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## REDUCTIONS IN FREIGHT RATES HELD IMMINENT

### Fourth Section Relief Will Be Granted In Opinion of Local Delegate to Session of Interstate Commission.

## POSTAL SERVICE IS TALKED AT MEETING

### Cooperation of Business Men Urged by Department Head In Talk before Live Wires

Oregon City can expect reductions in the freight rates on a number of commodities without any material increase in any classifications, if the requests for a revision, made by the Southern Pacific to the Interstate Commerce commission, are granted, according to Ralph Shepherd, who represented this city at the hearing in San Francisco during the latter part of April.

Mr. Shepherd, who went as a delegate from the local commercial club, made his report to the Live Wires of the organization at their meeting Tuesday noon. The decision of the examiner, he explained would probably not be given for some time, and might involve a rehearing of the entire case. It developed, he said, that there was very little opposition to the company's request for revision of the fourth section rates, involving a reduction of the charges on port to port shipments by rail in order to meet water competition.

### Class Rates to Stand.

The movement to increase the class rates was recalled at the opening day of the hearing, due to the opposition developing in the inland California towns. This would leave Portland and Oregon City with the same classification rates as now in vogue, with the exception of a few minor cases. In the event that the petition of the railroad is granted, it would also materially reduce the cost of quantity shipments from this district to terminal points in the south and vice versa, he stated.

The fact that the fourth section relief and the local increases were asked for in the same petition, may result in the holding of a new hearing in order to separate the two issues, Mr. Shepherd said, but he regarded it as very probable that the railroad would be allowed the port to port reduction.

### Postal Service Explained.

Postmaster John J. Cooke spoke to the Live Wires on the subject of postal improvement week, and urged the cooperation of the merchants in finding out what the postal rules were, so that they could comply with them, mailing early to avoid congestion, and similar aids to the department were suggested. The postmaster outlined the different types of service and showed the growth of the office during the past six years by the fact that the business had grown from \$20,000 to \$32,000 in volume in this time. This figure represented merely the postal sales, and does not include postal savings, or any check upon the incoming mail handled by the office.

### New Building Said Need.

Oregon City, he pointed out, needs a federal building, and he urged that when an opportunity should come for a government appropriation for this purpose, the people should cooperate in securing it. He cited the former attempt to secure a public building here which was lost through the haggling "of the different elements in the town over the location."

The postmaster showed that it was "impossible to locate a federal building so that it would bring people by every business place in the city," and urged cooperation in the obtaining of an appropriation and less contention as to the detail of its location.

John T. Hawkes, a new resident, recently from Wyoming, was introduced by O. D. Eby. He compared the scenic and commercial advantages of Oregon with the middle west and laid special stress upon the fishing here which he said surpassed anything he had ever seen.

J. W. Yoder, representing the Williamson Bros. plant here urged the merchants to attend a demonstration of their newly perfected fire alarm system which was being staged at their factory above the Hawley Mill. A number of Portland fire officials attended the demonstration.

## OIL TANKER IS WRECKED; CREW, ADRIFT, RESCUED

POINT ARENA, Cal., May 1.—Captain Lohm and 13 members of the crew of the Union Oil company's tank steamer Whittier, which went ashore 10 miles south of here early this morning, were safely landed at Point Arena at 7 a. m. today. They had been forced to abandon the tanker and had spent three hours at sea in open boats.

## JUDGE CAMPBELL IS REVERSED BY SUPREME COURT

SALEM, April 28.—The state of Oregon is upheld against Charles Gates in a case involving the right of the state fish commission to regulate commercial fishing in the Willamette river, handed down today by the supreme court. Justice Harris wrote the opinion which reversed Judge J. U. Campbell of Clackamas county and remands the case. The state was appellant.

In May, 1921, the fish commission made an order which said in effect that after June 6, 1921, it would be unlawful to fish for salmon with nets or for commercial purposes in the Willamette river north of the suspension bridge at Oregon City. It said the order would be effective until it should be rescinded, but it never has been rescinded.

