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TVA Decision.

IN A DECISION which took Chief Justice Hughes an hour to read, the supreme court yesterday announced that the points of the TVA law involved in the Alabama Power company suit were constitutional. This constituted the second court decision favorable to the new deal out of nine cases. The other favorable decision was on the gold clause. Of the other seven, one was dismissed and six were decided against the government.

The TVA decision was an extremely important one. It established beyond any possible doubt, the right of the government to go into the power business. Had the government lost this suit it would have meant that the future of the several power projects now under construction would have been very questionable.

Now, in addition to making and selling power, the government may buy or build transmission lines and therefore may go into the power business almost upon any scale that it sees fit.

Objecting to the majority opinion, Justice McReynolds held that: "If under the thin mask of disposing of property the United States can enter the business of generating, transmitting and selling power... with the definite design to accomplish ends wholly beyond the sphere marked out for them by the constitution, an easy way has been found for breaking down the limitations heretofore opposed to guarantee protection against aggression."

New deal adherents who have been displeased with previous decisions of the court must be pleased with the TVA decision for it is distinctly "liberal." The powers of the federal government are definitely expanded as the result of it.

Winter?

MOTORISTS coming from the north report amazing things, amazing to us here in the delightful Umpqua valley. It seems there is ice, freezing weather, snow and cold biting winds. These reports seem odd for winter has dealt gently with us—as it always does, and it is hard for those of us who do not travel about very much to realize that even our near neighbors on the north are feeling the cold.

Nor is it bragging to talk of our splendid climate. We are so accustomed to it here in Douglas county that we find it difficult to realize that everyone doesn't know about it. It is a simple fact, and one that cannot be told too often, that this county has a marvelous, mild and delightful climate winter and summer. We never suffer from cold in winter and in summer, as the News-Review always points out during hot weather—this valley does not suffer from heat even as much as those north and south of us do.

If the reader of these lines has friends or relatives living elsewhere who might be seeking a new location, send them some of the facts about Douglas county climate. The chamber of commerce has plenty of literature on this subject which it will be glad to send for you or give you to send away.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

ed by a man with a shovel and the coal loaded into a wagon or truck.

Even three years of the New Deal haven't been able to cure whatever it is that is wrong.

THE count of Covadonga, heir to the Spanish throne (there is no Spanish throne, you know,

Spain having gone republic) is believed to be dying in Havana of hemophilia.

Hemophilia is a tendency to profuse and uncontrollable bleeding from even the slightest wounds. It is usually hereditary, and in the case of the ex-royal house of Spain is believed to be the result of long generations of inbreeding.

SINCE the beginning of time, livestock growers have known that inbreeding is costly and fatal, and precautions have been taken to guard against it.

But in Europe, particularly, and over much of the world in general, the snobbish idea grew up early that royalty must mate only with royalty, and MUSTN'T defile its blood with commoner blood. As a result of that snobbish theory, inbreeding became in time almost unavoidable, and moron kings became nearer the rule than the exception.

That is one reason why kings have become scarce.

OREGON EVENTS FLASHED FROM WIRE SERVICE

OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—The son lion which has become the prize 1936 fish story of the Willamette river, popped up again yesterday when it climbed out on the rocks below the Oregon City falls.

The animal gave no indications of injury from the shots thought to have been inflicted in his neck by Herbert Douthett, Oregon City fisherman who reported the sea creature reared in the window of his house boat.

OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—The Mountain States Construction company will start work on the new \$90,000 Estacada bridge across the Clackamas river on the Sandy-Woodburn highway about March 1, it was learned today. Sixty-four men will find work on the project.

SALEM, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The city council tonight will initiate steps to vacate the east portion of Willson park adjoining the state capitol grounds for use of the capitol reconstruction commission in building the new state house.

A number of the Willson heirs will be approached.

WOODBURN, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Herbert L. Gill, 78, for 32 years editor of the Woodburn Independent, died at his home here Sunday.

SALEM, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson of The Dalles, filed his candidacy declaration to succeed himself on the non-partisan ballot. He is circuit judge of the seventh district including Hood River and Wasco counties.

SALEM, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Ben R. Liffin, The Dalles publisher, has filed his declaration with the secretary of state of candidacy for the Oregon delegation to the republican national convention from the state at large.

Liffin's campaign slogan read: "Oregon's choice first. Then a republican who advocates baste and sound American principles."

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Anna Holmes, 84, died yesterday in a local hospital after having been overcome a week ago by gas fumes believed to have leaked from a home-made combination gas heater and cooking plate.

