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CORPORATION TAX HELD VALID

PROPOSED LEVY CONSTITUTIONAL ACCORDING TO DECISION OF SUPREME COURT TODAY

Washington, March 13.—The corporation tax provisions of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill were sustained today as constitutional by the supreme court of the United States. The court was unanimous in its decision.

The law was held not applicable to the Minneapolis syndicate, a real estate concern, on the ground that it is not "doing business" within the meaning of the law. Justice Day first announced that it was within the power of the senate to insert the corporation tax provisions in the tariff law, which originated in the house, and of which the tax provisions are a part. He said the court held that the tax was an excess tax on the doing of business, which is exactly the basis on which the government has defended the law.

Justice Day seemed to hold that the tax provisions were not the arbitrary exercise of a power. This had been urged in the argument as one reason why the law should be held unconstitutional.

WILL BRING MILLIONS

Thereby a source of income of approximately \$25,000,000 annually was assured the government. Of all the objections to the tax raised by the suits in all parts of the country, none of them were found sufficient to nullify the law. The court did not hold the tax not applicable to the real estate trust, of Boston, which is organized not under any statute, but under the common law.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH CORNER STONE LAID SUNDAY

Public Ceremonies in Open Air
Held at New Building
Being Erected

With appropriate ceremonies the corner stone of the new Christian church building, which is in course of erection on Oak street near East Eleventh, was laid Sunday afternoon. The exercises, which began at 3 o'clock, were witnessed by several hundred people. The weather was ideal and the program was held in the open air, between the partially completed walls of the structure.

The exercises opened with a song, followed by the invocation by Rev. V. J. Hines, of the United Evangelical church. President P. L. Campbell, of the university, then delivered the principal address of the occasion and he was followed by Rev. H. S. Wilkinson, of the M. E. church, representing the Ministerial union; Morris J. Durye, representing the Commercial club, and Rev. A. F. Sanderson, acting president of the Eugene bible university.

Then came the ceremony of placing the stone and enclosing the iron box inside, which was performed by Rev. T. G. Hendricks, president of the First National bank and a trustee of the church. Inside the box in the stone were placed the following: The history of the church, the date of the erection of the two other buildings that have been erected by the church in Eugene; names of the members of the official board of the church, names of the building committee, name of the architect, names of the contractors, names of the various pastors, who have served the church since its organization, and a copy of the American revised Bible. The pastors, whose names were enclosed were as follows in the order in which they served: Gilmore Collins, G. M. Whitner, S. M. Hubbard, P. R. Burnett, W. D. Owen, E. W. Barnes, John McCord, T. E. Campbell, R. G. Callison, W. D. Humphrey, N. B. Alley, Harry Watkins, G. M. Weimer, B. F. Bonnell, M. L. Rose and J. S. McCallum, the last named being the present pastor. Rev. Mr. Burnett served a second pastorate between those of Rev. Mr. Watkins and Rev. Mr. Weimer. The ceremonies closed with the benediction by Rev. P. E. Billington.

Fred Waters, the paving man, arrived from Salem this afternoon and will attend the council meeting at Springfield tonight.

G. E. Wood went to Cottage Grove today to attend an installation in the W. O. W. lodge there tonight.

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WALTER L. FISHER NEW SECRETARY

Washington, March 13.—The responsibility of the secretaryship of the interior department shifted today, Walter L. Fisher taking the



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oath of office to succeed R. A. Ballinger. The change occurred without ceremony.

GRANDFATHER TEDDY EARLY IN APRIL

San Francisco, March 13.—A new generation of the Roosevelt family is expected to make its debut into the world shortly. It is reported today there will be an arrival of the first child in the house of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., early in April. Young Roosevelt has his home in San Francisco.

His father, Colonel Roosevelt, and Mrs. Roosevelt, are expected to be in the city to celebrate the birth of their first grandchild.

2400 IS POPULATION OF McMinnville

Washington, D. C., March 11.—McMinnville's population (thirteenth census) is 2,400. In 1909 it was 1,426. In 1890, 1,343.

E. DANA DURAND, Director.

At Irving, Saturday evening, March 11, 1911, Peter Wilkins, aged 83 years, an old pioneer of Lane county, died.

