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HAPPY NEW YEAR



COMPENSATION ACT IS HELD GOOD.

Workmen's Law Declared to be Constitutional and in Line With Modern Progress

Salem, Or., Dec. 28.—Pronouncing the workmen's compensation act constitutional, the supreme court today, in an opinion written by Justice McBride affirmed Circuit Judge Galloway of this district, in the case of George Evanhoff appellant, vs the State Industrial Accident commission, an action expressly brought to test the validity of the law.

"Upon the whole case, we are of the opinion that the act violates no prescription of the constitution of this state or of the United States, and that it was properly passed and is in every respect a valid law," said Justice McBride after referring to numerous points raised against its validity.

"While experience may suggest from time to time changes and amendments, they are in line with 20th century progress. Before its enactment, one workman out of three received a large compensation for his injuries by an action at law, while the remaining two were defeated and got nothing. Now every workman accepting its provisions receives some compensation if injured; and taken as a whole it will be found that more money in the way of compensation is received by the whole body of injured workmen than by the inadequate remedies afforded in the courts. It has been a boon to the employers, the employed and the community, which latter could formerly only offer to the injured laborer the charity of the almshouse instead of that just compensation which he may now receive without the humiliation of pauperism or the loss of self-respect."

BUILDER OF SUTHERLIN LOSES SWELL HOME

\$40,000 Residence Destroyed When Fire Breaks Out on Christmas Day.

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 27.—The finest residence in Douglas county was burned Christmas morning when J. F. Luse lost his home, a mile from Sutherlin. The structure with its furnishings, cost more than \$40,000. The fire originated from the furnace, and burned without hindrance, as there was no fire protection.

J. F. Luse is the promoter who platted the Sutherlin fruit tracts, taking a half dozen ranches and making homes for about 700 people in the town and surrounding country.

AGED WOMAN SAVES 2 CHILDREN FROM FIRE.

Rushes Into Burning Marshfield House, Despite Danger to Carry Out Tots.

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Elizabeth Culbertson, an old woman, heroically rushed into her burning home near here last night and rescued two grandchildren, both under 2 years of age. The house and contents were completely destroyed in the fire starting in some clothes hanging too near a stove. Mrs. Culbertson, who is quite poor, was milking a cow in the barn when she first saw the flames. Neighbor have purchased lumber and carpenters will donate their services in putting up a new dwelling for the aged woman.

NO FIGHT ON DRY LAW IS EXPECTED

November May See Measures Initiative to Bolster Liquor Stores.

It is now generally believed that the liquor interests will take their medicine and will not attempt to secure an injunction to prevent the operation of the prohibition law Saturday, January 1, 1916. Instead, they have other plans and will bide their time for a few months.

Next November it is said that several proposals will be submitted the voters of the state. One of these will probably be an initiative measure to permit breweries to manufacture beer for shipment out of the state. Another talked-of measure has for its object the permission of family liquor stores, or liquor depots, where the consumers can make purchases in the original package and take it home for consumption. A third rumored measure is to make certain concessions for hotels and restaurants.

There is, however, no disposition on the part of anyone to rehabilitate the saloon. It is conceded on all sides that the saloon must go. Amendments there may be to the prohibition law, but in no event will the saloon be restored. It was the saloon, chiefly, that was aimed at by the voters when Oregon went dry.

The amendments which are now being discussed as probable measures on the November ballot are designed chiefly to save certain Oregon business which is being forced out of the state by the prohibition law. The new law allows citizens to send to California for a supply of beer, wine and whiskey, but prohibits the sale within the borders of the state. It is argued that, inasmuch as the law is not designed to cut off supplies, it would help the state to retain some of this money at home.

—Portland Telegram.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon

Farmers of Umatilla Co. want Great Southern R. R. extended to Columbia river.

Work will be started at once on new road down the Umatilla river from Pendleton to Pilot Rock Junction cost \$24,000.

