#### New Bill on Wine Offered; **Burke Author**

A bill to put sales of all wines fortified with brandy and all wines imported into Oregon, with the exception of those to be used for sacramental purposes, into state liquor stores and agencies was introduced Tuesday by Sen. William E. Burke of Yamhill senate joint resolution 2 was passed after a 90-minute debate.

Burke, author of the statute remore than 14 per cent alcohol conpassed by voters of the state last November, said he had been informed that California wine makers will be prepared to flood Ore- propriation, because, as its author, gon with wines fortified with Sen. Coe McKenna of Multnomah brandy but containing less than

That flood will come, he said he had been told, if the Oregon legto prevent it. Currently that type of wine is not sold here because manufacturers have an agreement with Oregon's liquor control commission, Burke explained.

Simultaneously the senate's committee on alcoholic traffic reported out favorably a bill providing for increased penalties for Kenna said he understood. violation of the so-called service Committees Lauded license law, under which operaand serve alcoholic liquors.

The new bill would fix fine for first offense at not more than \$500 and a jail sentence of not more the finest legislation of this body than six months, while for a secend offense an operator would be subject to double those penalties. Provision also is made for confiscation of all equipment on premises where the arrest is made.

Other bills with a "do pass" recommendation, reported out by alcoholic traffic committee:

Tightening enforcement of liquor laws by making it illegal for a person under 21 years of age to alcoholic liquors or for any person to frequent place where alcoholic liquors are served in violation of law. Under the present law, the seller is liable.

A true labeling requirement.

### Revamping of State Highway System Urged

Judge F. L. Phipps, Wasco county, told the joint roads and highways committee Tuesday after- income tax and foist a sales tax eral election) passed the senate noon that there was need for a upon the state. well-balanced state highway system, including county roads.

senate bill which would increase Senator Burke, Yamhil county, the counties' proportion of state maintained. highway commission revenues from 15.7 per cent to 20 per cent, a way of leveling off themselves granted space in the voters' The action postponed further tack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, ary membership in the legislative or from a minimum of \$2,000,000 and democratic processes are pamphlet and restricts pictures in consideration of the measure in-

Judge Phipps said there has been continual agitation for the improvement of county roads despite that the county revenues were restricted by the six per cent constitutional limitation, "It made to Wyoming by the firm of is my opinion," Judge Phipps said, tax experts the governor has in-"that the motorists should con- dicated he would favor for the tribute a reasonable amount of study, and said that no suggestion money to the improvement of made to Wyoming of any source county roads despite that the of revenue lies untapped in Orecounty revenues were restricted gon-with the exception of one, by the six per cent constitutional a four per cent tax on business. limitation. "It is my opinion," Judge Phipps said, "that the motorists should contribute a reasonable amount of money to the Move to Ask improvement of these county roads which might be termed a part of the state highway system."

The committee also heard several speakers in connection with a bill by Senators Rex Ellis designed to relieve log haulers from removing overloads.

#### U.S. Steel Wants Plant at Geneva

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6 .-(Special)-United States Steel corporation has advised the government that it is interested in discussing a possible basis of purchase or lease of the governmentowned steel plant at Geneva, Utah, for post-war operation, William A. Ross, president of Columbia Steel company, United States steel's Pacific coast subsidiary, announced today.

#### Gunman Doesn't Scare Woman Bus Operator

-PORTLAND, Feb. 6-(AP)-Virginia M. Hodges had reached the end of an early morning bus run when a passenger strode up and glowered, "Give me the money." Without answering she kept going. Irritated, the thug pulled a

revolver, but she calmly drove on. Suddenly she halted the bus, opened the door and barked, "All right, get out." He did.

#### Oregon Scout Executive Gets National Position

EUGENE, Feb. 6-(AP)-Kenneth A. Wells, Boy Scout executive for the Oregon Trails council, leaves February 26 for a national A former assistant executive in

ncome Tax Service \$1.50 and Up Phone 8617 401 Pioncer Trust Bldg.

## Senate Votes Oregon Tax Study by Experts as Asked

In Message of Governor of service as a medical officer to be considered as three months of service as a medical officer to be considered as three months of the year of required internship for a license to practice medicine in Oregon.

By Isabel Childs
City Editor, The Statesman

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SS 158—Would remove requirement that one electric and one homeopathist be included on state board of six medical eximiners.