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HERMIT GRIFFITH MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED

Body of Man Found Burned to
Death in Cabin Near Heceta
—In Several Parts

HEAD AND LIMBS WERE SEVERED FROM BODY

Affidavits of Men Who Found
Body Taken and Sent
Eugene Authorities

According to reports from Florence, there are suspicions that George Griffith, the Englishman, who was burned to death in his cabin near Heceta Head lighthouse, on the coast north of Florence, a week ago last Saturday, was foully dealt with, and it probable that an investigation may be made.

It appears that a number of men who were at the place to help prepare the remains for burial found portions of the body in different places, indicating that the body might have been cut up by some one, although the theory that after the fire wild animals may have scattered the remains about is advanced. The head was found about eight feet from the trunk and there had evidently been a partition of the house between where the parts lay. The arms and legs were about eight feet from the rest of the body. The men could not tell whether the limbs had been burned off or severed in some other way. The trunk of the body lay in a little hollow and under it was found what appeared to be a piece of clothing worn by Griffith. A portion of a purse with a little over \$6 in money was found near the body.

No Tracks Found.
The wind had been blowing and drifted sand had obliterated any tracks that might have been made about the place, so it is difficult to determine if wild animals or human beings had scattered the remains about in such a manner. Affidavits of several of the men who found the body in that condition were taken and these documents were sent to District Attorney Bryson and Sheriff Bown.

OREGON ELECTRIC GETS SALEM FRANCHISE

Agreement Has Been Reached
That is Satisfactory
to All

Salem, Or., March 11.—What is believed to be a perfectly fair ordinance to all interests has been agreed upon between the city authorities and the representatives of the Oregon Electric railroad, and will be put through the council Monday night, and construction of the new line of the Oregon Electric toward Albany and Eugene will commence at once, or as soon as the right of way out of the city is completed.

The company agrees to put a common-user clause in its franchise on Trade street, but not on Front, as the right to give the Southern Pacific the right to use its tracks through the city, but the Oregon Electric would have no such rights on the Southern Pacific tracks on Front street.

As the Oregon Electric wishes to begin immediate construction of its line to the south and of its freight line on Trade and Front street, the ordinance contains an emergency clause, and goes into effect immediately upon passage and approval by the mayor. The franchise is approved by the ordinance committee and the city attorney.

MEXICAN REVOLT SPREADING RAPIDLY

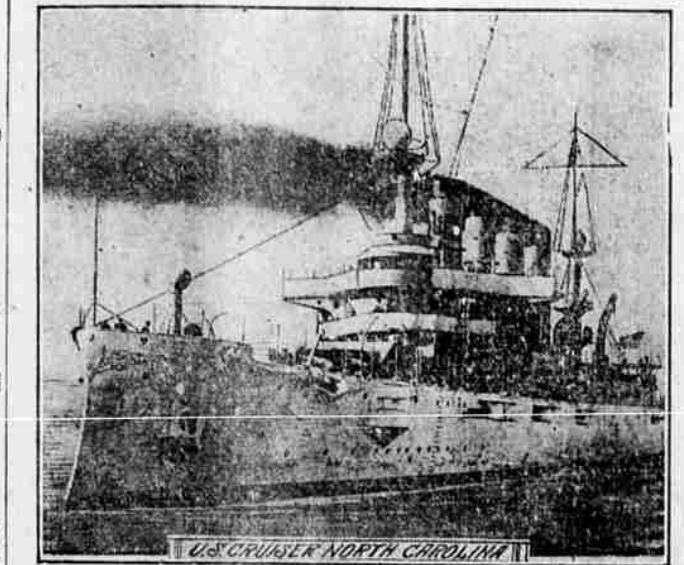
Washington, March 13.—The uprising in Mexico has spread to the states of Coahuila and Morelos, according to a dispatch received here today by the revolutionary army agents. The uprising in Morelos is of a formidable character, the dispatch says.

Dr. Geo. Wall went to Cottage Grove this afternoon in response to a call.

Frank Blanton went to Cottage Grove today on business.

Mrs. A. H. King went to Cottage Grove today after visiting here.

