

DECISION IN O.-C. CASE POSSIBLY WILL COME SOON AFTER APRIL 9

Justice McKenna Expected to Write Opinion, Since He Was Author of Last One.

TENNESSEE CASE IS CITED

United States is Upheld by Higher Court, Here Bill Will Not Stand in the Law's Way.

Washington, April 5.—(WASH.-TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL) The supreme court, after a recess of two weeks to consider cases argued before it will reconvene April 9 to hand down opinions which have been agreed upon. The Oregon and California land grant case is one of those upon which attention is centered, and no surprise will be created if it is heard from at that time.

It is assumed that the decision will be written by Justice McKenna, who wrote the previous opinion when the case was before the supreme court. Oregon forms a part of the circuit for which he is appointed, and the case is territorially one that Justice McKenna is entitled to handle.

Procedure is Clear. If the court sustains the Chamberlain-Ferris act the long battle will be practically over. The interior department will proceed without delay to pay up the taxes, complete the classification of the lands, throw open the agricultural lands, and otherwise administer the act.

What of Bean Bill? With the principle of the Chamberlain-Ferris act sustained, as the government counsel believes it will be, what of the Bean bill, passed by the Oregon legislature, which directs county assessors to place the grant lands on the tax roll? Apparently the supreme court has already fairly well answered that question.

One of the questions mentioned with approval by the supreme court in its opinion in the Utah water power cases was Van Brocklin vs. Ives. It happens that this case deals with the question of the right of a state to tax lands where title is held by the United States. It is found in 117 U. S. reports, page 151.

The opinion was written by Justice Gray in 1886. Tennessee had attempted to tax certain lots held by the federal government in the suburb of Memphis. The government had acquired the property by buying it in at a tax sale, the direct tax laid upon the owners by the United States in 1862 not having been paid.

One of the questions considered in the lower courts was whether the constitution and laws of Tennessee gave the state the right to tax property held by the United States where exclusive jurisdiction had not been ceded away to the state. The supreme court said this was immaterial because "the court is of the opinion that neither the people of the legislature of Tennessee has the power, by constitution or statute, to tax the land in question, so long as the title remained in the United States."

Conclusion is Quoted. In the concluding part of his opinion, Justice Gray said: "The imposition of direct taxes upon the land was a lawful exercise of the power conferred by the constitution to lay and collect taxes. The provisions authorizing the United States to sell the land for non-payment of the taxes thereon, and to purchase the land for the amount of the taxes if no one would bid at a higher price, were necessary and proper means for carrying into effect the power to lay and collect taxes; and so were the provisions authorizing the United States afterwards to sell the land to apply the proceeds to the payment of the taxes, and to hold any surplus for the benefit of the former owner.

Conflict Would Result. "To allow land, lawfully held by the United States as security for the payment of taxes assessed by and due to them, to be assessed for state taxes, would tend to create a conflict between the officers of the two governments, to deprive the United States of the title lawfully acquired under express acts of congress, and to defeat the exercise of the constitutional power to lay and collect taxes, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States."

Tax is Uncollectible. "The question whether the taxes laid under authority of the state (Tennessee) can be collected in this suit depends upon the question whether or they were lawfully assessed. But all the assessments were unlawful, because made while the land was owned by the United States. The assessments, being unlawful, created no lien upon the land. Those taxes therefore, cannot be collected, even since the plaintiffs in error have redeemed or purchased the land from the United States."

Kaskella Job Seeks Man. Washington, April 5.—Kaskella, Or. has no postmaster and, according to the postoffice department, a small chance of having one. The one it had died, and an inspector sent to the

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place reported that he could find no one else willing to be postmaster. Unless a new officeholder can be found the office will be discontinued. Senator Chamberlain has been informed that no action will be taken for two weeks, giving him opportunity to make suggestions in the meantime. He would be glad to suggest if he knew anything to say.

Would Pension Mrs. Adair. Washington, April 5.—Among several pension bills which Representative McArthur will introduce in the session will be one to pay Mrs. Mary R. Adair, mother of the late Lieutenant Henry R. Adair, \$50 a month. Young Adair was killed in action last year at Carrisal.

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Mrs. McKinney Gets Homestead. Washington, April 5.—Representative Hawley has received notice of the granting of a homestead to Mrs. Fannie McKinney, entered at the Portland land office. The application has been passed to patent.

The Peruvian congress has offered a prize of nearly \$500 for the best textbook from which to teach temperance in the public schools of that country.

Guardsman, Aged 18, Marries Girl of 15

Member of Company M Tells Bride Married Man Has Better Chance of Advancement; May Be Annulled. Telling her a married man had a better chance for advancement in the army, Henry L. Williams, 18 years old, of Lebanon, Or., member of Company M, National guard, induced Miss Margaret Hohenleitner, aged 15, to become engaged to him and on Tuesday morning the couple were married at Vancouver.

According to the bride's story, told to the police, she had met her husband twice before they were married. He is her sister's brother-in-law and on last Sunday evening accompanied her home from her sister's house. Mrs. E. Williams, when he "popped the question" Tuesday they went to Vancouver and a third party swore that they were both of legal age. Mrs. Hohenleitner, 483 Beech street, the bride's mother, declares she will have the marriage annulled and prosecute the person who swore to their ages.

Noted Editor Lauds Policy of President

Colonel Harvey, who inaugurated first Campaign of Mr. Wilson, Says Letter's Address Was Inspiring. Washington, April 5.—(I. N. S.)—In the mass of congratulatory telegrams received at the White House, following upon the president's enunciation of his international policy, in his address to congress, none created a more profound impression than one received by Secretary to the President Tammity from Colonel George Harvey, editor of the North American Review. The dispatch said: "A great message of patriotism, evidencing masterful leadership, based upon mutual faith of the president in his country and of the country in its president. I was confident as one could be, but even so, I was not prepared for so splendid a realization. For the nation it is glorious; for patriotism, inspiring; for the president, noble."

Colonel Harvey, more than eight years ago, initiated the campaign for the election of Woodrow Wilson, then president of Princeton university, for the governorship of New Jersey. In 1916 Colonel Harvey supported Hughes.

Woman is Elected Judge. Kansas City, Mo., April 5.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Roxa Blalock has been elected judge at De Soto, Kan., near here. She was the only candidate on the woman's ticket to be elected, defeating her opponent, a man, by ten votes.

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