In January, 1922, a complaint against Gates was filed in the justice court at Oregon City alleging that on January 4, 1922, he had fished for salmon with a net north of the bridge. Convicted in justice court he appealed to the circuit court, which held that the complaint was not good. Judge Campbell dismissed the case on grounds that the order of the commission was ineffective.

The state appealed, the appeal involving two questions set forth by the defendant: First, that the fish commission was without authority to make a valid order affecting the Willamette river north of the suspension bridge, and, second, that even though it be assumed that the commission had authority to make an order, its authority was limited so it could do no more than prohibit the catching of "stocked salmon."

The opinion points out that in chapter 105, laws of 1921, a general code relating to the fish commission, the commission is given authority to close any of the waters of the state to commercial salmon fishing except the Columbia river west of the mouth of the Deschutes river. Further, the legislature said it should be unlawful to catch salmon for any purpose between March 15 and May 1 and between June 15 and November 1 of each year.

### Falls Are Line

This act, it appears, has established the Willamette river line near the falls at Oregon City. Later, however, the same legislature passed an amendatory act changing the base line in the Willamette to the suspension bridge and extending the first closed season ten days and the second closed season thirty days. Gates contended that the legislature had taken from the commission all power over the Willamette north of the suspension bridge.

The supreme court, however, sets forth the policy that has prevailed in this state since the year 1901, whereby it has been held that the administering commission has authority to extend a closed season that has been established by a legislature, or to close any waters that the legislature may not have closed. It is held therefore, that the commission had a right to make the order fought by Gates.

## DEPARTMENTS FORMED BY COMMERCIAL CLUB

Completion of the assignment of members to the new departments of the Commercial club was announced Monday, and during the coming two weeks meetings of the individual branches for purpose of organization are to be held. Under the new system, every individual member serves in one of the 11 departments. Each indicates his choice as to his field of activity.

The retail trade extension department will be the largest, with 69 active members. This body will meet Wednesday night, May 3, at 7:30 o'clock to organize, and elect its officers.

The personnel of the other departments is: Agriculture, 35; conventions, 32; civic improvement, 38; education, 9; good roads, 33; industries, 48; publicity, 25; transportation, 14; wholesale trade extension, 10.

The plan is for each department to elect a chairman, who becomes an ex-officio member of the board of governors of the club. In addition the departmental members elect an executive committee of two who with the chairman conduct the affairs of the department. Deviating from parliamentary rule, no quorum is required at department meetings. Any number of the members of any department may conduct business at any regularly called session of their division.

The departmental memberships do not include the block memberships of the industrial plants and larger corporations, though the individual members in the block, serve on the departmental committees.

## WEST LINN LEGISLATES AGAINST VAGRANT COWS

For the first time in the history of West Linn, cattle will not run at large after Sunday, May 7th, for at the special election held at that place on Monday, April 24, the vote stood in favor of impounding cattle when running at large after that date.

## FARM BUREAU OPPOSES CUT IN EDUCATION TAX

### Executive Committee Passes Resolution Favoring Wide Retrenchment If Possible In Agricultural College.

## EXTENSION DIVISION WORK IS SUPPORTED

### Probable Action of County On Millage Law Repeal Is Indicated, Is Belief.

Any movement to interfere with the appropriations for the higher educational institutions or to curtail their sphere of activities will not meet with the support of the Clackamas county farmers, the Farm Bureau indicated through the action of their executive committee. The governing board, at its regular meeting passed a resolution favoring retrenchment of expenditures on the part of the institutions but opposing any attempt to reduce the millage appropriations which would impair their work.

The farm bureau especially decried any attempt to discontinue the work of the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college. This proposal has been made in Eastern Oregon as the means of cutting down the expenses of the college.

The action of the executive committee of the farm bureau is regarded as indicative of the stand to be taken locally for the reason that the membership of the organization at present comprises more than half of the farmers in this district and any legislative action is generally supported by a large following.

