

WASHINGTON'S LIQUOR CONTROL LAW HELD VALID

Olympia, March 21 (AP)—The state's new liquor control act passed its first court test with flying colors today.

Judge John M. Wilson of the Thurston county superior court, ruling on a suit attacking the validity of the measure from many angles, held the "law withstands all the constitutional assaults made against it."

The suit attacking the liquor law was brought by groups of druggists and hotel operators. They sought an order permanently enjoining the Washington liquor control board from carrying out the provisions of the act.

The plaintiffs, at the lower court hearing on the suit March 12, indicated they intended to expedite an appeal to the state supreme court should they lose in the lower court. The supreme court has set April 5 as a tentative date for a hearing on an appeal.

Judge Wilson in effect sustained the board's general demurrer contending the facts alleged in the complaint were insufficient to constitute a cause of action.

One of the major contentions of the plaintiffs was that the act violates the initiative and referendum amendment to the state constitution.

Bargain prices on hard liquor during the remainder of this week may be in order as the result of a ruling today by the liquor control board.

The board announced it does not intend to purchase stocks of liquor on hand in drug stores after the state liquor stores are opened for business next Saturday.

All purchases of liquor for state stores have been completed, board members said.

Left-over stocks in drug stores, however, can be shipped out of the state for sale elsewhere. Rear Admiral Luther E. Gregory, board chairman, said. Chairman Gregory also pointed out that the board, under the state liquor act, has the power to confiscate illegal stocks of liquor.

On and after March 24 the board, through its system of state liquor stores, will be the only agency through which hard liquors can be retailed legally, except by prescription at drug stores. Prescription liquor, however, must be purchased from the board.

ASK \$9,282,561 FROM DOHENY

Los Angeles, March 21 (AP)—Recovery of \$9,282,561 from Edward L. Doheny, multimillionaire oil magnate, was demanded today by the federal government in a suit attacking as fraudulent three petroleum leases in the Elk Hills fields of Kern county, California.

Revising the oil scandals of the Harding administration the suit cited a recent ruling of the United States supreme court, holding the leases were obtained by Doheny's Pan-American Oil company through collusion with former Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall.

Damages of \$9,277,566 were assessed against Doheny and his associates some months ago in a similar suit instituted by W. C. McDuffie, receiver for the Richfield Oil company and Pan-American which had been acquired by Richfield. Judgment later was reduced to \$5,100,000 by compromise, but payment was blocked when Doheny filed an amended demurrer.

NAVY MAN VISITS
Silverton—Lee Leslie is visiting his parents for a few days from San Diego where he is stationed with the U. S. navy. He plans to return south the last of the week.

Sublimity—Mr. and Mrs. Nick W. Kremer, Mrs. C. J. Ruetters and Harold Wolf spent the week-end visiting relatives at Washougal, Wash.

EVANGELIST SAILS SEAS WITHOUT INSTRUMENTS



Paul E. Mann, evangelist, took his family of five aboard this 40-foot fishing boat, Jehu, at Los Angeles and set out for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a 4500 mile journey. Mann, shown with his family aboard the boat, said he would rely on divine guidance to help him make the South American port, though he was inexperienced as a navigator and did not have a chronometer or sextant along because he would not know how to use them. (Associated Press Photo)

Bill Provides For Bonneville Salvage

Portland, March 21 (AP)—Senator McNary has introduced a bill authorizing the bureau of ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution to conduct salvage work in the area to be flooded by Bonneville dam. It is believed that the area will be rich in Indian relics. The bill authorizes an appropriation of \$4000, according to a dispatch from the Journal's Washington correspondent.

NAZI PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES PROBED

Washington, March 21 (AP)—A congressional investigation of Nazi propaganda activities in the United States was authorized today by the house, 168 to 31.

It adopted a resolution by Chairman Dickstein, (D. N. Y.), of the immigration committee authorizing the speaker to name a committee of seven to inquire into "the extent, character and objects of Nazi propaganda activities in the United States," and "the diffusion within the United States of subversive propaganda that is instigated from foreign countries and attacks the principle of the form of government as guaranteed by our constitution."

Approval was on a standing vote.