SB 159—Providing that justices of the peace and district courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction with circuit courts in statutes where punishment prescribed shall not exceed six more prescribed shall not exceed si Plans for a tax study by "nationally-recognized experts", requested by Gov. Earl Snell in his opening message to the legislature, slipped through the senate Tuesday with only 10 dissenting votes. Carrying an amendment almost identical to that contained in the committee report which the senate had voted down 13 days earlier.

Institutions

investigation.

Disapproved

adopted by the joint ways and

means committee in connection

with a bill by Sens. Walter Pear-

both of Multnomah county, direct-

ing the state board of control to

Approval was given the state

penitentiary budget in the amount

of \$964,111, including \$100,000 for

\$130,000 for construction of a new

cell block. The penitentiary had

Other appropriations and ex-

penditures approved by the ways

State game commission \$2,141,

616.80, board of medical examin-

ers \$21,064, insurance department

(collection agency division) \$5,-

322.20, commission for the blind

and prevention of blindriess \$12,-

140, flax and lime industry \$964,-

Senate Approves Plan

Designed to get ballots for over-

seas members of the nation's ser-

vice forces into the mail early, a

Tuesday and went back to the

called by the house).

For Earlier Filings

584, Oregon flax and linen board

and means committee Tuesday:

requested \$1,306,463.

and Thomas R. Mahoney,

Marion county senators split their vote, Lamport standing with quiring that fortified wines of Walker of Polk and Burke of Loan for State Yamhill against the measure. tent be sold only in state liquor Carson and senators of the counstores and agencies, which was ties just south of Marion favoring adoption.

The resolution carries no apcounty, explained, only funds appropriated by resolutions are those labeled "legislative" islature adjourns without acting there was hesitancy on the part of sponsor and approving committee to take as much as may be required to hire a firm of tax experts from funds of the legis- at mental institutions in the Salature. Approximately \$25,000 lem area. will be sought for the study in a bill to be introduced later, Mc- cated a belief there was no need SB 153 amended; SB 145.

> Leading the pro side of the argument, McKenna declared that the criticisms of interim reports used against the resolution had been ill-founded, that "some of has come from the sincere work of interim committees." He denied that it was "another attempt to force a sales tax" and quoted the manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to the effect that within the 48 hours just past a business firm in Portland had revealed that it would build shortly a \$2,000,000 plant in Washington rather than Oregon because of this state's tax structure. A report of a tax study by nationally - recognized experts

> over the nation, he maintained. Local tax levying bodies and public welfare, constantly seeking more funds from the state, may or may not be in need and deserving of such funds, but a tax study by experts should determine these facts, the measure's sponsor declared.

would draw water with industry

idea of a tax study appeared to of independent candidates, not gon hospital platoons. him likely to do away with the later than 150 days before the gen-

At least the people of the state will think so when they read and amendment relating to independ-The discussion centered on a hear about the proposed study,

served better without such stu- that pamphlet to portraits. dies at a time when the state's tax system is in as good condition as any elsewhere, Sen. Dean Walker, Polk county, said.

Wallace quoted from a report

## **Deferments** Voted Down

The house of representatives Tuesday refused to petition congress for special consideration for draft-age youths on Oregon farms. The vote was 29 to 25 in favor of house joint memorial 6 by Reps. H. H. Chindgren and J. O. Johnson, but 31 "yes" votes were necessary for passage. One representative was absent and five ex-

Representative Chindgren said the Tydings amendment, providing for deferment of farm youths, was in "jeopardy" and that Oregon faced a critical farm labor

Rep. Earl Hill of Lane county, a draft board chairman, opposed the measure on the grounds that machinery already was set up in local draft boards to defer farm workers, that those between the ages of 26 and 29 generally hadn't even asked deferment, and that agriculture already was given more consideration than other vocations.

Hill said that Oregon selective service officials were proud that agricultural deferments in the state are under the national average of 4 per cent.

Portland and later executive in Medford, Wells will be assistant national director of camping and activities.

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Introduced Tuesday in the sen-

cies.

SB 161—Would permit state, counties, municipal corporations, quasi-municipal corporations and civil and political subdivisions to purchase equipment, supplies, etc., from federal government, sup Disapproved

A "do not pass" report was report was reported by the description of the person.

Medical person without competitive bids.

SB 162—Salary increases for the biennium for Wallowa county officers.

SB 163—Would permit application for appointment of a guardian for mentally-incapacitated person without formality of a notice to such person.

