

# House Rejects Three of Bills

## One Held Over; Prisoners' Good Time Allowance Lacks Opposition

In one of the first "no" sessions held during the current session, the house yesterday morning refused to pass three of the eight measures up for third reading and held one over for consideration tomorrow. The afternoon session was brief, the group meeting only long enough to allow the introduction of 19 new bills to bring the total introduced for the day to 37.

It was a case of "no" but try again when Representative Norblad tried to obtain the passage of his bill to raise the salaries of the county officials of Clatsop. The house turned down the bill when Representative Hyde pointed out that the suggested raise would put the Clatsop judge's salary at \$3000 which is \$600 more than any other judge in the state. After defeating the bill by a 22-to-26 vote the house approved reconsideration and sent the bill back to committee.

Other bills that failed to receive approval were house bills seeking to make good the positions of coroner and county surveyor non-partisan and to make consolidated school districts assume the obligations of all component districts.

### All Favor Release

In contrast to the votes on the comparative minor measures, the representatives, without a single dissenting vote, approved a measure to allow prisoners now in the penitentiary a good-time deduction from their sentences. The bill was passed under suspension of the rules on a favorable committee report.

The measure, while under somewhat of a cloud because of warnings by the attorney general's office that it is unconstitutional, is an effort on the part of the legislature to make good the state's promise to the men that they would be granted the good time. Such had been the interpretation of the law until the Fehl ruling by the attorney general and his subsequent upholding by the supreme court which held that the prisoners could not be automatically released.

Three other measures passed by the house granted salary raises to officers in different counties. Tonight is the deadline for the introduction of bills to increase the total of bills introduced to date stood last night at 230.

### Hospital Bills In

A group of three bills, approved by hospital associations, was under consideration by several house members, and will probably be introduced tomorrow. The bills sought to raise the bond of any hospital association to \$15,000.

Labor legislation, creating a state federal labor relations board, was scheduled to enter the house after being in circulation for two days.

Several house members were also planning to bring in a bill requiring each automobile to be equipped with ash trays as a safety measure against fire. With the forecast of this bill came the announcement that Governor Martin had signed the measure remitting delinquent taxes in the fire-ravaged city of Bandon for 1936 and prior years.

## Solons Pay Boost Proposal Planned

Members of the Oregon state legislature would receive not to exceed \$3 per day or a maximum of \$330 for a legislative session under a house resolution to be introduced by Representative Hannah Martin today.

Special sessions of the legislature would be limited to 30 days. The presiding officers would receive additional compensation equal to two-thirds of their per diem allowance as a member.

## The Call Board

- STATE Today—First Salem showing, James Cagney in "Great Guy" plus Walt Disney's latest Mickey Mouse "Alpine Climbers."
- Friday—Eugene circuit van-derville plus Randolph Scott in "The Last of the Mohicans."
- ELGINORE Today—Greta Garbo and Robert Taylor in "Camille."
- Thursday—Double bill, Bobby Breen in "Rainbow on the River" and Edmund Lowe in "Under Cover of Night."
- GRAND Today—Special return engagement, Will Rogers in "Doctor Bull."
- Saturday—Jane Withers in "The Holy Terror."
- HOLLYWOOD Today—"The Great Ziegfeld" with William Powell, Myrna Loy and cast of fifty stars.
- Friday—Double bill, "All American Champ" with Stuart Erwin, Robert Armstrong and Betty Furness, and Zane Grey's "Wanderer of the Westland" with Dean Jagger, Gail Patrick and Buster Crabbe.
- CAPITOL Today—Double Bill, Harlow Gable and Loy in "Wife vs Secretary" and Bob Steele in "The Trusted Outlaw."
- Thursday—Double Bill, Preston Foster in "Who Are About to Die" and "Larceny on the Air" with Bob Livingston.

## Appear In Shakespearean Film



Edna May Oliver, Norma Shearer, C. Aubrey Smith, who have important roles in "Romeo and Juliet", special roadshow attraction coming to the Kissner theatre one day only, Thursday, February 11, matinee and evening performance.

