

## JUDGE WILSON TO REVIEW WATER CASE

STUDY OF HOOD RIVER VALLEY LITIGATION TO OCCUPY SUMMER.

Progress of an adjudication of claims to water rights in the Hood river watershed now before the circuit court here is being retarded while the state water board concludes work of issuing a finding on claims advanced by the Mt. Hood Water company, one of the oldest irrigation concerns, the system of which waters land in the Mt. Hood section. The water case was transferred from the state water board to the circuit court here last fall when a formal finding of the board was presented to the court.

The state water board has been engaged since 1916 in an investigation of the case, which resulted from litigation brought by the Oregon Lumber company versus the East Fork Irrigation district. The lumber concern, the Dee mill of which is driven by electricity developed from waters of the east and middle forks of Hood river, sought to restrain the irrigation district from making full use of the waters claimed from the east fork. The case was appealed from a decision in circuit court favorable to the irrigation district. The supreme court remanded the case with instructions that the state water board make a full investigation and return findings that would bring about an adjudication of water right claims in the district.

The decision of the state water board was favorable to irrigationists in every instance, and the Oregon Lumber company and the Pacific Power & Light company interposed objections, which were argued before the local court in January. Several minor arguments have since been heard by Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson. The objection of the Mt. Hood Water company, however, involved the taking of additional testimony, and it was referred back to the state water board. On receipt of the board's findings in the Mt. Hood objection, Judge Wilson will proceed, it is stated by local attorneys interested in the litigation, to review the voluminous testimony and render his decision. The work, however, it is expected will require all summer, and a decision is not expected before fall. The transcript of proceedings of the water board and testimony fill about 1,500 pages, and briefs filed by attorneys require another 500 pages. The transcript is the most voluminous ever filed in local litigation.

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**THREE GANGMEN**

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composure until the trap was sprung. Cardinella was hanged for the murder of Andrew Bowman, a crime for which two members of his gang have already been hanged and for which two others are now serving life sentences. Ferrera and Costanzo were hanged for the murder of Antonio Varchetto, a baker, in a hold-up.

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**MINING MAN**

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complete a denial of the charges of improper intimacy with Mrs. Stokes as Edgar T. Wallace, the California oil millionaire had made to the allegations concerning himself during the few days preceding.

Schroter's alleged intrusion into the family scheme of the Stokes was said by witnesses to have occurred in 1917, the year of the mating between the aged millionaire and the fresh, young beauty from Denver. Witnesses have sworn to seeing him and Mrs. Stokes embracing and kissing at the Stokes summer home at Long Branch, N. J., but Schroter said the only two times he ever visited the home he went with Stokes himself and two other guests. He never went there alone, he said, nor did he, as a chauffeur had testified, participate with Mrs. Stokes and others in an automobile tour of beach resorts and Broadway dancing places. In fact, as far as he could remember, he was in Mexico at the time of the alleged motor party.

Being a Denver man and Mrs. Stokes a Denver girl, Schroter said he had known her when she was a child in short skirts and he recalled the people used to call her "Carrots" then. Once after the marriage he took her to dinner, her husband then being in Kentucky, he admitted, but he said he delivered her to her home at dusk.

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## MANY ATTRACTIONS AT AMITY PUBLIC MARKET

The Public Market, under the management of the Amity club, at the Odd Fellow's building, is attracting much patronage. The booths are supervised by competent saleswomen. Many people are finding that they need a shoe shine when they see the wonderful shines produced by the energy of the Y. W. C. A. girls, who are ready with all the materials needed. The Japanese tea room, which is artistically decorated with lattice work, flowers and singing canaries, operates from 4 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Kimono clad girls serve tea. The adjoining booth can furnish the purchaser with home made candies, books, sheet music, cut flowers or potted plants. The clothing sale offers some real bargains in shoes, dresses, children's suits and other wearing apparel. The curiosity shop contains articles too numerous to mention. The fish pond appeals to the children where surprise packages are "fished" from behind a curtain. The art booth is presided over by smiling women, who point out to you their beautiful pictures (?), decorated china, lamps, milk bottles—and oil can. The cafeteria lunches are of wholesome home cooked food, tastefully served. Fruits, vegetables, canned fruits, fresh eggs and country butter can be purchased for a nominal cost and should be investigated by the housewife planning the Sunday dinner.

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**RAIL "AGREEMENT"**

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rules were costing them close to \$300,000,000 a year. Part of the decision was a victory for employees—the board went on record as favoring the making of rules for the successful operation of the railroads.

**By United News**  
CHICAGO, April 15.—In a sweeping decision late Thursday, the United States labor board upheld the principle of national working agreements between railroads and railroad employees.

The board ordered, however, that the existing national working rules, entered into between the employees and the federal rail administration are to terminate on July 1. Modifications in the present stringent rules will be made and financial relief thus afforded the roads.

