

PROHIBITION CASE BEFORE HIGH COURT

Clark's Decision Holding 18th Amendment Invalid Put to Test.

THACHER STARTS ARGUMENTS TODAY

Former Decisions of the Supreme Court Reviewed; Half Hour Required For Talk.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—The Clark decision holding the eighteenth amendment invalid was put to test today in the supreme court. Oral argument on the government's prompt appeal began shortly after noon.

Chief Justice Hughes withdrew from the case, announcing he submitted a brief to the court when prohibition was before it in 1920, and thus considered himself disqualified.

The decision of Federal Judge William Clark, of New Jersey, was based on a contention that the amendment is not self-executing and that it is not a law which should be ratified by state conventions rather than by state legislatures.

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Many Thousands Of Sheep Graze On Forest Land

Figures For Umatilla National Forest Area Given—Range in Good Condition, Report.

The Umatilla national forest has a total area of 1,542,233 acres of usable grazing land, Gerald J. Tucker, forest ranger, states, thus making a larger area of grazing land than is found in any other national forest in Oregon or Washington.

The Meacham rubber district situated in the center of the Umatilla national forest, with an area of 155,389 acres of grazing land, provided summer range for 872 cattle and horses and 21,473 sheep and 17,487 lambs during the past summer of 1930.

Last year was a dry year in the mountains and some difficulty was experienced by the stockmen because of the shortage of water, the forest ranger states.

The result is that, given a favorable spring, we should have a good range crop in 1931, Mr. Tucker believes.

Good Fall Growth. Fall rains during the latter part of September and parts of October were sufficient to eliminate the necessity of trailing stock long distances to water, with resultant damage to the range, the forest ranger states.

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ASKS FUND



John Barton Payne, national Red Cross chairman, said the drought relief problem presents the greatest peace time emergency.

NAME REYNOLDS CLUB PRESIDENT

Board of Directors of Country Club Hear Reports of Committees.

C. H. Reynolds was re-elected as president of the La Grande country club when they met last night at his office in the Sommer hotel building.

Herman Siegrist was chosen as the director to take the place of S. D. Crowe, while H. N. Ashby, L. K. Kinzel, W. C. Perkins and William Siegrist were re-elected.

Reports were presented by L. K. Kinzel, chairman of the green committee, and P. E. Lanzer, chairman of the house committee.

Just preceding the meeting of the country club members the Island City Landholding company met at Mr. Reynolds' office.

Playing will begin at the country club about the first of March, Mr. Reynolds believes.

GAS OFFICIALS, LOCAL MEN AT BANQUET HERE

About a table which bore as a centerpiece a miniature natural gas plant, 35 of the leading business men of La Grande and Natural Gas company officials gathered last night at the National Gas company of Oregon.

Prompt speeches were made by Victor E. Mellic, president of the city commission; A. B. Cherry, city manager; H. E. Brady, president of the Rotary club; L. L. Snodgrass, president of the Standard Oil company; and Mr. West, of the Federal Reserve bank of Portland.

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Odd Fellows To Meet on Saturday

The county association meeting of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be held at the La Grande hall on Saturday, Jan. 24, beginning at 8 o'clock, it was announced today.

Closing Arguments Are Made Today In Trial of Clara Bow's Secretary

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21 (AP)—A picture of Clara Bow, as a reckless spender checked only by the cautious hand of Daisy De Boe was drawn for a jury today as defense counsel made closing arguments in the trial of the actress' former secretary on grand theft charges.

MELLON NOT IN FAVOR OF PAVING VETS

Urges Against Cashing Veterans Compensation Certificates.

LEGION MEMBERS IN DEMONSTRATION

Ex-Service Men From Baltimore, Frederick and Other Towns March up Penn. Avenue.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Secretary Mellon today reported to the house ways and means committee enactment of the Garner bill to pay cash on veterans compensation certificates would seriously affect national finance and "our general economic situation."

Several hundred American Legionnaires marched today in a demonstration urging legislation to authorize the cashing of the World War veterans adjusted compensation certificates.

They were from Baltimore, Frederick and other towns in Maryland and from local spots. They marched up Pennsylvania avenue to the capitol, where they broke ranks and walked to the south steps.

There they were addressed by Representatives Putnam, of Texas, Bankin, of Mississippi and Connery, of Massachusetts, Democrats. All three have been urging legislation to authorize cashing of the certificates.

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Mercury 50 Degrees Higher Today Than a Year Ago

Conditions are improving. Even the weather! A year ago this morning, the thermometer in La Grande registered 20 degrees BELOW ZERO, the second coldest in history.

This morning, at approximately the same time, the thermometer registered 30 degrees ABOVE ZERO.

Essentially, two months from today will formally terminate the winter season.

Educators Give Talks at Rotary Club Luncheon

Dr. Ray Murphy had charge of today's program at the Lions club luncheon and called on H. E. Inlow, president of the Standard Oil company, and J. T. Longfellow, city school superintendent, for a history of "The Oregon Education Plan."

