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VOTE DECISION GIVEN

Supreme Court Decides Southern Restrictions Illegal.

Washington, June 21.—In probably one of the most important race decisions in its history, the Supreme Court today annulled as unconstitutional the Oklahoma constitutional amendment and the Annapolis, Md., voters' qualification law restricting the suffrage rights of those who could not vote or whose ancestors could not vote prior to the ratification of the 15th amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Chief Justice White, a native of the South, and an ex-Confederate soldier, announced the court's decision, which was unanimous.

By holding that conditions that existed before the 15th amendment, which provides that the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude, could not be brought over to the present day in disregard of this self-executing amendment, it is generally believed that the court went a long way toward invalidating much of the so-called "grandfather clause" legislation of Southern States.

The immediate effect of the court's decision was to uphold the conviction of two Oklahoma election officials who denied negroes the right to vote in a Congressional election and to award three Maryland negroes damages from election officials in Annapolis who refused to register them. The court held that these election officials could not ignore the potency of the 15th amendment in wiping out of state constitutions the word "white" as a qualification for voting.

In the Maryland case the court's decision established the point that the 15th amendment applies alike to municipal as well as to Federal elections.

Discussing the Oklahoma cases, Chief Justice White said the suffrage amendment to the state constitution first fixed a literacy standard and then followed it with a provision creating a standard based on the condition existing January 1, 1866, prior to the adoption of the 15th amendment, and eliminated those coming under that standard from the inclusion of the literacy test.

The court had difficulty, he said, in finding words to demonstrate more clearly its conviction that this action of the state recreated and perpetuated the very conditions which the 15th amendment was intended to destroy, than the language used in the amendment.—Oregonian.

POISONED EATING CHICKEN

Eating Cold Pressed Chicken Results in Ptomaine Poison.

Falls Observer:

"While attending the Shady Lane picnic last Saturday a number of persons narrowly escaped serious results from eating pressed chicken, eight being, under the care of a physician for a short time. The families of Ed Evans, Jasper Bagley and Edward Dunkle, the latter newly weds, took

dinner together in regulation picnic style, soon after which Mr. Evans' two nieces, Mrs. M. C. Williams and Miss Gladys Evans became violently ill from ptomaine poisoning. Then followed complaints from the others until the entire party was affected. Mr. Evans alone escaped. He having been run down by a horse earlier in the day, receiving quite severe injuries to his back, he did not partake of the cause of the trouble.

NEW X RAY SHOWS HAND BEHIND DOOR

Danger of Burning Eliminated by New Invention.

New York.—After fifteen years of experimentation marked by many reverses and disappointments, Charles H. Stanley, an electrical engineer, announced that he had perfected an X ray device which will mark as great an advance in the science of surgery and therapeutics as the original X ray of Roentgen.

A demonstration of the machine in Stanley's laboratory made it appear that the forecast by Guglielmo Marconi that one would some time be able to look from one room into another through the dividing walls is about to be realized.

Through an ordinary door an inch and an eighth thick and twelve feet from the ray generated by the electrical machine a reporter was able to distinguish clearly the bones of the hand of Stanley moving on the other side, as well as to see the outlines of his hand. This test was made simply to illustrate the immensely greater power of the new machine over the old X ray devices. It is only one of the improvements claimed by Stanley.

The principal value of the discovery lies in the fact that the rays may be applied to patients for extended periods of time without the slightest danger of burns resulting. The danger of burns, often incurable, has been one of the most serious drawbacks to the use of the old X ray and often has offset the advantages accruing.

The Roentgen rays are ordinarily applied only long enough to obtain a picture of the wound, fractured bone, dislocation or diseased portion of the body on which it is proposed to operate. With the new rays a photograph is not necessary, as the rays may be continued an indefinite length of time on the patient, and the surgeon may work directly in the ray.

JESS ORDERS BIG SHOES.

Measurement Shows the Champion Has "Some Feet."

Olathe, Kan.—Jess Willard, the world's champion heavyweight, formerly a cowboy in the west, ordered a pair of "cowboy boots," sending his measurements by mail to a cowboy boot factory here.

The boots are number 10½ of regular boot width, and the calf measurement is twenty inches, the largest by two inches of any of the 130,000 pairs of boots made by this firm, who have been in business here thirty-five years.

Every stitch is hand sewed, and before the pair is completed they will have passed through the hands of sixteen shoemakers, each of whom does one particular part.

\$2,000,000 HOUR WAR'S COST.

Total For First Year Will Be \$1,740,000,000, Says French Economist.

Paris.—Captain Edmund Tbery, widely known as an economist, estimates that the total military expenditures for the first year of the war will be 50,000,000,000 francs (\$10,000,000,000) for the seven allies and 37,000,000,000 francs (\$7,400,000,000) for Germany, Austria and Turkey.

This makes an average of £250,000,000 francs (\$1,440,000,000) a month, 242,000,000 francs (\$48,400,000) a day, 10,000,000 francs (\$2,000,000) an hour.