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Fifty-three years ago J. E. Wilson, now 73, bade goodbye to Kansas, to his "kid brother," L. B. Wilson, now 67, and came west to Oregon. He next saw him here this week when L. B. slipped into J. E.'s home when he was away and "seared" him when the owner returned.

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruby Wiscaver, 41, teacher in the Klamath Falls public schools for 15 years, died here yesterday of pneumonia.

NEWPORT, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—A wind-whipped fire threatened to spread to other structures here after razing the upper portion of the Porter building but firemen succeeded in halting the blaze. Damage was unofficially estimated at \$4,500. The building housed a suite of furnished rooms, the Thomas Coulthart dry goods store, the Lincoln Baking company and the Morris hardware firm.

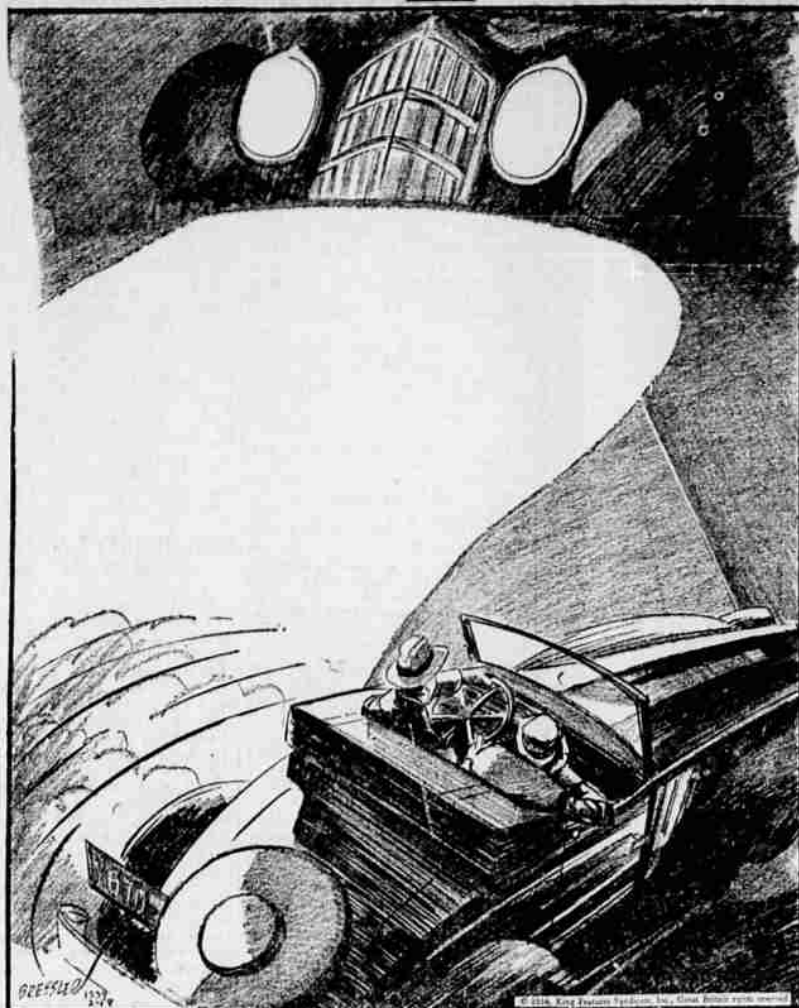
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—No more PWA funds are available. C. C. Hockley, acting public works director for Oregon, said here on his return from Washington, D. C.

He advised communities with worthwhile projects to prepare plans, however, since "no one knows whether there will be further allotments." He said 17 Oregon projects, calling for an expenditure of \$9,900,000, were on file when the funds ceased to flow.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan does "not intend to enter the Oregon primary or any other primary," he informed republican leaders here.

He has been mentioned as a possible republican presidential candidate. "All I want at Cleveland (convention site) is the widest possible decision... so that we may have the best possible chance in November to restore the republic," he said.

Which Is Your Car?



HIGH SCHOOL TRAGEDY

By MAXINE CANTY

CHAPTER XIX
As I couldn't find any, I was about to leave when it occurred to me to look in the pocket of the coat he had worn the day before. I even looked in the inside pocket as boys are funny about the way they use their pockets. All my fingers touched was a fountain pen. I pulled it out, intending to drop it on the table for him, but I dropped it instead. I would have been just as happy had I seen a snake lying on the floor.

There it twinkled up at me—the "CBS" of Constance Sinclair in glowing gold on the green barrel of the pen!

