

BRISBANE

THIS WEEK

The Supreme court unanimously declares NRA unconstitutional.

High judges, whose decision nobody can veto, short of a constitutional amendment, say congress must do its work and cannot abdicate in favor of the Chief Executive.

This, most important decision in many years, this probably makes further argument about extension of NRA unnecessary. You can't extend that which is dead. American business men may now resume business not led by the kindly light of professors and others.



Arthur Brisbane

Alice's puzzled Dormouse, at the Mad Hatter's tea party, could not understand his watch, that would not keep time, although the Dormouse did everything. He dipped the watch in his tea, put butter in the works. "It was the best butter," he said, "but nothing seems to please it."

The stock exchange is something like that watch—nothing seems to please it, either.

At first, stock broker gentlemen, whose "Kaaba stone" is the stock ticker, began a weird dance of joy when they heard that NRA was dead, and pushed up stock prices.

Then, suddenly, as the day wore on, one broker asked another, and every broker asked every other broker, "How do we know what is coming next?" And then they put prices down.

It is announced, but not by Mr. Green, head of the American Federation of Labor, that a great strike will be called in protest against the Supreme court's NRA decision. Mr. Green is too wise to permit, if he can prevent it, a strike against the United States Supreme court. He may, should, and probably will take a wiser course and work, as organized labor has worked successfully for generations, to improve working conditions.

Some union men know that wages, hours and other conditions improved in the old way are more durable than increased pay based on political fiat. It is necessary for some one to provide as well as for some one to take it.

Peddlers of tickets in the Havana lottery send out "come-on" letters, trying to sell tickets to foolish Americans. On one such letter this is printed:

"Arthur Brisbane says large sums of money . . . are won by Americans buying foreign tickets."

What Arthur Brisbane has said, and now repeats, is that through foreign lottery schemes Americans are swindled out of large sums. He who invests in a lottery throws away his money, adding foolishness to incapacity. The Havana lottery is as much of a trap for fools as any other lottery.

Postmaster Farley's plan to hasten air mails allows a crowd of 10,000 to see a whirling autogiro drop down on the roof and deliver mail, another autogiro coming to get mail bags and carry them away.

Mr. Farley's plan is to have the autogiro fly between outlying flying fields, where high-power, fast planes land, and carry mail bags to the roofs of city post offices, saving time lost in slow street travel.

Board Offers Contract to V. Henderson

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Taxes to Bother Only Few Landlords, Figures on Incorporation Show

Property valuations in Cascade Locks are amazingly low in comparison with valuations in other communities of the state, and while they may be increased some if the town votes favorably on incorporation next Tuesday, no one will be hurt, except a few large land owners.

A check of valuations and taxes actually paid on Cascade Locks property would indicate that no small home owner can be seriously hurt.

O. B. S. STARTS RAILROAD MOVE AT EAGLE CREEK

Steam shovels for Orino, Birkenmeir and Saremal Wednesday morning began tearing out dirt for the relocation of the Union Pacific railroad tracks between Eagle creek and the toll bridge, with a crew of 70 men finishing clearing the 55 acres of right-of-way.

Three shifts comprising 350 men, five shovels and a dragline will be employed in throwing dirt as work progresses.

Excavation by Moran's tavern at the east end of what is to be an open cut 110 feet deep. Dirt is being dumped at first to build up the grade across tiny Blue lake by seven new trucks dispatched from Sam Orino's Spokane office.

Eleven months is the time limit set in the contract, signed Wednesday.

Headquarters for the contract has been set up in the little office used by sub-contractors on the Eagle creek bridge piers. Permanent office is being built among the trees on the other side of Eagle creek.

Orino has been taking a brief vacation in Rainier national park, but returned to his Spokane office Tuesday.

Towers Rise on Main Cableway

Construction of the 225-foot tall tower for the main channel highline, highest ever built, from which concrete will be poured into the main spillway dam this fall, is expected to begin this week in North Bonneville.

Work on one of the two 90-foot traveling head towers on Bradford Island was finished Saturday, except for minor touches, with the pouring of concrete by Columbia Construction company for the 450-ton counterweight.

Companion traveling tower is expected to arrive in pieces from Boulder dam June 15. It will set up immediately.

Twenty-four men are employed on the big tall tower, which will serve as an anchor for the 36 tons of cable running over the main channel cofferdam to the head towers. According to Superintendent J. M. McGown, the tall tower will be finished in 30 days.

