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### A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

The hospital in any town is a community institution. It is a community benefit. Its value cannot be calculated in dollars and cents and almost always it is impossible to operate it so that revenues will meet expenditures. This is true of nearly all hospitals, whether in small towns or in large cities. A hospital cannot be considered solely as a business proposition. In the very nature of things it must do much for humanity for which it receives no money compensation. The hospital is regarded as a pseudo-charitable factor in the community, in that in case of accident or emergency case of any kind the hospital is looked to to afford its facilities. Because of this the hospital becomes to a large extent a community interest and its support a community duty. Until a hospital passes a certain limit in the number of its daily patients it must to a large extent depend on outside aid. Expenses are large. Instruments cost money and depreciation is rapid; maintenance costs mount rapidly especially in emergency cases of which there are many.

The Highland Park hospital is no exception. Its experience has been the experience of many others. It is not alone in seeking public support. As other hospitals have secured such support and are receiving it regularly, this hospital also should be so backed up by the community. Highland Park will not be content to do less for its hospital than other communities do for theirs. The local hospital is a splendid building, adequately equipped and ably managed. It is built and equipped to provide prompt and adequate service for many years. Its builders saw to that when it was enlarged. They built for the future as well as for the present, as all far-sighted builders do. They have done well. But for the present, and until the community served is large enough to provide sufficient paying patients to make revenues meet expenditures the hospital relies upon the public to make up the deficit in annual operation. In the past this burden has fallen on comparatively few. This is the first time the general public has been asked to do its share. The general public is benefited by the existence of the hospital here. Lives have been saved and much suffering averted through its ministrations. It is a community institution and should have the wholehearted support of the community.

### FOR ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Secretary Hoover, in an address before the national conference on street and highway safety, asked for the co-operation of all interests in an effort to reduce the now rapidly increasing number of deaths and injuries due to traffic accidents. He stated that there were 22,000 such deaths and 678,000 serious injuries last year and that nearly 80 per cent of the highway accidents were due to the automobile.

Here is a suggestion for lessening accidents. In the old days, a road was rounded up like a railroad with deep ditches on each side. Probably two teams passed at a pace of about three or four miles an hour on every five-mile stretch. Today our modern grades are largely the same, with a strip of pavement in the center on which scores of automobiles pass in a mile traveling at a rate of speed varying from 25 to 45 miles an hour. With good driving, there are no accidents. Misjudging one way or another, however, an automobile crashes with another car or goes in the ditch.

Instead of digging ditches on each side of the road, use the same labor and extend the grade and the culvert coverings from the edge of the pavement at a gentle slope to the fence row on each side. In other words, have the curve of the road more like a street. This is possible along 90 per cent of the highways at no additional expense. Thus is the tendency for cars to crowd in the center relieved and consequently the danger of accidents is lessened.

### STATE FEES COLLECTED

Total fees collected by the office of Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson during 1924 amounted to \$16,235,965.58 an increase of approximately \$2,000,000 over total collections for 1923 according to a report of the business of the office for 1924 issued today. This is an increase of \$14,435,965.58 over total fees collected in 1916, the year prior to Secretary Emmerson's election to the office of secretary of state.

The cost of operation of the office during 1924 was seven per cent of total collections while the automobile department is operated at four per cent, a lower cost than any similar department in the United States. This is a decrease in cost of operation from nearly seventeen per cent for the entire office in the eight years of Mr. Emmerson's administration.

The report shows fees collected from foreign corporations of \$1,752,165.71 and from domestic corporations, \$2,852,127.61 or a total of \$4,604,293.32.

Collections in the executive department amounted to \$37,965.52; in the index department \$431.25 and in the securities department \$57,069.24. The total fees collected in these departments amounted to \$4,689,759.33.

Automobile fees for the year 1924 amounted to \$11,546,206.25. 1,123,784 automobile and 95,343 chauffeurs' licenses were issued during the year.

### CHANGES IN THE CABINET

The resignation of Secretary of State Charles Hughes has caused unusual regret. It is also regretted that our laws do not provide proper compensation to public servants who can only serve their country at a great personal financial sacrifice. For nearly twenty years Mr. Hughes has given himself to public service, and the reason of his resignation is that he feels that it is his duty to his family to retire to private life and resume the practice of law.