HB 42 and 117 read for first

HB 42 and 117 read for first time in senate. Read for second time and sent

to committee: SB 156, with SB 36 and 84 taken from table to go to county affairs committee together; HB 116, borrow \$2,000,000 from the state 118.

industrial accident commission Calendared for final action tofor capital outlay improvements day: SB 141; SB 151; HB 82 amended; HB 160 defeated once. now to be reconsidered; SJM 6; Opponents of the measure indi- HB 82 amended; SB 144 amended; for this money in view of capital SB 34-Civil rights bil, special outlay appropriations previously order of business at 10:30 a.m. to-

recommended in the state budget. day. Action on the budget of the Election of legislative commit-Oregon state training school for tee on interim appointments, speboys was delayed pending further cial order of business 2:30 p.m.

Passed Tuesday by the senate: SB 115—Amending law relating to widow's dower to provide that widow shall have dower and use to one-half of her husband's estate (instead of extension of the prison walls and

now).

SB 39—Amendment to law relating to registration and license fees prescribed by motor vehicle regislation law; cor-

HB 34—Amendment to law relating HB 38-To repeal an act, inoperative because of supreme court interpreta-tion, providing that amount for which a building is insured shall be consid-ered its value if destroyed.

HB 111—Legalizing a common prac-tice in the exercise of powers of direc-tors of corporations, whereby directors

may by signature express their approval of action taken in their absence.

HB 2—Providing that candidates for nomination must file by 70 days prior to primaries, that independent candidates must file their declaration of intention to the provided that their files is the state of the state o tention to run not later than 150 days before the general election, etc. . . . soldier vote assistance measure.

HB 13—Would forbid use of mobile registration units and provide that 25 voters may petition county court for additional registration facilities, appeal to county clerk having failed.
SJR 2-Providing for a tax study by

Sales Tax Foreseen

To which Sen. Lew Wallace,
Multnomah, replied that the idea of a tax study appeared to idea of a tax study appeared to

commission authorized to employ

ADVERSE REPORT ADOPTED

house for approval of the senate was adopted by the house Tuesent candidates' filings. (A conference to settle the differences was day on HB 250 which would have pan. allowed the state real estate de-The bill also provides that un- partment to retain more of its ernment is pleased to declare that Snell and State Treasurer Leslie Taxes and tax problems have opposed candidates shall not be funds for work of the department. Ecuador, since the date of the at- M. Scott, who were given honor-

definitely.

### In the Senate Schools Declared Badly in Need of Additional Money; Children Cited as 'Victims'

Rep. Lyle Thomas (r) of Polk county told the house of repre entatives Tuesday that "education has become the taxpayers' probem, not a problem that affects only teachers," and that "children are the victims" of a condition arising from lack of sufficient funds. The comments came in connection with a motion, which was passed, to refer house bills 121, 122, and 123 from the committee on

education, of which Representa-

committee on taxation and reve-

a basis for school finance.

House to Take

Up \$4 Day Pay

For Elections

ers from \$3 to \$4 a day.

provisions, was defeated.

Consul General of

Sweden Honored

By Legislators

eon here Tuesday.

scheduled for today.

The house, after a 40-minute

debate, Tuesday adopted a do-

bill (SB 24) which would in-

crease the pay of election work-

A motion for adoption of

minority report, based on a con-

Other guests included Gov. Earl

Regarding the teaching pro-

## Tavern Light Bill Beaten In House Vote

A house bill (HB 125) to compel full lighting, and barring screens or curtains, in places wherein liquor is served for taxes for the benefit of school consumption of the premises, was districts. shunted aside Tuesday by house action in adopting a do-not-pass

committee report. The measure was introduced and supported by Rep. Joseph Harvey who said it would "lend a little more respectability to taverns." He also said "I believe Oregon will be back in the prohibition column in a few years, not because of the drys but because of the brewers, distillers and liquor people themselves." The liquor business "is dig-

ging its own grave." Reps. Stanhope Pier and Harvey Wells said they believed there already was adequate authority given the liquor commission to do whatever was essential in such places as Representative teachers would be graduated this Harvey mentioned. In answer to year to fill a need for 1700 requestion by Rep. John Steel- placements. hammer, Harvey said the measure -which he informed the house was sponsored by the WCTUwas not designed to avert a return of prohibition.

