

COMPENSATION FOR POLICEMEN STARTS JUNE 1

Unless the cities, counties and the state of Oregon notify the industrial accident commission before June 1 of their rejection of the workmen's compensation act as applying to their employed peace officers these officers will automatically come under the act on May 28 and remain under it for at least one year. This is under an amendment to the act passed by the 1925 legislature.

An important change was made in that part of the act that defines "workman."

"The amendment provides," said a statement by the commission yesterday, "that when workmen either associating themselves together under partnership agreement or as individuals enter into a contract the principal purpose of which is the performance of labor on a particular piece of work, such work to be performed by themselves or with the assistance of other workmen employed by them, all such workmen shall be deemed employees of the person having such work done and not independent contractors."

Another amendment of the 1925 session provides that any individual employer, or any member of any firm subject to the compensation act as employer, may apply in writing to the commission to become entitled as a workman to compensation benefits. Heretofore only employers engaged in hazardous occupations could bring themselves under the benefits of the act as workmen. But now employers engaged in farming and other non-hazardous occupations have the same privilege.

Another amendment requires any person or firm, before engaging in a hazardous occupation, to notify the commission of that intention. If they do not notify the commission prior to becoming engaged in

the hazardous occupation, they are subject to a fine, and in addition to this if an employer should be injured he would have the right of action against his employer, or he might come under the act and receive compensation and the commission have the right to recover all moneys expended for first aid and compensation paid him from his employer.

Experience rating also was changed by amendment.

"Heretofore," says the statement, "employers starting at base rate might be penalized by having an increase in the rate for bad experience up to 15 per cent above base, and might have a reduction as low as 20 per cent below base through good experience. This has been changed so that there is no penalty or charge above base, and the rates can only be reduced as low as 20 per cent below base for good experience. The law further provides that no employer paying less than \$50 per year shall be given the benefit of good experience rating, but must be held to base.

"The law was further amended providing a limit of time for claiming an aggravation or disability resulting from an accidental injury. The injured workman must file his claim for aggravation with the commission within one year from the date of the order awarding such workman compensation. The law has also been amended providing that no appeal can be taken for an award of the commission by workmen until there has been first an application for rehearing made to the commission. All cases must be tried in the county where the injury occurred."

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The primary problem of the conference was to determine definitely whether the fumes of the gas are injurious to health and many were on hand to take sides in the debate. Doubles—Holt and Thomas Midgley Jr., vice-president of the Ethyl Gas corporation Shreve vs. Lutz and Hoyt, 4-5

said his company had experienced trouble with the gas in its early stages of development but that difficulties had been overcome and the gas could be handled safely if proper safeguards were taken. Mixture of the ethyl with gasoline he added presented no difficulty if carelessness in the handling were reduced to a minimum.

DALLAS DEFEATED AT TENNIS BY SALEM HI

For the second time this year the Salem high school tennis team triumphed over the Dallas tennis team on the asphalt courts by a 4 to 2 score. The results of the matches follows:

Hoyt vs. Holt, 6-3, 6-4; Lutz vs. James, 5-6, 8-6; Minto vs. Day, 6-2, 3-6; Creech vs. Shreve, 3-6, 4-6. Doubles—Holt and Thomas Midgley Jr. vs. Lutz and Hoyt, 4-5

6-4; Minto and Creech vs. Day and James, 6-5, 6-4. The locals are to play at Corvallis, Saturday.

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