

DECISION ENDS JOSEPHINE CASE IN COURT SINCE 1916

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SALEM, Ore., May 27.—One of the best farms in Josephine county, and the oldest water rights in that county are involved in a controversy that has been in the courts for 14 years and in which the supreme court today wrote what probably is the final chapter. The case terminated today was suit to quiet title brought by J. G. Houck against nine of his brothers and sisters in which he sought full title to the property.

By the opinion today, written by Chief Justice Coshaw, which is the denial of a rehearing asked by the plaintiff following a deciding opinion by Justice Rand last January, Houck is held to be only an heir to the property, equal in rights with the other heirs.

Many years ago J. G. Houck entered a contract with his parents, David and Hilah E. Houck, whereby they were to deed him the farm on condition that he take care of them the rest of their lives. There was controversy as to whether the son lived up to the agreement. After the death of his father he brought suit against his mother to quiet title. In the lower court for Josephine county he was upheld by Judge F. M. Calkins, in 1916, but the supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Johns in 1919, reversed the lower court.

Later the mother died, and in 1923 Houck brought suit against his brothers and sisters, one brother not entering into the contest against him. In the lower court Judge C. M. Thomas held against him, and this decree was affirmed by the supreme court in the Rand opinion last January.

TAR AND FEATHERS COAT GIVEN MAN IN LOUISIANA PARISH

HAMMOND, La., May 27.—Dr. S. L. Newsome, 39-year-old dentist from town today after a warning from a crowd of men who had tarred and feathered him and dumped him from an automobile in the principal street.

The men charged the dentist with improper conduct with a prominent married woman, whose identity officials refused to reveal. Dr. Newsome was lured to a lonely spot in the woods of Livingston parish by an acquaintance who asked him to drive him home. Upon reaching the open country a crowd dragged him into the woods, where tar and feathers were applied over his clothing.

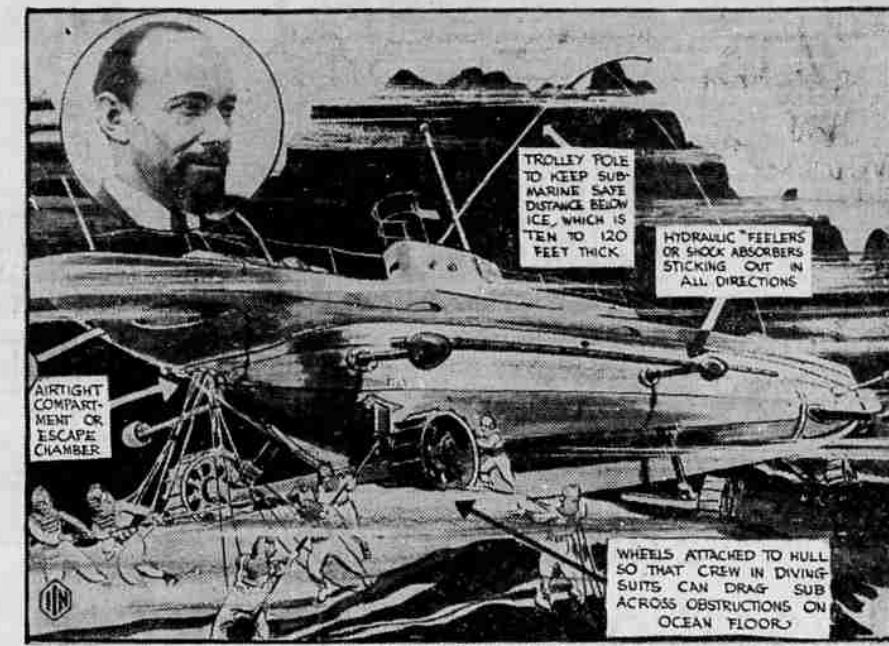
At 5 a. m. he was driven to the heart of town and thrown out under the street lights. He ran through the streets and created great excitement, which increased as the morning wore on.

Warning was given newspapermen and citizens in general not to give out information of the occurrence. Fearing reprisals, townspeople declined to discuss the case.

Conduct Clinic in Glendale—Mrs. Ellen Post, Mrs. Constance Crist and Mrs. Rose Kinan were in Glendale Tuesday conducting an infant and pre-school clinic.

