Compensation Act Saves Money For Oregon Employers

Savings of several thousand dollars each year have been effected for Oregon employers through the efforts of the Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., which through its lobby at Salem persuaded the Legislature to amend payments required under the Unemployment Compensation and Workmen's Compensation Acts.

This was told to members of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce Monday by Robert R. McKean, manager of the Columbia Empire Industries Inc., who was principal speaker at the regular forum luncheon. He was introduced by Kenneth W. Ford, of the Roseburg Lumber Co. and director of the association.

Trough revision of penalty payroll rates at the 1947 Legislature, savings to employers in the past two years alone have been estimated to be in excess of $7,820,000 McKean declared.

Today, the maximum benefits payable to deserving claimants are the highest in the history of Oregon, the duration of payments the longest while the fund continues to grow. It 's now approaching $80 million he said.

McKean said the association believes that the 4 per cent payroll penalty tax, formerly imposed when workers were laid off, tended to "penalize the employer in times of depression," and was not an encouragement to growth of business. This penalty payment was lowered to 2.7 per cent in the 1945 Legislature and the minimum payroll rate was lowered from 1 per cent to a ½ per cent.

Full Coverage Forecast

"At every one of the past several sessions, we have had to fight determined efforts of labor groups to eliminate rates unde. the merit experience rating and to increase weekly benefit payments", McKean said.

He said he believed the future trend will be toward complete coverage of workers, including agricultural and domestic, and of establishments employing from one worker up. The Columbia Empire Industries has fought abuses of the law, but he expressed the opinion that Oregon has one of the "tightest" unemployment compensation laws in the country.

Describing the activities of his association, McKean explained that "lobbying is nothing more than selling," with the lobbyist presenting his side of a case to the legislator. During the session, the Columbia Empire Industries maintains a lounge where legislators and their families may seek refreshment, as well as information on proposed legislation.

McKean declared that Oregon has "the highest type of legislator," with a majority successes in their own line in their own communities, and added that this "also applies" to the Oregon delegation in Congress. He concluded his speech with a review of the national business outlook.

Pension Plan Declared Inoperative by Neuner

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law would jeopardize them.

It was understood here that the Federal Social Security Board was satisfied with Neuner's statement and would continue its share of the old-age assistance payments.

The attorney general's opinion is expected to be the forerunner of a court test of the pension plan.

It also was expected that the state would not offer bonds for sale until the court test is settled. Its credit rating impaired by the pension plan, Oregon found last week that all major investment companies refused to bid on bond offerings.

Sutherlin Man Given Bounty on Three Cougars

Three cougar pelts were brought in to the county clerk's office for bounty Monday by Amie Pepiot. One of the cougars was eight feet, eight inches long and the other two were slightly smaller. They were killed by Pepiot in the Rock Creek area east of Sutherlin. Bounties of $60 each are paid by the county and state.

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Fair and warmer today and Wednesday except for morning fog. Low temperature 30 to 36 degrees.

Highest temp. any Nov.	76
Lowest temp. for any Nov.	14
Highest temp. yesterday	50
Lowest temp. last night	28
Precipitation yesterday	0
Precipitation from Nov. 1	1.56
Precipitation from Sept. 1	4.25
Precipitation from Sept. 1	4.75
Excess from Nov. 1	.39

Taxpayers of County Soon to Receive Bills

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ments made on or before Nov. 15, 1948, as follows: One per cent on payment of one-half; two per cent on payment of three-fourths, three per cent on payment in full. No rebate is allowed after Nov. 15.

Mrs. Slattery advised that any person preparing a tax remittance subject to the above discounts make such deduction prior to mailing it in. Remittances should be made payable to O. T. Carter, sheriff and tax collector, Roseburg, when paying each and every installment.