All night I tossed from one side to the other of my bed. I had read that expression many many times, and our English teacher had warned us how hackneyed it was. But hackneyed or not, it was certainly true of me that night. I thought I should never sleep again. I looked in the mirror anxiously the next morning to see if I were as white and drawn as I should have been. Strangely enough, my cheeks were almost disgustingly rosy and except that I looked slightly sleepy there was nothing wrong with my eyes.

Yet all day as the night before, I could think of nothing but Constance's pen lying in Allen's coat pocket. I was sure it was hers, for even if the monogram had not been so decisive. Where in the world could Allen have got it?

As I thought back over the time which had elapsed since the murder, I could remember without much trouble, that Allen had been extraordinarily nervous and irritable. I could remember his leaving the room many times when we were discussing the mystery. Mother always scolded dad and me, saying that we knew how upset Allen was over it. Little did she dream just how upset he was or had a right to be!

I could remember, too, how eagerly he listened to anything new dad brought home or that appeared in the papers. It was only when the talk and speculation began that he left. He must have lived in an agony of fear of being found out. I wondered that, with his slight strength, he had stood it as long as he had. His outburst about Bruce looked to me like the beginning of the end. He was going to break and soon, I was sure.

It was not that I believed my brother guilty of the murder. But that he must be concerned somehow was evident. It was the uncertainty of how that drove me distracted. That and the problem of what I was to do about it. I knew my duty was to report it immediately, or at least to tell dad. But I didn't have the nerve. I just couldn't involve Allen in all this questioning and probing that would go on. I knew without thinking that the inspector would consider him a possible suspect. Had he not said that if we found the pen we might also find the murderer? I began to appreciate why innocent persons might not volunteer information in their possession.

I worked that afternoon about the office as usual. When a call came for me at 4:30, I was startled. I felt like a suspicious character myself!

It was the inspector.

"Hello," he said, "Miss Julie?"

"Yes," I managed, weakly.

"If you aren't busy for an hour, I would like to have you come down. I have some interesting testimony to be taken in short-hand."

"I'll be there in fifteen minutes," I promised.

"O. K.," and he hung up.

I couldn't think of anything even half-way near the truth in my confusion. So I just telephoned mother. I was going to the library. Then I entered the inspector's office by the roundabout route, trembling all over for fear I would see Allen there.

The inspector was alone. He was almost jovial.

"Well, well, Miss Julie," he greeted me. "I have some interesting news for you. You have helped at so many points with that clear little brain of yours and your photographic memory, that I thought I'd have you in on this."

As he spoke he was leading me to the little closet where paper and pencils were already waiting.

"Mrs. Carrington and her husband have arrived from San Diego. I don't think her testimony will be any worse for the ears of seventeen than the evening papers are for the eyes of seventeen. So suppose you sit right here and take your accurate little notes."

"Yes, sir."

I sat down with a great sense of relief. Almost immediately the office door opened to give the woman entrance. Behind her was George. I watched my mirror closely forgetting all my anxiety for my curiosity. She was quite as Mrs. Sardon had described her—tall, dark, handsome. Her eyes and hair were a gleaming, deep brown, her skin creamy. She was rather large, but her height made that an advantage. She was wearing a brown suit, beautifully tailored and trimmed with rolls of soft mink around the collar and sleeves. A rather large brown hat set at a jaunty angle helped to bring out the loveliness of her eyes. Altogether she was a most stunning woman.

Her husband was almost equally good-looking, taller than she, also darker in coloring with a small mustache and an easy smile. He did not seem particularly concerned over the situation, but she made no pretence about her feelings in the matter. She was exceedingly annoyed; perhaps he was nervous. One could not be sure about that, but at least her manner was cool and antagonistic when the inspector began his questions.

"Now, Mrs. Carrington, as I have said to you before, we are sorry to have caused you the inconvenience of which you complain. But frankly your husband's and your angle of this case is exceedingly important to us and must be investigated thoroughly."

He paused for any comment, but receiving none, continued, "Suppose you tell us first your knowledge of and acquaintance with Miss Sinclair?"

There was still no answer. "I mean," he said more firmly, "for you to tell me when you first heard of her."

"I recall my husband's telling me of his former engagement to her before we were married."

"I see. And what comment did he have to make on the engagement at that time?"

"I do not recall that he made any beyond the one customary under the circumstances, that it had been adolescent romance and that he had no further interest in her whatsoever."

She did not look at her husband, but her whole tone was scornful, almost mocking. Carrington bit at his mustache and watched her.