Noted English Explorer Plans to Sail Under Polar Ice in Battered U-Boat

Captain Sir Hubert Wilkins, of Arctic and Antarctic Fame, Seeks Charter on the Old United States Submarine, the O-12, in Which He Plans to Sail to Behring Straits Under Ice.



WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—Captain Hubert Wilkins, famous English explorer of the top and bottom of the world, is planning an adventure that will make the fantastic tales of Jules Verne seem commonplace.

Captain Wilkins wants to sail from Spitzbergen, via the North Pole, to the Behring straits under ice in a submarine. For his astonishing expedition, the captain has applied to the navy department for a charter on the battered old United States submarine, the O-12.

Because of his English citizenship, Captain Wilkins made his application to Assistant Secretary

Jahncke through his American assistants, Sloan Dannehower and Simon Lake.

In his letter asking for the charter, Wilkins said the submarine would have to be virtually rebuilt. Among the new equipment necessary is machinery to bore through ice fifty feet thick, television and radio apparatus and a balloon for air observation.

Wilkins pointed out that no unbroken ice has been observed in the arctic regions, and a fourth of the entire distance could be sailed in open water.

The submarine would be equipped with a "telescopic conning tower that could drill holes in ice ten feet thick." Another attachment could bore through 50 feet of ice.

The prow of the submarine would be provided with an observation chamber, with powerful lights that would penetrate the water for some distance ahead. In addition, Wilkins would add a compression chamber, so his men could move in and out of the submerged vessel in diving suits.

For many years Captain Wilkins has been recognized as one of the world's most experienced and daring polar explorers. A few weeks ago he returned from his fourth visit to the Antarctic.

In the credit situation.

Climatic conditions point toward satisfactory yields of most crops in 1930, although light rainfall in recent years has resulted in a noticeable lack of sub-soil moisture in some of this district's important agricultural areas. Condition reports indicate that deciduous fruit crops will be larger this year than in 1929 but smaller than in 1928. This year's moderate-sized crop of citrus fruits is being marketed satisfactorily. Declining

prices for lambs and wool have had an adverse effect on the position of the sheep raising industry, while prices for cattle, although somewhat lower than a year ago, have been maintained at relatively high levels and cattle markets continue relatively stronger than other livestock markets.

Miss Olson In—Miss Della Olson came in from Yoncalla yesterday to visit friends and shop.

HOOVER PRAISES CONFERENCE FOR NATIONAL SAFETY

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Opening the third national conference on street and highway safety, President Hoover told the assembled delegates yesterday their accident prevention work was a service to the entire world.

The president deplored the great loss of human life in street and highway accidents and described the toll of suffering among surviving victims as of national concern. "The great loss of human life in street and highway accidents and the toll of suffering among surviving victims is a national concern of grave importance," the president said. "You thus are gathered here to consider a humanitarian and economic problem which touches every man, woman and child in the land."

The last national street and highway safety conference, held in 1926, carefully worked out a program of measures for improvement of traffic conditions. It was then unanimously agreed that responsibility for carrying out these recommendations should lie with the states and local communities; that voluntary organizations should lend their cooperation locally, and that the national conference should reconvene only if need for it should appear.

In the years that have intervened there has been much effort to better traffic conditions, but the accident rate nevertheless continues to rise because the increasing volume of traffic outruns our efforts. Without these earlier efforts, conditions today would be much worse, but still the steadily increasing traffic has outrun all measures of safety.

"This conference has therefore been called in response to a widespread recognition by governors, state and municipal officials, and associations devoted to the subject, of need for a new appraisal of the situation in the light of experience and for determination of further courses of action upon which all can agree."

"It is encouraging to know that in some states and localities, where remedies have been actively applied, the accident increase has been curbed and traffic congestion has been somewhat relieved. The way has thus been pioneered."

"But universal improvement can come only gradually and through continuous and combined effort in many different fields and on a nationwide scale."

RULING ON CRAB SALE
SALEM, Ore., May 27.—Crabs caught beyond the three-mile limit off Yaquina bay may be shipped

and offered for sale without violating any law, says an opinion by Attorney General Van Winkle, replying to an inquiry by Mr. T. Hoy, master fish warden. The prohibition law, says the opinion, applies only to Yaquina bay and its tributaries.