OREGON PIONEER DIES AT HILLSBORO

Hillsboro, Ore., March 21 (AP)—Margaret Ann Earl Powell, who crossed the plains to Oregon as a child of 5 in 1845, died here today at the age of 93.

Her family settled in the vicinity of Knox Butte in Linn county in 1847 and her mother died there a year later. The first white woman to be buried in Linn county.

She was married in 1857 to Stephen Doddridge Powell, captain in the Indian war of 1855 and 1856. They moved from Linn county to Wasco county, thence to Tillamook, and back to Washington county in 1871. She had resided here since.

Lyons—Mrs. Dell Westenhoe and daughter Charmaine, with Mr. and Mrs. George Westenhoe of Seio visited at the Kenneth Westenhoe home in Junction City Sunday.

BURIAL FIRM GOES TO WALL

Helena, Mont., March 21 (AP)—Montana assets of the Merrill Mortuaries, Inc., will be distributed among its nearly 2,000 stockholders in the state, United States District Judge George M. Bourquin said in a decision in the move of stockholders to obtain an accounting of the firm's funds.

The concern sold burial insurance. It is the power and duty of the court, Judge Bourquin held, to wind up the business of the concern and distribute its property. He pointed out it could not be dissolved because it is already in receivership.

He described the securities which the firm disposed of in Montana as "less than a lien on a flock of wild geese."

"The defendant is the mere alter ego of (Charles) Merrill in a nefarious scheme to overreach its Montana stockholders," the decision read. "That is one more of predatory Utah corporations which in local history in Montana have found green pastures, happy hunting grounds, the land of milk and honey, is clear."

"The marvel," it continued, "is the ease with which their fly-by-night pressure salesmen separate people and money for pseudo 'securities' less than a lien on a flock of wild geese."

Such sales of securities, the judge remarked, "excite wonder" in the "astonished and cynical observer" that anyone should "choose to travel the rugged road of honesty."

The stockholders contended officials of the company had diverted its funds to their use.

The method to be followed in distributing the assets was not mentioned in the decision.

Talbot—Miss Kreta Calavan and Miss Virginia Belknap, who are attending Normal at Mountzumi, are spending the spring vacation at the home of their parents in this district.

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TEN HIGHWAY JOBS TO BE LET

Ten highway projects, most of them rock furnishing jobs, will be awarded by the state highway commission at the same time of the letting of the first of the five Oregon coast bridges at Waldport. The date of the awards was set at April 3.

Total amount of money involved in the highway projects will approximate \$209,000, while the bridge would be built at an estimated cost of \$711,000, making the letting total nearly one million dollars.

The largest highway projects will be in Lane county where bids will be received for the Danebo Road section of the Eugene-Veneta highway, 2.96 miles roadbed widening, and construction of four bridges on that route.

The highway projects for which awards will be called. Construction of bridge on Oregon coast highway across Alsea bay at Waldport—reinforced concrete span 3,025 feet long with 24-foot roadway and two sidewalks.

Lane county—Danebo Road section of Eugene-Veneta highway, 2.96 miles roadbed widening. Four bridges on same route near Eugene.

Tillamook county—Austin Creek-Upper Yauch bridge section of Little Nestucca highway, 1.28 miles highway roadbed.

Removal and reestablishment of 26 frame buildings at Newport.

The rock furnishing projects, totaling 33,100 cubic yards of rock will be at the following places: Astoria-Gnat creek section of Columbia river highway in Clatsop county; Parkdale on the Mt. Hood highway in Hood River county; Low Pass-Chesire on the Siuslaw highway in Lane county; Otis on the Salmon river highway in Lincoln county; at Heppner on the Oregon-Washington highway; and at Wheeler Killeha river, Oregon coast highway.

Lodge Celebrating
Brooks—The annual homecoming of Harmony Rebekah lodge No. 75, will be celebrated Saturday night with a program and refreshments, at the I. O. O. F. hall in Gervais. All members are urged to attend. Mrs. Helen Harper, Rev. George Cole, Bob Massey, Mrs. Helen Weisner, Mrs. Alice Barnett and Mrs. Frances Morgan have charge of the program, which promises to be a good one.

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