

STATE TRAFFIC REAL PROBLEM

Discussion Held at Olympia This Week; Washington Has Advantage

Reciprocal relations concerning automobile bus and truck operation in interstate traffic was discussed at a meeting of administrative officials of Oregon and Washington, at a meeting held at Olympia this week.

The last legislature enacted a law permitting Washington trucks and busses to operate in Oregon within a 20 mile limit of its state borders without the necessity of purchasing an Oregon license. The same privilege was extended to Oregon operators by the Washington legislature.

Washington truck and bus men were said to be more pleased with the new arrangement than are Oregon operators, because it permits Washington concerns to transport a large volume of business in Portland, while Oregon licensed vehicles cannot reach many large Washington cities within the 20 mile zone.

The principal objection to the law comes from Portland merchants and distributors, known as commercial haulers, who make deliveries as far north as Centralia, and who will be required under the law to buy Washington licenses.

Among those who attended the conference from Oregon were Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state; T. A. Rafferty, head of the state traffic department; Ed Wienbaum of the Portland chamber of commerce; Frank Irvine, traffic chief for Portland, and Joe Dunne, chairman of the legislative committee which worked out the details of the new law.

Charles R. Maybury, director of license of Washington, presided at the conference. Forty operators attended.

TARIFF CHANGES NO HELP TO FLAX MEN

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concealing the fact that this is only for the development stages, whereas many factories would spring up here under the impetus of reasonable protective duties. Col. Bartram appeared before the committee in February, and knows what he is talking about. He found Chairman Hawley of the ways and means committee sympathetic with his contention—but the undercurrent of opposition from powerful predatory interests was very strong and insistent.

Another Salem authority believes that, even yet, an effort should be made to get a higher rate in the bill, on flax tows and line fibers, to the end that there may be more encouragement for establishing primary factories in the Willamette valley.

This latter authority says this would not be important, as it could get ample capital for spinning and weaving plants, for while the duties on flax yarns and linen cloths of all kinds are not too high, they are high enough to give very fair protection to spinning and weaving plants.

The contention of the latter authority being quoted is that if we had local spinning and weaving plants with sufficient capacity and capital to work up all the tows and line fibers that might be offered here, the farmers growing the flax and the mills threshing, retting and scutching it, would not need much protection from foreign imports; that the freights on foreign shipments, and the higher quality of the Oregon tows and fibers, would give a large share of the protection needed.

Chairman Hawley of the ways and means committee, and Senator McNary of the senate committee on agriculture, have succeeded in getting better protective rates for a long list of products of the Willamette valley, including not only cherries and walnuts and filberts, but also bulbs and seeds, and many other articles grown here. These accomplishments give promise of vast help in developing the agricultural resources of western Oregon.

Coming to Elsinore Friday



Nancy Carroll and Charles "Buddy" Rogers in an all-talking, and singing production, "Close Harmony," which is the stellar attraction for the coming week-end at the Elsinore theatre here.

MUSICIANS OF NOTE COME TO ELSINORE

With the casting of Jess Stafford's jazz orchestra in "Close Harmony" a Paramount all-talking and singing production, Charles (Buddy) Rogers renewed acquaintance with three of the young musicians in the organization.

Rogers plays the leading male role in "Close Harmony" which comes to the Elsinore theatre four days starting Friday and the musicians who appear with him are Lucan Lukas, Clyde Lukas and Art Winters. They attended the University of Kansas with Rogers and played in the same college orchestra with him.

The film engagement did not interfere with the Stafford orchestra's engagement on the stage at the Loew State theatre, Los Angeles, since the studio arranged the schedule so that the musicians were working before the cameras and microphones only until noon each day. Then they hurried to the theatre to perform at afternoon and evening engagements.

The addition of Fanchon & Marco's "Varieties" to the bill is assured for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Youngster Hurls Stone Into Auto Breaking Glass

A rock hurled through the windshield of a car driven by J. K. McWilliams, salesman, Wednesday resulted in McWilliams and his wife receiving lacerations and bruises. Lorraine Blaisdell, 14, admitted that he hurled the rock at the car. Blaisdell and four companions were questioned by the police today.

