

2-Sided Drive On PUC Forms

Small, Private Operators
Want to Get Rid of Red
Tape, Mileage Tax

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per ton mile and change the administrative setup of the public utilities commission, say that their changes could effect a saving of more than half in administrative expenses of the PUC.

Mileage Fee Is
Chief Grievance

One of their chief grievances is the mileage fee, which is collected whether the truck is operating loaded or empty and which entails a large amount of bookkeeping and auditing.

That the interests of the two groups seeking trucking law changes might conflict is possible. Both will be represented in the lobby at the legislature. The long haul terminal carriers will be represented by Tom Shea, former managing editor of the defunct Portland News-Telegram, and the small operators will have the services of Earl Hill, who headed the house highways and transportation committee during several terms in the legislature.

A. C. Anderson of Salem, chairman of the executive committee of the Oregon Association of Truckers, the group seeking revisions to benefit the small operators in the private carriers field, says that his group is not interested in increasing load or length limits, but is not opposed to such increases.

Big Outfits Want
Bigger Trucks

What the big carriers, the interstate trucking companies competing for freight hauling with railroads, want is a load and length limit which will make the Oregon law standard with that of the surrounding states. Washington, California and Idaho all put a top of 63,000 pounds overall weight and load and a 60 foot length limit on trucks. Oregon's law requires trucks to be 50 feet or less in length and to weigh with load no more than 50,000 pounds.

With the increasing development of long haul freight business the terminal truck operators argue that they are greatly inconvenienced by the Oregon law, which makes reloading necessary when a through truck hits any of this state's borders.

The Oregon Association of Truckers—representing private carriers, anywhere-for-hire truckers and log and lumber haulers—have a 12-point program to put before the legislature. Its members wish changes both in taxation and administration features of the present law.

Taxation changes suggested include elimination of all ton mileage tax, revision which the law would simplify their business by cutting out necessity of keeping and making monthly mileage reports. All private carriers and log, lumber and gravel haulers would pay a five dollar yearly

registration fee and would be required to pay no other tax. Contract carriers would pay \$15 yearly, common carriers \$10 and busses \$3.50 per seat per year.

Formation of a three-man truck commission to have jurisdiction over a paid administrator and handling of truck inspections by specialized truck inspectors instead of the state police are the chief administrative changes to be asked.

By a more rigid truck inspection the association hopes that it would be able to eliminate unfair practices by keeping all operators in their own classes. It will also seek cancellation of certain exemptions in license now granted cooperative associations and Farmers Unions.

Phillips to Return To Post at Rome

Hull, in Surprise Move,
Announces Envoy
to Go Back

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—In a surprise move possibly connected with Italy's military difficulties, Secretary of State Hull announced today that Ambassador William Phillips would return to his post in Rome immediately after the holidays.

Phillips, a veteran diplomat, has been seriously ill and there had been indications that he was not likely to go back to Italy for many months, if at all.

Hull said the Ambassador had recovered from the illness, however, and was ready to resume his duties. He has been in the United States about three months.

In view of the Italian military reverses in North Africa and Albania and hints that these were having an effect upon the morale of the Italian people, the state department was believed to be anxious to use Phillips' long diplomatic experience as an observer and interpreter of events in the Mediterranean area.

Phillips, as ambassador, would have access to key government officials and other sources of information usually closed to diplomats of lesser rank.

Secretary Hull also said that Admiral William D. Leahy, new ambassador to France, probably would leave after the holidays to take up his duties at Vichy.

Victim of Police Guns Badly Hurt

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Ing McCready through the hand and Lampro through the body.

Browne said McCready later admitted the robbery and exonerated Lampro, who was on route home after mailing Christmas gifts at a nearby postoffice.

McCready also admitted serving terms in Folsom and San Quentin prisons in California. Browne added, he was held without bond for the federal bureau of investigation.

Lampro was attended by his sister, Mrs. Caroline Crise, head nurse at a local hospital, but was unconscious and the full extent of his injuries was not at once determined.

Pedestrians Get Tags in Portland

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Traffic Captain W. C. Epps said today that traffic tags for pedestrians would be a city police department innovation to cut down accidents.

Patrolmen were instructed to tag pedestrians violating traffic laws or ignoring officers whistles.

