

High Fees Declared Charged To Obtain Liquor Licenses

Railroads Point To Number of Industries Brought To State at Hearing on Senate Bill

Salem — (U.P.)— The railroads have brought 764 new industries to Oregon by means of a \$3,000,000 promotion campaign, Frank C. McCulloch, Portland attorney, representing the Oregon Railroad Association, told the Senate Committee on Commerce and Utilities headed by Sen. Lee Ohmart late yesterday.

He made the observations in arguing against Senate bill 121, favored by truck and barge line operators, which would give the public utilities commissioner control over reductions as well as increases by intrastate transportation rates for all types of operators.

Assured of Minimum Rates

Earlier, barge and truck line representatives had presented their case in favor of the bill at the hearing, which was a continuation of one started last week.

McCulloch told the committee the railroads would not have been able to bring in many of the small industries if it had not had the right to assure them of attractive minimum rates. He said under terms of Senate bill 121 such a quoted minimum rate could be held up as much as 11 months if the PUC had power to suspend reduced as well as in-

creased rates until a hearing before the PUC.

Favors Control

Capt. Homer T. Shaver of Portland, secretary and general manager of the Shaver Transportation Company and president of Tidewater-Shaver Barge Lines, said he favored control at the bottom as well as the top which would be equally just to barge and truck lines, and the railroads. He said he felt no mode of carrier should have a legislated advantage over another, and he favors giving up the advantage barge lines now enjoy in interstate commerce because their bulk cargoes like petroleum and grain are exempted from ICC regulations.

Harry C. Burnett of The Dalles, traffic manager for the Inland Navigation Company, read a statement by Capt. A. Lepaluto, general manager of that barge line, favoring SB 120 on grounds that if the railroads are allowed uncontrolled minimum rates, they could lower rates until they eliminated competition, then immediately increase them higher than ever.

To this, Roy Shields of Portland, also representing the Oregon Railroad Association, replied that the ICC already has control over intrastate as well as interstate transportation rate minimums, in that a railroad is not allowed to operate any line,

within or between states, without making a profit.

Clair L. Brown of Salem, president of the Oregon Truck

Association, said the truckers also favor PUC control over reductions as well as increases in transportation rates.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.)— Those do-it-yourself guys might be handy around the ranch.

But when it comes to fixing up their own show window, some of 'em ought to take some more lessons.

Like when they were fixing up the surfacers, the disc sanders, and true turning lathes for the ninth annual Do-It-Yourself show at the Armory here.

There was this big hunk of a man. Obviously, no fixer of things busted around the house and certainly not one with ideas about improving what was all right in the first place.

George, his first name was. He was supposed to get a buzz saw working. The performance was to open in a day or so and things at the so-called million dollar home show were in the usual pre-opening hubbub.

Saw Won't Buzz
George had fetched all of his gear. He had cables, tape, plug-ins, about everything to make a good saw buzz. But she would not buzz.

He and I got to buzzing about buzz saws.

"See," he said, "she seems to be all tuned up. This thing can save a man a lot of money if he knows his tools. But she won't

work. Ain't nothin' wrong with her insides."

The innards did, indeed, look fine. All oiled up and all wires connected. All except one. I'm not much of a builder of homes or fixer of anything connected with same. But it seemed to me that the big lad who was fixing things up for the fixers had overlooked one thing. The little wire that goes into the plug to start the motor running.

George blushed a little. Plugged her in. Still nothing happened.

Amateur me. "Maybe the fuse?"

It was. That fixed, the thing started to hum. Can't say I started the home show, but I gave it a leg up. George likely, with overtime, would have found his way around without me, but I'm the helping kind.

Home On Display

The do-it-yourself part of the show has about everything a handy man around the house would want. Power saws, hand saws, saws that you start with your foot. Cross-cuts. Also a right-hand miter cut, and a little dandy that combines "the two operations of mitering and beveling."

This was all Latin to me. But I learned that the "lap joint," and the "lock joint, and any other common variety of joints, can be made with cabinet-maker precision.

The do-it-yourself gadgets are only part of the show. Homes are the main thing. A rambler was set up inside the massive Armory in a couple of days. Outdoors, the rambler and its lot would cost \$14,950, ready to live in and grow flowers around.

It cost the building folks \$9,000, including overtime, to put it up under a roof where it never will be slept in. More than once, that is.

After a day of looking at saws and the world's biggest trailer home, I sneaked me a nap on one of those foam cushion beds in the home of tomorrow.

Payette Students Protest To Council

Payette — (U.P.)—Students of Payette high school, who recently voted to strike the word "comrade" from their school song, have now petitioned the city council to remove the word "white" from one of the city's ordinances.

The new protest is over an ordinance which states that the city's police chief "shall be a white citizen." The students would amend this to require the chief to be a citizen only.

