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TRUCK BILLS
 Perhaps the most arrogant amendment to be put on the ballot in all of Oregon's initiative and referendum history is the one the voters have before them this November. That is the constitutional amendment that would make the ton-mile method of taxing trucks unconstitutional.

Not only have the big trucking companies initiated against the law passed by the last legislature that would increase the percentage of highway revenues paid by trucks from 28 percent to 33 percent, but they have initiated this constitutional amendment to prevent the use of weight and distance traveled in setting truck fees.

If his amendment should be passed trucks would be taxed by license plate fees only. Motorists and drivers of light trucks would have to pay the difference. Nearly every test that has been made of highway destruction has shown that heavy trucks do the larger part of it. For the average person it isn't necessary to have a test at all. He can see for himself. Local residents have seen big trucks stuck in the middle of our highways when cars and lighter vehicles had been passed over with little trouble; they have seen little holes in a checked surface become long stretches of broken road in a few hours. There can be no doubt that trucks break up roads worse than cars.


The argument of the truckers is that roads should be made with more base rock. That costs money. The trucks contend that the public should put up the money. It is our belief that the truckers should pay a reasonable part of the extra cost. Our best information is that the 33 percent they would pay if the legislature is upheld will be insufficient.

The truckers through a vast national campaign as well as a state campaign are saying that the public needs the trucks to make the transportation of goods possible. That is true. The trucks do provide a great and needed service. It is also true that they should pay their share for the use of the highways. We can see no reason why the people should approve the constitutional amendment offered by the trucking companies. The vote should be 331 X NO. It is highly possible that the truckers initiated the constitutional amendment in order to confuse the voters so that they would vote NO on the legislative measure which would increase truck fees. It will be necessary to vote 318 X YES to have that one approved. This is the big truck bill that legislators worked so hard on last session. It raises the percentage of highway revenue paid by trucks from about 28 to 33 percent. It taxes trucks on a ton-mile basis, a method that is being used by more states all the time. Trucks now pay much less per ton-mile than do passenger cars. It is not a battle between the small trucks, nor even medium sized trucks and passenger cars. It is the big through haulers that are mainly affected by the bill. Many do not have offices in Oregon. If these truck bills are carried in favor of the trucks people will pay more for roads or have fewer of them. Truckers have already saved nearly two million dollars by the referendum against the legislature's bill. People will pay that, too. The only way to assure the payment of a fair tax by the truckers is to vote 318 X YES and 331 X NO in November.


Wasco News
 Mrs. Joe Drinkard
 School opened last Monday with thirteen high school students and eighteen new first grades Mrs. Donna Vaughn is handling the first and second grades, Mrs. Nels Byington third and fourth, Mrs. Earle Morrison fifth and sixth and LeRoy Heggard seventh and eighth. As-

sisting Mr. Crocker in high school are Mrs. Carl Nelson, and Mr. DeVigh. Mrs. Ida Everett and Mrs. Leonard Lutje run the cafeteria and Tom Jacobsen, Clem Weik and Leonard Lutje drive the Wasco school buses. Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard and their grandchildren with his sr. and grandson Joe and their houseguests Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hoyt of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seefeld drove to the Pendleton Round-up Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Van Gaabeck and family of Blalock drove over Sunday to bring his mother Mrs. Vleda Van Gaabeck home from a three day visit with them. Mrs. Alma Jean O'Meara and sons Mickey and Jimmy came from Condon Friday evening for the weekend and to attend the Sherman County Fair. Mrs. George Harris attended the Pendleton Round-up Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Wynkoff moved to Milton Freewater Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ismond of San Francisco, California arrived Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tuggle, Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand and Mrs. G. A. Sargent attended the reception at Madras Saturday evening for Louise Irving who is grand conductress for OES. Mrs. Dick Hoyt of Portland and Mrs. Carl Seefeld of Halsey arrived Friday for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Drinkard. Mr. Hoyt is here helping with fall work on the ranch. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Banta of Reedsport spent most of last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock. Friday they and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brock celebrated Sam's birthday and the Banta's 24th wedding anniversary. The Bantas left Monday for Great Falls, Montana for a visit with Clinton Brock. Mrs. W. E. Dutton received word recently of the death of her brother Bert Van Gaabeck at Council Grove, Kansas. He passed away September 10. He was also a brother in law of Mrs. Vleda Van Gaabeck. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Howell have just returned from a visit with their son and daughter in law Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howell and son at San Antonio, Texas. They reported awfully hot weather. Bob is A-2c in the U. S. air force.

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