

GOVERNMENT INTERVENES IN PORTAL CASE

Hauling Fee of \$500 Cash Target of Attack at Mass Meet of Truckers, Loggers

Legality of County Court's Order May Face Test; Judge Busenbark, Subjected To Heckling, Declares Fee Will Stand

By JEROME SHELTON

Legality of the \$500 cash payment required for permits to operate logging trucks over county roads was challenged last night in a "protest meeting" of several hundred truckers and loggers at the Armory.

The meeting was interspersed with jeers and cat-calls as County Judge D. N. Busenbark attempted to explain the County Court's adverse stand on the required \$500 cash bond.

The meeting closed with the unanimous selection of Thomas Ireland, superintendent of schools at Myrtle Creek, as chairman of a five-man committee which will seek "cooperation" with the County Court for the improvement of county roads.

Court action in a test case against the \$500 fee was seen as a possible first objective of the committee, which includes John Standley of Camas Valley; Floyd Ross, Oakland; Jim Haines, Drain; and Bill Evans, Roseburg. Evans and Ireland described the requirement of a cash bond as "discrimination" against the logging truck operators.

Judge Busenbark was called upon first to "explain to the boys" the reasons for the cash payment required for logging truck permits by Jim Haines, chairman of the meeting.

"You all know in what condition the roads are," Judge Busenbark said. "They were built for farm traffic. And with roads, I also mean bridges. We have roads built in horse-and-buggy days—roads built and gravelled to take horse and buggy traffic."

The judge then explained that heavy logging traffic has been more than Douglas County's farm roads can bear. Destruction of roads and bridges by logging trucks has resulted in "enmity among the farmers," he said.

"The County Court stands between you and the farmers," Judge Busenbark declared.

"I don't need to tell you we've had a lot of violations on overloads," he said. "That has led up to this situation in which we require county permits. Permits don't mean a thing without teeth."

"Some counties require surety bonds, but those don't seem to do any good. Cash does give the court the right to use the money (put up by truckers) if the roads are damaged."

Judge Busenbark was interrupted and challenged several times from the floor. He was asked why the same amount is required of independent operators.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As these words are written, the state of Georgia has two governors and a legislative assembly against which charges of attempted bribery are being leveled by BOTH sides.

But it has no money. State funds have been tied up by court action initiated by the banks in which Georgia's cash is deposited. The banks—cautious, as private enterprise is apt to be where money is concerned—insist that the courts must decide who is entitled to write the checks.

If, and when, the courts decide who is entitled to write the checks they will have decided who is the LEGAL head of the state.

THUS again—as so often before in the history of Anglo-Saxon democracy—the HOLDER OF THE PURSE STRINGS will control the government.

It is a sound principle. If a nation's money affairs are wisely administered it is apt to follow that OTHER affairs will be not too badly managed. But if the people's money is recklessly

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Industry-Wide Bargaining Break-Up to Curb Power of Unions is Asked of Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The American Locomotive Company asked Congress today to curb the power of national unions by breaking up industry-wide bargaining.

On the other hand, Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) said that any bill to curb unions should also contain provisions to break up big business into smaller units.

C. Dickerman Williams, vice president and general counsel of the locomotive firm, made his appeal in testimony prepared for the Senate Labor Committee.

Pepper, a member of the committee, told a reporter he and other Democrats would ask all industry witnesses what they proposed to do about the size and power of big business.

Thus the Democrat strategy emerged: To insist on coupling any curbs on unions with a strengthening of the anti-trust laws—as proposed by President Truman.

The Senate committee is

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Liquor, School Problems Face Legislature

Liberalizing Plan Meeting Opposition

Tentative Proposal for School Fund Dole Draws Fire From Two Groups

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Health, liquor and education problems claimed the attention of legislators today as the lawmakers held the three largest hearings of the three-week-old session.

The alcoholic control committee quizzed the state liquor commission on questions of enforcement, on who gets the good liquor in state liquor stores, and on matters of policy. The house alcoholic control committee wants to liberalize the liquor laws, while the senate group seeks to make enforcement more strict.

Opposition to the house plan for distribution of the \$16,000,000 state basic school support fund developed today when school administrators from Multnomah county and representatives from Eastern Oregon leveled their guns at the plan. They charge the bill does not equalize educational opportunities and that the bill wouldn't give them the money to which they are entitled. Multnomah county would get \$2,700,000 from the bill, while it wants \$4,000,000.

Some Multnomah county legislators would vote to repeal the whole law, which the voters passed last November. Up-state counties voted against the law, with Multnomah county voters putting it into law.

Detention School Planned
A bill to create a new state detention school for pre-delinquents

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Injuries at Sawmill

Fatal to C. B. Brown

Charles Burton Brown, 51, died at Mercy Hospital Wednesday evening from injuries received while working for the O. & W. Sawmill Co. Mr. Brown was born in Nebraska. While in Roseburg, the family has been living on Harrison Street in West Roseburg.