#### Registration Booths To Be Reconsidered

Reconsideration will be asked in the senate today of the house bill which was designed to forbid use of mobile registration booths, such as were in vogue last year in Multnomah county. Sen. Coe Mc-Kenna, Multnomah county republican who suported the measure (HB 13) when it passed the senate Tuesday, announced later in the day he would move for reconsid-

#### Ecuador Has Been, Is At War Against Japan

QUITO, Feb. 6-(AP)-Ecuador, which broke relations with the axis powers in January, 1942, an- current legislature honored C. E. A do-not-pass committee report nounced yesterday that she now Wallerstedt, Swedish consulgenconsiders herself at war with Ja- eral at San Francisco, at a lunch-

A communique said: "The gov-1941, has been and is in a state of chapter of the Scandinavian orwar with Japan."

# In the House

from registration.

HB 153—adding fire safeguards to law designating distances between law designating distances between joint memorial asking for termin-steam engines and falling snags in ation of the OPA which had pass-Measure repassed amendments: HB 111.

Measures defeated: HJM 6-to petition congress for deferments tive Thomas is chairman, to the for draft-age farm workers. "Do pass" committee reports

adopted: SB 23, 24, 30, 85; HB 14, The bills, which came out of 121, 122, 123, 132, 141, 142, 143, day by a fellow democrat from the education committee with do-155, 157, 213, 218, 222, 223, 225, pass reports adopted Tuesday by 228, 237, 241, 242, 243, 256, 257, Paul Patterson, Washington counthe house, would add \$5,000,000 266, 283, 286, 311, 321, 322, 333, ty republican. as a "state school equalization 339, 340, 341, 342. fund" to the \$5,000,000 now pro-

"Do not pass" reports adopted: vided annually from receipts of HB 125, 250. income and corporation excise

Referred to committees: HB 345; SB 1, 7, 22, 52, 105, 106, 110, large in the argument which at 142, 151, 155. Thomas said measures for

Introduced: SB 39, 107, 115 school reorganization constituted SJM 4; HB 346-(J. O. Johnson)-"merely a smoke screen" for the providing for changes in law speneed for more school revenue. He cifying signers of applications for said that "property tax offset is county roads. not adequate," and that he fav-

Sent to conference: HB 2, passed ored doing away with property as by senate with amendments.

#### fession, Thomas said "school dis-Congratulations tricts are not able to compete with private industry" in procur-Are Voted for ing and retaining needed "super-Island Campaign ior people," and assailed "the no-

tion that anyone can teach The house Tuesday passed school." He 'cited educational concurrent resolution (HCR 2) to sources as saying some teachers convey to war veterans of the had as many as 50 pupils each. Philippine campaigns of 1898 and that schools were understaffed by 1945, and "particularly to General 500 persons, and that but 250 McArthur and all the troops under his command," congratulations on the capture of Manila. The resolution took note that the 41st division, Oregon national guard "contributed largely to the success" of the current island battle.

#### **Need for More Nurses** Stressed in Resolution

The "immediate and favorable pass committee report on a senate attention to the need" for additional army nurses was stressed in a house concurrent resolution (HJR 3) passed Tuesday. The resolution pointed out that only 2000 registered nurses had been obtained since last April, that there tention the pay should be \$5 for a 12-hour day with overtime was but one nurse for every 26 beds, and that enlistments were open to women between the ages Final action on the measure is of 20 and 49 for training.

#### LEGISLATORS ENTERTAINED

The Multnomah delegation entel Tuesday night. Scandinavian members of the

#### Veteran Groups Oppose Bill for **New Department**

Senate Vote

Abolishment

Monday.

Stands on OPA

By a vote of 15-14 the senate Tuesday declined to reconsider a

joint memorial asking for termin-

ed with only one dissenting vote

Sen. Lew Wallace, Multnomah

county democrat, who stood alone

against the memorial Monday as

'un-American," was joined in the

opposition to the measure Tues-

Multnomah county and by Sen.

The effect such an attitude to-

ward wartime emergency and

recognizedly - necessary agencies

might have upon the nation's

fighting men overseas loomed

There was nothing in the mem-

orial to indicate that the senate

wanted the OPA and other emer-

gency bureaus killed now or even

judged most necessary after ces-

sation of hostilities, Sen. Frank

Hilton, author of the memorial

(SJM 4), declared. But, he add-

ed, servicemen and service wom-

en as well as civilian residents of

the state are anxious that such

agencies shall not continue indef-

Indefinite continuance is what

the administration wants for such

agencies, Sen. William E. Burke,

Speakers on both sides of the

question praised the work of vol-

unteer boards, and even those

criticizing "incompetence" and

methods agreed on the need of

Yamhill county, declared.

price control.

in the period when they may be

rollcall brought out 14 votes.