ENGINEERS WILL BUY TRAINLOAD GATES, CRANES

Army engineers are preparing to buy a trainload of steel gates, beams, tubes, cranes and stop-logs for use in completing the powerhouse, navigation locks and spillway dam. Bids will be opened June 25.

To scores of people, who have been in the district since inception of the project, this will mean that completion of the three-year job is in sight.

The purchase order will include 18 huge gates, 50x50 and 50x60 for use in regulating flow of water through the spillway dam; stop-logs for closing up both ends of the navigation locks in event the gates should fail to work and on those occasions when the government wants to clean the chamber; gantry cranes, which will handle the gates, stop-logs and draft tubes.

Successful bidders will be months fabricating gates and other items contained in the specifications. And it will take workmen weeks to set the gates, for they weigh 200 tons each and cannot be tossed about like chips.

The two heavy gantry cranes being purchased for use on the spillway dam will raise and lower the steel gates, which ride in broad slots, recessed in the concrete.

Total orders call for 4,000 tons of steel. The work will go to eastern steel mills in all probabilities, for they are equipped to produce this type of equipment.

taxes in Cascade Locks.

Valuations on homes in Cascade Locks are amazingly small—and the valuations on unimproved property is even lower than on homes. A. W. Meyer has a sizeable group of lots, probably 30 or 40, altogether. Last year he paid only \$48.52 in taxes on a valuation of \$1765. He will not be seriously hurt in the purse by incorporation.

As proof that valuations and taxes are low and that home owners will not suffer from incorporation The Chronicle presents a few examples, taken at random:

Frank Hall paid \$9.62 in taxes on an assessment of \$350 on his home.

August Peterson paid \$16.08 in taxes on a valuation of \$585 on all the properties he owns in town, or did own at that time, for he sold them to G. N. Hesgard, who has covered them with a group of small homes.

Otto Becker, who owns a business lot just below the Odd Fellows building and a home near the high school, paid \$68.70 on a valuation of \$2500 on the two properties. His taxes are unbelievably high when laid down besides Labor's or Haskins.

Charles Haggblom, on the contrary, paid only \$9.62 in taxes on a valuation of \$350 on his home.

LOCAL, COUNTY BOARDS GRANT GIBSON POWER

Acting upon recommendation of the local school board, the Hood River county school board has authorized County Superintendent Gibson to give Vernon G. Henderson, superintendent of the Cascade Locks public schools, a contract for another year.

With a contract to his credit, Superintendent Henderson is now in a position to seek a school in some other community. It has been agreed among members of the county board, the county superintendent and members of the local board that Henderson will not attempt to take advantage of his contract, but will go elsewhere and find a school. They gave Principal Frank Autrieth and Miss Averill Stewart no such advantage, but dismissed them outright.

F. D. Nunamaker, Hood River apple grower, and chairman of the county school board, hemmed and hawed when asked Monday, if it was true he held a contract.

"You will have to get your information from the county superintendent," he said.

Asked if the county board had not surrendered its powers to County Superintendent Gibson, he admitted it had authorized him to act as he thought best.

County Superintendent Gibson is reported to have written Superintendent Henderson a letter, requesting him to either accept or decline the contract. This, it appears, is necessary for the reason that Cascade Locks is going to need a new superintendent of schools and cannot employ one so long as the present superintendent has a contract.

In speaking of action taken by the county school board, Superintendent Gibson declared it and the local school board had worked in close harmony. By that he meant the county board had followed the suggestion of the local board and dismissed Principal Autrieth and Miss Stewart, and allowed Superintendent Henderson an opportunity to procure a school.

County Superintendent Gibson said there was no appeal from the actions and rulings of the county school board under the law which created the county unit system. Neither is any law which will permit the parents of Cascade Locks to institute a recall election against members of the local school board.

LENA CECILIANI ELECTED QUEEN; REPRESENTS DAM AREA IN ROSE FESTIVAL

Miss Lena Ceciliani, dark-eyed, dark-haired daughter of C. Ceciliani of Cascade Locks, will reign over Bonneville dam area's float in Portland's Rose Festival parade Friday.

Votes for Miss Ceciliani totaled 3,493,500. Next four, named princesses, were Misses Lillian Martinsen, 2,635,500 votes; Tilley Jones, 2,210,000; Irma Redmond, 1,807,500; and Millie Graves, 1,165,000.

Announcement of winners was made Wednesday night as the finale to the Rose Festival dance at Merrill's pavilion.