Complete sympathy with the outside work of the agricultural college was expressed by the executive body. The college at present has an extensive program for promoting the use of scientific methods of farming. The farmers, it is pointed out, are generally the ones who are the most radical in favor of curtailment of taxes. However, following the action of the farm bureau here, it is regarded as doubtful if any attempt to cut the millage appropriations, will carry in this county.

## PULP MILLS CLOSED AT HAWLEY PAPER PLANT

### Capacity In Production Hit; Employment Condition Not Materially Affected, Claim.

The pulp mills at the Hawley Pulp and Paper company plant here were closed Saturday night, ending pulp production until the high water period at the latter part of the present year.

The closing of the pulp mills came about a month earlier than usual this spring. The reason for the shut-down is given by the company as the fact that there is plenty of pulp on hand to run the mills until the next high water period. Production during the past few months had been exceptionally high and though the water would possibly permit the use of the pulp mills for another three weeks at least, the material is not needed.

About 100 men are thrown out of employment by the closing of this part of the plant. The unemployment resulting, however, is not serious, as the majority of the workers there are transients, many of them figuring on the mills for winter work and then going to the harvest fields during the summer. The pulp mills are usually expected to close down about the middle of May or a trifle later and conditions will not be materially affected by the earlier action.

## Members Added to Local Farm Bureau Market Committee

Two additional members, to aid in the growing activity of their department, have been added to the marketing committee of the Farm Bureau federation of Clackamas county, Mrs. A. I. Hughes and N. H. Smith have been named.

The marketing committee at present has plans under way for the formation of a potato organization to handle the marketing of the local crop. The potato project, including the improvement of the yield, is one of the fields to which the farm bureau this year is giving special attention. The working out of the marketing problems in other lines, including the berry and small fruit industry, is in the hands of the committee. The other members are O. R. Daugherty, H. H. Chindgren and P. O. Day.

## 'RYAN FOR TREASURER' CLUB INSTITUTED HERE

### Candidate for Head of State Finance Department Has Large Local Endorsement.

A "Ryan for Treasurer" club is being formed here among prominent citizens to foster the candidacy of Judge Thos. F. Ryan for the state treasurership. Ryan was formerly assistant state treasurer, under Kay, and has the endorsement of a great many influential men. He is president of the Bank of Commerce, and has been active in local civic and commercial affairs for a great many years. During his eight years as deputy treasurer he instituted many profitable plans for the conduct of the office, and the local committee is enthusiastic over the support that is being accorded their man from all over the state.

## FIRE EQUIPMENT TO BE USED ONLY IN CITY ALARMS

Fire protection for Canemah, Gladstone and the adjacent districts to Oregon City, has been removed, as far as the Oregon City fire department is concerned. The "52" and "53" calls have been taken from the alarm, and the department has been instructed to answer no calls outside of the city limits except of the most urgent nature, and only then with special permission from the committee on fire and water. The order has been issued pursuant to action at the last meeting of the city council.

In order to cope properly with the fire menace which exists in Oregon City and provide a means of aiding the surrounding district more equipment is necessary, according to Chief William Priebe. While the present truck is functioning well and delivering good service, the city, the chief says, has not nearly the protection that is necessary, and cannot have until some means of providing auxiliary equipment is furnished.

Protection, he said, is needed. Chief Priebe points out that any call outside of the city limits would require sending the big truck which would leave the city without any protection whatever.

The solution, Priebe says, would be to purchase a light auxiliary truck, equipped with chemical tanks and hose. This could be used out of town and would be doubly valuable for the reason that the outlying districts have no hydrants and the chemical could be used. "Of course the main thing is to give Oregon City protection," the chief said, "but it is mighty hard to refuse to go a mile or so out when someone is burning up. In the fire at Parkplace the other day, we refused to go at first, but it was either that or let a man lose all he had, with no insurance to cover it, and no hope of saving a thing."

### Light Truck Said Need

"A light truck, operated occasionally outside the city with a fixed system of charges for the service would not only solve this one problem, but would help inside the city itself," he said. "If two fires would break out at once, we would be terribly handicapped as it is now, but with two trucks could handle such an emergency very easily. Another feature would be that we would have added chemical equipment, which is badly needed for small fires, where at present the majority of the damage is done by water."