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ELIHU ROOT PLEADS FOR WORLD COURT

Venerable Statesman in Washington Urges American Adherence.

RELATES PART IN DRAWING UP PLAN

Group of Women Crowd Senate Foreign Relations Committee Room During Speech.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—A group of women crowded the senate foreign relations committee room today as the venerable American statesman, Elihu Root, urged American adherence to the world court.

Mr. Root, who will be 80 years old next month, could barely be heard above the babble of voices and confusion outside the committee room as he related his part in drafting the modified proposal for American adherence.

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MARTIN FAVORS REPEAL

General Charles H. Martin, congressman elect from the third Oregon district, declared today "revision of the 18th amendment according to the Wickersham commission plan would make a better repeal out of congress."

Public Buildings Program Approved

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—The administration's \$100,000,000 proposal to increase its public buildings program outside of the District of Columbia to \$415,000,000 was approved today by the house buildings committee.

Milton-Freewater Hunters Are Fined

PENDELTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Don Eaton, Laurence Timmons and Kyle Cowles, all of Milton-Freewater, were fined \$200 each and sentenced to 30 days in jail when they pleaded guilty today in justice court to a charge of killing cow elk.

Seven Constables Buried Under Snow

MUNICH, Germany, Jan. 21 (AP)—Seven of eight Bavarian constables who were buried in an avalanche near here yesterday were found dead under the snow today. The eighth was still alive but severely injured.

Press Comment on The Report Of Law Enforcement Committee Is Given; N. Y. Sun Finds It "Sleazy"

Spokesman Review Says Wets "Will Find no Cheer in These Declarations."

By The Associated Press. Press comment on the report of the law enforcement commission, made public in Washington yesterday, includes the following:

New York Sun—All in all, the report is rather sleazy, outside of the minority demands for repeal of the only constructive thing in it is the plan for revision of the amendment. This President Hoover hastens to repudiate.

How clear the commission's report is, we think it will, it may be because the commission has not stood far enough away from its subject to obtain the right perspective. In neither the report nor any of the separate reports is asked or answered the question that Dwight W. Morrow put to the commission: "What would you do well that large portions of our people should conceive of the federal government as an alien and even a hostile power?"

KLAMATH FALLS SEEKING ARMORY

Astoria Also Files Bill in Legislature for National Guard Building.

SALEM, Jan. 21 (AP)—The twelve league of Oregon cities' measure, chief among which is the request for a uniform state building code were introduced into the house today, was also a bill requiring court instructions to trial juries to be in writing.

The much discussed, and long awaited grange power bill, will be introduced late today or tomorrow, C. W. Woodard, grange master, announced. Public hearings will be held on the measure following its introduction, expected in the senate.

SALEM, Jan. 21 (AP)—Two bills asking for a \$40,000 armory for Klamath Falls and Astoria, were introduced in the house Tuesday. The bills were presented by the Klamath and Clatsop county delegations.

Governor Julius Meier may be called before the joint ways and means committee of the legislature to suggest cuts in the state budget before the appropriations reconvened by his predecessor, Governor A. W. Norblad. This suggestion was made to the committee last night by Senator W. P. Woodard.

The joint committee will introduce in the house two bills covering deficiency allowances authorized by the state emergency act, containing the first biennium. One bill will provide for an appropriation of \$475,833.45 covering miscellaneous deficiencies, and the other \$320,000 applied to the construction of the new cell wing at the penitentiary. Both bills include interest, which is running about \$100 a day, and which will terminate today if the bills are not on third reading by suspension of the rules and passed immediately after introduction.

Senators Woodward and Strayer led an attack on the emergency board which has power to authorize expenditures by state departments and institutions in excess of the legislative appropriations. On Woodward's motion it was voted that a sub-committee of three members investigate the board and bring back a recommendation for curtailing its activities.

Fearful of Reception. Fearful of the reception that the public would give a new intangibles tax act, with retroactive clause to forestall a refund of taxes paid under the act of 1929, recently declared unconstitutional, the house and senate committees on assessment and taxation, meeting jointly indicated that a bill in this form will not be introduced.

Edison Says Report "Equal to Nothing"

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 21 (AP)—Thomas A. Edison, who arrived in Florida today, said the report of the Wickersham commission on prohibition was "equal to nothing, but slightly in favor of the dry."

Gasoline Blast Is Fatal To Housewife

MT. VERNON, N. Y., Jan. 21 (AP)—Gasoline with which she was cleaning her gloves exploded and fatally burned Mrs. Lorraine Abbott, wife of F. G. Abbott, an executive of McKesson & Robbins wholesale drug store. Mrs. Abbott died today in a hospital. She was 40 and a native of Memphis, Tenn. She and her husband formerly lived in San Francisco.

COMMISSION LEAVES MUCH UNANSWERED

Some Call Law Enforcement Report "Dry," Others "Wet."

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NO DOUBT ABOUT HOOVER'S STAND

Leaders Believe President's Position Will be Maintained in the 1932 Campaign.