It is planned to oil roads around Echo.

Steam and electric roads in Oregon in 1915 paid \$2,203,633 27 taxes and operating revenues fell off \$1,177,430.

Oregon corn acreage nearly doubled during year, largely due to educational campaign of O. W. R. & N. Co.

Standard Oil Co. will build tank at Stanfield.

Eugene sends dried loganberries east for Christmas presents.

Ex-president Taft advocates the abolition of the office of postmaster, leaving the deputies in charge as they are now, the postmaster being merely a figurehead in most instances, saving of \$4,000,000 a year.

Reelsport gives lumber company 75 acres of land for factory site and water frontage on condition it will build mill of 125,000 feet capacity and operate for 15 years.

L. C. Reynolds will build \$10,000 shingle mill on lower Siuslaw.

Cargo of ties soon to be sent from lower Columbia to Great Britain.

\$100,000 recommended to improve Crater Lake road.

Oregon railroads expended \$2,822,068 in extensions and improvements past year while public utilities expended \$2,729,972 for same purpose.

O. W. R. & N. Co. will spend \$40,000 lining St. Johns tunnel with concrete.

Portland's tax is \$25.40 on the \$1000. Newport—Signal-Review plant sold to H. G. Guild, owner Toledo Sentinel.

75,000 Douglas Co. turkeys bring owners \$15,000.

Columbia River & Nehalem Logging R. R. running to capacity.

Newport defeated on occupation tax.

Pendleton building a country club for 100 members.

The busy Sellwood Bee had a fine Christmas paper.

Pendleton will pave two more streets with bitulite.

Sutherlin Sun had pretty 20 page Christmas paper.

Taxpayers league in Washington Co. makes \$26,000 out.

Portland's new Franklin high school will cost \$500,000, have seven buildings and 2000 students. It will have a complete agricultural college course.

County road to be built from Newport to Yaquina.

Citizens of North Bend voted to amend charter extending franchise of Southern Pacific Co. from 35 to 69 years.

Union Pacific to spend \$1,560,000 on Oregon lines in 1916.

Portland Chamber of Commerce making fight to have all Douglas fir and Oregon stone used on new million dollar postoffice.

Fight in Congress over Ferris' Water Power Bill wages while the Nation's largest asset wastes away.

Sutherlin getting new two-story brick building.

Roseburg—Kendall, Pittsburg capitalist, returns in January to take up work on railroad and sawmill. Some right of way has been secured.

St. Helens industries in full blast employ 93 men in shipyards, 39 in erecting plant, 159 in two sawmills and 53 in two road metal plants.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Arrange For Funeral of Child Who is Still Alive.

Albany, Or., Dec. 27.—A remarkable case is reported from near Jefferson by the undertaker of that place who was called to bury an infant, and after making the necessary arrangements went to the place to find that the child was still alive and not likely to die. The baby has not been able to straighten its arms and legs since birth, and the attending physician has not yet determined the cause of this peculiar condition.

Falling Stick of Timber Kills Sawmill Worker.

Eugene, Or., Dec. 27.—Struck on the head by a heavy timber at the Booth-Kelly sawmill at Springfield, Thursday, Edward Bradley, a laborer, aged 40 years, is dead at the Eugene hospital, having never regained consciousness. Bradley was struck on the head by a piece of timber seven inches square and several feet long that fell from a temporary conveyor at the mill, and fell unconscious to the ground. It was found that the man's skull had been fractured.

Fishing Rights on Rogue River.

Salem, Or., Dec. 28.—Whether an owner of property adjoining the Rogue river has the only right to set nets where they do not touch the shores depends on whether the stream is navigable or not, according to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Brown. If the stream is navigable the riparian owner alone cannot exercise the right, as the bed belongs to the state, but if non-navigable he can, says the opinion.

Railroads Dissolve to Become S. P. Branches.