Ambassador Frank B. Kellogg, now at the Court of St. James, as the British post is known in diplomatic parlance, has achieved fame as a lawyer. Kellogg is thoroughly versed in diplomatic matters and his standing as a jurist is of the highest.

Charles Beecher Warren of Michigan, who has been appointed to succeed Harlan Fiske Stone, just promoted to a seat on the United States Supreme bench, is another brilliant lawyer who has faithfully and successfully served his country. From a legal standpoint Mr. Coolidge has secured the services of one of the most brilliant lawyers in the country.

There is no doubt but that other changes will take place in the cabinet. Some of these may occur on the 4th of March and some at a later date.

### SEEKING WITNESS IN BIG WILL CASE

#### SIGNER BELIEVED IN CO.

Chicago Recluse Dies Leaving Much Property; Will Missing; But Turns Up Mysteriously

Search for a missing witness to a \$6,000,000 will centered in Lake county last week as County Clerk Lew A. Hendee received a notice from Chicago attorneys that the man was believed to be a Waukegan resident.

The man, whose name is not known definitely, is a well-dressed polished gentleman of 60 years old. Following the signing of the will in October, 1923, he disappeared and has not been seen since.

The history of the case, as outlined by the firm of Davis, Ramsay and Kraeke, 209 South LaSalle street, Chicago, administrators, is one of the most interesting that has ever come to the knowledge of local authorities. Following is the story:

Edwin B. Jennings, a well known Chicago millionaire, regarded as an eccentric recluse died on Oct. 31, 1923, at the age of 64 at St. Luke's hospital, Chicago.

After his death, search was made for a will, but none was found. He had seventeen safety deposit boxes in a Chicago bank, but none contained the will. When the estate amounting to \$6,000,000 was probated, it was turned over to administrators, as no specific heirs or attorneys were mentioned.

At the estate hearing, Frank W. Cherry of Chicago testified that he had been one of the witnesses to the millionaire's will, but did not know the name of the other one. He stated that the other man did not live in Chicago.

Three months later the will was received in the mails from some unknown person. One of the signatures was partially obliterated, but was made out to be one of the following names: J. M. Golden, Gordon, Garden, or Holden. The initials are either J. M. or J. W.

Mr. Jennings, the recluse, lived in two rooms of an old house, renting the rest of the rooms to boarders. He never spent a cent for pleasures, preferring to get them from some of his wealthy business associates. He always secured free tickets to banquets, baseball games, parties and shows, and wanted to be known as a poor person.

In the will received in the mail, he left two-thirds of his estate in trust for the education of poor boys and girls. As the income from this trust fund will amount to \$200,000 annually, it will provide for the education of 2,000 ambitious students each year.

The relatives are also remembered for they inherit \$5,000,000 in the will of the recluse's father, John Drake Jennings, the use of which the eccentric man had for his lifetime.

A large reward has been offered for the location of the mysterious Mr. Gordon, whose testimony is regarded as the highest value in settling the genuineness of the document.

More accurate translations of the Bible are being made, but the sports need not think any of the ten commandments will be found to be wrong. The ball tossers are getting ready for the 1925 season, but the hay tossers haven't organized yet.

### AMERICANS RESCUE PROMINENT PERSONS

#### Three Men Of Distinction Are Saved From Death By Relief Workers

Three men whose names have recently been prominent in the news columns in England and America are among the million ex-refugees who owe their lives to the care of American relief workers.

Col. A. Rawlinson, brother of the British field marshal who was one of the three great British generals in the World war, has just published his memoirs in London. In describing his heroic postwar experiences in Armenia and Turkey, where he spent two years in Turkish prisons, he gives unbounded praise to the work of the Near East relief, to which he owed his life.

Mikhail Mordkin, the great Russian dancer who has recently arrived in America, was for many months a refugee in Southern Russia and Armenia. He was found dying of typhus by American relief workers, who nursed him back to health.

Harry Ekisian, a fireman on the American battleship Utah who has just won the title of "strongest man in the American navy," was formerly an Armenian orphan in one of the institutions maintained by the Near East relief in Russian Armenia. He was picked up by the roadside after his parents had died of exposure and his own life was for a time despaired of. But he improved rapidly and later went to America, where he enlisted in the navy.

While the little girls are enjoying their Christmas playthings, the big ones are having fun with the older kind of toys called beaus.

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