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EM-TEES

"Pa," said Johnny, who is a persistent knowledge seeker, "what is a lawyer?"

"There isn't any such thing, Johnny," replied the old gentleman, who had been involved in considerable litigation in his time.

"But this book says that somebody was a great lawyer," persisted the youngster.

"Then it's a mistake," rejoined his father. "Law is never given, it's retailed in mighty small quantities at mighty high figures."

OH! YOU EVERETT!

Everett Howard is a regular caller at John Shipley's now, and sometimes oftener.—The Lebanon (Kan.) Times.

THE RESULT.

Meeks—"My wife prefers tea for breakfast, while I prefer coffee."

Bleeks—"Then I suppose it is necessary to have both, eh?"

Meeks—"Oh no; we compromise."

Bleeks—"In what way?"

Meeks—"We have tea."

TOWNE'S DEATH WON'T AFFECT BLUE LEDGE

The death of R. S. Towne, owner of the Blue Ledge mine will not affect the operation of the mine, according to a telegram from D. C. Brown, manager of the Towne copper interests to the Medford Commercial club.

Medford Commercial Club, Medford, Oregon.—Please accept assurance of deepest appreciation of kindly condolences of Medford Commercial club conveyed in your telegram of the ninth on the occasion of Mr. Towne's decease.

D. C. Brown, New York, Aug. 12. The following telegram was sent by the club, August 9:

D. C. Brown, 82 Beaver St., New York. Many friends here deeply sorrowed over news just received of Mr. Towne's sudden demise.

DEER HUNTING SEASON OPENS TUESDAY MORNING

The deer hunting season will open in Oregon today at sunrise, and end October 24th. It is unlawful to kill more than three deer.

HOUSE POSTPONES ACTION ON RAINEY FLOUR BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The Rainey bill to repeal existing duties on mixed flour, said to be designed to afford cheaper bread, was considered today by the house ways and means committee, but action was postponed.

KANSAS WOMAN TO RUN AS INDEPENDENT

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 15.—Dr. Eva Harding of this city, defeated for the democratic nomination for congress in the first Kansas district, announced today she would run as an independent candidate.

THE FARM LOAN BOARD

IN another column today we print an article explaining in full the new rural credits law which has just gone into effect. The board which will govern this new American financial system has been appointed by the president and sworn in and all is now in readiness for this great experiment in farm financing.

The federal farm loan board has a mighty work before it. It must really create a rural finance for the greatest agricultural people in the world. All its paths are hitherto untraveled. It and the farmers must find their respective ways together. It is an honest bill, and an honest board has been selected to carry it into execution.

Mail Tribune readers all know Herbert Quick, one of the members, through his articles on topics of current interest which appear occasionally in this newspaper. His writings make known his keen understanding of the farmers' problems, and his liberal views on agrarian and agricultural questions will make this choice universally applauded.

One of the best possible selections is that of Captain W. S. A. Smith of Iowa. He has become one of the best known farmers in the middle west, as he is probably without a superior in agricultural skill. So remarkable is his grasp of the principles of farming, especially along financial lines, that he was made expert in farm practice of the department of agriculture in the first year of Wilson's administration. For two years or more in that capacity he has been studying farm problems and solving them in all parts of the country, from the rundown estates of Virginia to the blueberry farms of New England.

George W. Norris of Pennsylvania was no doubt named by the president for the reason that he is a financial expert. Probably his chief function will be to sell the land bonds. Some such man is needed on the board. He also has the urge for service of the people and is a humanitarian as well as a financier.

Judge Charles E. Lobdell of Kansas is one of the few republicans possessing the qualifications for the position who has been an advocate of the bill passed by the democrats. He is a banker and a farmer, and prominent in Kansas agriculture. And he believes in the law.

ROBINS' DESERTION

IT is with regret that fundamental democrats read the announcement of Raymond Robins, chairman of the recent Progressive convention, announcing his support of Justice Hughes for president. Though a man of wealth, Mr. Robins has been an ardent single-taxer and champion of the disinherited, and his desertion of the cause is as surprising as his reasons, which were as follows:

A comprehensive protection of the home market and support for American foreign trade is indispensable if we are to preserve industrial prosperity. Graduated progressive taxation upon incomes, inheritances and land values must be a part of any adequate preparedness program.

Since when did the republican party or Mr. Hughes advocate taxation upon incomes, inheritances or land values? When did either of them advocate universal military training? Mr. Robins' reasons are a chaotic jumble of standpatism, progressivism and Rooseveltism.