## Senate Bills

### Introduced Tuesday

S. B. 152, by Carney—Increasing the state restoration fund from \$25,000 to \$50,000 annually with a maximum of \$1,000,000.

S. B. 153, by Carney—Authorizing the state board of control in its discretion, to insure any state property against loss by fire and providing for payment of same out of restoration fund.

S. B. 154, by Duncan—Providing for the administration, upon request, of facts and the genuineness of documents in civil suits and pedigrees.

S. B. 155, by Angell—Relating to the discharge of judges under the old age assistance law.

S. B. 157, by Clark—Authorizing county courts to create county planning boards to work in cooperation with state planning board.

S. B. 158, by agricultural committees—Combining appropriations for various crop and animal control investigations under experiment station of Oregon State college.

S. B. 159, by Graham—Relating to the qualifications of teachers employed in the Oregon schools.

S. B. 160, by Clark—Appropriating funds for United Spanish-American veterans.

S. B. 161, by Staples—Repealing racing commission law.

S. B. 162, by railroads and utilities committees—Relating to railroad and utility accidents to public utility commissioners.

S. B. 163, by railroads and utilities committees—Providing for construction of certain railroads.

S. B. 164, by Staples—Providing that counties shall obtain gasoline tax refunds from districts declaring an emergency.

S. B. 165, by Strayer—Relating to the construction of certain bridges.

S. B. 166, by Strayer—Providing court procedure for obtaining the constructive consent of non-depositing holders of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness of irrigation districts being liquidated or reorganized.

S. B. 167, by Francisovich—Validating certain judgments and warrants issued by the city of Seaside.

S. B. 168, by Staples—Relating to the consolidation of school districts.

S. B. 169, by Staples—Relating to the apportionment of funds to consolidated school districts.

S. B. 170, by Francisovich and Roy Norblad—Relating to the constable of Astoria precinct.

## Vote Upon Strike Cessation Starts

The senate judiciary committee Tuesday night voted to report out favorably a bill simplifying the administration of the so-called unemployment compensation insurance law enacted at the 1935 legislative session.

Four other bills received favorable consideration. These were: S. B. 62, by Angell—To authorize delivery of personal property and employment of indebtedness to foreign executor of non-resident decedent's estate.

S. B. 86, by judiciary committee—To provide for judicial notice of laws of other jurisdictions and for the proof thereof, and to amend the law with reference thereto.

S. B. 144, by Angell—Relating to costs and charges of redemption of real property upon which certificates of delinquency have been issued.

## Groups to Confer Upon Fishing Law

Senators Carney and Chaney and Representatives Boon, Wilkinson and Norblad have been appointed members of a committee of the Oregon legislature to confer with a similar committee from the state of Washington relative to fishing operations on the Columbia river.

## Health Unit Approval By People, Best's Bill

Establishment of county health units by county courts would have to be authorized by the voters, under the provisions of a bill being drafted by Senator Best.

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# Bets on Races Under Attack

## Senate Receives 14 Bills and Committees Put in Heavy Licks

The state senate's chief business Tuesday was introduction of new bills with 14 bills introduced bringing the session total for the upper house to 166. The remainder of the day was largely devoted to committee hearings, with prospects of heavy work in remaining days to dispatch the accumulation of legislation proposed.

HJM 2 by Hyde and others asking for melioration of terms of farm loans to aid farmer borrowers from the federal land bank was approved.

The senate banking committee divided four against two for the Stringer bill to abolish branch banking. Stringer said he would file a minority report.

Important new legislation proposed included the Staples bill for repeal of the act creating the state racing commission. This would again make illegal pari-mutuel betting at dog and horse races. The state's share of the proceeds now is divided among several beneficiaries including the state fair, the Portland livestock show and county fairs.

Sen. Staples said that many people requested repeal of the law.

## Many Important Hearings Slated

Important legislative hearings are scheduled this week. The senate means committee expects to have a full meeting to work out subcommittees in preparation of appropriation bills. Requests for appropriations in addition to budget allowances reach a million dollars, said Dean Walker, chairman of the senate committee. The largest item is in the Angell bill to establish a tuberculosis hospital in Portland with a grant of \$200,000.

