

# JUDGE KENNEDY WILL DECIDE ON DOME OWNERSHIP

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 27.—Possession of Teapot Dome hinged on legal points today and rested in the discretion of Federal Judge T. Blake Kennedy before whom the least annual suit of the government against Harry F. Sinclair's Mammoth Oil company was completed here yesterday.

The decision of Judge Kennedy will determine whether Sinclair obtained the lease on the Wyoming naval oil reserve as a result of conspiracy and fraud, as the government alleged, or whether the Mammoth Oil company obtained the grant because it submitted the best bid and because the government was forced by an act of congress to develop the oil field, as the defense contended.

At least 30 days will elapse before Judge Kennedy will have all the documents of the case in his hands, and until then he probably will not make a decision. This is the result of an agreement between counsel yesterday under which the government is given 15 days in which to file a brief of the case, and the defense a similar length of time in which to reply to the plaintiff's brief.

# REFERENDUM ON NEW LAW DECIDED

PENDLETON, March 27.—Decision was made here last night at a meeting of the Umatta county and state protective association to invoke the referendum on the law that provides for the taking of ten per cent of the funds of 40 state commissions for the use of the state's general fund. The vote on the motion to invoke the referendum was 47 to 6. The state game commission is one of the commissions affected by the law and the cost to sportsmen is estimated at about \$35,000 annually, according to data supplied at the meeting.

# World's Greatest Milch Cow Dies

CHICAGO, March 27.—Sagis Pietertje Prospect, said to have been the world's greatest milch cow is dead. The animal which produced a world's record of 37,381 pounds of milk, equal to 17,834 quarts in a one year test period, according to the records of the Holstein-Friesian association of America, died yesterday on the Carnation milk farms at Seattle, Wash. This cow's three offspring have been sold for \$35,000, the last one going to Japan. Marshal Foch of France, when he was in America went to see the famous cow which last year was filmed at the National Dairy show in Milwaukee, her pictures having made her probably the best known cow in America.

The United States has nearly 6,500,000 farms.

# OIL CASE JUDGE IS REAL FELLOW

It's "Judge" in the Courtroom, but "Blake" in the Streets With Judge Kennedy in Teapot Dome Trial at Cheyenne



Judge T. Blake Kennedy

(By NEA Service)  
CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 27.—It's "Judge" in the courtroom but "Blake" on the street with Judge T. Blake Kennedy of the United States court for Wyoming, in whose judgment lies decision whether the government has established its contention that the leasing of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve was tainted with collusion and fraud between Harry F. Sinclair and Albert B. Fall.

Judge Kennedy is a genial soul. He radiates friendship and good fellowship. The dignified formalities of practice before his court frequently are relieved by flashes of humor from the bench.

The judge lays aside judicial reserve when he discards his robes of office. He can tell a good story, or listen to one.

**Especially Qualified.**  
Judge Kennedy was especially qualified by judicial experience to hear the Teapot Dome lease annulment case, the biggest "oil" action ever brought in the name of the federal government.

He was appointed to the bench five years ago at a time when the Wyoming oil boom was at its crest and rival claimants to oil field lands were having recourse to the courts in droves.

A constant procession of important oil cases since has been passing through his court, many of them involving actual millions and some of them theoretical scores of millions.

The fifty-million-dollar Teapot Dome reserve litigation isn't the biggest oil suit in which he has sat. He has not yet been reversed in an oil case.

Golf is perhaps Judge Kennedy's favorite physical recreation. He is a good hand at bridge and a "shark" at poker, billiards. He possesses a fine voice and loves to sing.

Judge Kennedy is 49 years old. It is an interesting side-light that 49 is the age, also, of Owen D. Roberts, special oil counsel for the government, and George P. Hoover of Washington, D. C., one of the "big three" of defense counsel.

**Headed West.**  
Kennedy was born at Commerce, Mich., in 1874. He attended the public schools, took the A. B. degree at Franklin college, New Athens, O., and was graduated in law from Syracuse in 1878. He formed a partnership in practice with his classmate, Robert C. N. Matron, and in 1901 the firm moved west, to Cheyenne, to "grow up with the country."

Kennedy was married in 1908 to Miss Anna Lyons of Cheyenne. They have no children. For ten years he served as referee in bankruptcy for Wyoming. For several years he was republican chairman for Laramie county and thereafter became republican state chairman.