Logan-Walter Bill Is Vetoed

House Proponents of Bill
Fail to Muster
Needed Vote

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ly interested" to demand reconsideration, or appeal to the courts. Final decisions of the agencies could be set aside if found to be based on "erroneous findings of fact." The bill also was designed, its sponsors said, to establish uniform procedure among the agencies.

Mr. Roosevelt sent to the house with his veto message an analysis by Attorney General Jackson which said that the bill's "effect on the activities of the agencies would be to produce an increased delay and uncertainty." The president himself said that it would "produce the utmost chaos and paralysis in the administration of the government at this critical time" and would be "an invitation to endless and innumerable controversies."

"Quite apart from the general philosophy of this bill, its unintentional inclusion of defense functions would require my disapproval at this time," Mr. Roosevelt wrote, but he condemned its philosophy as well.

"The administrative tribunal or agency has been evolved in order to handle controversies arising under particular statutes," his message said. "It is characteristic of these tribunals that simple and non-technical hearings take the place of court trials, and informal proceedings supersede rigid and formal pleadings and processes."

President Defends
Tribunal System

"A common-sense resort to usual and practical sources of information takes the place of archaic and technical application of rules of evidence, and an informal and expert tribunal renders its decisions with an eye that looks forward to results rather than backward to precedent and to the leading case."

Substantial justice remains a higher aim for our civilization than technical legalism. "The bill that is now before me," the president continued, "is one of the repeated efforts by a combination of lawyers who desire to have all processes of government and expert tribunal results and of interests which desire to escape regulation."

In the debate which followed, Walter declared the veto message was written by "somebody who didn't understand the measure." He said, "is the realization that our servants are implementing the law by writing regulations and they don't intend to be interfered with."

Chairman Sumners (D-Tex.) of the judiciary committee also argued for the bill, terming it an effort to assure the "ordinary citizen a right to a court review" and saying it was "a sad day in America when we sneer at the law."

"Ought these organizations to be permitted, in the secrecy of star chamber proceedings, to issue rules governing people and denying the people an opportunity to be heard?" Sumners continued. "Is that anything to sneer at?"

Hop Control Body To State Output

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for the hop control board, said there was no prospect that this master figure would be arrived at before today.

Members attending the committee meeting, at the Marion hotel, were J. R. Rutherford, Yakima, Wash., chairman; Elwood Rabie, Moses City, Wash.; Senator Dean H. Walker, Independence; W. H. Anderson, Eugene; William Krebs and H. A. Cornoyer, Salem; Warren Brown, Ukiah, Calif.; E. H. Peterson, Santa Rosa, Calif.; and P. M. Rooney, Sacramento, Calif.

Retires Certificates

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers announced today that \$147,980 of capital certificates would be retired January 2.

In One Ear ..

—Paul Hauser's Column

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by with a passing grade if you manage to drag the tree in through the front door without getting pitted on the door frame. This is Step A. Step B comes when you attempt to set up the tree. You get hammer nails and a couple of old boxes and after a couple of hours you have the tree standing just as sturdily as it did in its native woods, providing its native woods had just been raked by a hurricane and shaken by an earthquake.

This is also the time that you discover that the well-rounded corner you selected has met up with a couple of near sighted sheep-shearers since you last saw it. On the north or left side (You can tell this because moss grows on that side and affords a convenient guide in finding your way around the house on Christmas eve) you find that where branches and needles once teemed in abundance there is now naught but a gaping void. You solve this problem by putting the tree in a corner to hide its deformity.

You also discover that the tree you so innocently tried to erect in a room five feet high is all of twelve feet high, stem to stern (or from base to tip if you must use those nautical terms) and is pointing its tip at a horizontal angle toward the pole star. Unless you want a handy guide to the position of the pole star you take down the tree and saw off the tip. This leaves the tree in a somewhat blunted condition and leaves a sort of pitchy sawdust on the axminster. The latter may be ground into the rug with the left heel and does it all kinds of good.

You have now, by the grace of providence and the Hauser Information and Handy Help Service, completed the primary steps in Christmas tree surgery.

