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**CAMP WHITE**

Succession of John Hall to the governorship and his subsequent appointment of Earl Newbery as secretary of state, has brought new interest in the acquisition of Camp White by the state for use as a hospital or home for the aged. Newbery is from Jackson county and his interest is natural from geographical grounds.

When the matter was being discussed in the legislature a committee was sent to Camp White to investigate the site. With one exception the committee favored taking the plant from the Wyr Assets corporation.

The board of control made a separate investigation and found that the cost would be more than would be required to build adequate facilities near Salem, where management could be consolidated.

The men in Oregon who are most acquainted with the needs of a state hospital as to buildings, heating, grounds, etc., do not favor the use of Camp White by the state. They find many things wrong with it.

On the face of it, it appears foolish to turn down a set of buildings when the state's present hospitals are so crowded. One would have to agree that those in charge of the state's wards must be very sure of their position to turn down a new location as a gift. Yet, that is the case.

The constitution forbids the establishment of "public institutions" anywhere but in Marion county (the seat of government) without action by the legislature and a vote of the people. This makes it questionable whether the state could hold Camp White until an election could be held. To date the evidence appears to be against the acquisition of Camp White.

**WERE HAVING COLDS**

If, gentle reader, you have escaped the spell of sniffles that is taking the county by coughing you are among the fortunate. It is popular, if painful, to have a cold.

If there be difference in colds this particular series seems to be the deep kind that stiffens the bones, rasps the voice and compresses the chest. Victims don't cease to breathe, but merely cease to care whether they breathe or not. The dulcet tones of the fairest female become as the warning of a fog horn.

Old males of the tribe, who are affected by the colds, are inclined to grow morose and dangerous. With surly stance and menacing men they go about their daily chores looking as if the cares of the world had all been thrust upon their aching backs.

There has been a long spell of cloudy weather hereabouts while the weather man was racking up a record for rainfall he also was breaking a record for lack of sunshine. Some ascribe to prevalence of colds to this. And not without reason, either. The resident of this section is used to the sun. Whether as in the summer he parades in it daily at his work, or as in the winter he takes his bit on the sunny side of the barn, he gets his sun whenever possible.

The siege seems to be about over inasmuch as nearly everyone not entirely immune has already had his cold. It is to be hoped that the next community attack is of a different species of the cold germ. Let it be light and nasal in nature with none of the undertones of influenza. Such a cold can ripple through a community like a rumor at a quilting party—and with less harm.

**THE MIDDLE CLASS**

The elimination of the middle class is said to be one of the aims of communism. The middle class has had a time of it and during most of the time there hasn't been any at all. Even now the only nations with a middle class of consequence are the United States, England, France and the Scandinavian countries. In the remainder of the world the people are down at the bottom working for some one else or clear up to the top running the country.

The middle class, you see, lives on profits generally and there are some persons, communists and otherwise, who think there shouldn't be any profits and

therefore no class to make profits.

Results show that where a portion of a nation's population has been allowed to make profits and work toward that end, production has increased. There is a lot of ingenuity and inventiveness and ability in the human mind that is never released as long as a few are lords and the mass of people just work. Perhaps it is true that the urge for profit isn't the only motivating force, but most good things have come from the middle class regardless of the motivation.

It is practically impossible for a person to jump from the illiteracy and ignorance of the peasant to the grandeur of the nobility. The middle class is a stepping stone, and one that has often been used for the nobility nowadays is one of money and ability as well as of birth. Many came up from the middle class.

The things that permit the workers, peasant and proletariat, to get up in the world have come through the middle class. Among them are education, democracy, freedom. Workers who would do away with the middle class would take the only ladder by which they can rise.

**INTERIM COMMITTEES**

A great deal of criticism has been heaped on interim committees both in federal and state government. They are labeled time and money wasters and otherwise utterly useless.

It may be a proper time to review that criticism.

Last summer the nation was filled with committees from congress that were going about asking questions and holding hearings in what appeared to be a serious effort to find out what people thought about different things—and why. Europe and Asia also had a quota of national legislators on junket trips, who asked questions and certainly found out more about actual conditions that they could have back home talking to the worthy citizens of Podunk.

Since the Oregon legislature adjourned several interim committees have been working at their jobs. A game commission held a hearing in The Dalles this week and another is scheduled there for March. The members will know more about the state and much more about the problem before them when their job is done.

In 1945 a committee studied Oregon's tax system and members ended that task with much new information and a series of recommendations that will someday be adopted in part if not in toto.

It may be said that such committees will prevent many legislative mistakes if their hearings are conducted without prejudice and their findings made objectively.

Legislatures often disregard the reports, partly from not liking to forego any of their personal sovereignty, partly because the reports are often too long and published too late. Probably the reports could be made to the public instead of the legislature

**In Other Days**

From the Observer, Dec. 14, 1928

Fifty sacks of wheat were found last week by Allan Murray for S. A. Hall when Murray was engaged in trailing a bunch of sheep over the Hall farm which he had bought to winter feed. The sheep were shipped by rail to a siding near the old Harris place on the Deschutes.

Tom Fraser last Saturday moved the household effects of H. H. Christanson by truck to Hermiton where Mr. Christanson bought a 40 acre combination dairy and alfalfa ranch. William Frall, sales agent for the Caterpillar tractors, left here Monday for company headquarters at San Leandro, California.

From the G. V. J. Dec. 13, 1918  
 Frank Haynes writes that he is at Camp Mills, N. Y. and expects discharge any time. He will wait there for his wife who he had to leave in Scotland.