A group representing the Disbled War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other organizations appeared before the house military affairs committee Tuesday to protest a bill creating the office of director of veterans affairs to administer all laws pertaining to war veterans with GI benefits excepted. The latter are handled by the unemployment compensation commission.

Opponents said there would be duplication because Disabled War Veterans and Veterans of Foreign tered members of the 43rd legis- Wars organizations already have lative assembly at the Marion ho- established agencies covering most of the veterans problems.

## Walter M. Pierce Writes to Salem People

To my Salem Friends:

For two years, I have frequently passed the government sub-station near West Salem. I have often wondered why the electric energy generated by the government at Bonneville and transmitted to West Salem has been practically unused. The power is there for sale at \$17.50 per kilowatt-year, two mills per kilowatt-hour, a very low wholesale rate. Enterprising Salem Electric seized the opportunity and has a 20 year contract

What Salem paid PGE, a private company, for the month of January, 1945, would buy more electric power at West Salem government sub-station than Salem will use for the entire year of 1945. You, my good friends of Salem, are certainly being fooled by those stooges of Wall Street, owners of the Portland General Electric, a subsidiary of a holding company. Would you freeze out your own people to favor Wall Street?

The distribution of electricity is a natural monopoly. It should be owned and operated by the people, the same as water, sewers, roads and schools. You citizens of Salem are told that you haven't the "know-

how" to distribute your own electric current. I suggest you invite a few citizens of Eugene. Canby. Monmouth to teach you. Notwithstanding all the falsehoods told you, you can never enjoy really low-priced electricity delivered to you through the meters of a private utility. Private utilities are in debt to the limit, on the theory that the courts will always respect the debts in the rate base and allow rates high enough to pay in-

Ascertain the debts of the PGE, divide by the number of meters; this will give you the average debt on each meter. Do the same with operating expenses. Add together the interest on each meter's debt, and the average operating expense per meter. The profits must come above this amount to say nothing of the eastern holding company rake-off. You will find that the interest and operating expense are each twice as high as they would be if the utility was owned and operated as a pub-

Think of the tremendous amount saddled on rate payers by PEPCO'S expensive receivership, in the bankruptcy court by slush funds, lobbies, money poured into elections and newspaper advertising. No need to advertise what all must have. Salem's high rates are not due to the cost of cheap government current which PGE uses. This Wall Street Company and its relations have taken millions out of the Pacific Northwest by high rates. Investors have lost millions, You should ascertain the fair value of property owned by

PGE in Salem; offer that amount to the company. If the PGE refuses to sell, then duplicate their lines. You owe PGE nothing. The streets are yours. Salem or Salem Electric could take over the distribution system, charge the same rates Salem Electric is charging, and,

out of the profits, pay for the entire system in less than twenty Eugene has enjoyed lower rates than Salem and owns its own plant practically free of debt. It is worth more than five millions. Salem, in bondage and with such high rates, has

nothing to offer post-war industry.

The government has already collected several millions of dollars by sale of electricity generated at Bonneville and Coulee. The necessary costs will be repaid, with interest, to the government in less than a generation. Who will then own the River and the power plants - - the people or Wall Street? Can you imagine how low electric rates will then be? Steel towers will last for decades, dams for centuries, copper and aluminum forever. No natural resources being destroyed, like forests, coal, oil or gas. What an inheritance for our descendants. Worth more than all the anthracite in Pennsylvania or the gold

in Kentucky. No wonder the private utility wants to distribute the electric energy. Look at your electric bill, ten percent of which is cost of generation, 90 percent for distribution. The private utility knows where the cream is to be found.

Are we really going to take advantage of our opportunity as Salem Electric does? Can we shake off the strangling hands

I can't believe the voters of Salem will deny to their neighbors the cheap electric current available at West Salem. It is in our power to give to our children practically free light, heat, and power to turn the wheels of industry for a population of millions. Only ten percent of the power has so far been developed. It will last as long as day returns, as long as the moist winds from the Pacific strike the Selkirks and the Rockies, sending the waters down the Columbia.

sending the waters down the Columbia. Salem, look to the future. Do not tie yourselves. Vote to give all necessary rights to the courageous little cooperative, which is the people's way to help themselves. They are not trying to freeze anyone out, but just to go their way. They need you and you will need them. VOTE FRIDAY? AND

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