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"LOAN SHARK LAW" HELD CONSTITUTIONAL BY SUPREME COURT

City Charters Must Specify Tax Powers Before Excess Can Be Collected

The supreme court today held that the supervision of the loan sharks should fall under the duties of the state bank examiner in the case of the state of Oregon against E. E. Ware and others. It was charged in the indictment that Ware loaned money at a greater interest than 10 per cent per annum without first having taken out a state license to operate under the state banking laws. Ware was tried in the circuit court before Judge Henry F. Medina in Multnomah county and convicted. He appealed to the supreme court and Justice Benson wrote the opinion affirming the rulings of the lower court on the constitutionality of the law.

In an opinion written by Justice McBride the writ of mandamus was sustained in the case of Jessie M. Carson and others against H. J. Schullerman, a corporation commissioner of the state of Oregon. This was a writ brought to compel the corporation commissioner to file articles of incorporation for the "E. Henry Wemme Endowment Fund" as a charitable institution. The articles prescribed a capitalization of \$350,000 to erect and maintain a maternity hospital and the supreme court sitting en banc held that the hospital was a charitable institution and that the articles should be filed as such. The corporation was formed pursuant to the will of E. Henry Wemme, deceased, who bequeathed certain property to the plaintiffs in trust for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a maternity home for unfortunate and wayward girls in Portland.

Judge G. P. Skipworth was upheld in his rulings in the Springfield tax case, appealed from Lane county in which Welby Stevens and others brought suit against S. W. Taylor, county treasurer and J. C. Parker, sheriff, to enjoin them from collecting taxes in excess of five mills prescribed by the original charter of Springfield. The city attempted to levy a tax of 15 mills and passed an amendment to the charter authorizing this action to further certain improvements in Springfield. Some of the taxpayers sought an injunction against the collection of the taxes and the decree was rendered in the circuit court in favor of the taxpayers and against the tax collectors. In his opinion Chief Justice Moore affirmed the lower court on the grounds that the rights of the city cannot be increased in excess of five mills and are not clearly outlined and quotes Justice Beasly in a former case as follows:

"The principal is universal that whenever a municipality or other government agency of the state seeks to impose the burden of taxation upon a citizen or upon his property it must be able to show the grant of such power by express words or necessary implication. No doubtful inference from other powers granted or from obscure provisions of the law, nor mere matters of convenience, or even necessity, will answer the purpose. The grant relied upon must be evident and unmistakable and all doubts will be resolved against its exercise and in favor of the taxpayer."

The other opinions follow: R. L. Sablin, appellant, vs. Levi Christian, sheriff of Wasco county, appealed from Wasco county, action of replevin, opinion by Justice McBride, Circuit Judge Bradshaw's judgment for defendant reversed.

Anna Humphrey vs. city of Portland, appellant, appeal from Multnomah county, action to recover damages for personal injuries, opinion by Chief Justice Moore, former Circuit Judge Benson's judgment for plaintiff reversed.

Florence Johnson, appellant, vs. J. H. McKenzie, appellant from Multnomah county from a decree dismissing a Justice Moore, Circuit Judge Davis' suit for accounting, opinion by Chief Justice Moore for defendant affirmed.

J. W. Leslie, appellant, vs. J. D. McNeil et al, appellant from Coos county, action for recovery of money, opinion by Justice Benson, Circuit Judge Cole's judgment for defendant affirmed.

A. M. Mowrey, appellant vs. E. F. Bouton et al, appellant from Multnomah county, action for damages for alleged fraudulent representations, opinion by Justice Benson, Circuit Judge Davis' judgment for defendant affirmed.

Petition for rehearing in Portland vs. Portland Gas & Coke company was granted.