G. C. Young has accepted a position in the Kent Trading Co. store, taking the place of Ralph Haynes.

Mrs. J. R. Howell, a resident of Wasco and a pioneer of Sherman county died Sunday morning at her home in that city.

From the Observer, Dec. 11, 1908  
 The Moro high school debating team consisting of Dayton Henrichs, Gertrude Henrichs, and W. S. Mowry went to Wasco Friday evening to meet the high school team there consisting of Lester Eaton, Mae Smith and Veva Dunlap. The question was: Resolved; That women should have the right to vote in Oregon, under the same conditions which apply to men. The affirmative side defended by Moro won and an all Sherman county team consisting of Dayton Henrichs, Veva Dunlap and Mae Smith were selected to meet the Crook county high school team, January 8.

**Farewell Party Given for Wasco School Boy**

By Mrs. Belle Clothier  
 A farewell party was given for Stuart Bish Friday evening by the 7 & 8th grade classes. They attended a skating party in The Dalles. Later in the evening they motored to Fleck's Orchard, where they were served refreshments of ice cream and cake by his brother and sister in law, Mr and Mrs Robert Bish. Many nice gifts from his school mates were received.

Mr and Mrs A. C. Kaseberg accompanied by their niece, Donna Watkins motored to Portland Friday.

The Wasco Boy Scout Troop No. 736 will receive its charter Friday evening, December 12, at 8:00 p. m. in the Wasco Methodist church. An investiture service for the troop will also be held at that time. The public is invited to attend this impressive service.

Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper of Portland was a weekend guest in Wasco.

Mr and Mrs E. D. McKee were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and

Mrs. J. T. Johnson.

Sam Brock and Mrs. A. J. Smith were admitted to the mid-Columbia hospital and Roby Hastings to The Dalles hospital.

Miss Givena Fisher of Michigan was a houseguest of Miss Ann Slack. They were weekend guests in Portland and at Mt. Hood. Miss Fisher left Monday.

Mr and Mrs T. Lester Johnson and Ronny left Thursday for Portland where Mr. Johnson attended a district attorney meeting and spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Johnson.

Mr and Mrs Lynn Peugh of Los Angeles write saying that his parents, John H. and Mable A. Peugh will celebrate their golden wedding, December 19 and would appreciate letters from old friends of Sherman county. They were married in Wasco.

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Plaintiff  
 vs.  
 DEFENDANTS

OLIVIA CARR, MONRAD WIGEN, OLGA OGILVIE, ELMER WIGEN HUSCROFT, IRENE OLGA MITCHELL, EINER ANDESTADT, ARNE ANDESTADT, ROY ANDESTADT, MRS ROSTEN, VICTOR SANDVIG, Now known as VICTOR SANDWICK, VALBORG SANDVIG LARSEN, HJORDIS SYLVIA HONVE, OLAF KJELL GIOVANNI, JENNY SANDVIG TOSSEBRO, OLAF SANDVIG, AMBROSIA SANDVIG ENGELBERG, BORGHILD VICTORIA SANDVIG BOE, EDVIN SANDVIG, and all persons unnamed or unknown having or claiming any interest in said Estate as heirs or distributees

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TO: Olivia Carr, Monrad Wigen, Olga Ogilvie, Elmer Wigen Huscroft, Irene Olga Mitchell, Einer Andestadt, Arne Andestadt, Roy Andestadt, Mrs Rosten, Victor Sandvig, now known as Victor Sandwick, Valborg Sandvig Larsen, Hjordis Sylvia Honve, Olaf Kjell Giovanni, Jenny Sandvig Tossebro, Olaf Sandvig, Ambrosia Sandvig Engelberg, Borghild Victoria Sandvig Boe, Edwin Sandvig, and all persons unnamed or unknown having or claiming any interest in said Estate as heirs or distributees, and all persons named or unnamed having or claiming any interest in the Estate of said decedent: GREETINGS: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

You are hereby required to appear in the County Court for Sherman County, Oregon, U.S.A., in the Court House at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, U.S.A., on or before the 5th day of April, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day to appear and show cause, if any there be, why the

**T. Lester Johnson**  
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facts should not be found and the rights of heirship and distribution in the matter of the Estate of Antoine B. Sandvig, Deceased, should not be decreed, as set forth and prayed for in the petition of the plaintiff on file herein. You are further required to appear before the Court at the time and place named and file answers setting up your respective claims of heirship, ownership of interest in said Estate.

Wilson, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, together with the seal of said Court affixed this 22nd day of November, 1947. The date of the first publication of this citation is December 5th, 1947.

ROSS ORNDUFF  
 County Clerk and Clerk of the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon.  
 (SEAL OF THE COUNTY COURT)

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh  
**"Turrible, Turrible, Turrible!"**

Ben Ryder is back! After twenty years in Capital City, Ben has retired and come to enjoy life in the family home on Maple Street. First thing Ben does is write us complaining how Our Town has changed. "Why, there's no mud in the streets to sink up to your ankles in!" he says. "No pistol feuding in the town square! No moonshine liquor or Saturday night brawls! Nothing to do but settle for a temperate glass of beer in a law-abiding tavern!" "Turrible, turrible, turrible," Ben says, "how a town can get run down in twenty years!" And then Ben takes his tongue out of his cheek and tells us how proud he is of the orderly, law-abiding atmosphere he finds here. And from where I sit, you can point to that growing preference for a moderate, wholesome glass of beer as one reason folks in Our Town are so temperate, and neighborly and well-behaved.

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