In this connection, it will be well to recall what Mr. Robins recently said in a speech at the Chicago Coliseum about President Wilson, in contrast to what Mr. Hughes is now saying about his political opponent:

The most skillful, the most courageous, the greatest statesmanship of the last two years in this world was the manner in which Wilson averted war between this country and Mexico. The reason that the blood of American men—sons of our homes—is not today reddening the hot sands of Mexico, is due more to the courage and consistency of Woodrow Wilson than to any other factor in American life.

Railroads Placed Beyond Power of States by Hughes' Decisions

This is the last in Manly's series of articles, breaking the silence of silent Hughes. In these articles Manly, by quoting verbatim from speeches and supreme court decisions, of Hughes, lays bare the actuating principles by which the mind of Charles E. Hughes operates.—Editor.

By Basil M. Manly. Charles E. Hughes' decisions as supreme court justice and acts as New York governor entitle him to the railroad's support or president.

As governor he vetoed the 2-cent fare and rail crew bills.

As justice he concurred in decisions that:

1.—State and nation can exercise no control over railroads except in the narrow field of transportation.

2.—Private shippers cannot recover damages when their businesses are ruined by illegal rebates.

3.—Congress and the federal courts can wipe out state railway laws and commissions that compel rate reductions.

4.—Railroads in determining "reasonable rates" can include in their valuation land given by the people to them.

The first decision referred to was in the case of the Great Northern railroad vs. Minnesota; the second, that of the Pennsylvania railroad vs. the International Coal Co.

that in the Minnesota cases the principle had been too narrowly applied. Thus it was ruled that the Sanborn decision was right in holding the courts could annul rates fixed by the state, if they were unreasonably low, but that in the particular cases, before the court the rates are here confiscatory in only one out of the three roads affected.

Even in the case of the road for which the rates were held confiscatory, the net earnings were \$742,000, yielding 2.5 per cent on the enormously inflated valuation allowed by Judge Sanborn.

In fixing the basis of valuation used in determining whether or not the rates were reasonable, Judge Sanborn had held that in valuing the railroad's real estate, a large part of which had been given to the road by the federal government or bought for a song 40 years ago, the road was entitled not only to put it in for what it would cost to acquire the land today in the heart of cities and thickly populated districts, but also to multiply that value by two on account of the special purpose for which it was to be used.

As a result, the total valuation of the roads allowed by Judge Sanborn was 56 per cent greater than their total capitalization, which included millions of dollars of watered stock.

This was too raw for Hughes, so he held that while the railroad was entitled to charge up the theoretical cost of acquiring its right-of-way at present—although it may not have cost one-hundredth of that amount—the corporation was not entitled to any fancy multiplication stunts.

But the real service of Hughes lay in the doctrine he handed down in this case that "the paramount authority of congress enables it to intervene at its discretion for the complete and effective government of that which has been entrusted to its care (interstate commerce) and for that purpose and to that extent, in response to a conviction of national need, congress may displace local laws by substituting laws of its own."

In plain language, congress or the federal courts can wipe out the whole body of state railroad laws and regulations on the basis it is in response to national need.

This doctrine forms the basis of the republican party's platform promise to wipe out state railroad commissions.

Why do the railroads want to wipe out the state commissions and center all authority in the interstate commerce commissions?

The state commissions, from the beginning, have attempted to lower freight and passenger rates. Their efforts have been largely annulled by the courts in such decisions as those handed down by Hughes in the North Dakota coal and West Virginia 2-cent fare case; but such litigation is expensive and keeps the people stirred up.

The interstate commerce commission, on the other hand, has saved the roads hundreds of millions by abolishing free passes and rebates, and in the past two years has permitted the roads to increase rates about \$50,000,000 a year!

BAND CONCERT AT PARK TONIGHT

The fifteenth concert of the 1916 season will be given at the City park commencing at 8 this evening by the Medford Citizens band under the direction of its able conductor, Reginald G. Rowland. The program promises to be of exceptional merit, there being included several well known classics and popular numbers, most prominent among which will be the overture to "La Barlesque", written by Franz von Suppe.

This case came from the lower federal courts, where Judge Sanborn had handed down a decision that was denounced by resolution in the governor's conference, at Lake Mohonk, where a special committee of governors was created to notify the supreme court that if the Sanborn decision was sustained, it would be resisted by the state.

With this ominous threat of organized resistance, the case came to Judge Hughes, who had been selected to write the decision.

