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Insurance Firms Organize to Fight Compensation Law

Casualty insurance companies operating in Oregon are now engaged in the greatest organized drive against the workmen's compensation law in this state that has been made since the compensation law went into effect nearly eight years ago, according to a statement given out by the state industrial accident commission here today.

In their efforts to break down the compensation act, the statement of the commission points out, these insurance companies have brought into Oregon some of their highest paid and most effective organizers and solicitors and have laid their plans for a highly intensive campaign.

Spread Is Feared.
The attack on the Oregon law at this time, the statement explains, is prompted by the fear that the wonderful record made by the Oregon compensation act, might lead to its adoption by other states. This record, it is pointed out, is shown by a report compiled by Carl Hookstadt, compensation expert for the bureau of labor statistics for the United States department of labor places the administration of Oregon's exclusive state fund far ahead of not only the competitive fund states but also ahead of the best casualty insurance companies in the United States.

"Information confirming these facts have come to the commission from so many different sources that we are positive of their correctness," the statement of the industrial accident commission reads. "We have also been informed that these companies, if they find it necessary, are prepared to cut insurance rates far below cost to them in order to induce employers to break away from the compensation law in this state, while this temporary loss will be made up by profits in other states where the companies have a free hand."

Reason for Attack.
There is a reason for the casualty insurance companies centering their attacks on the Oregon compensation law at this time. Oregon is one of the few states which have an exclusive state compensation fund. By this we mean that in Oregon casualty insurance companies are not permitted to write compensation insurance under the compensation law but instead all employers and employees who come under the compensation law must look to the state accident fund exclusively for their protection. Nation wide attention has been called to the fact that the Oregon compensation law is being administered more efficiently, from the standpoint of the promptness in payment of claims and the scope of the service rendered, than any insurance companies in the United States.

This fact was made known as a result of an exhaustive investigation conducted by Carl Hookstadt, compensation expert for the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor. Mr. Hookstadt's report was first given publicity at the San Francisco meeting of the International Association of Boards and Commissions last September, and later his report was published in full in the December, 1920, issue of the monthly Labor Review. In his report, Mr. Hookstadt said:

Comparison Made.
"Probably the fairest and most convincing method of comparing state funds with private carriers would be to compare the best in each class. Let us, then, compare the competitive fund of California and the exclusive fund of Oregon with the Liberty Mutual company of Massachusetts as shown by its

own figures. Please bear in mind that the area of Massachusetts is small and the industries compact. Both California and Oregon are large states and in each state lumbering is one of the principal industries. It takes a longer time to obtain reports and to make payments. Under the circumstances one would expect to find much better results in Massachusetts. But what are the facts?

"The percentage of cases in which the first payment had not been made within six weeks are as follows: Liberty Mutual 20 per cent; Oregon state fund 18.9 per cent; California state fund 22.1 per cent. Oregon in spite of its large area, had a better record and California almost as good as the Liberty Mutual.

"Now take the percentage of cases where first payment had not been made in ten weeks: Liberty Mutual, 6.3 per cent; the Oregon fund, 3.9 per cent; the California fund, 6.5 per cent. Again Oregon has a much better record and California equally as good as the Liberty.

"There you have a fair test, it seems to me, and it shows that the best state fund has a better record as to promptness of payment than the very best insurance company."

Hubbard Men Recover \$300 In Civil Suit

Suit for the recovery of \$300 alleged to have been forcibly extorted from his wife was won by Koehne of Hubbard from J. R. White, who claimed that the money was paid to him with the permission of Koehne whom he states assaulted and made improper proposals to Mrs. White.

Testimony in the case started Friday afternoon in the circuit court before Judge Kelly with Koehne, who stated that sometime after the alleged assault was made he was met by White who threatened to kill him if he ever entered his house again, and that he was going to sue him for \$500 and have him placed in the penitentiary if he did not pay \$500 at once. The witness stated that Mrs. Koehne later visited White's house and was forced to sign a check for \$300, forgoing her husband's name in doing so. Her action was not discovered until Koehne made a trip to the state bank of Hubbard. He then started suit for the recovery of the money from White, who his attorneys charged with having tried to obtain money by extortion.

The verdict of the jury was rendered in one hour after the final arguments were made Saturday.

Lumber Company Returns To Fold
The Nibley-Minnaugh Lumber company of Wallawa, one of the ten eastern Oregon lumber companies which recently filed notice of rejection of the workmen's compensation act, Friday notified the state industrial accident commission of its desire to withdraw this rejection and to continue under the protection of the act.

At the time the ten rejections were filed requests were made for a reduction in the rates of contributions paid by the ten companies. These requests were denied by the commission on the ground that reductions in rates were not justified.