THE DIAZ REGIME IN MEXICO NOW SAID TO BE NEARING DOWNFALL



Washington, March 13.—The United States is making a move as to Mexico that looks like a potential interference in the affairs of that country, though it wears the official aspect of a military mobilization test. Nearly 20,000 troops, or practically one-fourth of the United States army, including the forces in the insular possessions, have been ordered to entrain for points near the Mexican boundary.

Simultaneously the fifth division of the Atlantic fleet, including the powerful armored cruisers Tennessee, Montana, North Carolina and Washington, was ordered from New York to the Texas coast of the gulf of Mexico, while a force of 2,000 marines has been directed to assemble at Guantanamo.

The Diaz regime is believed here to be tottering, owing to the age of the Mexican president and the strength shown by the revolutionists.

ANALYSIS OF WATER SHOWS IT IS PURE

An analysis of water taken from the filter plant, which was recently placed in operation, shows that it is as pure as water can be. The analysis was made by Professor A. R. Sweetser, of the university, and submitted to the water commission Saturday night. It shows that only one bacteria was found in the sample taken from the filter, while 131 were found in a sample taken from the river.

There were appearances of typhoid bacilli in the river water but absolutely none in the water taken from the filter.

W. F. OSBURN AND WIFE HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

Report Floods in Golden State
Unprecedented—Many
Engeneites There

William F. Osburn and wife, of the Hotel Osburn, arrived home this morning from a month's stay in southern California, spending most of their time in San Diego. They report an enjoyable trip but the weather most of the time was abominable. The rains throughout the state have been heavier during the past few weeks than ever before and in San Diego there was a precipitation of four inches greater during the month than there has been during previous years in the history of the city. Nearly the whole state is flooded and it took Mr. and Mrs. Osburn 28 hours to make the trip from Los Angeles to San Francisco, where as ten or twelve hours is the usual time. Tracks and bridges are washed out all the way from Sacramento to San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Osburn saw many Eugene people in Los Angeles and San Diego, including among them being Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Backwith, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shelley, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Roney, Mrs. Lina Hartley and Mrs. Fannie Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Roney will be home in a short time and Mrs. Nelson will also arrive here soon to spend the summer in the city.

GROTTJAN TRIAL ENDS THIS AFTERNOON

The trial of William Grotjan, accused of 100 upon the person of Mae Hills, aged 12 or 14 years, of Jasper, was concluded late this afternoon. The work of taking the testimony was not finished till about three o'clock and the arguments of the attorneys occupied considerable time after that. The case will go to the jury probably this evening.

A Portland dentist has been sued for \$250 damages because his son ran into a pet dog and killed it while coasting.

BOLD ROBBERY IN CENTER OF OGDEN

Two Masked Men Make Haul
from Reed
Hotel

Ogden, Utah, March 13.—The Reed hotel in the center of the business district, half a block from the central police station, was held up and robbed by two heavily armed and masked men this morning. One of the robbers covered the clerk and five men with a pistol and the second robber compelled the clerk to open the safe. About \$700 was taken, after which the robbers left.

Two suspects were arrested in a rooming house, half a block from the hotel.

OFF TO BROWNSVILLE ON COYOTE HUNT

Hon. R. A. Booth and W. H. Kay went to Brownsville today, to take part in a big coyote hunt to start from that city tomorrow. Mr. Booth's blooded hounds together with a number owned by Brownsville, and a that vicinity, will be used in the chase, and the local hunters expect to bring back with them in a few days a number of trophies of the hunt. As previously announced in the Guard, a fox and hound club will soon be organized among the sportsmen of Lane and Linn counties, and Mr. Booth will be among the members.

TWO DEPUTY SHERIFFS SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Stearns, Ky., March 13.—H. M. Holloway and J. T. Lovett, deputy sheriffs, were shot and killed last night while guarding the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific railroad coal chutes. Both were shot from ambush, and the tragedy is believed to be the result of the strike of firemen on the lines of railroad.

Hemes Bros. are about to open their new cigar factory at 565 Monroe street. The proprietors have recently moved to Eugene from Michigan and are well-experienced in handling high grade cigars. They will put up a fine Havana 16-cent cigar which will be called "C. J. Hemes" also two different brands of high grade cigars which will be named "Fox Tail" and "Green Diamond." They will spare no efforts in placing before the smokers the very best cigars that can be obtained for the price and they expect to have their goods in the market in a short time.