The next step is decoration, or ornamentation as some who are careless with their language are prone to call it. First of all, get out the Christmas tree lights. You plug them in and find that they aren't working. One method, painful but efficient, to tell the bulb or the fault is in the bulb or in the cord is to stick your finger in one of the tiny sockets (marked 0 for ouch) in the accompanying diagram. Then you go buy new bulbs.

The next step is to get out the ornaments and decorations. If all of last year's ornaments are broken there's no sense in telling you how to put them on the tree and so we conclude our lesson for today and sail away from happy Toyland, plucking the darts of the nation's anger.

NEXT WEEK HOW TO GET
Termites and Woodborers out
of Your Floors After Christmas.

Call Board

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"Seven Sinners," and Jack Holt
in "A Fugitive From a Prison
Camp."

State Budget \$119,195,483

Legislature to Provide
\$19,527,784; Rest
Is Fees, Taxes

Oregon's balanced budget for the two years beginning next July 1 will total \$119,195,483, of which \$19,527,784 will be appropriated by the legislature and \$73,207,305 raised by special taxes, licenses and fees, Budget Director David Eccles said yesterday.

The federal government will contribute \$1,071,269, counties \$4,988,689, and gifts, bequests and loan repayments will total \$4,400,434.

Amounts to be spent for each major state activity follow: Highways—\$21,973,000, of which \$26,309,000 will be raised by state gasoline taxes and license fees, and \$5,660,000 to be contributed by the federal government, and \$400,000 to be raised by the legislature and \$22,112,452, to be raised as follows: \$2,872,100 from the state general fund, \$6,799,900 by state liquor revenues, \$7,743,973 by the federal government, and \$4,697,479 by the counties.

Liquor commission—\$7,743,973, but the total includes the \$12,409,470 wholesale value of the commission's liquor stocks. The entire amount comes from liquor taxes and taxes on the commission—\$9,774,582, of which \$68,000 will be appropriated by the legislature, \$8,000,000 by payroll taxes, and \$1,706,582 by the federal government.

Unemployment compensation commission—\$9,774,582, of which \$68,000 will be appropriated by the legislature, \$8,000,000 by payroll taxes, and \$1,706,582 by the federal government.

Education—\$8,965,385, with \$7,799,000 to be appropriated by the legislature, \$2,346,845 to be raised by special fees such as student payments, \$560,114 by the federal government, and \$300,434 by endowments and gifts.

Development and conservation of natural resources—\$5,750,507, with \$1,955,285 to be appropriated by the legislature, \$2,497,031 from licenses and fees, \$1,010,999 from the federal government, and \$287,210 by the counties.

World War Veterans State Aid commission—\$5,021,729, of which \$896,787 will be appropriated by the legislature, \$2,942,000 by special fees, and \$1,182,942 to be collected from veterans repaying loans and to be used to retire the commission's bonds.

Hospitals and institutions for handicapped persons—\$3,680,153, all to be appropriated by the legislature.

Protection of persons and property—\$3,116,875, of which \$1,383,624 will be appropriated by the legislature, and \$1,733,251 by the federal government, \$1,000,000 to be collected from special fees, fines and licenses.

General government—\$3,068,750, with \$1,861,974 to be appropriated by the legislature, and \$1,206,776 to be raised from fees and licenses.

Corrective institutions, including penitentiary and training schools—\$865,410, all to be appropriated by the legislature.

Health and sanitation—\$570,655, with \$131,655 to be appropriated by the legislature, \$438,400 from fees, and \$390,600 from the federal government.

Industrial accident compensation—\$59,824, included \$54,326 to be appropriated by the legislature and \$5,000 from fees and licenses.

Rural Schools Hit By "Flu" Epidemic

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antine the hospital, however, because the influenza does not appear to be of the fatal variety and because a measure would prevent relatives from bringing Christmas packages to patients.

Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer, discouraged public gatherings for the present.

The Salem Lions club canceled its scheduled annual Christmas party for underprivileged children, set for tonight, because of the danger of spreading illness.

Providence George A. Rhoten announced the party committee, headed by Jack Hubbard, will proceed, however, with its plans to provide the children who would have attended with a generous supply of Christmas "goodies" and needed articles of clothing.

The YMCA counted approximately 250 boys and girls using its facilities on the first day of the early vacation.

Attack Is Fatal Following Charge

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