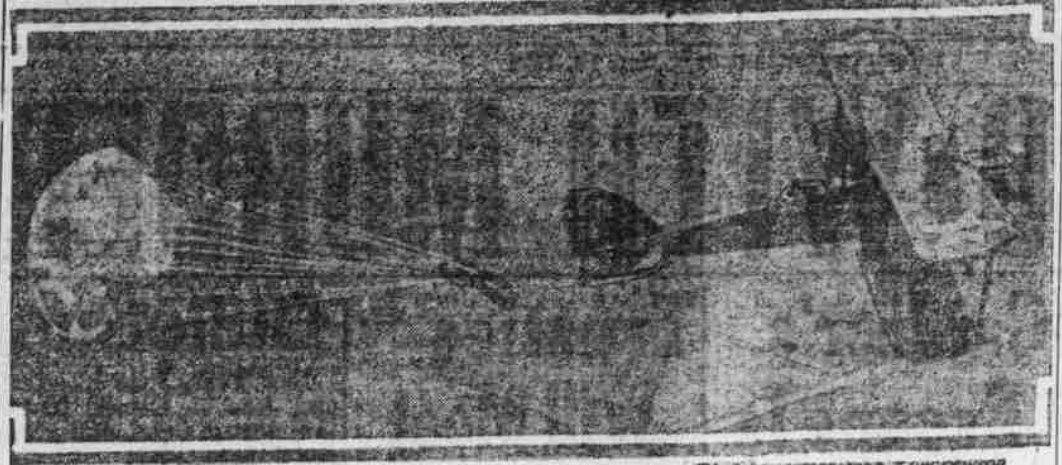
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Child To Face Jury Again



After a twenty four hour debate over the fate of eleven year old Cecil Burkett, charged with the murder of his playmate, Henry Savin, at Knox, Indiana, twelve weary jurymen told Judge Pentecost that an agreement on a verdict would be impossible, and they were dismissed. State's Attorney James Ditts announced that the case would be retried during the October session of the Stark county, Indiana, circuit court. The photograph shows, from left to right, Cecil Burkett's grandfather, his mother, Cecil and two child witnesses.

Three Thousand Feet Down and Ground Is Hard



The photograph shows Sergeant Prochanski dropping 3000 feet with parachute during army flying circus performance at Chanute Field, near Chicago, recently. Note the other aviator crouched on the wing of the big plane, all ready to jump. Altogether, three men leaped from the one "bus," two from the wings and one from the fuselage.

Detours Defended By Nunn

State Engineer Says Temporary Routings Safe, Sure, and Well Defined

Complaints registered by tourists about the lack of proper detour signs and the condition of detour roads are not justified by the facts, according to State Engineer Nunn who returned today after five days spent in touring the roads between Salem and the California state line.

All detours on state roads covered by Nunn, he declares, are properly and conspicuously marked and the detours are passable in every instance.

"I do not mean to say that the detours are to be classed as good roads," Nunn explained. "If they were good roads we would improve the detours rather than the main roads. But they afford safe and sure passage around construction work and certainly allow no room for just complaint when it is considered that these detours are merely temporary provisions for passage around permanent construction work. And as to signs," he added, "there is absolutely no excuse for any motorist missing a detour unless the sign has been purposely misplaced or some practical joker as is sometimes the case."

Nunn states that considerable difficulty is experienced with boys who find much sport in moving detour signs and then watching the unsuspecting motorist turn off onto the wrong road.

Considerable difficulty is also experienced with motorists who refuse to heed the detour signs posted along the highway. In one instance which he mentioned, three automobiles drove around a barricade on which was posted a conspicuous detour sign, only to be turned back when they came to the construction work a half mile farther on. In another instance a tourist coming up from the south ignored a detour sign and ran into the "hot stuff" on a paving job for which the foreman of construction proceeded to administer a verbal chastisement punctuated with some rather emphatically pointed opinions of the driver. This tourist, who was clearly at fault, Nunn insisted, proceeded on his way proclaiming Oregon as one of the "meanest states in which he had ever toured."

"I do not mean to convey the impression that our engineers are not sometimes at fault," Nunn concluded, "but I do say that in a great majority of cases the fault lies with the tourists themselves many of whom willfully ignore our efforts to direct them on the proper way. Our engineers are doing everything in their power to aid the tourists but they have other work to do too."

Little Land of Value Lost To State, Opinion

Only a small portion of the swamp lands in the Warner valley, Lake county, to which the state has laid claim under the congressional act of 1860, and that the least valuable, is affected by the final rejection of the commissioner of the general land office, according to Attorney General Van Winkle.

The attorney general explains that only 3000 acres of the 32,000 acres claimed by the state as swamp lands have been finally rejected by the commissioner and the state is given sixty days in which to appeal from this decision to the department of the interior.

In compliance with the request of the general land board the attorney general's office is now preparing to furnish certificates of complete claim and evidence that it has notified the riparian owners and the state's rights to these lands will be fully protected and

eventually patented to the state, Van Winkle declares.

The lands to which the state's claim has been rejected subject to appeal, it is explained, are confined almost entirely to the beds of Pelican, Nugump and Anderson lakes, the rejection alleging that the state has failed to furnish sufficient proof of the swampy character of the lands involved. The attorney general states that he has not decided yet as to whether or not he will appeal to the interior department.

"In the selection list filed by the state, comprising the 32,000 acres, the state has made claim to every acre of possible swamp land in Warner valley," the attorney general states, explaining that the final outcome of these claims will forever establish the state's claim in this valley.

