S. navy has suppressed vitally important facts about the poor showing of carrier planes in Korea. By stamping all embarrassing statistics "top secret," the navy has been able to conceal the facts not only from the public but from congress, and perhaps even from Secretary Wilson's budget pruners.

Portland Boy Becomes 14th Traffic Victim

Portland (AP)—Four-year-old Frank Jachetta, the city's 14th traffic victim this year, died in a hospital Tuesday.

He was injured Monday night when struck by a car as he crossed an intersection with his grandfather. The grandfather suffered a broken leg.

TITO'S VISIT TO LONDON

One can feel the embarrassment of official Britain across 6000 miles of intervening space over the visit of Dictator Tito of Yugoslavia. To say that the Britons feel "mixed emotions" about the incident is probably putting it mildly indeed.

Why, then, is he welcome to a democratic country like Britain, to be greeted by the queen, by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and other dignitaries with every mark of respect if not of affection?

But regardless of what kind of a guy Tito was or is, he had made a definite break with Moscow, which probably hates him with even more fervor than it does Churchill or Eisenhower. So he must work with us to save his own hide, and he has. He is even veering our way and against communist ideology in abandoning the collective farm scheme.

So Britain is fully justified in rolling out the carpet for one of the free world's most valuable allies, and in taking the most elaborate precautions for his safety, for Moscow would like nothing better than to assassinate him in London. It may be hard to justify to the fastidious, but it is literally true that in a fight for one's life, which is what we are in, one can't be too choosy about his associates. In top as in low level politics, strange bed-fellows develop. Tito being neither the first nor the last,

Salem 24 Years Ago

March 18, 1929
Reports are in circulation that Salem high school will be suspended from participation in state interscholastic athletics for a year as the result of a "riot" staged at Willamette university Friday night following the Salem-Chemawa district game.

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