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OREGON WEATHER
 + Tonight and Saturday fair,
 + except probably rain northwest
 + portion.

THE CARE OF THE SUFFERING

Regardless of what may be the opinion of a person as to the advisability of the purchase of a residence property for hospital purposes, the situation arose that Josephine county must provide for the care of its sick and injured. Humanity puts no duty or privilege upon the people than that of the care of the ill, and more particularly the care of those who are without means to care for themselves. There is no objection so potent that it could stand long in the way of some solution of the problem, and the county court has given earnest thought to the matter before acting, and the Courier believes that it has acted conscientiously and as wisdom would direct. The immediate provision of hospital accommodations for the patients, especially those who are charges of the county, was the first consideration. We have the experience of eight years ago when a dying patient was found in the make-shift quarters at the county home in most distressing surroundings to guide in the care of patients since.

As adding further light upon the right of the county to purchase property for hospital purposes, the following opinion by Attorney Norfon was before the county court:

"The power to acquire and operate a hospital was granted by legislative act of 1911, which is now Section 3352 of Olson's Oregon Laws.

"The only serious question is the method of defraying the expense of the hospital purchase.

"Josephine county is prohibited from going in debt in this regard under the limitations prescribed in Section 10 of Article 11 of the Oregon constitution, as amended, which prohibits indebtedness in excess of \$5,000, the county now being in debt in excess of that amount for items not excepted from the operation of that Section.

The only method remaining is for the county to levy a special tax for hospital purposes and to use the funds when collected, in that manner, but in doing this the county cannot raise a greater amount of revenue for such purposes than the total amount levied for the year immediately preceding, plus 6 per cent thereof.

"I am advised that the County Court in December, 1920, included in their budget an item for hospital purposes, and that this item was included in the levy which was subsequently made, and that the total amount of the levy is within the 6 per cent limitation.

"Such being the case, there is no reason, so far as the constitutional

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provisions are concerned, why the county may not collect the tax levy for hospital purposes, and when collected expend the money in that manner. However, the county will not be permitted to incur any indebtedness in this regard."

HOSPITAL IS TO BE BOUGHT

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pital is required to vacate its present quarters by February 1st.

"The county has three inmates, or patients, one of whom can be removed to the county home by that time, but two can not and no place can be found where they can be cared for. The understanding reached is that the Clarke property, consisting of the house and 150 feet square will be purchased by a trustee and occupied for a hospital at once, the purchase price being \$3,000, to be paid for when the taxes provided for in the budget shall be collected, probably one-half in May and the balance in November following. There will be no interest paid and no obligation to purchase more land in the future; in fact it is well understood that no more land is to be purchased.

"The price quoted above includes personal property valued at not less than \$300. The doctors are to put in \$1500 in improving the building and equipping the hospital, all such improvements and equipment to be owned by the county. All doctors having patients in the hospital are to pay \$50 annually into a fund for upkeep.

"For a long time the county has been paying \$50 per month to the support of the hospital, this payment now to cease. The nurses are to pay to the county \$25 per month rent for the use of the hospital after such time as the county purchases it. The county will pay the regular charge, now \$20 per week, the same as the public pays, for its ward patients.

"To summarize: The county will invest \$3000 for the property and the doctors add to this \$1500 for betterment and equipment, making a total investment of \$4500, to be owned by the county. Instead of paying \$50 per month as in the past to the support of the hospital the county will receive \$25 per month rent and will save the bonus of \$50 per month as paid in the past, saving \$600 per year; receive in rents \$300 and at least \$200 per year donation by the doctors, making a total of saving and income of \$1100 per year, and in addition county hospital patients will be cared for at less cost than nurses can be hired at the county home or at some other place, taking into consideration board.

"The county will own the property, which should bring all of the \$3000 actually invested in the event that some better arrangement can be made at a future time. The plan is not all that is desired but seems the best way out of the situation caused by the closing of the hospital."

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THIS "ANGEL" WAS A KITE

But Superstitious Railroad Man Who Shot It Down Was Certainly Scared for a Time.

"The shooting," says a Texas man "occurred some years ago on the Panhandle branch of the Santa Fe, and the hero of the tale was a superstitious engineer who believed in 'warnings.'"

"One night he was rolling along at a good speed, when he saw a clear, white light, like a will-o'-the-wisp, dancing over the track a few hundred feet in front. He shut off steam and came to a stop as quickly as he could. The conductor and train crew came running up to the engine to see what was the matter.

"There is some one swinging a lantern over the track," said the engineer, and the crew went ahead to investigate.

"We can't find anyone," reported the rear brakeman, and the engineer pulled out again, but he went slowly, and in a few minutes stopped again. The crew went ahead once more to see what was the cause of the light. The conductor, who was a good shot, drew his revolver, and at his second shot there was a crash, a scream, and the light went out, and something white came fluttering down from the clouds.

"The engineer was scared. 'You've shot an angel, sure,' he said to the conductor, with a face as pale as death.

"Investigation brought out the fact that a small boy, with a lantern tied to the tail of a kite, was the cause of the trouble; but for a long time it tensed the engineer to be asked about 'shooting angels.'"

AMUSEMENTS


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the merits of the play or the photograph are concerned, bearing out the old adage that "the play's the thing" after all. An excellent example of a motion picture that has succeeded and yet strictly speaking has no "star," but a composite cast of players, is furnished in Allan Dwan's latest production, "The Scoffer," which opens a two day run at the Rivoli today. A feature which many critics mention first in reviewing this picture is the uniformity of the finished acting throughout. "Every member of the cast is a happy selection," commented one reviewer, "and it is further proof that a star is not absolutely indispensable to meritorious filming."

Mr. Dwan stresses the care he exercised in making his selections of players for the company to present "The Scoffer." He is said to have waited weeks in order to secure some of those chosen in order to give them an opportunity to complete existing contracts for other film concerns. "I held up the taking of my picture rather than make any second choices and I am gratified with the result of my patience in this instance," the popular director says.

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there are some of these groups, more vocal than representative of real public opinion who manifest bitter feeling against Britain. But when an important question arises, when a real issue comes before us, when the sober public opinion of the United States asserts itself.

"I never have had the slightest concern over the relations of the two countries. We form the strongest union for peace between nations that exists in the world today. We have got into the habit of settling all our differences by means of negotiation and arbitration. The great body of the people in the United States cannot conceive of a war between the two countries because they are confident that any matters in dispute can and will be settled either by negotiation or by the judgment of a court as with people in any domestic jurisdiction where law and order prevail."

Speaking of business conditions in the United States, he said they were not alarming. "We are a very resilient people and can fight our way out," he said. "Congress is attempting to help in the matter of credits."

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