## Convicts Pleased At Vote in House

Prisoners in the Oregon state penitentiary were jubilant Tuesday afternoon when they learned that the house had passed Reppel's bill automatically reducing maximum terms because of good behavior credits. Warden Lewis said the bill would affect more than 150 prisoners now confined in the institution in the future.

## Kiddle Not Sponsor

By error The Statesman carried the name of Senator Clyde Kiddle as one of the introducers of the bill for an Oregon labor relations act. This was incorrect as Sen. Kiddle's name is not among those to appear on the bill.

## Gas Barrage Ban Favored, Olympia

CAPITOL, OLYMPIA, Feb. 3 (AP)—Nearly two-thirds of the house voted today to prohibit police officers or any other person from using tear gas or like chemical devices in labor disputes. The measure passed 82 to 34. Sponsors of the bill declared it "a humanitarian measure," which would protect innocent persons. Opponents branded it as an instrument to "hamstring law enforcement officers," and charged that it would "invite bloodshed."

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# Around the Lobby

## Happenings Around the Legislative Halls, Including Some That House and Senate Spectators Missed.

**HURRYING** from one desk to another, members of the house were too busy yesterday trying to get signatures on new bills to give much consideration to legislation already before the house. The morning session continued over an hour but the afternoon meeting was cut short with the first reading of measures after which the house quickly adjourned.

Varied are the costumes that have appeared around the house and senate since the snow Sunday night. Riding boots and breeches are the most popular with the secretaries. Members have confined themselves to rubbers and boots, but as a whole the membership has taken on an appearance of a session which might have been the fourth or fifth assembly instead of the sixth.

R. Wayne Erwin, Umatilla, has the distinction of being one member of the house who to date has introduced no legislation. He is serving his first term.

The bill in the introduction of bills which caused observers to forecast a record low for proposed new laws is definitely ended. There were 37 new bills in the house yesterday. By the deadline tonight measures will probably be close to normal with a prospect that before the end of the session the number of bills will equal those of past sessions.

Ivan B. White, former assistant state relief administrator, dropped in on the session yesterday. He is on his way to San Francisco to take ship there for Yokohama where he will assume the position of vice-consul. He expects to sail Saturday if all goes well with maritime negotiations.

A new measure to forbid nepotism by state officials which

## Big Quantities of Goods Ready Here

Just what effect the strike has had on canneries, no plant operator here will offer an opinion. In fact, they themselves will not have a definite idea, one canner said, until the fiscal year, generally placed at March 1, shows the status of stocks. If the strike should end now, the industry would apparently be in better position than might be anticipated as result of the strike.

However, loss of consuming power during the strike period may in the end tell the canners and packers, another operator points out. Even heavy shipping for the next few months may not be able to overcome the loss of buying power and fruit and vegetable consumption indirectly and directly due to the strike. If this slack is not taken up to some extent, hold-over stocks for the new season will be graded than otherwise anticipated.

## Main State Roads Mostly Reopened

With a crew of more than 1000 men adding a regular staff of 500, the state highway department continued Tuesday to battle snow-covered highways to make all main systems passable.

## Low Wallace Resigns; Restore Harmony, Aim

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Low Wallace, elected to the presidency of the Willamette democratic society by a margin of one vote over Mike DeCicco resigned today in the interest of "harmony." Proponents of DeCicco had claimed the chairman should have allowed one of his supporters to vote, thus making the election a tie.

## Tillamook Tax Lower

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—The 1937 Tillamook county tax roll as prepared by Sheriff J. C. Holden calls for the collection of \$643,253.87. The 1936 total was \$692,740.03. No. 1 receipt for this year's tax went to Mrs. Laura Kennedy.

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## TOMORROW — FRIDAY — SATURDAY TWO SMASH HITS!!!

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# Bill on Sunday Sales Debated

## Petitions Obtained With False Pretenses Says Defender of Plan

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nounced the meeting adjourned on the motions of Representatives Bull and Roth.

Speaking in behalf of the measure, Delbert Bucknam, business agent of the retail clerk's union, stated that the bill was very broad, and was drawn similar to the Washington law. He declared that grocers should have one day off a week as well as other business men and that the Sunday operation of grocery stores was an "unnecessary evil."