The following table lists the special taxes levied in cities and towns (the total levy column includes city, school and special levies):

	Valuation	Levy	Tax	Total Levy
Rsbg.	$6,759,770	.0156	$105,436.81	.0586
Rdsp.	1,376,945	.0212	29,191.23	.0720
Drain	472,035	.0415	19,589.45	.0625
Yoncalla	188,045	.0101	1,899.25	.0334
Oakland	373,230	.0477	17,807.99	.0619
Suth.	1,322,265	.0161	21,258.47	.0619
My. Ck.	1,216,655	.0232	28,231.04	.0663
Civil.	259,560	.0235	6,099.66	.0843
Riddle	486,620	.0204	9,927.05	.0519
Glendl.	384,770	.0167	6,425.66	.0921
Total Tax			245,866.61	

General taxes levied for state and county purposes include:

General county fund, levy .002566, tax $126,842.76; library, levy .000024, tax $1,186.37; general road fund, levy .002210, tax $109,629.35; total, levy .0048, tax $236,658.48.

Special taxes levied in other taxing districts include:

Port of Umpqua, no levy; Lakeside Drainage district, 27 acres, $1 per acre of $27; Roseburg Rural Fire District, valuation $3,596,945, levy .0021, tax, $7,490.58; Winchester Bay Rural Fire District, valuation, $71,760, levy .0035, tax $251.16; fire patrol, tax $32,344.98; Roberts Creek Water District, valuation $1,062,266, levy .0090, tax, $9,745.92; reforestration, 16,127.47 acres at .05, tax $809.07; total special taxes, $50,665.71.

Foreclosure of Mortgage Of $13,000 Asked in Suit

Suit to foreclose on a mortgage security for a $13,000 promissory note has been brought in Circuit Court by C. P. Engelund and Annette Engelund against C. R. Little and Fern Little.

According to the complaint, the note was to have been paid off at the rate of 50 cents per thousand on all logs sold from the property. The property given as security for the note was listed in the complaint as the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, section 1, and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter, section 12, township 32, south, range 8, west, Willamette Meridian, except for a right of way for a road.

LUMBER FIRMS SUED

C. W. Cleveland has filed suit in Circuit Court against The Fortune Branch Lumber Company and Edward G. Shoulder, a general partner, doing business as The Fortune Branch Lumber Company, and Jane Doe Shoulder. Judgment is asked against the defendants in the sum of $1874.57 for delivery of logs between Aug. 10, 1948, and Sept. 1, 1948.

Non-Suit Ordered In Opening Case On Court Docket

The first case on the docket of the Circuit Court term, which opened Monday was declared a voluntary non suit with prejudice, by Judge Charles H. Coombs, upon motion of the attorney for the plaintiff, and the case was dismissed.

The suit, an action to recover wages brought by Lee Spear against Lela Deane McNeill and Robert Lee McNeill, was tried through most of the day, but did not go to the jury. When the plaintiff moved for a voluntary non-suit, the defendant objected, unless the word "with prejudice" were added, meaning the plaintiff could not sue again on the same cause. This was agreed to by the plaintiff.

The second case, the Associated Timber Company vs. J. E. Stearns, et al, was on the floor of the court today. A jury was empanelled and the pleadings got underway this morning. This is a civil action for money.

The following list of names has been added to the original jury list of 31 persons, after a like number had been excused for cause:

Mrs. Rose Ashly, Roseburg; E. M. Atterbury, Route 2, Roseburg; Margaret Boise, Idleyld Route; Ethel Busenbark, Ira K. Bubar and Hazel Frear, all of Roseburg; Louis J. Fullerton, Camas Valley Route; Lois Gile, Hans T. Hansen, Chloe Ritchie, Jessie Thomas, all of Roseburg; Carl B. Trued, Idleyld Route, and Maybelle M. Young, Roseburg.

Jaycees Add to Name, Plan Roster Increase

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tional Junior Chamber president, who is on a tour of Oregon and the west. The members, most of whom are also Paul Bunyans, will all go dressed in Paul Bunyan uniforms, and will initiate Bagwell into their ranks as a surprise move.

Those planning to go include Bill Pyle, Wayne Crooch, Charles Williamson, Sid Fredrickson, Howard Langley, John Patton, Glenn Scott, Keith Custer, Tom Gilkey, Jack Murphy, and Jack Josse, Bull of the Woods of the Bunyans.

