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Washington News

By C. H. TAVENNER special Washington correspondent.

Why is the Wickersham suit against the steel trust one in equity instead of a criminal prosecution? The Sherman anti-trust law carries a provision by which guilty trust magnates may be sent to jail. If it is possible to dissolve the Steel trust under the Sherman law—and President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham boast that it is easy to dissolve every illegal combine in the land under this statute—why are not the men who organized and direct these illegal monopolies equally liable to successful prosecution. With the fact admitted that it was in J. P. Morgan's library that the steel trust conspiracy was developed, that it was he who sent Gary and Frick to "see" President Roosevelt about the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. merger, and that Morgan received \$29,000,000 in clear profit for his part in the organization work, it would appear to the lay mind that Morgan is just as liable to dissolution for being in existence in violation of the law.

The American public is about convinced that trust magnates care little or nothing about "suits" as long as they are directed against corporations and not individuals, and especially if the government "trust buster" is to be a former trust attorney and a member of a political party whose campaign funds were supplied by the very trust he proposes to dissolve. Re-bating by railroads could not be stopped until the offense was made a penitentiary one. When that was done, re-bating stopped. A remote possibility of having to "dissolve" under a plan which they themselves can stipulate, (see Supreme court's acceptance of the tobacco trust's reorganization plans), or the threat of a fine against the trust instead of individuals, has time and again proven an insufficient deterrent to trust magnates who see an opportunity to make millions of dollars annually by disregarding the law.

There is one thing that trust magnates are afraid of, and apparently one thing only. That is the penitentiary. When an attorney general can be found who will enforce the only feature of the Sherman law that will cause trust magnates to really obey the law, and not until then, will the public be justified in expecting relief from trust oppression and the consequent high prices.

The people of the United States pay a subsidy, in artificially high prices, to the wool industry, of at least \$104,000,000 a year, according to the calculations of Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, chairman of the Ways and Means committee of the House of Representatives.

"The Payne-Aldrich tax of 61 cents per yard, to say nothing of any increase in tax as it passes to the jobber, makes not less than \$104,000,000 paid each year to subsidize the wool industry of America," says Mr. Underwood. "Now, the entire duties actually paid the United States on all imports of woolsens and worsteds in 1910, amounted to less than \$15,500,000, which means that of the \$104,000,000 extorted from the consumers of woolsens nearly \$90,000,000 went to the wool interests.

"Is it fair or just or right to maintain these enormous taxes unduly to foster the business of less than one fourth of one per cent of the people and to require ninety nine and three fourths per cent to stagger under this enormous burden? I for one do not believe the American people will justify

the President in his vote of the wool schedule."

In the opinion of many students of the trust question the tobacco trust is the victory. That is the real meaning they give the approval by the United States circuit court of New York of the tobacco trust's reorganization plan. The tobacco trust is to remain. Competition is not restored. The stock ownership is not divided. The actual activities of manufacture and distribution are not even placed under different supervisions. The circuit court politely declines the responsibility of making an order which shall make the business of the tobacco trust fulfill the supreme court's interpretation of the Sherman law. Discussing the possibility of ordering a receivership and the sale of the tobacco trust properties, the lower court says it could not prevent the present owners from bidding in the property if they were so inclined. In other words the tobacco trust is not "busted." Indeed, it is scarcely scratched.

It is declared in Washington political circles that the republicans are going to try to sidetrack the "tariff and increased cost of living" issue in the next campaign and make the party's "big appeal" for support on the currency question. Republican leaders in both branches of Congress are at work on speeches the import of which will be that "the business interests will suffer as long as the currency system remains as it now is." The modified Aldrich plan on which the republicans intend to go before the country provides for a \$300,000,000 "National Reserve association," which practically amounts to a central government bank. This reserve association will have power to issue emergency currency, and to practically dictate the banking policy of the country, and to control the credit of the business world—a vast power.

Commissioners Proceedings.

The Board of County Commissioners of Cherry County, Nebraska, met as per adjournment, present,

N. S. Rowley, Chairman,
John A. Adamson,
J. F. Naylor.

The Board spent the day in inspecting the work done on the Berry Hill nine miles southeast of Valentine.

Whereupon the Board adjourned until Monday, April 10th.

April 10, 1911—The Board met as per adjournment, all members present.

This being the day set for the hearing of the petition of John Savage for a license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors in Kilgore, Georgia precinct, Cherry County, Nebraska, the same came on for hearing and by agreement between petitioner and remonstrators same was continued until April 13, 1911 at 9 o'clock a. m.

Whereupon the Board adjourned to April 11, 1911.

April 11, 1911—The Board met as per adjournment, members all present.

The Board spent the day viewing a proposed road petitioned for by James Satra et al in Crookston precinct.

April 12, 1911—The Board met as per adjournment, members all present.

