

# THOMAS AVERS LAW VIOLATED

### Portland Power Company is Exploited, Despoiled, Report Declares

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raffied them; that the officers and directors of the local companies have failed properly to perform their corporate duties; that through negligence and non-feasance they have acquiesced in the domination and control of others; that the officers and directors have become the instruments through which the local companies were exploited and despoiled."

Thomas expressed the opinion that it is the duty of the local officers and directors to seek to set aside these transactions and recover for their companies what they had lost. He said that should they fail to do this, it would be appropriate for the stockholders to bring action.

#### Procedure Similar To That of Insult

Thomas' statement likened the procedure of Peirce and his associates to that of insult. He said an empire of companies was established, dominated and controlled by one man or a small group of men. The object of this system, he declared, was to limit a service to "extract unearned and exorbitant sums from operating companies and siphon on up to the head of the corporate octopus."

He said with present public regulation it is very difficult to reach the holding companies, and he advocated stronger federal regulation and action by the legislature conferring authority on the public utilities commission to protect local operating companies from spoliation. The Peirce sales force, Thomas said, capitalized on the previous good reputation of the local company and its officers and that at least \$7,000,000 of C. P. S. stock was sold here before a permit was granted, in violation of the blue sky law.

### Owyhee Project Allotment Gets Mead's Support

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15 (AP).—Protest against reduction of the allotment for the Owyhee project in Oregon was voiced by Dr. Edward Mead, United States commissioner of reclamation, when he appeared before the house committee on irrigation and reclamation today. Referring to the \$300,000 taken off the Owyhee allotment, Dr. Mead said: "If this further reduction of \$300,000 is made, we will not be able to complete the canal to a point where it can be made use of, and it ought to be made use of to supply some of those irrigated lands there that are suffering from lack of water."

### Prof. Staley to Be Speaker, Ad Club Luncheon

Prof. W. I. Staley, principal of the Capital Business college, will be the speaker at the Ad club luncheon today noon which will be held at the Marion hotel. Prof. Staley has been engaged in training young men and women for business in Salem since 1919. Many men prominent in affairs all over the west are former students of his. In his talk today he will relate some of his experiences as principal of a business college. The public invited.

It is estimated that 150,000 head of cattle in Michigan are infected with bang's disease, the counterpart of undulant or malta fever in humans.

### CAL AND AL AT RAIL POW-WOW



Former President Calvin Coolidge (left) and former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York are shown as they appeared to the Candid Camera during the deliberations of the National Transportation Committee meeting in New York. The occasion marked the first time that a camera was admitted during an actual conference of the body which is endeavoring to straighten out the railroad problems of the country.

### Mickey Mouse NOTES

Brrrr—Did you know that it was cold . . . M M C

Just as soon as I get through writing this I'm going for skating down at the slough—so if there's somebody else in my place Saturday—you'll know I fell through the ice . . . M M C

10 more days until Christmas—and then dear old Santa will be here. M M C

Remember this—if you're called upon to help somebody less fortunate than us—do so. M M C

"Uncle Chutehouse" says—we've got the best politicians—money can buy. M M C

It looks like "Elmer" and "George" will be with us for a while yet. Everybody was surely "enthusiased" about having them every Saturday. Those guys are surely pests—that is, on the stage. M M C

It's a good thing the lights burned out last Saturday . . . after George had taken away Elmer's pants—cause Elmer was bound to come out anyway. M M C

This Saturday is the last chapter of the serial—don't miss it. M M C

I'm running out of complimentary words to describe the program each week—cause they've been plenty good. Last Saturday there was an old time orchestra—and good old Buch Mazoe—little Bobby Kroschler—Rafferty—Draper—and whoever that guy was that tried to sell the bananas and apples—and did the tricks on the stage. M M C

We're going to have a special show tomorrow. The name of it is Jackie Cooper in "Skippy." Mr. Carey got this picture be-

Mickey Mouse Club  
Meets Saturday at 12:45 P. M.  
at  
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Jackie Cooper in "Skippy"  
and  
Last chapter of "Jungle Mystery"

### HEALTH BOARD COST IS 5C PER CAPITA

"In Oregon the annual per capita cost to maintain the state board of health amounts to less than five cents, which is less than is paid for a cheap cigar or a soft drink. . . ." declares Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board, in his weekly bulletin. "The average cost of maintaining an adequate and efficient state health department is more than 10 cents per capita."