Surviving are: the widow, Neva I. Brown; two sons and one daughter, Ted C. Brown, Glendale, Calif.; Chester Boyd Brown, U. S. Navy, stationed at San Pedro, Calif.; and Phyllis L. Ledbetter, Roseburg; also two brothers and a sister: Clayton Brown, Columbus, Neb.; Bentley Brown, Hastings, Neb.; and Hetti Marti, Lincoln, Neb.

The body has been removed to the Long & Orr Mortuary and funeral arrangements will be arranged later.

Landreth Resigns as Head

Of Pendleton Schools

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Austin Landreth, nationally known educator and superintendent of schools here 18 years, yesterday submitted his resignation effective July 1.

He gave no reason and said he had made no plans for the future yet.

Landreth, who joined the Pendleton school system as High School principal 27 years ago, is a member of the American Association of School Administrators' Club, composed of two members from each state.

School board members indicated his resignation would be accepted, but said as yet there were no candidates for the position.

Plywood Controls to End

March 31, Industry Told

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Removal of civilian production administration controls on plywood is planned for March 31, Thomas B. Malarkey said he was advised in Washington.

The president of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association said the industry asked for end to the controls Feb. 1, but that CPA officials told him in a conference another month would be needed.

Income Tax Filing Aide

Dated in Douglas County

A state income tax agent will visit several Douglas County communities to assist taxpayers in preparing their income tax returns. It was announced today by A. W. Lamka, field supervisor.

The schedule follows: Roseburg, courthouse, Feb. 3 and 4, 8:30 A. M. to 5 P. M.; Myrtle Creek, city hall, Feb. 5, 9 A. M. to Noon; Reedsport, city hall, Feb. 15, 9 A. M. to Noon; Drain, city hall, March 11, 9 A. M. to Noon.



REGAINS SIGHT—Two operations at Stanford Hospital in San Francisco has regained sight for Mrs. Samuel Rouda, 76, who spent the last 20 years in darkness. She now enjoys good vision and is happiest to be able to see faces of her four children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Rouda loves shopping and is startled at style changes since she last shopped for herself.

Italy Requests Share in

Fixing German Peace Pact

LONDON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Italy asked today for a share in the writing of the German peace treaty.

The Italian nation, which sided first with Germany and then the allies in six years of war, said the request was morally justified by "contributions to the victory of the United Nations."

Ambassador Caramini, Italian representative in London, entered the plea in a note to the Big Four deputy foreign ministers, who are deliberating here on German treaty problems.

American sources said the note was likely to receive favorable consideration by the U. S. delegation. The attitude of Britain, France and the Soviet Union was not immediately determined, but some western officials suggested that Russia, firm with Italy during the Paris peace conference, was not likely to approve without a fight.

First Wood Waste Sugar

Put Out at Springfield

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) said that the first wood waste sugar was being produced today at the Willamette Valley Wood Chemical Company plant in Springfield.

The plant, built during wartime as an experiment to turn wood waste into ethyl alcohol, is the first of its kind in the country. Wood sugar is the first step in alcohol production.

"The successful production of sugar from wood waste is the culmination of years of effort by those interested in this production, and marks the beginning of a new industry which will be of great value to lumbermen in the Pacific Northwest," Ellsworth said. "It means a huge amount of wood waste can now be put to a useful purpose."

Three Children Perish

In Home-Burning Fire

BELLEVUE, Neb., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Three children burned to death today when fire destroyed their three-room home here, one after successfully rescuing a brother and sister.

The girl, 15-year-old Delores Otto, had carried two children from the blazing structure, returned to remove more of her brothers and sisters and was found dead just inside the front door.

Also burned to death were Victor Otto, 4, and Frances Otto, 3. Bodies of both were found in their beds.

Reds Sever Route Over

Which Yanks Must Retire

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Communist forces in North China cut the vital Peiping-Tientsin railway today, shortly after the announcement that American military units are being withdrawn from China.

The Communists severed, temporarily at least, the route over which U. S. forces must withdraw from Peiping, site of the truce headquarters that will be abandoned with the end of America's long but futile peace efforts.

Labor-Curbing Plans Rapped By AFL Heads

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 30.—(AP)—The 15 top policy-makers of the AFL contended today it would be "a tragic mistake" to enact proposed labor-curbing legislation in Congress because it would boost the number of strikes.

AFL President William Green said the 15-man executive council, which handles affairs of the 7,000,000 AFL members between annual conventions, would attack each of the bills it considered injurious to labor.

After one day of deliberations, however, the council issued a general denunciation of bills designed to curb labor activities now pending in Congress, and said it had reports from throughout the nation, labor-management relations are "constantly improving."