EUGENE WOMAN TELLS OF ATTACK WHILE ON STROLL

EUGENE, Ore., May 27.—Lane county authorities today continued an investigation of the mystery surrounding the story Mrs. Beulah Brooks, 49, Eugene, told Monday after she had been found by police sagged and bound on Skinner's butte. She had failed to return from a walk.

Mrs. Brooks, who under a physician's orders had been walking each afternoon, left her home Monday leaving a note for her daughter telling of her whereabouts. She told authorities that as she was resting on a log two men grabbed her from behind, held her nose and dropped a pill down her throat. They gagged her, she said.

Physicians, who examined Mrs. Brooks said there was no evidence of attack. They said her condition was not serious.

Mrs. Brooks is the mother of Regina Brooks, 15, youngest university of Oregon student, where faculty members declare she is one of the best in the freshman class.

AUTO ASSOCIATION CASE HEARD BY COMMISSIONER

SALEM, Ore., May 27.—Clare A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, has under advisement, for a decision later, testimony offered yesterday in a hearing given the Pacific Coast Automobile association. Over the protest of the American Automobile association and various insurance concerns the Pacific coast association seeks a license to operate in Oregon as an automobile service club. The protesters contend that it intends to do an insurance business.

4TH PIANO CLASS RECITAL MAY 29TH

The fourth program in the series of music recitals in which Mrs. Charles Heinline is presenting her "Melody Way" and advanced pupils, will be given on Thursday evening, May 29, in the First Methodist Episcopal church.

The public is cordially invited to hear the recital, in which the following students will participate: Wilma Feldkamp, Watson Talcott, Vivian Godsey, Kathryn Busenbark, Louise Smith, Dora Baker, Betty Kronke, Virginia Russell, Victoria Newport, Dolores John, Dick Carstens, Beverly Ritter, Mildred Morlan, Lois Morlan, Eva Baker, Hubert Newport, Melvin Gil-

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Records of business activity in the twelfth federal reserve district showed little fundamental change during April. Industrial production in the aggregate was practically unchanged from March, some industries falling to show the expansion customary in April and other improving more than seasonally. Trade indicators offered a rather mixed picture during April, but, on the whole, showed some improvement from the low levels of other recent months. Markets for most farm products were dull and prices were at low levels. Beneficial rains were favorable for growing conditions, however, and from a production standpoint the agricultural outlook improved. Wholesale commodity prices averaged slightly lower than in March. There were no important changes

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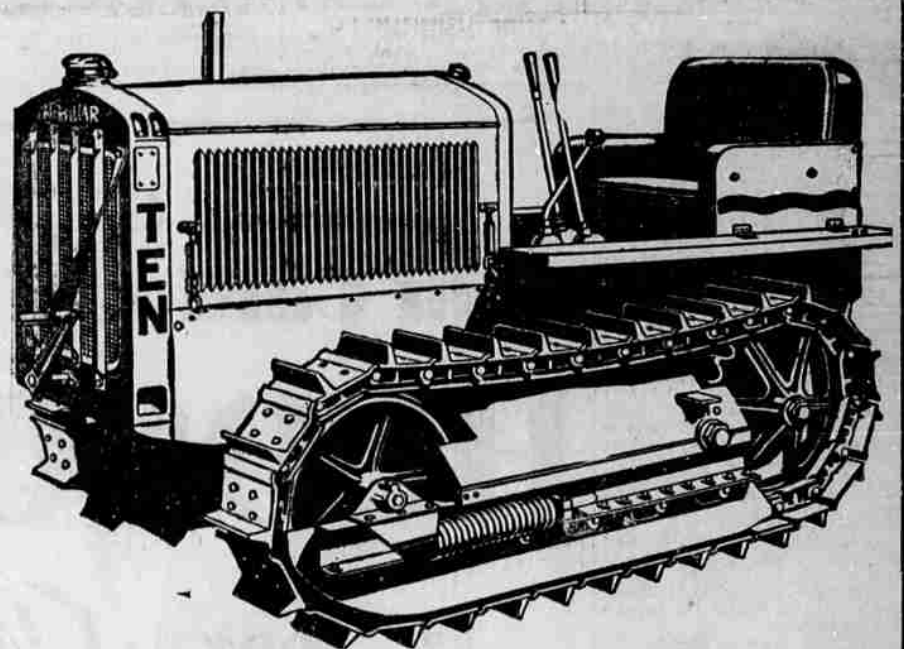
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