

YEON URGES CLOSER TRAP ON TRUCK LOADS

Columbia Highway Declared Facing Destruction.

PAVING IS HELD CRACKING

One and One-Half Per Cent of Traffic is Alleged to Be Breaking Laws on Speed, Weight.

The vast amount of money that has been expended by Oregon taxpayers for paved highways has been wasted unless efforts are made to regulate the speed and loads of heavy trucks, according to John B. Yeon, state highway commissioner.

"One and one-half per cent of the traffic over the highways is violating the law, destroying the paving and rendering a burden upon the taxpayers that in time will increase tremendously," said Mr. Yeon yesterday. "Instead of a beautiful Columbia river highway, in time, all we will have will be a mass of junk that will have to be paved and broken, and broken, cannot be repaired but must be repaved."

"When the highways of the state were constructed it was little thought that in time huge trucks carrying freight and passengers would do so much damage. Loading highway experts from all parts of the United States are now experimenting in an effort to discover some form of paving that will withstand the heavy loads."

Highway Cost is Cited.

The paved highways of Oregon cost approximately \$24,000,000. Pennsylvania estimates that the highway intended to withstand heavy loads and speed that will be paid will cost \$48,000. It would cost Oregon just as much to lay the same type of pavement should we have the same amount of money for the benefit of 1 1/2 per cent of the population."

When Oregon's first bond issue of \$6,000,000 was voted, according to Mr. Yeon, it was expected that the issue would build approximately 100 miles of paved highway. The commission in attempting to carry out this program constructed highways that have proved inadequate for the heavy traffic that has developed. A heavier paving has been placed on the roads this year, but it is not sufficient to withstand the loads of heavy trucks.

A recent survey of the roads developed that the average load is 37 per cent horse drawn, 12 per cent motorcycles, 7.8 per cent cars with Oregon license, 10 per cent passenger cars with license from other states, 4.6 per cent light duty trucks and 3.2 per cent trucks of 1.5 tons and over.

Law is Declared Violated.

A law passed at the last session of the legislature prohibits trucks with a load exceeding 16,500 pounds to operate faster than 12 miles an hour and no truck is allowed on the highways with a load of more than 22,000 pounds.

"Many of these heavily loaded trucks are paying no attention to the law," said Mr. Yeon. "They drive along at great speed and break and crush the foundation of the road. In a short time the road becomes a ruin and the entire tax-paying public is assessed because of the law infraction by a few, who as a rule are not taxpayers."

California recently found that the trucks were damaging her highways to such an extent that steps had to be taken to provide a remedy. Now freighters are required to use trailers and thereby put the weight on eight wheels that has been carried on four.

"I am puzzled to see why merchants will patronize freight trucks when there are river steamers and railroads running parallel. The merchant who is doing this today is no doubt saving some money in freight charges, but he is shouldering the tax burden that his community tax burden that is unjust."

With Slow Speed, Life is Long.

"The Columbia river highway would last forever if trucks would lower their speed and loads. Horse-drawn vehicles do not do damage and the pleasure car has hardly any effect upon the highways, but the owners of these must help pay for a damage that is caused by a few."

The state highways are of a 16-foot width, sufficient for two vehicles to pass comfortably. The narrowness of the constant traffic all vehicles keep well to the sides of the road. This has been the case since the highways were moving at a rate above the speed limit crowd out and break the sides of the paving, according to Mr. Yeon.

"Just now logs are being hauled over the highways and are causing damage to the pavement. The logs are 10 feet long and are so loaded as to balance on the rear axle. This places the entire weight on two wheels and results in the paving foundation being cracked and broken."

It is not the purpose of the highway commission to start a campaign to drive the trucks from the roads. They have a right upon the highways as long as they are carrying freight with a weight not in excess of the limitations of the law. They are entitled to a speed of not more than 12 miles an hour, but they have no right to inflict an injury upon the highways that are the pride of the state and have been constructed through the taxation of all the people."

"As conditions are the people of Multnomah county would be unwilling to be assessed to construct another Columbia river highway, but it will have to be rebuilt as will all other highways unless some method be arrived at whereby the trucks can be regulated."

PAVING JOB IS FINISHED

Section of Hood River to Be Opened This Week.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The newly completed stretch of concrete paving laid in the Odell district by the United Concrete Paving company of Portland will be opened to traffic Tuesday. The new paving, laid at the end of about a quarter-mile link placed last year, is approximately half a mile long. Approximately three-quarters of a mile of concrete paving laid in the Pine Grove district this summer by the Portland contractors was opened three weeks ago.

Both sections of concrete surfacing were placed on county highways leading to fruit drying warehouses in two of the valley's heaviest producing sections.

Aberdeen Workers to Picnic.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—An all-day picnic at Electric park, with games, dances and prizes for athletic contests, is planned for Labor day by committees of the Aberdeen Central Labor council and the Hoquiam Trades and Labor council, which will superintend observance of the holiday on the harbor.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER, WHO WANTS SPEED AND LOADS OF TRUCKS REGULATED.



Photo by Davies.

STATE SURGEONS GATHER

SCALPEL EXPERTS TO TELL HOW TO KEEP HEALTHY.

Programme of Oregon Section Clinical Congress Includes Widely Known Persons.

The opening session of the second annual convention of the Oregon section, clinical congress of American College of Surgeons, will be held tomorrow morning in Multnomah hotel, with leading surgeons from all parts of the state and a number of speakers from eastern points in attendance. The purpose of the congress, according to announcements that have been made, is to discuss methods for the preservation of public health.