Jack Newby reported briefly on plans for the Junior First Citizen's banquet early in January. His committee includes John Hardiman, Scott, Patton, Don Gum and Leo Seavey.

Activities Reviewed

Forbes gave a report on the executive board meeting Monday night of last week, when State President Jack Sandmeyer of Klamath Falls was present. The visiting officer stated he was well pleased with the report from the local organization as to its activities of the last year and coming projects. He discussed finances, new members and attendance. Forbes reported the treasury is in good condition, although a lot of money has been spent on community projects during the last year.

A report on Junior Chamber, nationally and locally, to acquaint new members with aims of the organization was given by Crooch. He said there are 34 members in the state executive organization, a total of 80,000 members in the United States, and organizations in most parts of the world. He said the local organization works hard but it is a lot of fun. He listed among activities of the year as Junior First Citizen's banquet, basketball banquet, Rodeo Eve dance, Neewallah park, cleanup work, and other activities.

Hardiman reported on success of the Neewollah parade for the children on Halloween, and stated that plans are to make the affair even bigger and better next year. He expressed thanks to the city and reserve police for their part in directing traffic and assisting with the parade, and to Charles Ricketts and the pickup band from the high school far participating.

Ardeth Rae Burghardt, Roseburg High student, played several musical selections during the dinner hour, and also played for some impromptu singing.

Russia Tightens Traffic Controls In Berlin Sector

BERLIN, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The Russians imposed new traffic controls today in an effort to seal off the last trickle of supplies from the Soviet sector into blockaded Western Berlin.

The Russians announced they had set up six major roadblocks at sector borders to inspect all vehicular traffic. The points are manned by Soviet-controlled German police with Russian forces in reserve.

No foodstuffs or other cargo are being passed, unless accompanied by "release permits" signed by Communist city officials. All other cargo is being confiscated.

The Soviet announcement said the tightened measures are necessary "to protect the economy of the Soviet sector of Berlin and the Russian occupation Zone."

Heretofore their traffic controls within the city have been spasmodic and contained certain loopholes.

William T. Babcock, U. S. deputy commandant, said he believed the newest Soviet action was connected with Russian suspicion that the Western powers would soon use only their own currency in West Berlin.

Western Berliners have been pleading for such action to bolster their economy.

At present both the Soviet-backed Eastern mark and the Western Deutsche mark are in circulation in the Western sectors.

Morse Listed as One Of Future G. O. P. Leaders

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Neb.) said today the Democratic election triumph probably means the "liberal Republican wing" will take over control of the party in the Senate and gain influence in the House.

He told a reporter the Democratic sweep in Congress points up a need for new blood in positions of leadership.

"I don't think there's any question that Republican senators like Knowland of California, Aiken of Vermont, Morse of Oregon and others of similar views are going to take over control in the Senate," Miller said.

Company D Celebrates Its First Anniversary

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Company D will merit the continued support and backing of our distinguished guests here," he concluded.

General Maison said the last time he ate with Company D was during the war in Australia. "The quality of food has improved considerably since that time," he pointed out. In a more serious vein, the General said "D Company is always a strong unit in the Oregon National Guard. It must be due to the splendid cooperation of the local townspeople.

"We've had a hard road in reorganization," General Maison said of D Company, "and it's been hard to push the bull off the bridge, but I can see definite progress being made here, due to Captain Fowler's good work."

General Pierce spoke highly of the "excellent morale in Company D," and of the "good job" it has done.

Demonstration Given

Following the banquet, the guests were given a demonstration of mortar and machine gun assembly under combat conditions. Latest type weapons and gear were exhibited and the local Guard unit went through a close order drill.

The evening was topped off with a demonstration of techniques in "quelling a civil disturbance." A portion of the unit acted out the part of civilian rioters. One person "got on a soap box" and incited a "crowd" to riot. The remainder of the unit approached in V formation with fixed bayonets, and drove the rioters back.

