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- Favor Sway Us; No Fear Shall Awe
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Party Splits
When the republicans were in power the party was torn with internal dissension. There were the mugwump liberals the first decade of the century. Senator Robert LaFollette was the first insurgent. The division grew during the Taft the post-war reaction displaced the democrats from power the repubican party breach was not permanently healed. In
1924 LaFollette, sr., ran independently for president, without
success. In the '20's the insurgents, principally from midwest ern states coalesced as a farm bloc or off-reservation group;
and they kept the dissension alive. Defeat in 1932 and in 1936 reduced the intra-party contention because the party was re
duced to impotence. Besides some of the insurgents like Lawang to the side of the victors.
The cleavage which long hounded the republicans has
developed in the ranks of the party now in power. The fissures are broad and deep. The feeling is more intense than
any time since the split of 1912 when the progressives "stood at Armagedion" and sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers."
Now there is rebellion on the right, because the left wingers are in command of the administration and the party machine. the other night when the president refused to attend Jack
Garner's love feast. The dove flying overhead and the dove shaped serving of ice cream were no more potent int at the president's own party at Jefferson island hunt club a few weeks earlier
landslide crevasses are certain to develop. The rivalry for When the president ended the breathing spell and aborted
the "era of good feeling' with his court packing bill the alignments came with swiftness, though the division of sentimen was aff-key singing will persist and the
Maiorities breed treir own divisions; and the bigger the
majority the quicker the split. The headache the republicans suffered from for years has merely infected the democrats, and it will take more than pale aspirin to cure it.
Black Named for Supreme Justice Black Named for Supreme Justice
The president went to the senate to fill the vacancy on
the supreme bench, choosing a man distinguished for his liberalism, his personal loyalty to the president, and his muck-
raking ability, Hugo LaFayette Black of Alabama. The appointment probably was sometthing of a surprise to Senator
Black as it was to the country at large, for his name had not been listed among the probable appointees.
No better selection scarcely could have been made if the mosident wants among southern senators Black has been an ar-
mont alow dealer, sometimes overplaying the master himsel
dent in his zeal for revolutionary changes. He is best known to the
country as author of the Black-Connery bills for limiting hours of labor to 30 per week, and of the pending wages and
hours bill which in greatly altered form has passed the sen-

Black's reputation was first made as chairman of the
mittee investigating airmail contracts, where with relent less vigor he probed into the relations between the postal dealso which got hold of private telegrams from Hearst and
others, through the connivance of the communications mission at the time of investigating oppositin of utility com-
panies to the holding company bill His attitude in that in panies showed little respect for the constitutional guaran zure. Certainly no one would accuse Sen. Black of possessing a
judicial mind. He is essentially the advocate, not the judge
He will bring to the court not learning in the law and the well-poised mind, but positive prejnices. The daw and the from the bias but from the mental frame in which it moves
Roger Taney was appointed by Andrew Jackson to reflect and then built into the judicial interpretations of the court a rigid construction which culminated in the Dred Scott deci-
sion. Black may prove similarly unhelpful in the crises of the sions of the brain trust, and thus to weaken further the powrights of insividuals and minorities, in preserving the tri partite character of the national gove
Blocking Power Lines

Congressman Pierce has kicked up his heels twice this
week. First, he called for a hearing on the appointment of
Claude MeCulloch for federal judge, with indications thet Claude protest confirmation: and then he refused to atten the hearing, hanging up the phone when notified. Thursday triets are adjacent to PGE lines and the company was cooperating with the farmers to obtain funds for the line exten-
sion. Pierce has secured cancellation of the loan on the ground that public power districts may later be formed which
would serve them. If they are, then heaven save the districts build to all of them its capital structure will be top heay
with unproductive lines. The net result probably will be to put off perhaps for several years any electric service to thes
districts. It is absurd to say that the company could collect $\$ 2000$
for a $\$ 1000$ investment in case the iines later were taken over
by a poblicly owned district. The contracts themselves could by a publicly owned district. The contracts themselves
be drawn to provide any protection if it was required.
The public is apt to get so jittery that it cuts off it to spite its face rather than do business in a normal way. Th tricity soon is important to the persons who will be served. Lions Club Holds Meet at Lebanon


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