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ROW BETWEEN GENERALS TOLD

Inside Story of Events Just Before American Drive Gets First Airing

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red at first army headquarters in Ligny-en-Barrois, the narrative published today says:

"It was a moment of high tension. The two commanders faced each other, both with decided convictions. The decision affected more than a million Americans.

Eleven days later, Sept. 10, 1918, while Pershing's first army crouched for its spring at St. Mihiel the agreement was ratified that gave him a 90 mile front. Within two weeks all his forces were driving through the Argonne toward Sedan and the armistice.

Official Records Used In Chapter

The monograph is a chapter of the official narrative history of American military participation in the World War, which the war college specialists are preparing with access to allied and German records as well as American. It is devoted exclusively to the account of Pershing's difficulties in carrying out President Wilson's instructions, given him before he sailed, to cooperate with allied armies as his judgment dictated but to keep always in mind "the underlying idea" that his forces in France "are a separate and distinct component of the combined forces, the identity of which must be preserved."

TO PRESENT PLAY NORTH HOWELL, May 8— The Brush Creek Dramatic Fun makers, presenting "Yimmy Yonson's Yob" have been invited to appear at the Grange hall at North Howell on May 17. The play will be produced in its entirety, including vocal solos by Martin Doerfler, songs by the Brush Creek Croakers, and violin solos by Luella Forland. This will be the fourth public appearance of this cast.

Of the idea for incorporation of American troops in allied armies as the quickest means of making their battle power effective, the war college historians say it was "advanced initially as a proposal, but became in the minds of the allies a necessity when Russia withdrew from the war and Germany seriously threatened the successful outcome of the conflict by a great drive on the western front."

Human Life Span Now 57.7 Years, Doctor Tells Club; Health Means Money Gain

The economic value of health to a community was pointedly illustrated by Dr. Edward Lee Russell in an address made Tuesday before the Kiwanis club here, the doctor citing a wide variety of statistics gathered locally and throughout the nation proving that good health means financial gain to a city.

"A child's upbringing is estimated to cost \$7238 until he or she becomes 18 years of age," said the doctor. "On this basis of computation, the future earnings of that young man will aggregate \$41,000, of which his own maintenance will cost an estimated amount of \$13,000. That means that the residual earnings of the average man amount to \$28,000 and his death or loss of activity before his life span is ended means just that much economic waste to the community."

Many Years Added to Life

In the last 25 years, 15 years has been added to the average life span, asserted the speaker who said the length of human life was now 57.7 years in contrast to an average life span of 29 years which prevailed in England at the time of Henry VIII.

Contagious diseases and their spread has been so effectively decreased, said the doctor, that amazing reductions in human deaths have occurred throughout the United States. Fatal illness by tuberculosis has been cut in half since 1900. Had the rate of typhoid deaths continued during the world war as in the Spanish American war, the death rate in American soldiers by this cause alone would have totalled 50,000 white 250,000 soldiers would have been ill because of typhoid.

Infants Death Fewer

Turning to Marion county experiences to show how health conditions were improving locally, Dr. Russell declared that infant death rate which stood at 54.7 per thousand in 1925 had been reduced in 1924 to 36 a thousand which alone constituted an estimated economic savings to the county of \$167,500.

In 1925 70 per cent of the milk used in Marion county was adjudged unclean by official test while in 1928 80 per cent of the milk had been found to be exceedingly pure and only 20 per cent partially dirty.

Smallpox cases in 1925 totalled 925 in the county but by 1925 this mark had been cut to 19, Dr. Russell said.

Life's Value Uncertain

Realizing that no certain value could be put on life or health or happiness, the speaker declared that it was nevertheless essential that the community take means to protect and conserve the life of its citizens. He urged that people apply means of health protection once these have been determined.

As a prelude for the day Miss Elizabeth Moore sang two well received numbers. She was accompanied by Mr. Winger, Walter Nelson made an interesting talk about the work of William Chadwick, manager of the Senator hotel in line with a policy of the club which provides for informal discussions from week to week of its members and their activities.

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Florence Nightingale was born in Florence in 1820. She received her training in Germany and in Paris. During the Crimean war in 1845, Miss Nightingale, later called "the Lady with the Lamp" proposed to the British government that she would organize a nursing department at Scutari.

Salem General hospital is the people of this valley to become better acquainted with the work which is being done there. The reception will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The program is at 7:00 p.m.

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