Captain Fowler explained to local businessmen witnessing the demonstration that this would be the method employed by the National Guard in quelling a riot such as might be the result of a "strike that has gotten out of hand, or some other evil disturbance."

Dixiecrats not to Be Ousted by Democrats

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chairmanship.

Rankin, however, is top Democrat on the House Veterans Committee and is in line to head it.

He said at his home in Tupelo, Miss.: "The less the American people hear from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the better off the country will be."

Of 15 Senate committees, only four chairmanships will be filled by Southerners if the congressional seniority rule stands.

Eight Southerners are in line for House committee chairmanships, but except for Rankin few if any openly opposed Mr. Truman after he won the Lemocratic nomination.

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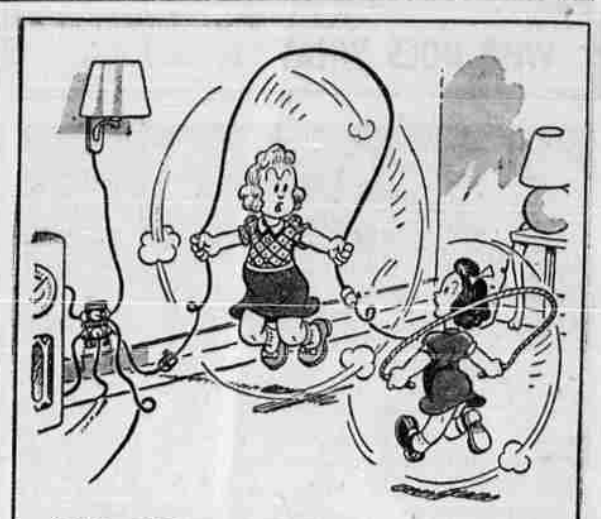

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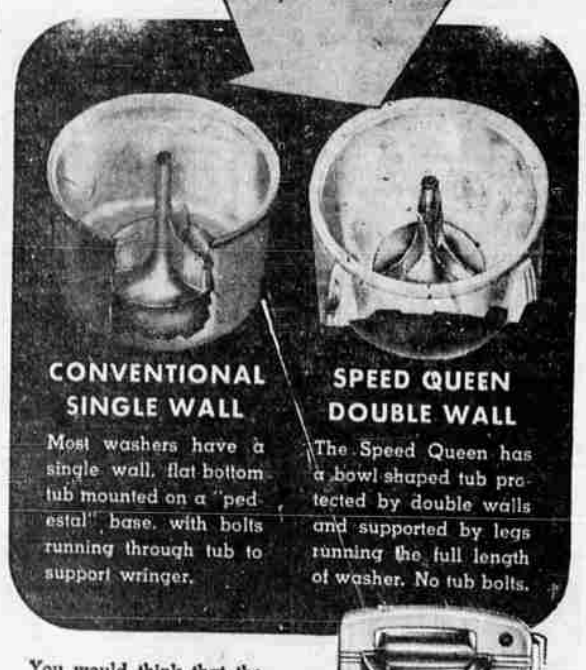

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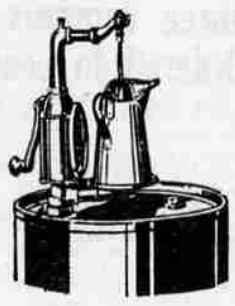

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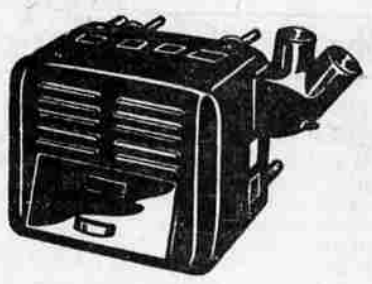

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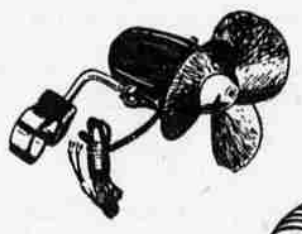

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