Henry Gates left today for Hollister, California, where he will visit his two sisters whom he has not seen for over a quarter of a century.

CHIHUAHUA FACES STARVATION AS RESULT OF ATTACK BY INSURGENT FORCES

El Paso, Tex., March 13.—Stories of intense suffering throughout northern Mexico continued to reach here today. A courier, who walked from a point north of the city of Chihuahua, reported that famine faced the 25,000 inhabitants there. Hundreds of women, fearing starvation as a result of the siege of the city, which has continued for eight days, secured permission of the authorities to leave and are now roaming the country with the children. The last word from Chihuahua city was seven days ago, when the telegraph operator wired:

"No foodstuffs have reached here in the last two weeks. Looks like a famine for all of us. Governor Abumada is powerless. A citizens' committee has been organized to confiscate all food supplies in the stores and to see that they are properly distributed, and by measuring them out we may be able to hold out as long as the supply lasts. The insurgents have encircled the city and when the federal troops attempt to forage twelve miles beyond the city they are driven back by bands of guerrillas. Many people are threatening to desert the city."

New York, March 13.—"I do not believe there will be any movement of our troops into Mexico," this statement was made today by J. M. Dickinson, secretary of war, who plans to sail for Panama this afternoon.

"There can be no excuse for American intervention," continued the secretary, "unless the Mexican government proves negligent in the protection of the persons and property of foreign residents, and such negligence would have to be firmly established, in my opinion, before any such steps could be taken. There are no conditions now existent to give such a warrant."

"In order to maintain the neutrality laws it has been deemed advisable to send troops to the border, and on account of the immense length of the frontier, and the fact that the Rio Grande can be crossed at almost any point, a larger number of the troops were dispatched than otherwise would have proved necessary."

Secretary Dickinson said there was a possibility he might postpone his trip to Panama, but if so it would be because of complications in settling pending agreements between the Panama Railroad company and the government.

Later it was announced that Dickinson would not sail for Panama this afternoon on his canal inspection trip, as he had planned to do, until expected complications between the Panama Railroad company and the steamship lines operating for the government are arranged. Dickinson is emphatic in the assertion that the Mexican situation is not influencing his plans in the slightest degree.

INSURGENTS WIN SPIRITED BATTLE

El Paso, March 13.—News has been received of a spirited engagement at Venado yesterday between 150 insurgents and fifty federal troops. The insurgents captured the town with one killed and two wounded. The federal forces rallied near the town and are awaiting reinforcements. It is said, however, the rebels have burned the railroad bridge to prevent the arrival of more federal troops.

REBELS REFRAIN FROM ATTACK ON TOWN

Signal Fires Burn All Night But
No Fighting Occurs

Douglas, Ariz., March 13.—From midnight to dawn, the mesa east and west of Argua Prieta were dotted with the signal fires of the rebels, but no attack was made, the full moon seriously interfering with any attempt at a surprise. Fears are expressed that General Blanco may be retreating in order to cause the withdrawal of Mexican troops from the interior, where a more serious uprising is planned, to protect the city. It is believed the rebels are planning to prevent the entrance into Argua Prieta of Chihuahua's force of 500 men.

WEATHER VERY HOT IN CANAL ZONE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Osburn, who returned a few days ago from a trip as far south as the Panama canal zone, report the weather uncomfortably hot in that region. The trip by steamer on this side of the isthmus is a long, tiresome one of 29 days on steamers that are far from first-class, this being the most disagreeable feature of the entire trip.

Mr. Osburn made a trip through the famous Cutra out of the canal on a railroad automobile, through the courtesy of the officials in charge and was impressed with the magnitude of the work being done. The canal zone, however, has few attractions as a place of residence for the Americans, and it seems best adapted to the Jamaican negroes, who are doing most of the labor on the canal.

Mr. and Mrs. Osburn went by steamer from Panama to New York city, and spent a few days visiting in Pennsylvania. They found the weather cold and wintry in the East, in sharp contrast to the tropic heat of the Panama zone.

Washington, March 13.—Railroads which employ telegraph operators for six hours and then after an interval of three hours more, may comply with the federal "hours of service" law of 1907, according to the decision of the United States supreme court today. The government contended that service must be nine consecutive hours.