The programme of the sessions follows:

Monday, 8 A. M. to 12 noon—Clinical and demonstration at "Vinson's" hospital. Monday eye, ear, nose and throat hospital.

2:30 P. M.—Hospital conference. Tea garden, mezzanine floor, Multnomah hotel.

Andrew C. Smith, M. D., Portland, presiding chairman, Oregon state section, Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. "Summary of Work in Hospital Standardization by the American College of Surgeons." Franklin H. Martin, M. D., secretary-general, American College of Surgeons. "The Hospital Standardization." Thaddeus E. Allen, Chicago, American College of Surgeons. "The Hospital Standardization." Reverend C. B. Moulter, S. J., president, Catholic Hospital association.

"What Canada is Doing in the Standardization of Hospitals." Wisconsin. "What Canada is Doing in the Standardization of Hospitals." Vancouver general superintendent, Vancouver general hospital. "Experience With the Standardization Programme of the American College of Surgeons, from the Surgeon's Standpoint." Robert C. Coffey, M. D., Portland. "Experience With the Standardization Programme of the American College of Surgeons, from the Surgeon's Standpoint." The Reverend Axel M. Green, superintendent, Emanuel hospital, Portland. "General discussion: The Role of the Public in the Standardization of Hospitals." J. Earl Kisse, M. D., Portland. John Osborn Polak, M. D., Brooklyn.

8 P. M.—Public meeting, Couch school auditorium. Andrew C. Smith, M. D., Portland, presiding. "The American College of Surgeons." Franklin H. Martin, M. D., Chicago, secretary-general, American College of Surgeons. "What the Public Can Do to Reduce the Dangers of Cancer." Allen B. Kanavel, M. D., professor of surgery, Northwestern University Medical school, Chicago. "What Can Be Accomplished by Routine Pre-Natal Care." John Osborn Polak, M. D., Long Island college hospital, Brooklyn. "The Community's Interest in Hospitalization." Father C. B. Moulter, S. J., president, Catholic Hospital association.

Tuesday, 8 A. M. to 12 noon—Clinic at Portland surgical hospital. 10 A. M. to 12 noon, clinic at Good Samaritan hospital; 8 A. M. to 12 noon, clinic at Portland eye, ear, nose and throat hospital; 2:30 P. M., scientific meeting, tea garden, mezzanine floor, Multnomah hotel. Andrew C. Smith, M. D., Portland, presiding. Organization for Better Surgeons. Franklin H. Martin, M. D., Chicago. "Surgical Experience and a Program for the Future." Allen B. Kanavel, M. D., Chicago. "Forced Labor—Its Present Status." John Osborn Polak, M. D., Brooklyn.

Business Men Plan Junket.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Plans are in the process of formation for a trip of Baker business men to Eagle and Pine valleys. The date for the motor excursion has not been fixed but it has been indicated that September 7 and 8 are the dates generally favored. The mining district of Corvucolla will be included in the itinerary and it is expected that this section of the visit will be of unusual interest as the Corvucolla mining camps are held to be foremost in Oregon.

OREGON LURES MANY TOURISTS WHO WILL MAKE HOMES HERE

Seventy-three Motorists Register at Portland Auto Camp—Iowa Family Travels Far—Two Young Women Quit Jobs to Hit Long Trail.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

THEIR were 73 autos registered from 20 states. The number from each of the several states was: California, 15; Washington, 14; Oregon, 14; Idaho and Illinois, six; Montana, six; Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Massachusetts, Nebraska and Indiana, each two; Colorado, Missouri, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Kansas, Texas and Utah, each one. The largest number of passengers in any one of the arriving camps...

From Blair county, Nebraska, come Dan and Ed Hart and their wives. Dan is a dealer in automobiles and supplies. They left Cleveland March 18, and have traveled since then about 10,000 miles. They are looking for a location and at present seem to favor Oregon for a future home site.

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CITY BUDGETS HELD

DOWN BY 10 PER CENT

Tax Conservation Commission Begs Economy.

OFFICIALS ARE CAUTIOUS

Expense Estimates for 1922, Soon to Be Filed, Will Be Submitted to Ruthless Pruning.

Within the next week or ten days all departments of the city of Portland will have proposed estimates of expense for the year 1922 prepared and filed with City Auditor Funk.

While many of the estimates have been prepared, none has been officially filed, as yet. The bureau of fire yesterday gave out tentative figures relating to salaries for 1922, which in covering all departments of the bureau totaled \$847,760, an amount which of practically the same as that allowed for 1921.

In preparing tentative estimates for supplies and materials the fire bureau has reached a figure of \$68,000, which does not include the purchase of any fire equipment with the exception of some hose. It is almost certain that the council will decide to include some new equipment to bring the fire bureau up to a standard and give Portland taxpayers adequate protection, and it is possible that the figures will go under closer scrutiny by members of the tax supervision and conservation commission.

Some city officials, who refuse to be quoted in the press, claim that the appointment of this commission will be of tremendous aid to the city. Officials hold that the investigation by a non-interested body will show that the city officials have been extravagant beyond reason and will lift much unjust criticism from the shoulders of the city.

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At all events, the very existence of the tax commission, while not welcomed by the majority of the city officials, has caused a certain amount of caution in the preparation of estimates. Not only will caution be the guide, but in addition, any item which is not essential can be dispensed with will be eliminated, for the majority of the city officials are striving to save as much as possible that not one cut can be made by the tax commission.

In Portland, city officials generally are not prone to criticize supervision, and the main effort in preparing estimates for expenditures in 1922 is to prune them to such a extent that the public will be informed that the city officials, and not the tax commission, have been the outlay of money to the utmost.

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