City councilmen tabled a petition signed by 135 of the school's 350 - odd students Wednesday. They said they would take the matter up at the next regular session of the council which is scheduled for March 7.

Paid Commission Hearing Turned Into Side Issue

Salem — (U.P.)— The merits of two bills for a full-time paid liquor commission or administration turned into a side issue at a hearing here last night when a witness said he had heard reports of Portland attorneys charging exorbitant fees to obtain dispensers' licenses.

Sen. Warren Gill (R-Lebanon) demanded that G. M. Fox, operator of the Brooklyn diner in Portland, be placed under oath and made to repeat his statements made before the Senate Committee on Alcoholic Traffic.

Unable To Supply Names

Testifying under oath and under questioning by Gill, Fox was unable to supply names of either licensees or attorneys that had engaged in the alleged license buying.

Gill, and subsequent witnesses, said they had heard no evidence to support the charges and were certain such a practice did not exist but was a matter of rumor and hearsay.

The hearing was called on two bills before the Legislature, one to create a full-time paid position of liquor administrator appointed by the governor and the other to replace the present unpaid commission with a paid, three-man commission serving full time.

Greatest Efficiency

Sen. Robert Holmes (D-Gearhart), sponsored the bill for a single administrator as the stronger of the two proposals and one leading to the greatest efficiency. Sen. Joseph Carson (D-Portland), was the sponsor of the bill for a paid, three-man commission. Carson said there was too much "insulation" of the present commission from the public with which it dealt. Gene Rossman of the Oregon Licensed Beverage association also spoke for the Carson bill. He said it would provide a better system of checks and balances.

Opponents included Rep. Robert Elstrom (R-Salem), a former chairman of the State Liquor commission; J. L. Bassett of the Oregon Dispensers association, and Frank Van Dyke, Medford, member of the board of governors of the Oregon State bar.

Change Said Unjustified

Van Dyke said there had been no conduct of the present system of liquor administration in Oregon that would justify making a change. He said other states with paid commissions had had great difficulty with liquor affairs and had held studies, surveys and investigations.

Elstrom pointed out that while Oregon's liquor sales amount to \$15,000,000 less than those in Washington where there is a paid commission, Oregon's net profits are two per cent greater than those in Washington. He said Oregon's unpaid commissions bring into state service many able men and women who would not be available as paid employees of the state.

MAN BITES DOG

Manila — (U.P.)—Pedro Takly, 17, made the front pages of Manila papers today by biting a dog. Reports said Takly seized the dog which bit him two days ago, and sank his teeth into the animal's neck "until it fled shrieking with pain."

Britain Cracks Down On Growing Inflation

London — (U.P.)—Britain, in a crackdown on growing inflation, raised the interest rate on borrowed money today to the highest level since the world depression.

Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler jumped the Bank of England bank rate, key to British borrowing, from 3½ per cent to 4½ per cent.

The move was expected to attract more dollars into Britain, to curb inflation at home and to strengthen the British pound sterling abroad.

The move was interpreted by Stock Exchange traders as evidence of a sounder economy, and heavy buying followed.

DEER STARVING

Baker — (U.P.)—Deer in Eagle valley are starving and help in feeding them is being sought, sportsmen here said today. A representative from the valley, attending a meeting of the Baker county sportsmen's club, said the starving deer were becoming a menace to orchardists. Others are dying for lack of feed, he said. A collection of \$82 was taken on the spot to help out.

Repair, Improvement Under Way at Mill

Prospect—A new boiler and smokestack are being installed at the Ross Lumber company mill here this week. The repair and rebuilding work also includes general improvements about the mill for greater safety, better production and higher grades of lumber, a company spokesman said.

It is expected that mill work will resume about the first of March. Almost the entire crew at the mill was kept at work as a repair crew.

Pro Tem Judges Upheld by Thornton

Salem — (U.P.)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton ruled yesterday that the law providing for appointment of pro tem circuit judges by the State Supreme Court was assumed to be constitutional.

The attorney general, as a result of the ruling, ordered the state to make payments for such temporary judges.

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COOKIES OR CANDIES—The family will have difficulty in deciding when these special treats are served. These new Sweet Wheat Bars are crunchy like candy, made with instant-cooking wheat cereal, the whole wheat kind. Here's the recipe which makes a pan 7x10½x1½ inches:

- 2 cups Carnation Instant Wheat
- 1 cup sifted, firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup semi-sweet chocolate pieces

Combine Carnation Instant Wheat, brown sugar and baking powder together in bowl. Add melted butter and chocolate pieces. Mix well. Spoon into a buttered 7"x10½"x1½" pan. Bake in moderate oven (375°F) about 12 to 15 minutes until light and golden brown. Remove cookies from oven and cut into squares immediately. Allow cookies to cool in pan.

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