BUILD NEW WARSHIP
Vallejo, Cal., Feb. 7.—The keel for the 1,110 ton 30-knot destroyer Shaw was laid today at the Mare Island navy yard, and it is expected she will go down the ways in four months. The Shaw is the first modern warship to be built here, and she will be about the equal of any European ship of the same type now afloat.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT ALBANY MEETING

Commercial Clubs, Granges and Other Civic Bodies In Convention

The following resolutions were adopted at a joint representative meeting of the Willamette valley county courts, commercial bodies and granges held at Albany, February 5, 1916, proposing the formation of a Willamette Valley Development association:

Object.
To form a clearing house for the interchange of ideas and information.
To permit of organized, concentrated effort in certain lines of work where the interests of each organization are identical.

To exercise greater influence upon the progress and development of the community in all commercial, industrial and agricultural lines, than it is possible for each organization to do, acting as a separate unit.

Suggestions for Plan of Organization.
This organization should have the usual officers, a board of directors, and a constitution and by-laws. The officers should be selected from the present officers and boards of directors of the member clubs. The board of directors should be composed of three members from each county in the association, one member to be chosen from the commercial bodies of the county, one to be a member of the county court, and the third member to represent the county at large, preferably selected from the grange by the two preceding members.

Some of the Problems in Which Organized, United Efforts Would Yield Results Worth Striving For.

Good Roads.
The best system of maintaining existing roads should be determined. An effort should be made to reduce the present excessive waste of funds incurred by poor methods of maintenance and piece-meal construction. Construction of permanent roads should be advocated and the necessary ways and means of financing such construction devised. Changes should be made in the laws so as to permit a general county annual levy for permanent construction in one or more places in the county. Laws resulting in the better organization of the directive force in county construction and maintenance of roads would result in great economy.

Drainage.
A strong campaign should be initiated, emphasizing the importance and benefits which will result if the wet lands in the valley are drained. Efforts should be made to cooperate with the United States department of agriculture and the Oregon Agricultural college, so that their assistance can be secured in this work. An effort should be made to form at least one drainage district in every county; because practical demonstration of a large scale of the valuable results of drainage will be brought home to the communities adjacent to each project.

Products of the Valley.
Steps should be taken to advance the interests of the various products of the valley. For example, a nation-wide demand for loganberry juice might be promoted and established; our prunes might be placed into national prominence; our dairy products, timber, etc., might be given a greater impetus; and the improvement of the status of all products can be considered.

Rural Credits.
The question of rural credits can be considered.

Government Economy.
The organization should cooperate with taxpayers' organizations and other agencies to emphasize the necessity for economy and elimination of waste in national, state and county expenditures.

Development of Rural Life.
Every effort to extend the comforts and privileges of modern life to agricultural sections should be encouraged. Community social centers, better roads, union high schools, development of social, intellectual, educational, moral and religious facilities are all necessary to maximum development of the agricultural section.

Rural Markets.
There is great necessity, by educational campaigns or otherwise, of encouraging the establishment of co-operative manufacturing and marketing.

ACID STOMACHS ARE DANGEROUS

A Physician's Advice on Cause and Cure.

A New York Physician who has made a special study of stomach and intestinal diseases says that nearly all intestinal troubles, as well as many diseases of the vital organs, are directly traceable to a deranged condition of the stomach. This in turn is due about nine times out of ten to excessive acidity, commonly termed sour stomach or heartburn, which not only irritates and inflames the delicate lining of the stomach but also may set up gastritis and in a large majority of cases gastric ulcers are accompanied by hyperacidity. It is interesting to note that he condemns the use of patent medicines, and practically all medical treatment that is designed to act upon the stomach lining, stating that the best results are obtained by the use of a simple antacid which acts upon the contents of the stomach and neutralizes the acidity of the food thus removing the source of the trouble. As an antacid he prescribes ordinary bisulphated magnesia and says that irritating medicines and medical treatments are useless, so long as the contents of the stomach remains acid; remove the acidity and there will be no need for medicine—the inflamed lining of the stomach will then heal itself. Sufferers from acidity, sour stomach and heartburn should get a small bottle of bisulphated magnesia from their druggist and take a teaspoonful in a quarter of a glass of hot or cold water after each meal, resuming in fifteen minutes if necessary, the help of the dose which the doctor has found most efficacious in all cases.