"An era of good feeling is setting in on the industrial front," the council said in a formal statement starting off its winter meeting here.

'Intervention Not Needed'
"Unions and employers are showing a returning confidence in their ability to cope with their mutual problems through peaceful collective bargaining and without any need for outside intervention."

With Green on the council are John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers; William L. Hutchison of the carpenters, and Daniel J. Tobin of the teamsters. All were on hand to discuss the threat of legislation to limit labor activities and to outlaw "The closed shop," (2) jurisdictional strikes; (3) secondary boycotts.

Basis 'Not Normal'
"Demands for such legislation," the council said, "have gained support because of the wave of strikes and lockouts which took place last year after the war ended."

These were not normal, but "a passing phenomenon resulting from a national economic upswing."

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Blizzard Demands Chains

On High Level Highways

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Chains are required on all highways at higher elevations as a blizzard hit mountain areas and caused snow to drift, the State Highway Commission reported.

Visibility is poor at higher elevations too. The commission warned motorists against using mountain roads unless they have to. It was snowing and drifting over much of eastern Oregon today.

Deputy Sheriff Loses Cash, Badge to Thief

PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Tillamook Deputy Sheriff Adelbert Nelson reported today that visiting law officials weren't being treated in Portland with proper respect.

Nelson said he was in the central bus depot when someone made off with his wallet containing \$90. To make things worse, the pickpocket got Nelson's badge, too.

The Weather

Occasional light rain tonight and Friday.

Turkey Supply 'Excess' Due To 'Early' Military Demands, Growers Assn. Head Explains

An "early" demand for turkeys in a trend created by the Army and Navy for summer deliveries, resulted in an "excess" turkey crop last Thanksgiving, and the present large hold-over in storage, Jay Conn, manager of the Oregon Turkey Growers, told the annual meeting yesterday of the Southern Oregon Production Credit Association.

"If the crop had been 30 days later, we wouldn't have had the excess supply for the Thanksgiving market," Conn declared. "I do believe that our turkey crop will cut at least 25 per cent next year, if the number of breeding hens is any indication."

The chief handicap is that the turkeys are too early. The Army and Navy wanted them for overseas delivery in June and through the summer. We had practically all of our birds ready for the Thanksgiving market and built up a tremendous storage."

Hotels and restaurants, he said, formerly would buy turkeys in "reasonable amounts." One New York City account, Conn said, had always ordered in 10,000-pound lots, often as many as three car loads. This same account now has ordered a total of 24 boxes in four different orders.

"They buy from one meal to the next. That's because of over-

abundance for the Thanksgiving market."

Consumer Education Needed
Conn said that "lots of expert mental work" must be done to educate consumers to use the large tom turkeys. Also to "get across" that the turkey is "just as good the year 'round" as at Thanksgiving time.

George L. Routledge, operator of the Routledge Hatchery, described the present period as similar to that which followed World War I, when "the bottom

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TAX DISPUTE NEARLY LEADS TO BLOWS

Congressmen Knutson, Engle Swap Hot Words, But Part Amid Colleagues' Laughter

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Differences over taxes flared into an angry exchange of bitter words and near blows in the House cafeteria today between Reps. Knutson (R-Minn.) and Engel (R-Mich.).

At one point, Engel grabbed Knutson's arm but colleagues said no blows were struck, although the verbal punches flew thick and fast.

Knutson is the main House champion of a 20 per cent cut in individual income taxes.

On the House floor yesterday, Engel declared this would help the poor very little, while giving large benefits to persons with high incomes. He said that if the G. O. P.-dominated Congress makes such a cut, it might "spell defeat" for the Republican party in 1948.

When the two met in the House cafeteria for breakfast this morning, witnesses said, Knutson told Engel he was "following the CIO line" in opposing the cut.

'Wouldn't Let Him Run'
Engel told newsmen later, laughing, that "after Harold made that remark, he started to run, and I wouldn't let him."

Engel said he took Knutson by the arm and the Minnesotan jerked away.

"I wouldn't have hit him for anything," Engel said.

Knutson declined to comment. One of those present was Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.). He told reporters that Knutson was sitting at a table when Engel came in.

"They got into a discussion on the merits of Knutson's bill," Hoffman related. "The discussion got pretty hot. The rest of us were laughing, but they weren't."

Hoffman said he did not consider that a physical encounter was imminent and the two parted when the rest of us laughed the thing off."

Increased Use of Grease

Wool in U. S. Predicted

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Postwar consumption in the U. S. of nearly one billion pounds of grease wool annually—approximately 40 per cent more than the prewar use—was predicted today by F. Eugene Ackerman of New York City, executive director of the American Wool Council.

Ackerman addressed the annual convention of the Wool Council.

The council's meeting followed closing sessions of the National Wool Growers Association convention which urged federal measures to prevent spread into the U. S. of the foot and mouth disease outbreak in Mexico. An increased tariff on wool also was recommended.