Priebe points out that a small truck would solve the question of adequate protection for both the hill and the downtown districts. Oregon City, he says, is better protected than it ever has been against fire, but the equipment is still incomplete. The necessary additions would not entail a very great expenditure, it is shown, and the added protection would be materially in advance of the increased cost.

## HEAVY TRAFFIC BANNED ON ABERNETHY BRIDGE

Entry to Oregon City from the north, via the Abernethy bridge, has been denied all trucks carrying loads of over one ton. The unsafe condition of the structure prompted the action, taken by special order of the street committee. Signs directing heavy traffic over the Green point route, have been posted.

Large trucks coming from Portland have been in the habit of using the Green Point route for the reason that their high tops have prevented them from going under the Southern Pacific crossing at 14th and Center streets. All heavy traffic will be forced to take the round-about routing.

## Boy 19, Girl 17, Get Marriage License

Don W. Thomas, 19, and Irene W. Muff, 17, were granted a license to marry Saturday. Both being under age, the consent of their parents was required before the certificate could be issued. Both reside on Route 1, Oregon City.

## CHARGE IS FILLED IN POLICE COURT AGAINST OFFICER

### Patrolman George Titus to Answer Complaint Entered By W. S. Bennett Alleging Night Gun Pulling Affair.

## ACTION IS RESULT OF ARREST FOR SEARCH

### Law Guardian Said Influenced By Former Record of Man In Cases Involving Liquor.

A complaint charging Night Officer George Titus with "pulling a gun" on him without provocation, was filed here Tuesday by W. S. Bennett, proprietor of a local barber shop.

The complaint technically charges Titus with disturbing the peace and cites that the officer "poked the gun into the man's stomach."

The action is the result of an arrest made at 1:30 o'clock Sunday night. According to Bennett's story, he was just leaving his Main street shop when the officer suddenly confronted him with the gun, and told him that he wanted to search him. Bennett refused to allow it without a warrant. He was taken to jail, where, he says, he was searched, and then released.

Bennett had just returned from Molalla, where he claims to have been in company with some officers, who were not connected with the city. He bases his complaint upon the ground, that having been arrested in several liquor escapades before, the officer just took the chance to molest him because he happened to be out at an unusual hour.

The case is to be tried in the recorder's court. The date has not been fixed.

## MASONIC ORDER HERE FORMS SHRINER CLUB

### Organization Perfected and Officers Chosen; 40 Local Men Included as Members.

The Oregon City Shrine Club was officially organized Wednesday night when a large number of local Masons perfected a social organization.

The club, while it has been in existence for about a month, was not officially formed until Wednesday's meeting. About 40 shriners are members of the organization.

James Lovett was elected president of the club and Harvey G. Starkweather, vice-president. Other officers are W. Brown, secretary, J. G. Naah, treasurer and M. W. Hedden, E. A. Chapman, and E. T. Rand, trustees. Meetings are planned for the third Thursday in each month.

## 3 KILLED, 28 ARRESTED IN FLOODED AREA CLASH

BEARDSTOWN, Ill., April 29.—One of the greatest floods in its history into the center of the greater affray it has ever experienced. The city of Beardstown and the Frederick, separated by the Illinois river, were joined by a break today in an attempt at justice for the killing of last night of Sheriff A. C. Brook and Deputy Frank Utter of Sch...

## ROADHOUSE IN YOUNG

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 29.—Davis, 20, died from a heart attack this morning, an hour after he had "The Castle," a roadhouse in Young...

Nine labor liens, totaling \$802.60, were filed here Friday by Elliott and the Hult Law firm. The liens are against employees of the camp for over a short period of last activity.

## RECORD FISH OF SEASON, CAUGHT IN STREAM

Whether or not due to his name, the god of Luck followed William H. Lucke, of Canby, Thursday. Lucke is boasting what is believed to have been the largest catch of this season, a 55 pound salmon, landed from the mouth of the Clackamas river. The catch was made Thursday afternoon.