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EIGHTY YEAR OLD CHIEF GOING ON WAR PATH

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 8.—Lashed into a fury of hate against the whites by Chief Zoashe, 80-year-old tribal leader, the Navajo Indians in northern Arizona today are prepared to go on the war path.

This was the news brought to Flagstaff by William Durbree, superintendent of construction of the Indian school at Tuba, Coconino county, who fought his way on skis through 150 miles of snow and cold of Arctic severity.

It is days since Durbree started on his terrible journey and it is possible that the Indians may have already massacred the 30 white families on the Painted Desert near their reservation. United States Attorney Tom Flynn and United States Marshal Dillon waited instructions from Washington today before acting. As all roads are heavy with snow, transportation of troops to the scene would be very difficult, necessitating a march of 150 miles from the railroad.

Chief Zoashe is the Indian who stirred up the last Navajo uprising. He was induced to surrender by General Scott, who penetrated the hostile country accompanied by one aide. The Navajos are incensed because a "bad Indian" was killed by whites.

It is a Paramount picture. Miss Ward made such a pronounced success as the little country girl in "The Marriage of Kitty," that her friends were under the impression she was essentially a comedienne, but in "The Cheat" another side of her wonderful versatility is shown and she commands great admiration for her wonderful dramatic force and technique.

Sessue Hayakawa, the distinguished Japanese artist, who made such a pronounced success playing opposite Blanche Sweet in "The Clue," again gives one of his finished performances opposite Fanny Ward. Mr. Hayakawa is considered one of the most eminent artists on the Japanese stage and those who have seen him in this country can readily observe why he merits the consideration. Hector Turnbull, the playwright, wrote "The Cheat" especially for Miss Ward and Mr. Hayakawa, and it is safe to say that it will be one of the most thrilling and unusual photodramas ever seen on the screen.

It is reported from Europe that the divorce rate is declining. But the widows are multiplying.

FANNY WARD AT YE LIBERTY

Fanny Ward, the celebrated American actress, will be seen at Ye Liberty today, tomorrow and Thursday, in the Jesse L. Lasky production of Hector Turnbull's thrilling society drama, "The Cheat."

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Americans Not Advised To Leave Germany, Denied by Embassy

By Carl W. Ackerman, (United Press Staff Correspondent).
Berlin, Feb. 8.—Reports, widely circulated, saying American Ambassador Gerard had advised Americans to quit Berlin because of the seriousness of the German-American situation were denied today at the embassy.

Ambassador Morgenthau of Constantinople, who conferred with Foreign Secretary Von Jagow and Under Secretary Zimmerman before leaving for Washington, will take to the president a report, supplementing Colonel House's as to the submarine warfare attitude of the central powers.

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Apathy Is Marked In Wall Street Today

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New York, Feb. 8.—After apathy coupled with lowering prices, a slight recovery occurred in the closing hour today on the stock exchange. This accompanied news from Washington that the cabinet in principle had accepted Germany's proposal of the Lusitania torpedoing without insisting that she explicitly admit the illegality thereof. The recovery, however, was no enthusiastic and it affected only a few industrial issues.

Altogether the market was dull and uneventful, with the smallest activity this year. A further sharp advance in Berlin exchange, bringing her rate to its highest point since January 14, was again ascribed to the regulatory provision of Germany and the reichsbank.

ARKANSAS FLOOD-MENACED

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 7.—While flood waters roared dangerously past Arkansas City today, citizens there were optimistic that strengthened levees would hold back the threatened destruction. The floods have already spread rain in more than 15 towns, taking a toll of 17 lives and wiped out thousands of dollars worth of property, leaving hundreds upon hundreds homeless.

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