The bill would exempt all stores from Sunday closing except those selling uncooked meat, groceries and dry goods. Those observing some other religious day would also be exempted.

Six-Day Measure Not Opposed, Says Bell declared that the exemptions showed the bill was a religious measure. He cited the California six day law, which does not specify Sunday, as being a well drawn and operating statute. He declared that his organization would have no objection to such an act.

A. V. Beesely, representing merchants opposed to the law, spoke against the bill as did Representative Mahoney, speaking as an independent merchant.

No opposition developed to HB 30 which makes strengthening amendments to the state electrical code and provides for additional fees and inspection service. Several speakers spoke in behalf of the measure.

The hearing on the Sunday closing act which was introduced by Representatives Roth, Wagner, Cady, Barnes, and Senators Wheeler, Carney and Eyras followed closely upon an announcement by Representative Roth that he would introduce another bill calling for Sunday closing but removing the objection of the "little fellow" by permitting only owners to operate on Sunday.

The Roth bill would exempt the "little fellow" by merely limiting the hours of employment of clerks and other employes in grocery and meat markets. They could not be employed after 6:30 p. m. on any day whatsoever on Sunday.

There is a provision that any person observing a day other than Sunday as the day of rest could close on that day and employ persons on Sunday.

## Autumn's Drought Seems Lucky Now

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stages were operating on main arteries; airplane travel was resumed albeit a bit off schedule; wire services reached most parts of the state with the exception of the southwest where nearly 9 inches of rain drenched Coos bay.

Major roads still blocked were the Columbia River highway, between Portland and The Dalles, Ore., and its counterpart across the stream—the Evergreen highway in the Washougal, Wash., territory. Other highways were opened, but one-way traffic prevailed in places. Most secondary roads remained closed.

Known dead attributed to the storm stood at seven.

# Session Radio Review Given By Statesman

## Each night promptly at 9 o'clock while the legislature is in session, The Statesman is presenting over radio station KSLM a summary of the day's activities in the two houses. These broadcasts will not be presented Saturday nights unless there are sessions of the legislature on Saturday.

Both The Statesman and radio station KSLM have received many expressions of appreciation of these broadcasts.

# Flood Waters in Coos Area Lower

MARSHFIELD, Feb. 2 (AP)—Waters which wrecked several homes and inundated lowlands close to the flood stage in southwestern Oregon slowly receded tonight at cessation of rainfall which brought a total of nearly 10 (10) inches of precipitation in 48 hours.

Damage in the main was confined to flooded basements. Residents remained fearful, however, that a Chinook wind accompanied by rain would further heighten coastal streams.

Partial wire communication was restored today. The Coos Bay-Roseburg highway, previously closed by slides, was open but continued dangerous to traffic. The coast highway also was open. Trains arrived hours late.

# Students Remove Corvallis' Snow

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Oregon State college students worked long hours today clearing this city's streets with a demonstration tractor. Parking places were piled deep with snow. Mild temperatures resulted in a heavy run-off.

The snowstorm of late Sunday caused heavy damage to Oregon State campus shrubbery and broke through the roof of Snell hall, a girls' dormitory.

Clearing of streets reduced the fire hazard. No fire calls were received while traffic was paralyzed. Prof. Curtis Kelly, O.S.C. instructor came to Corvallis tractor on his out-lying home.

# Snow Sculptors' Work Noted Here

Snow sculptors were displaying their handiwork in many parts of the city yesterday. Their models, however, were short-lived because of the rapidly with which the snow melted.

An unusually good reproduction in snow, of a horse, was noted at 1577 Main street. It was the work of Jean small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Thompson. Several figures of men and women were observed in a yard at 17th and State street and a carefully modeled figure of a man, cap and all, stood in the front yard of Frank L. Hoover, 315 South 33rd street.

# Benefit Show Planned

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—A benefit show for flood sufferers of the midwest will replace the annual President's ball here. A fund already is on hand to donate to the Warm Springs foundation to which money from fetes in honor of the president are given.

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