Senators Win Game From A.L.

Edwards Hits Home Run; McKenna Plays Star Game—Legion Succumbs to Keene

Salem fans held their breath in the first inning when the American Legion nine jammed out enough hits to net them two runs in the game between that organization of Portland and the Senators played yesterday at Oxford park. In the bottom frame of the same inning, the excited spectators gave their first, last and only yowl of delight when McKenna romped up the home path for Salem's first score and Hayes, after a daring steal of two bases, reached the plate. After that the game was a bore, and ended 2 to 1 in favor of Salem.

The American Legion boys couldn't get on and ride. O'Neil in left field seemed to have weights in his shoes and when he did get under anything it was usually a safe bet that he dropped it. Donaldson, made a couple of wild pitches with men on third which were responsible for two scores made by the local team. Garner at first base, played a good steady game and did some hitting, but with Keene, substituted for Knudson, at the mound in the fourth inning the battle of the Legionnaires was nil.

As far as playing went the Salem nine worked well, though Keene was a little wild. McKenna played a star game and was responsible for a couple of double plays and a bunch of regular hits. Edwards knocked the only home run of the game, winning all the prizes in sight. Knudson, though knocked off the mound when wielding the stick did some real damage.

The base ball public likes to see Salem win, but they like to see a real game of ball better, no matter who gets the top score. Some real competition, if it can be had, in the next game wouldn't go bad at all.

Bee Raisers To Organize Soon

Beekeepers of Marion county met in Silverton Saturday to effect a county organization of those interested in bee culture, but due to the small number present, the actual organization was postponed until a future meeting may be called in Salem.

G. A. Bock of Silverton was named temporary president and W. H. Bowers secretary. Mr. Bock and George Weeks of Salem were selected as a committee to arrange for a meeting at which the final organization will be effected.

Sow Gots at \$125 at Saturday's Sale

At an auction Saturday on the C. K. Lee farm near Silverton of Poland China hogs, Dixie Girl, a Big Bob Wonder sow, topped the sales at \$125, being purchased by N. G. Creek of Yakima. Consigners to the sale were C. K. Lee, E. O. Lee and Ray J. Fox, all prominent breeders of Marion county.

A nine-months old boar was bought by E. C. McClaine of Lebanon for \$75 which Thomas Brunk, Poland China breeder and judge, declared to be worth \$500 as a herd sire. A total of 39 head were sold, averaging \$37 a head, including pigs.

California Favored By Rate, Claim

Strenuous protest against the apparent discrimination against Oregon fruit interests, is registered by Chairman Fred A. Williams, of the public service commission, in a letter to H. A. Hinchaw, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific company.

"We are advised that the Southern Pacific placed in effect about the first of June a 95 cent per cwt. rate on dried fruit in boxes from California points to New York and Eastern points via Galveston and New Orleans," Williams writes. "The best rate that the dried fruit men have in Oregon to date is \$1.66%. It stands to reason without argument that this is not only basely discriminatory and preferential to California but hurtful in the extreme to the fruit production in the state of Oregon."

"We are very much surprised that the Southern Pacific line which traverses Oregon from north to south through the heaviest dried fruit section should countenance such a difference in rates, especially from the Willamette valley. This rate is so manifestly preferential to California and discriminatory to Oregon that it hardly seems necessary that this commission should pursue it further than to call your attention to the situation."

"The fruit situation is in such a critical condition anyhow that it seems that the railroads would try to encourage it rather than discourage the producers. It goes without saying that we shall expect immediate equalization at your hands."

The ferry at Ballard's Landing, on Snake river, went out while crossing five men and six horses, going down the river several miles. The men and horses were saved.

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Nurseryman of Salem Is Dead

Herbert H. Cross, nurseryman of this city since 1839, died Saturday afternoon at his home at 1987 South Commercial street, at the age of 68 years and nine months. Funeral services were held today at one o'clock in the Rigdon chapel, Rev. B. E. Kirkpatrick of the Methodist church officiating. The body was taken to Stayton for interment there.

The deceased is survived by his wife Dora Cross; a son, Earl Cross of Prineville; a daughter, Mrs. J. F. Lau of Salem; a brother, Delbert Cross of Sherwood, Mich., and a sister, Mrs. Mattie Megley of Battle Creek, Mich.

Cherrians To Drop Regular Meetings For Summer Months

Adjournment of the regular meeting of the Cherrians during the months of July and August will be brought up at the meeting to be held tomorrow evening in the Commercial club at 6:30.

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King Bink Knowland is back on the job again, after having been ill for a week, and stated this morning that all business would be transacted at the meeting in time for those who wished to attend the band concert and flag day exercises in Willson park could do so.

Rain and bad roads worked against the success of the stockmen's convention at anyon City, and there will be a deficit of \$500 when all the bills are in.

George H. Flagg has sold the Condon Globe-Times to N. C. Westcott and W. H. Orman, recent owners of the Aurora Observer.

Charles Ballard has sold the Halsey Enterprise to D. F. Dwyer, the man who established the paper.

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