In the matter of the petition of John Savage for a license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors in Kilgore, Georgia precinct, Cherry County, Nebraska, the cause came on to be heard upon the petition, the remonstrance and the evidence, and on motion of the petitioner he was allowed to withdraw his said petition and no further action was taken in the matter.

Whereupon the Board adjourned to Saturday, April 15, 1911.

Valentine, Nebraska, April 15, 1911.

The Board of County Commissioners of Cherry County, Nebraska, met as per adjournment, with the following named members present,

N. S. Rowley, Chairman,
J. A. Adamson,
J. F. Naylor.

A refund of \$5.46 was ordered made to Mrs. John P. Andrews for taxes paid by her on the N1NE1 Sec. 9, and N1NW1 Sec. 10, township 27, range 31 for the year 1910 on account of erroneous assessment and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to have the assessed valuation of the lands changed from \$230.00 as it now is, to \$194.54.

The application of C. N. Harr to have his personal taxes assessed to him in Cherry county, stricken from the 1910 tax list, was rejected for the reason that said property was assessable in Cherry county for said year and the taxes should be paid here.

The petition of William Crawford et al for the establishment of a new voting precinct in Cherry county, Nebraska, to be known as Crawford precinct, was rejected.

The personal taxes assessed to Long and Abbott of Mullen, Nebraska, in Kinneyville precinct for the year 1910, amounting to \$22.20 were ordered stricken from the tax list for said year for the reason that same was an erroneous assessment.

A refund of \$4.08 was ordered made to J. R. Lee on taxes paid by him for the years 1908 and 1909 on Lots 19-20, Block 2, Village of Brownlee, Nebraska, for the reason that the improvements on said lots burned down some three or four years ago and were not on the lots at the time the assessments were made for said years. The County Clerk is instructed to draw a warrant on the general fund in payment of said refund.

The following claims were allowed on the general fund.

S. S. Rowley, commissioner fees \$15.00
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Coon Hunters Now Number 13.

Coon hunting is a novel sport now being enjoyed by many. In fact so many have caught the excitement of the chase that an organization has been formed and officers elected. Len Bivens is president and Dr. Sumner Sec., and Treas. Money has been pouring into the treasury the past month from lovers of the sport. About two weeks ago members of the organization bought a trail hound from a farmer in Lancaster county, paying \$60 for the animal, and from the number of trials he has had has proven he is one of the best coon dogs ever brought into Cherry county. About a year ago "Doc" Shinn and Len Bivens inaugurated the club on a small scale. "Doc" had reveled in the sport when a boy in the hills of West Virginia, and knows coon tracks, habits, etc., like a book and is now known as "Chief Coon Hunter" and lately has received mail addressed that way. These two have instilled the spirit of night hunting by torch light and dogs until the membership has increased to thirteen, with several recruits waiting admission. The following are full-fledged members: "Doc" Shinn, L. L. Bivens, Henry Lemmerman, Charles Helzer, Ed and Dick Taylor, Thad Jelly, Dr. Sumner, C. A. Ruby, Fred Cumbow, Len Conklin, F. M. and O. M. Walcott, O. W. Morey, Will and Jay Morey and H. W. Hoenig have participated in a hunt and will probably become members. The association now has four good trail hounds and a hunt is held about twice a week. Already 25 coon pelts are tacked on the barn at the Chief Hunter's home, and roast mapach has been on the menu more than once at local eating places.

Services in St. John's church morning and evening Sunday December 3.

A. L. Springer was in town Tuesday. Mr. Springer and family are living in Omaha this winter while he is doctoring for rheumatism.

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I see a man strut through a jam in a hall, Take a seat 'mid the speakers and chat with them all, "Is this Murphy?" I ask, "that the crowd he defies?" "No," says some one, "he's one of the newspaper guys."

I see a man start on the trail of a crook, And he scorns all assistance, but brings him to book, "My, Burns?" I inquire, "Someone scornfully cries— "Burns? Naw. He's just one of them newspaper guys."

I see a man walk through the door of a show Where great throngs are blocked by the sign S. R. O., "Is this Goodwin himself, that no ticket he buys?" "Well, hardly. He's one of those newspaper guys."

I see a man knock on a president's door, And the sign "No Admittance" completely ignore, "Is this Morgan, that privacy's rights he defies?" "Morgan? Shucks! It's one of those newspaper guys."

And some day I'll walk by the great streets of gold, And see a man enter unquestioned and bold, "A saint?" I'll inquire, and Old Peter'll reply, "Well, I should say not, he's a newspaper guy."

—C. G. Garretson, in the New York Globe.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz., Mrs. P. H. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says, "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For croup there is nothing that excels it." For sale by Chamberlain, the Druggist

Mrs. E. E. Hollenbeck and son Ed. were in town Saturday.

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