

Basin Rates Bureau Asks Ceiling On Truck Charges

A maximum mileage rate, to prevent pyramiding short-haul rates against shipments from Klamath Falls to points in this area, was suggested at an informal hearing on motor carrier rate questions held here yesterday with representatives of the public utilities commissioner established. He pointed out that because of pyramiding rates from point to point in the Klamath region, the total rate often goes completely out of reason. In fact, he said, in some cases, the rate from Denver, Colo., to certain points in this area is higher than the rate from Klamath Falls to these same points.

PUC Action Protested
Paul Taylor, manager of the rates bureau, vigorously protested the PUC action in raising the intrastate rates, asserting that no such step should have been taken before national action on interstate rates.

"This hazy move," he said, "is working a hardship on Oregon shippers, and Klamath shippers in particular."

A. F. Harvey, superintendent in charge of motor transport for the PUC, said that the PUC action was taken to meet an emergency situation in the motor transport industry in Oregon. He asserted carriers have been hit a hard blow by rising costs, and faced financial ruin without rate relief. Labor costs, especially, have risen sharply. The PUC representative pointed out. He added the PUC didn't give the carriers all they wanted, but felt it advisable to give them enough to keep them in business serving Oregon shippers.

Rates Inconsistent
Harvey admitted that the rates from Klamath Falls to Medford and other Rogue valley points are out of line. It was pointed out that the rate from here to Eugene, 180 miles, is less than the rate from here to Medford, 76 miles.

Taylor claimed that efficient operations can make a profit without such high rates as those now imposed. Hicks said that carriers may show a loss on their overall picture, but they certainly aren't losing money on the rates they charge in the Klamath Falls region.

At the close of the discussion, it was suggested by Harvey and John Carling, attorney representing the PUC, that the Klamath group file a formal protest if they want further consideration of the rate problems here. It was indicated the Klamath group will probably make definite proposals with respect to the rate situation which they claim is hampering business and industrial development in this area.

Oregon Grange Asks Truck Legislation
BAKER, June 8 (AP)—The Oregon state grange was on record today favoring legislation to make truck weight and length restrictions uniform with those of neighboring states.

Grangers, who concluded their annual convention yesterday, asked that two Columbia river bridges—at Cascade Locks and Hood River—be taken over by federal or state governments and made toll-free.

They declared their opposition to any union moves toward organizing farmers or farm labor.

The largest class in the grange's history, 632, was initiated into the sixth degree Thursday night.

The mineral jade exists in all colors, the amount of iron present being the determining factor.

Another opposed the proposal of Senator High B. Mitchell (D-Wash) for the creation of a Columbia valley authority.



Secretary of State James F. Byrnes (right) bids Lord Inverchapel, Britain's new ambassador to the United States, goodbye at the conclusion of the envoy's first formal visit to the state department. Reporters are in the background.—AP wirephoto.

June's Twilight Abounds With Stars and Planets

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Bright stars and planets in abundance adorn the late twilight sky of June. Individual identifications in some cases are made unusually easy by the groupings which present themselves. By the time it is dark next Thursday evening, the planet Venus (the more brilliant) and Saturn will be huddling close together somewhat north of west. The nearest approach will occur after daylight the following morning, but the pair will have set for us long before that time. The study of their position a few evenings before and after the 11th will show well their relative motions.

A little above and to the right of this planetary pair, the bright stars of Gemini, the twins, stand side by side. The one to the left is orange colored Pollux; the other, yellow Castor. By the end of this month, the Twins will be too low for easy observation.

Much higher in the sky and in the west we find another fairly bright pair of sky objects. The one to the right is the planet Mars, now rapidly dimming because of increasing distance from the earth; the other, Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation, the

head of the Northern Cross, the large figure which is now lying on its side with its foot toward the right. Very high and nearly east, still brighter Vega is glittering. Low in the east is Altair, with a dimmer star on each side of it.

Only a little south of overhead, orange Arcturus, as the lower tip of the Kite is conspicuous. Low in the south-southeast red Antares, the pulsating heart of the celestial Scorpion, tells us that summer is here.

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Youth, 18, Marries Widow, 79

LOUISA, Ky., June 8 (AP)—Delbert (Shorty) Sprouse, 18, wearing a two-day growth of beard, and Mrs. Mattie Lyons Large, 79, were married by County Judge J. F. Wellman in the Lawrence county court house this morning.

Although the couple appeared unexpectedly from their home in isolated Gladys, 15 miles west of here, more than 100 persons crowded the small courtroom and hallway to witness the brief ceremony.

The wedding originally had been scheduled for late this afternoon.

A former Louisa police court judge, D. M. Curnette, and E. A. Kirk, served as witnesses.

The bride wore a somber black hat over her grey hair, and a striped print, ankle-length dress.

Sprouse wore worn blue denim trousers and a jacket, and had no necktie.

Mrs. Large uttered a scarcely "I do," and the couple did not embrace after the ceremony.

Afterwards, she led the way down the steps of the court house, followed by her husband, who seemed self-conscious in the presence of the curious crowd.

Mrs. Large explained, "We were kinda in a hurry to get it over with."

Mrs. Large, a widow, is the mother of seven children and grandmother of 49.

Washington County Strawberries Soar

PORTLAND, June 8 (AP)—The Washington county strawberry yield, aided by last week's rains, is expected to be 3000 tons, A. H. Abts, Hillsboro, chairman of the Oregon Bankers association agricultural committee, said here.

He reported the county has 1400 acres in strawberries compared with 800 last year. The 1945 crop was 1600 tons. Abts declared the rains increased the value of county crops by \$1,000,000.

ICC To Probe UP Collision

LA GRANDE, Ore., June 8 (AP)—Thursday's collision of the Union Pacific's "City of Portland" and "Idahoan" near Hot Lake, Ore., will be investigated Sunday by the interstate commerce commission and company officials.

Physicians said today three passengers still in the hospital were "progressing satisfactorily." They are the Rev. J. Ward, St. Louis; Herbert R. Adams, Cottage Grove, and Marcel Dupuy, Portland. Two Colorado residents were released yesterday.

The eastbound "Idahoan" struck the halted streamliner head-on after failing to enter a siding. A brakeman was killed and about 70 persons injured.

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Rotary Hears Rodolph Talk

A will should be checked in the light of taxes, and revised if necessary, every year, was the advice of Rollin Rodolph in a talk on "estates" to the Rotary club at the Willard hotel Friday noon.

Rodolph summarized the effects of the present federal inheritance and gift tax structures as encouraging the accumulation of wealth in trusts, life insurance and bonds, with the incentive taken away from its use as risk capital.

Federal inheritance taxes are not heavy enough to be of great concern on small estates at the present time he said, but pointed out that pressure to cut down exemptions and raise rates could very possibly bring about increases in estate and gift taxes in the near future, just as income taxes have climbed in recent years.

Dr. C. V. Rugh, a long-time friend of Rodolph's, was Rotary chairman of the day.

New members of the club, announced in the past two weeks, are C. U. Dakin, classification, freight - perishable goods; Myrie Adams, classification, life insurance; and Bud Chandler, classification, radio station manager.

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