Salem, Or., Dec. 28.—Dissolution papers for the Salem, Falls City & Western Railway company, the Pacific Railroad & Navigation company, the Oregon-Western Railway company, the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway company, and the Grants Pass & Pacific Railroad company have been filed with Corporation Commissioner Schulerman. All of them, he said, were taken over by the Southern Pacific some time ago.

Bailey Mill Company Sued for Various Sums.

Tillamook, Or., Dec. 28.—Suits have been filed in the circuit court against the Bailey Mill company by the Nehalem company. The first suit is to foreclose on the mill property, involving \$5000. The second suit is to recover \$3573.79 in sundry amounts, two promissory notes of \$1600 and \$1050, held by the Nehalem Valley bank, the remainder being accounts held by R. H. Cody and Alex Anderson Jr., interest and attorney's fees.

Trial of Mrs. Merlo Resumed

Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 27.—The hearing of the Merlo murder case, postponed from December 15, was resumed in circuit court this morning. The forenoon session was occupied with the testimony of Dr. F. A. Bailey and Coroner Barrett, in describing the wounds of deceased, and of Sheriff Reeves, who testified as to statements made by the defendant concerning the affair.

Sutherlin—Roach Timber Co. of Muncie, Iowa, raises \$30,000 to build first section of logging road.

MILITARY TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

Is First Lesson In Real Discipline for May Boys.

The following is an extract from a recent article on military training in schools, by Judge C. C. Goodwin of Salt Lake City:

"The one thing that American boys most lack is discipline.

"The military drill of the schools is the first lesson in real discipline that many boys ever had. The next thing that boys need is honest pride and the discipline of the drill awakens that. The most essential thing in the education of a boy is to have his mind, hands and eyes trained together and the drill is necessary for that.

"The one thing that is more essential to impress upon a boy than any other, is patriotism and respect for the flag that symbolizes the sovereignty of this republic. As nothing so insures the peace of a country as the knowledge that it is prepared against attack, when full enlightenment shall come and every boy on leaving school will be known to be accomplished in the preliminary training of a soldier, that knowledge will be an almost certain guarantee against attack from any outside nation or any combine of nations.

"One of the very best features of a preliminary military training is to teach a youth how to protect his own health. This is the more especially true when accompanying the training there are annual autumn encampments, where the simpler sanitary requirements are enforced.

"The outside world is envious of the United States, and outside nations have proven in the last year that when an advantage is offered, nearly all of them can find excuses for violating their most solemn agreements. Our gates are always lifted up for the vicious and the poor of the outside world to flock in, and experience has established that many of these would rather make trouble than honestly earn a living.

"Every state should have a trained militia to guard it against disorder. These lawless wretches will be careful against committing overt acts against the tranquility of the state when they know that every man in the state has received such a training as will enable him to become an effective soldier immediately if called upon."

Wireless From Honolulu to White Salmon Plant.

White Salmon, Wash., Dec. 27.—An immense box kite with great lifting power is in course of construction by Wilmer S. Bates, a local rancher and old-time telegrapher, who will endeavor to receive wireless signals from Honolulu and Alaska by attaching a two wire aerial, consisting of four ply stranded phosphor bronze, and raising it to a height of 500 feet or more with the aid of an automobile.

Oregon Inventor Gives Bomb-thrower to Army

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Stephen Shores, of Grants Pass, has submitted to the war department through Representative Hawley the model of a bomb-thrower he has invented, and which he offers to the government free of charge. The apparatus is constructed along the lines of the catapults used in the wars of the ancients to hurl rocks at the enemy. It used to throw bombs in the manner of modern warfare, its inventor believes it will prove a very effective engine of war.

"I see you have your arm in a sling," said the inquisitive passenger; "broken it?" "Yes sir," responded the other passenger. "Most with an accident?" "No; broke it while trying to pat myself on the back." "Great Scott! What for?" "For minding my own business."—Ram's Horn.

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