"And when did you come to the conclusion that this was not true?"

"About six or seven weeks ago."

"Had your relation to your husband always been a happy one?"

until then?"

Carrington leaned forward slightly, seeming very interested.

"It had appeared so."

"What do you mean by that?"

"I mean that we had been married several years; that I took our happiness, as you call it, for granted. There had never been any reason to question it."

"Your husband is not a philanthropist then?"

"I cannot say, Inspector O'Brien. I was never a suspicious wife, and I never had earlier cause to ponder that question."

It was the inspector who bit his lip then; Carrington flashed a little.

"How did you discover his renewed—or friendship with Miss Constance Sinclair?"

"He told me of meeting her in San Francisco and suggested that I invite her down to our home for a week-end."

"Which you didn't do?"

"No."

"Why?"

"It was not convenient just then."

"And later?"

George broke in with, "Really, Inspector, I don't see—"

O'Brien snapped, "You are not supposed to!"

Mrs. Carrington did not glance at him.

"And later, Mrs. Carrington?"

"I had no wish to invite her."

"Why?"

"Because in the meantime, my husband had been absent from home several evenings and three entire Sundays, returning at about midnight each time, and offering no explanation."

"You demanded one?"

"Not at first. It was not my habit to question him."

"But you did later?"

"Yes."

"What was his explanation?"

"That he was going to St. Joseph to see Miss Sinclair, an old friend who seemed to be lonely."

"And your reaction to this?"

She shrugged her shoulders slightly. "The usual one, I suppose. I lost my temper."

"You quarrelled. When was this?"

"About the middle of October."

"I see. Now then, did you ever see Miss Sinclair?"

Of course, she must have read the papers and must have known that Mrs. Sardon had seen her call on Constance. So I didn't give her so much credit for telling the truth.

"Yes. I came to St. Joseph to see her."

"When was this?"

"About a week before she was killed."

"Will you tell me how you happened to do this, and all about the encounter?"

(To be continued)

MRS. BESSIE SMITH RITES ARRANGED

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral home for Mrs. Bessie Estelle Smith, Rev. J. Frank Cunningham will conduct the service. Interment will be in the I. O. O. cemetery.

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LETTERS from the People

Communications to the News-Review for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 200 words in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address must accompany the contribution.

TAX PROVISIO OF TOWNSEND PLAN REGARDED PERILOUS

Editor News-Review.—Dr. Townsend said in his Chicago convention address: "The transaction tax will be incorporated in the coat of the article and paid for by the purchaser at the time of the purchase, just as the sales tax is at the present time." Other Townsend leaders have admitted the same thing and estimated the resulting rise in prices will be from ten to twenty-five per cent. Economist Doane, hired by the Townsend organization, said the increase will be from eight to ten per cent, while Townsend Radio Speaker Kiefer said the price increase would be from twenty to twenty-five per cent.

The mention of a few items might give some idea of the increase in prices directly due to the Townsend tax. These estimates represent the lowest average estimates of the tax to the consumer. There will be a 10 per cent tax on shoes, 16 per cent additional tax on gasoline, 18 per cent tax on automobiles, 28 per cent tax on finished lumber (estimate deduced from Western Pine association figures), 10 per cent tax on bread, and so on.

The wage earner, he saw, will be a loser, farmer, hand, clerk, or anyone having an employer of any kind, will have deducted from his wages two per cent of every dollar he earns. This is so stated in section 2b of the Townsend bill, known as the McGroarty bill. Moreover, all property taxpayers will pay two per cent on their taxes, all borrowers will pay two per cent on interest, all policy holders two per cent on insurance, all renters two per cent on rents, farmers two per cent on seeds and feeds, and this doesn't begin to enumerate all the transaction taxes which the people will pay.

All these numerous transaction taxes mean reduced buying power of the eighty-five per cent of the people who, even in 1929, received less than \$2400 yearly incomes. Can you stimulate business by taking from ten to twenty-five per cent from the incomes of eighty-five per cent of the people, who would have spent their money in the usual channels of trade, to pay pensions to less than nine per cent of the people? In some sections of the country there will be a very marked decrease in the total buying power of the community. A survey of the wage earners of the Algoma sawmill showed that there would be paid in transaction taxes alone, \$1300 monthly more than would be brought into the community through Townsend pensions, even if the pensioners received \$200 a month, and remained in this community to spend their pensions.

We all like to boast for our own community, but honesty will have to admit, that even from lovely Roseburg there will be a marked exodus of the elderly who will seek southern California or health resorts as places to spend their pensions.