"In times of economic depression cases and deaths from tuberculosis and other communicable diseases will eventually increase and yet there is talk of reducing the present appropriation for health in a number of communities in this state," the doctor continues.

"If your health department is functioning properly, its work in disease control alone is worth more than five dollars per capita annually. Very likely the entire budget for all its activities is not more than 50 cents per capita annually. Compare, or contrast, rather, the cost of fire and police protection, education or street improvements for instance, in your community with the cost of public health protection."

### Logan Has Truck Smacking Habit; Holgate Object

It's getting to be too much of a habit, complained Stanley Holgate, truck driver, to state police early this morning.

The habit he objects to is having his truck rammed from the rear by the automobile of C. K. Logan, Salem newspaperman. It happened this morning on the highway near Playmore park, and it was the second such occurrence in about two weeks.

Logan blamed the collision on the slippery pavement and poor visibility due to the night's storm.

An average of 20 bushels of barley per acre has led to increased plantings in Clay county, N. C. this year.

### GRAYBELLE SPECIAL

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Coming Sunday

### A Home Owned Theatre HOLLYWOOD

### The Call Board . .

By OLIVE M. DOAK

**WARNER BROS. ELGINORE**  
Today—Tallulah Bankhead and Robert Montgomery in "Faithless."

**WARNER BROS. CAPITOL**  
Today—Randolph Scott in "Heritage of the Desert"; Zane Grey story.

**GRAND**  
Today—"Our Scarlet Daughters"; Saturday—Marion Nixon in "Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm".

**THE HOLLYWOOD**  
Today—Bill Cody in "Mason of the Mounted".

### Central Public Service Denies Hewitt Claims

Denial that any falsifications were made in selling Central Public Service stock is the answer of the Portland General Electric company and the Northwest Public Service company to a suit recently filed by Sarah M. Hewitt.

The two defendants named along with the C. P. S. Co., made a joint answer this week in circuit court here. Plaintiff holds several thousand dollars of her funds were invested in C. P. S. stock through untrue statements made to her. She asks for return in full of the money.

### ZERO ZONE WIDENS; 3 DEATHS REPORTED

(By the Associated Press)

The zone of zero crest east and south across the states last night. Misery and death were its company.

Frost nipped the lemon groves of California, frost touched the old south of Georgia and the high lands of North Carolina. In between, the cold hand of an early winter reached down from the frozen plains of Ontario and Manitoba to paralyze the upper central states in sub-zero temperatures.

Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois went to bed with all the blankets the family chest could yield.

In the Dakotas and Nebraska the frigid grip was slackening a bit. Into Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania the central of cold was moving, and snow heaped a coverlet over Cleveland.

The mercury was still in hiding along the Canadian border, with a reading 25 degrees below zero at International Falls, Minn., but a forecast of warmer today gave a modicum of cheer. Three persons died in Milwaukee of exposure, exaration and in a traffic accident blamed upon the ice. In Chicago several were dead, frozen for want of shelter.

Country general stores are no back-numbers. They rank fifth in the nation as retail trade outlets.

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### 1932 IS FAVORABLE HEALTH YEAR, SAID

Except for tuberculosis cases,

Marion county is experiencing a good year from the standpoint of communicable disease, Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer, reported to the health department executive committee at its December meeting last night.

Epidemics have been few and of no great seriousness. To date, cases of scarlet fever, smallpox and diphtheria have

been far less numerous than in 1931, he pointed out. Only in tuberculosis and typhoid fever have there been marked increases. During November there were three reported cases of chickenpox, one of diphtheria, 25 of measles, two of mumps, one of infantile paralysis, 18 of influenza, seven of pneumonia and three of tuberculosis. Comparisons for 1931 and 1932 to date are:

	1932	1931
Diphtheria	15	20
Inf. Paralysis	5	2
Scarlet fever	15	44
Smallpox	5	10
Typhoid fever	7	2
Tuberculosis	46	32

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