This is thought to be one of the biggest catches made in many years, rivaling the 68 pound salmon caught by Phillip Secor about 20 years ago. The run this year has been notable for big fish, and many catches are over 30 and 40 pounds. But some of the old timers say that it cannot compare with the run of even a few years ago.

Many Craft On River An average of 150 fishermen have been on the river every day since the opening of the season, and the craft nearly double this number on Sundays. Some contend that although the catches have been strong in a few cases, conditions have not been altogether favorable so far this year. Still others voice the opinion that the failure to restock the river with salmon fry has been largely responsible for the depletion of the salmon.

Trout fishing this year has not been exceptionally good so far but the season is still comparatively early. There was a short spurt the few days following the opening of the season but reports from over the county show that it has dropped off considerably.

It is probable that this year will see a large number of brook trout planted in the local streams. "Babe" Elliott has forwarded an application for 30,000 to Henry O'Malley, head of the fisheries department in Washington, asking for an assignment from the U. S. Hatchery at Clackamas to be placed in the local streams. There are a quarter million of these fry at the Clackamas fish hatchery, their growth at present being about at the one inch stage.

Hatchery Is Success About 250,000 fry have been planted in the streams during the past eight years, and the hatchery has made what fishermen consider an excellent record in restocking the trout. They decried however, the fact that practically no salmon have been replaced in the Willamette.

An application for 30,000 trout for Milk Creek has already been placed in addition to the application for the brook trout. It is expected that this will be granted as the similar applications were allowed last year.

The organization of the Oregon City Salmon club this year has stimulated in light tackle fishing, and the record in this class is still held by Dewey Kreuger with a 48½ pound fish. Some larger catches have been made but not with the restricted gear.

## LOCAL PUPIL IS HEAD OF SCHOOL PRESS BODY

Albert Grossenbacher, junior in the Oregon City high school, was elected president of the Clackamas District High School Press Association at its initial meeting Saturday afternoon in the Commercial club rooms. The new association will be a branch of the state organization of high school publications and comprises all high schools in Clackamas county as charter members, and its purpose is to aid in developing the press of the school.

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It is also proposed to put restrictions around the use of the emergency clause to legislative enactments, making it effective only when a real emergency exists.

Another change proposed is that the registration be taken as a basis for initiative petitions instead of the vote on justice of the supreme court.

## BILL DRAWN FOR EQUALIZATION OF TAXES APPROVED

### Measure Drafted by Local Man Sponsored by Clubs At Election In November; Few Changes are Required.

## NEW BASIS IS FOUND FOR ASSESSMENTS

### Millage Levies Protested by New Provision; Education Impost Repeal Is Included.

The equalized assessment bill drawn by Chris Schuebel of Oregon City was considered Monday by the executive committee of the Oregon Tax reduction clubs. Some minor amendments were made but the principles were left without change.

The bill is to be placed on the ballot next November as an initiative measure. It provides for a 100 per cent of value assessment of business property and 50 per cent assessment of farm land and home property. An appraisal commission is to fix the valuation once in every five years. During the intervening years the taxpayers would be required to make affidavit as to what improvements had been made or other action affecting the valuation taken.

Land Is Classified. Under the present law lands are classified as either tillable or non-tillable. Under the measure proposed lands for taxation are to be placed in four groups, farming lands; pasture lands; timber lands; mineral lands and all other lands.

Farming lands are to be divided into two classes, tillable and pasture. These in turn are to be classified according to grade.

Combined with the bill is the repeal of the 1.2 millage tax for the higher educational institutions but it is provided that the several millage taxes, highways, market roads, soldier's aid and elementary education shall be levied only to the extent that the proceeds therefrom do not exceed the proceeds from the same sources as based upon the assessed valuation of 1921.

Other Measures Talked. In addition to passing on the assessment bill the committee took action on other measures, which are to be submitted to the voters.

One of these will provide that the legislature cannot refer to the people any measure excepting one amending the state constitution or providing for a bond issue.

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## ROADS ORDERED ON