The board orders the carriers and employees of each road to hold conferences on working agreements, "at the earliest possible date." The result of these conferences are to be reported to the board, which will promulgate such rules as it determines just and reasonable, as soon after July 21, 1921, as is reasonably possible.

The board reserves the right to terminate the agreements before July 1 on any class of employees of any carrier it may see fit, and also reserves the right to continue them after that date if it believes "any carrier is unduly delaying the progress of the negotiations."

This decision virtually settles the bitter rules controversy that has been before the railroad board for several months. Hearings will be continued, however, that the board may have more information on which to base its final decision in July.

"The board believes that certain rules are unduly burdensome to the carriers and should be modified," the order states. "It may be well that other rules should be modified in the interests of the employees."

"The board is unable to find that all rules embodied in the national

agreements, orders of the railroad administration constitute just and reasonable rules for all carriers parties to the dispute. It must, therefore, refuse the indefinite extension of the national agreements on all such carriers as urged by the employees.

"The board also deems it inadvisable to terminate at once, its direction of decision number two (governing wage and working rules) and to remand the dispute to the individual carriers and their employees. Such a course would leave many carriers and their employees without any rules regulating working conditions.

"If the board should recommend the dispute to the individual carriers and their employees and should keep the direction of decision number two in effect until agreements should be arrived at, it is possible that agreements might not be entered into.

"The board believes nevertheless, that certain subject matters now regulated by rules of the national agreements are local in nature and require consideration of local conditions. It also believes that other subject matters now so regulated are general in character and that substantial uniformity in rules regulating such subject matter is desirable."

The decision, while thus making concessions on both sides, recognizes the principle of national agreements on general subjects, which was strenuously fought by executives.

It also will relieve, it is predicted, the railroads from many stringent rules which, they claim, are costing them millions of dollars monthly through excessive wages, overtime and bonuses.

Labor groups, it was stated, regarded the decision as one of the greatest victories for organized labor ever won in this country.

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**TALK WITH CUBA**

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equalled a talk from London to Peking or from London to Calcutta.

As I came away on this, the anniversary of the day I first went to school at the Wasco Independent academy I thought of the little old magnet telephones first installed for neighborhood conversations in The Dalles years after my first school day and how wonderful had been the suc-

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cess of science in making a neighborhood of the world. I thought of the day a few years ago when I had seen Wright fly for eleven minutes at Fort Myer and heard people gasp with the wonder of it. I speculated on the possibilities of the future in telephony if progress should be commensurate with progress in navigation of the air, during the past 10 years.

Nobody in Havana asked the Washington talkers, "What will you have?" across the 15,000 miles of space, although Major General Crowder trenched pretty near such subjects to the great delight of those present at the epoch making occasion.

Several hundred were present at the Washington gathering and the American minister said that the gathering at Havana was not less splendid. It was one of those occasions which etch themselves into the memory for a life time—a monument not only to American inventive genius but to the wonderful management of the great private organization which had made it possible to chat across a continent as easily as across a table.

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**SKELETONS TELL**

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and camped up the river about five miles from its mouth. There were no roads in those days. The next morning, the last Friday

that my gun was to be respected whenever it spoke, many Indians going to the happy hunting ground during this skirmish.

Captain Stillwell finally escaped under cover of darkness, bearing with him to this day an arrow which struck his hip during the thick of the fight.

As no white soldiers were reported killed in this war, the only local trouble between the whites and the Indians, Mrs. Crandall is of the opinion that the skeletons found Wednesday are either those of Indians, maybe killed in this war, or of a party of white prospectors, returning from the Idaho country and killed by the bandits who infested this district in the early days. The fact that all of the skulls found were crushed, would seem to indicate that the latter hypothesis is correct. Mrs. Crandall explained. The crushed skulls would mean that all of the persons were killed while asleep. The McClellan army saddle could be accounted for by the fact that it was common custom in the early days for a prospector to use his saddle as a pillow while sleeping in the open.

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**BABE RUTH TOO FAT TO SCOOP GROUNDERS**

**By Henry L. Farrell**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
NEW YORK, April 15.—Babe Ruth happens to be Babe Ruth. Otherwise he probably would be rubbing elbows with the bench warmers.

So far in this very brief dash somewhere for the Yankees, the slugger king has been an awful bust.

His hitting has been good enough—550, but his fielding has been just about the same—fifty-fifty.

With a roll around his waist that has him about 30 pounds overweight, the Bambino is too fat to bend over after them and too slow to get back under them. In company with Hob Meusel in right and Ping Bodie in left the Babe is helping the Yanks to get the worst outfield in baseball.

"When the Bambino gets his home run machinery in working order he may win many games for the Yanks but he'll lose many more if he doesn't get in condition to field as he did last year, which, of course, was far from the Speaker variety of skill.

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