He believes the economic powers of Great Britain, France and Russia can support the strain much more easily than their opponents.

WOMAN DIES ALONE

Mrs. Alice Palmer Found Dead on Cabin Floor at Balderee's Camp. Small Child Playing Near the Body

GEORGE LEMIEUX HELD AS SUSPECT

Inquest Failed to Show Evidence of Foul Play. Stomach Sent to Chemist for Analysis

At Balderee's camp, last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Lamn and Mrs. Larsen found Mrs. Alice Palmer lying on the floor of her home in an unconscious condition. Thinking that she had fainted they called Mr. Charles who found on examination that she was dead. A small child was playing near the body unconscious that anything out of the ordinary had happened. George Lemieux, the man with whom she had lived and was supposed to be her husband until he stated otherwise, was called from his work. The body was brought to this city that evening, the coroner notified and later in the night the body was taken to Dallas where an inquest was held. Lemieux was held pending an investigation but as the inquest did not show any evidence of foul play he was released. The stomach was sent to chemist for analysis.

Mrs. Palmer was about twenty-six years old and letters found indicate that she had separated from her husband and that her mother was living in Texas.

Lemieux said that he had intended to marry the woman as soon as his finances would permit. It is understood that parties will adopt the child.

710 NEW MAIL ROUTES.

Rural Free Delivery Extensions to Benefit 87,850 Families.

Washington.—Establishment of 710 new rural mail delivery routes to serve 82,390 families and the extension of existing service so as to reach 15,460 additional families were announced the other day by Postmaster General Burleson. Nearly all of the new routes went into operation June 15.

Enlargement and extension of the rural service were made possible, a post office department statement explains, by a readjustment in April and May resulting in a reduction of operating expenses amounting to \$511,262.

Orders are now awaiting the postmaster general's signature providing for new rural automobile service in many localities, as authorized by the last appropriation bill. People on these routes, when living within a radius of twenty-five miles, will enjoy local rates. The first of the routes will go into operation on Aug. 1.

LIVING COST LAID TO WOMEN.

Durand, Ex-Census Director, Says Homes Lack Efficiency.

St. Paul.—Dr. E. Dana Durand, formerly director of the United States census bureau and now in the department of economics of the University of Minnesota, placed the chief blame for the high cost of living on the consumers. And those, he said, were primarily the women.

"If the home continues to be reactionary and spurns efficiency no amount of law or theory will alter conditions," he said. "Even if the women began changing their ways now solution of the problem will take about fifty years, for a complete revolution in the moral character of the public is necessary to effectually reduce the cost of living."



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TO CELEBRATE

FIX UP IN OUR STORE AND YOU WILL BE FIXED RIGHT. IT'S JUST A PICNIC TO BUY GOODS IN OUR STORE. OUR LINE IS SO LARGE AND OUR GOODS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL.

BUT WE SHALL NOT REPLENISH OUR SUMMER STOCK. SO COME THIS WEEK, IN THE NICK OF TIME. AND MAKE YOUR PICK.

You can now buy newest \$3.50 and \$4 ladies Oxfords at \$2.25 Utz & Dunn make too. In fact you can buy mostly anything you require for fix up at the lowest prices we have ever made.

N. SELIG'S

FALLS CITY DEPARTMENT STORE

Teachers' Examination

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Polk County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at Dallas, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, June 30, 1915, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, July 3, 1915, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon

Writing, U. S. History, Physiology.

Wednesday Afternoon

Reading, Composition, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon

Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.

Thursday Afternoon

Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday Forenoon

Theory and Practice, Orthography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday Afternoon

School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday Forenoon

Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon

General History, Bookkeeping.

Yours truly,

H. C. SEYMOUR,
County School Superintendent.

Children Under 12

Blinded by Movies

Doctor Says Pictures Are Serious Menace to Sight of Children While Eyes Are in Formative Period.

San Francisco, Cal., June 19.—"Children under 12 years old should not be permitted to enter a motion picture theatre," said Dr. L. H. Lanier, of Texarkana, today at the annual convention of the seventh Pan-American Medical Congress.

"Under that age a child's eyes are in the formative period, and are absolutely unable to withstand the effects of films.

"Since the introduction of the motion picture America is beginning to wear glasses more and more. This country, through the medium of movies, will eventually become a weakened nation, unless there are great improvements in the mechanism of projecting apparatus."

Notice to Water Consumers

All users of city water are hereby notified that owing to the scarcity of water the following rules must be observed: Parties living on the south side of the river may use water for sprinkling and irrigation between the hours of 7 o'clock P. M. and 8 o'clock P. M. on Mondays and Thursdays. Those on the north side at the same hours on Thursdays and Fridays.

All delinquent users of city water are notified to pay up by the first of July or the water service will be discontinued.

Signed:

By Order of Water Board,
R. M. Wonderly, Chairman.