Fraternally he is a Consistory Mason, an Elk and a Woodman of the World. His religious affiliation is Presbyterian.

**No Corporate Interests.**  
Kennedy's practices has merely been that of the average small town attorney. He has had no special corporate connections but was frequently counsel for large ranching interests. The most prominent case with which he was ever identified was the trial of Tom Horn, famous professional man-killer. Kennedy was with the defense. Horn was convicted and was hanged.

Judge Kennedy fully appreciated the state of public opinion concerning the Teapot Dome case but it didn't worry him. His attitude to the matter was that of the judge, and he unhesitatingly ruled for the defense on points of law, when the law was with the defense.

# DAVIS TESTIFIES AT WOOL HEARING

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—Maladjustment of railway rates on commodities other than wool will result from granting preferential joint through rail and steamship rates on wool produced in the interior and mountain states and trans-shipped at Portland or other Pacific coast terminals at the Atlantic seaboard and in the process of making adjustments the rail carriers will lose still further revenues now so much needed for their support, declared J. E. Davis, assistant general freight agent of the Union Pacific system, in outlining the position of the transcontinental railroads at yesterday's session of the hearing on wool transportation rates initiated on complaint of the Boston Wool trade association. Commissioner J. B. Campbell and Examiner P. C. Paul of the Interstate Commerce commission are striving to have the hearing in Portland concluded Friday night so that the hearing at Chicago may be resumed April 3.

Davis said the policy advocated by the Boston Wool trade association would be disastrous to rail transportation by limiting further the railway lines to short haul local traffic. He maintained that wool growers' associations are not interested in through bill of lading arrangements for shipments moving through the Panama canal.

# Officials Started By Announcement of Bottling of Radium

MANCHESTER, Eng., March 27.—Officials of the radium institute here expressed amazement upon learning of the announcement by experts attached to the Middlesex hospital in London that they had succeeded in bottling radium gas.

Sir William Milligan, secretary of the radium institute says the gas was bottled here a decade ago and that the institute has been distributing radium "seeds" or tiny gas filled tubes to the Manchester hospitals for six years.

A London dispatch yesterday telling of the Middlesex experiment claims, said they had successfully captured a ray of radium which hitherto had gone to waste and that the use of these in conjunction with the gamma rays would multiply the curative value of a given quantity of radium thousands of times.

# Great Britain is Favorable Toward New Arms Parley

LONDON, March 27.—The Daily Mail says it learns that in addition to the assurances given to Mr. Kellogg before he left the London embassy to become American secretary of state, the government sent a note to Washington reasserting Great Britain's willingness to participate in a disarmament conference whenever one was announced by the United States. It also was indicated that the dominions were ready to act with the British.

# Destruction of Town Reported

PEKING, March 27.—(AP)—Consular reports received here today confirm earlier reports received from Shanghai telling of the destruction of Taiifu by fire and earthquake. The town is located in western Yunnan province. No estimate was made of the damage, but no foreigners lost their lives in the disturbance which took place on March 16.

# Three-Legged Chick Sprier Than Mates

MEDFORD, Ore., March 27.—A three-legged Plymouth rock chick, which can hop higher and farther than any of its fellows, is the proud possession of Mrs. George A. Seely of this city, according to her report today. The strange freak was hatched yesterday.

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### POLICEMAN ADMITS ILLEGAL ENTRANCE

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—(AP)—Edgar Blanchard, dismissed patrolman was indicted late yesterday by the Multnomah county grand jury on a charge of assault and battery in connection with the charge that he attacked David Foulkes, Jr., in the course of a raid made on the Foulkes home by mistake without a search warrant last Saturday evening.

### Klamath Indians Sought in Case Of Jackson Death

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 27.—Two Indians who escaped from the county jail early Monday—Silas Barclay and Louis Knight—are being hunted in connection with the possible murder of Freddie Jackson, drunken redskin, who met death on the streets of Chiloquin, Sunday, March 15, from a wild ride on his horse. It was believed that Jackson sustained a skull fracture in the fall from the horse.

### Acting District Attorney Myers

Acting District Attorney Myers said today, he has information indicating Jackson might have sustained a fractured skull in a fight and then placed astride his horse for his last ride, unconscious, through the streets of Chiloquin.

According to information the acting district attorney says he has, Jackson is said to have been drinking in an old barn with Knight and Barclay. They are alleged to have had a fight of some kind.

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