Ackerman based his prediction of increased wool consumption on an upswing in population, which he said was 10 million greater than in 1939, and a higher national income.

Daughter of Official

Found Dying on Street

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Miss Elizabeth Sattler, 26-year-old divorcee and daughter of West Virginia's state labor commissioner, was found dying on a Charleston street at 2:05 A. M. today and police theorized she may have been slain.

Two patrolmen reported the pretty brunette was doubled with pain and gasping for breath when they found her.

She was pronounced dead on arrival at General hospital and authorities said an autopsy showed several internal injuries, as if she had been run over by an automobile.

Miss Sattler, a public school teacher here, was divorced eight months ago and had been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. F. Sattler, a block from where she was found.

New Drug Effective in

Migraine Headaches

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Dr. Lester S. Blumenthal, Washington physician, reports "excellent results" in combating migraine headaches with a new drug.

The drug is dihydroergotamine, with the medical "nickname" of DHE45. It was created by a drug firm especially to combat migraine and only recently was placed on the market, Dr. Blumenthal said.

Writing in the "Medical Annals of the District of Columbia" Dr. Blumenthal reported the drug benefited 80 per cent of 51 patients on whom he used it in the past 13 months. All had complained of migraine, a baffling, recurring form of headache.

The drug is administered hypodermically.

Time Used in Personal Acts Cited in Plea

Balance Against Claims Wanted; Firms Gambled On Evasion, Unions Assert

DETROIT, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The United States government, intervening in the Mt. Clemens Pottery Co. case, urged today that portal pay time spent by labor be balanced against periods of time that employees devote to personal pursuits during working hours.

The government's position was outlined a short time after attorneys for the CIO filed briefs declaring the outpouring of more than \$4,000,000 in portal pay suits resulted from a colossal gamble to evade the wage-hour act.

John F. Sonnett, assistant attorney-general, told Federal Judge Frank A. Picard, who has been directed by the supreme court to assess damages against the Mt. Clemens Pottery Co., "It would seem that the court should give due consideration to periods of time that employees are permitted to devote to personal pursuits during normal working hours."

"Plainly, an employer is not entitled to deduct trifling personal-pursuit periods during working hours in computing the work week under the Fair Labor Standards act, and by the same token, the employee should not be entitled to the addition of trifling periods of preliminary activity."

"As a matter of business reality, such periods should be treated as offsetting each other without the need for keeping records."

Industrial Peace at Stake
Sonnett also argued that the keeping "of records of very short intervals of time would be likely to produce unpleasant working conditions for employees and serve as an irritant tending to disrupt industrial peace."

The assistant attorney-general said that it is the government's conclusion moreover that the portal pay time in the Mt. Clemens case is "in light of the reality of the industrial world de minimis."

He went on to define the de minimis doctrine as one whose basic principles "always has been that matters of relatively slight importance should not be permitted to take precedence over matters of much greater importance."

Judge Picard adjourned the hearing until 2 P. M., when the National Association of Manufacturers is scheduled to present

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Ex-Oregon Man Linked

With Kidnaping Probe

LODI, Calif., Jan. 30.—(AP)—District Attorney Chester Watson said today that a William Elmer Giles, the name used by a man who recruited Alice Dean Devine for a "cover girl" photograph the night she was kidnaped, formerly lived at Medford, Ore.

Shortly after the 17-year-old high school senior was abducted and escaped last week, police broadcast a pickup message for a grey Ford sedan with Oregon license plates. A note asking \$10,000 ransom was left at the home of her father, Edward J. Devine.

A Sacramento camera dealer turned over to police a diagram which the man used in having cards printed representing Giles as a feature writer.

More Land Restored Than

Withdrawn During 1946

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Congress learned today that more land was restored to the public domain in 1946 than was withdrawn from development.

Interior Secretary Krug reported that on Dec. 31, 1946, surface withdrawals for various purposes totaled 23,612,712 acres and mineral withdrawals, 48,183,980.

Surface withdrawals are largest for wildlife refuges, which require 7,359,687 acres. For classification and possible later restoration, 5,957,687 acres have been withheld from entry; for national monuments, 2,826,739; power sites, 2,466,797; administrative sites, 1,531,402, and grazing, 1,600,000.

Transfer and Storage

Business Here Sold

Purchase of the Roseburg Transfer and Storage Company, formerly an agency of the Roseburg Pottery Company, was effected today by Edward F. Schindler from George N. Kuhns, J. Ray Christian and Gordon D. Medford, partners.

The two firms, located at 130 N. Pine street, will remain at the present site, the former transfer owners handling only the poultry house.

Lowly Fact Rent

By L. F. Rosenbaum

Present outlook for Umpqua River fishing:

On the lower river—net.

On the upper river—'nit.'