Justice Hughes gave every appearance of reversing the Sanborn decision, while in reality he sustained Judge Sanborn on every point of law for which the railroads were seriously contending. He ruled that the main principles upon which the Sanborn decision was based were right, but

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KAISER THREATENS MORE DESTRUCTIVE ZEPPELIN RAIDS

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—Threats of more destructive Zeppelin raids against England in reprisal for "crimes committed by British seamen" are contained in a white book regarding the Baralong case, transmitted by the government to the Reichstag. Members of the crew of the Baralong, a British patrol boat, were reported to have killed Germans from a submarine, sunk by the British a year ago. The government's purpose is quoted as follows by the Overseas News Agency:

"Airships will be used against England within the limits of the law of nations, without any other regard. Every airship which throws destructive bombs on London or other defended towns or on towns which contain establishments of a military character, shall cause England to remember the Baralong case."

The white book contains official German and British documents. The final report, according to a statement given out today by the Overseas News Agency, says:

"The German government, replying to declarations of the British government in regard to the German memorandum of June 19, 1916, on the Baralong case (in which Germany rejected the British proposal to submit the case to a neutral board) said it had decided on account of the British government's attitude, that it was impossible to continue negotiations. At the same time, the government announced it would take reprisals of a nature corresponding with the provocation, adding: 'Of course, the government has failed to respond to the crimes committed by the British seamen by carrying out similar reprisals, for instance, the shooting of British prisoners of war. But German airships will continue the English people that Germany has the means of preventing from going unavenged the crimes against the crew of the Baralong.'"

REVISED REVENUE BILL IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The revised administration revenue bill, which is expected to yield \$205,000,000 annually, was ready today for submission to the senate. It was finally approved by the senate democrats in caucus last night as amended by the finance committee.

The bill probably will be reported to the senate tomorrow and taken up for consideration as soon as the government shipping bill is disposed of. Features of the revised measure are a surtax on incomes, an inheritance tax, a 10 per cent net profit tax on the manufacture of war munitions, a 5 per cent tax on manufacturers of materials entering into munitions, a corporation license tax, liquor taxes and miscellaneous taxes.

The measure retains the house provision for a nonpartisan tariff commission, provides for a tariff on coal tar dye-stuffs and medicinal derivatives and increases the taxes on wines over the house bill.

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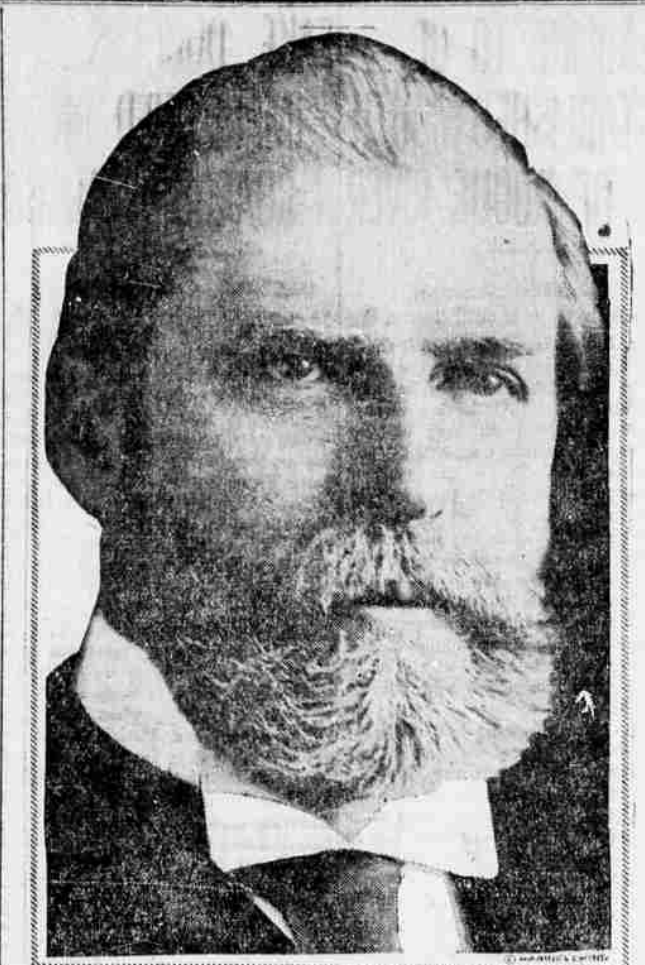
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At 4:00 p. m. upon arrival of the regular south-bound train. He will either speak from an auto just south of the Commercial club Exhibit building or from rear of train, place to be announced later.

A cordial invitation is extended to everybody in the county to hear the next president of the United States.

Advertisement for North Beach resort, featuring 'The Charm of NORTH BEACH' and 'REVISED REVENUE BILL IN SENATE'.

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