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So aroused were the commission members over reports that the president had intervened to forestall an unequivocal modification proposal that the following statement was issued by Chairman Wickersham:

"The statement this morning in the Washington Herald that the president expressed this commission to abandon a tentative recommendation in favor of revision of the eighteenth amendment is absolutely untrue and without foundation."

Neither the chairman nor any member of the commission now in Washington, however, was willing to tell the full story of the weeks of discussion within the commission, or explain how or when the decision against a new amendment was reached, and out revision proposals were rejected.

As it appears in the combined commission report, signed by all of the members but one, the suggested draft of a new eighteenth amendment was preceded by an "if" and by a statement that opinion among members was divided.

Col. Henry W. Anderson, the member who proposed a complete substitute for the present system, said in his report that he was a wholehearted favorer of the eighteenth amendment.

Various interpretations. Until other members speak, the capital and the country apparently will be left to guess at the conclusions and place their own interpretation on a report which is being

INDICTMENT TO STAND, JUDGE EKWALL RULES

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—A Portland millionaire and his former secretary today were faced definitely with a joint indictment for first degree murder.

Circuit Judge W. A. Ekwall yesterday denied a defense motion to quash the indictment against Nelson C. Bowles and Irma G. Loucks, wife of the knife murderer of Bowles' wife.

Although it left its battle to the indictment quashed, the defense won a partial victory. Bowles and Loucks were indicted jointly and separately and when arguments by the defense were heard today, the state must decide whether it would prosecute on the joint or separate indictments. The state elected to go to trial on the joint indictment and the separate indictments were dismissed.

Mrs. H. W. Howard, important state's witness in the case, was said today to be recovering rapidly from injuries received last Thursday when an unidentified assailant attempted to kill her.

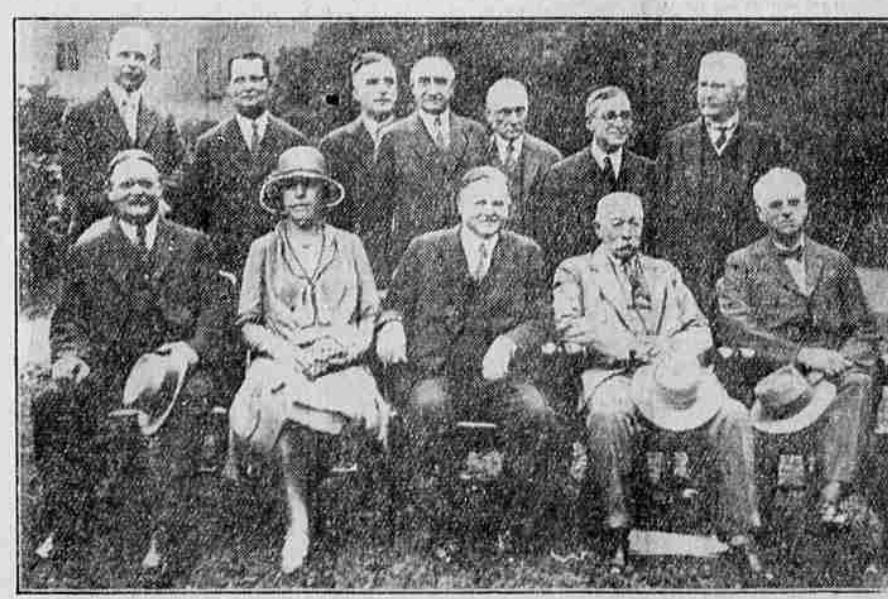
G. N. And N. P. Plan Facing Obstacle

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—Plans of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways to extend their operations in Oregon in competition with the Southern Pacific system met with a preliminary obstacle today when the interstate commerce commission.

Thomas P. Sullivan, examiner who investigated, advised the commission to disapprove purchase of the Valley and Siletz railroad by the Oregon Electric railway, a subsidiary of the northern companies, at \$2,000,000. He urged the commission to refuse the Oregon Electric permission to had sought to construct a connection with the Valley line at a cost of \$400,000.

Sullivan advised the commission to allow the Southern Pacific, which opposed the program of its competitors at points, to purchase the Valley line at a reasonable price.

MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION



Here are members of President Hoover's law enforcement commission who prepared an extensive report on prohibition. Seated, left to right: Rosewood Pound, Ada M. Comstock, President Hoover, Chairman George W. Wickersham and William S. Kenyon. Standing: Kenneth R. Macintosh, Monte M. Lemann, Paul J. McCormack, Frank J. Loesch, William J. Grubb, Newton D. Baker and Henry W. Anderson.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Rains in the west and local snows in the east portion tonight and Thursday.
Moderate temperatures.
Strong southeast winds, at times gales offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7-30 a. m. 30 above.
Minimum: 23 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum: 34, minimum 16 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER JAN. 21, 1930
Maximum: 10 above, minimum 2 below.
Condition: Partly cloudy.