Now, Mr. Merchant and Mr. Business Man, you know, of course, that the consumer will pay these transaction taxes, and no, perhaps, feel that you will not be greatly affected by the taxes. However, you are consumers, too. Moreover, if the purchasing power of the masses is not increased, but rather decreased, by the passage of this bill, it is wise to accumb to the lure of free advertising and temporary business increases, which the Townsend organization offers for backing the bill? Carefully read and re-read the McGroarty bill, and you will read therein the ultimate ruin of your business, if this bill is passed. Beware the high pressure methods of the Townsendites! Remember that the co-founder of this wild

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

Morning Hours

6:45—Early Birds Concert.
7:00—Alarm Clock Club.
7:30—News-Review on the Air.
7:45—Alarm Clock Club (contd.)
8:00—"Good Morning," J. M. Judd.
8:15—Mills Brothers.
8:30—Devotional.
8:45—Organ Music.
9:15—Guy Lombardo.
10:00—Woman's Exchange.
10:45—Musical Scrapbook.
11:30—Love Songs of Today.

Afternoon Hours

12:05—Copeco's "Pinto Pete."
12:20—News-Review News Broadcast.
12:30—Hansen Chevrolet Co. Varieties.
1:00—John McCormack.
1:15—Friendship Circle.
2:00—On the Shores of Italy.
2:15—Music Masters.
3:00—Vanity Fair and the World Bookman.
3:15—Songs of Yesteryear.
3:30—Story Land.
4:00—The Editor Views the News.
4:15—Sawwich Shop in Fun and Frolic.
4:30—Musical Duoquet.
5:00—Modern Rhythm.
5:15—Tavern's Novelty Fun Fest.
5:30—United Artists.
5:45—Sign Off.

AUDITOR TO AID TAXPAYERS FILE

Dewey Scarbrough, auditor from the state tax department, is to be in Roseburg March 2 to aid taxpayers in preparing their state income tax returns. He will make his headquarters in the courthouse in Roseburg between 8 a. m. and 5:30 p. m.

SUTHERLIN

SUTHERLIN, Feb. 18.—Floyd McClure, employee of the Umpqua Lumber company, was called to Glendale, California, last week due to the death of his father, Harold Y. Smith went to Salem Friday to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smith.

Mrs. Juanita Gale spent the week-end in Eugene.

Arthur Austen left Sunday for Powers, Oregon, where he will be employed in a lumber company as baker. Mr. Austen's duties will consist solely of baking bread and pastries.

Mrs. Martin Lloyd is back from California where she spent several days visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Ernest Aramchian returned Tuesday from Mercy hospital in Roseburg with a big baby boy.

Claude Allen left Sunday for McKenzie pass where he is employed in the CCC camp.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Alexander Pantazes "was a fine man," the woman who gave him his start told friends here.

She was "Klondike Kate" Rockwell, erstwhile dance hall empress of Alaska and now of Bond, Ore. She gave Pantazes the \$21 with which he founded a theatre yesterday.

"I never heard him tell a dirty story," she commented.

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APPRAISAL RECHECK ASKED BY LEAGUE

A recheck of the first year's land appraisals in Douglas county is being requested by the directors of the Douglas County Taxpayers League. The directors, who have been making a study of assessments within the county, report that inequalities now exist and should be corrected.

Several years ago, it was pointed out, the county court authorized a complete reappraisal of all farm lands in the county, and appointed a board to do this work to bring all lands on a uniform plane.

After the first year, it was stated, the basis of appraisal was changed, and the work done that year does not conform with the later evaluations.

The directors are recommending to the county court that the board recheck with work done during the first year using the same basis of appraisal as used later. It is also recommended that members of the appraisal board act in conjunction with the board of equalization in considering complaints filed regarding appraisals on farm lands. The directors also adopted a resolution recommending County Judge George Quine and former County Judge Walter Hamilton for holding intact the county's bond redemption fund which permits the retirement of the county's bonded debt this year.

SERVICE STATION HERE IS LOOTED

Cash amounting to approximately \$11 and a pistol were stolen last night in a burglary at the Taylor service station and battery shop, Oak and Pine streets. Entrance was gained by forcing the lock on a side door. Apparently the cash and gun composed the entire loot, as the stock of batteries and accessories was apparently untouched.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

FRANKS-CUMMINGS—Louis Richard Franks and Tessiebell May Cummings, Reedsport.

BARROWS-HULL—Byron Barrows and Mae Hull, both of Myrtle Point.

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