

### Interstate Cooperation Committee Completed

Five senators were appointed Wednesday by Senate President Marshall E. Cornett to the legislative committee on interstate cooperation. The senators are: Sen. Merle Chessman, Astoria; Earl T. Newbry, Ashland; Carl Engdahl, Pendleton; Irving Rand, Portland; and Paul Patterson, Hillsboro. House members were named Tuesday.

### SEVER NAMED COUNSEL

Frank Sever, Portland attorney retained by O and C land-grant counties, was named counsel Wednesday for the joint ways and means, and assessment and taxation committees of the senate and house.

### BOARD REAPPOINTED

Reappointment of Drs. L. D. Inskoop, Medford; D. C. Burkes, Portland; N. E. Irvine, Lebanon, and O. T. Wherry, Portland, as members of the state board of health was announced by Governor Earl Snell Wednesday.

### Bill Ready to Allocate Fund For Schools

Distribution of the \$15,000,000 basic school support fund voted last November will be provided for in a bill to be introduced by the house education committee.

Rep. Lyle D. Thomas, Dallas, committee chairman, said the committee would work to get the bill passed as early in the session as possible. The bill provides \$50 per year of state support for each school census child.

The bill will provide for the following distribution: \$500,000 for school administration. \$7,000,000 on a teacher pupil basis, with \$450 for each teacher, and the rest of the \$7,000,000 on the average daily attendance basis. \$1,000,000 for transportation on the basis of one cent per mile for each pupil. \$6,000,000 on the basis of need, this formula to be worked out later.

The equalization aid or feature will provide money to those school districts which are determined to need the money most desperately.

### Need of Room For Vocational Training Cited

Necessity for additional vocational training facilities in Oregon and a more practical setup in the animal husbandry department of the Oregon State college was discussed by the house military and veterans affairs committee at a meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Special reference was made to the Klamath Falls marine barracks for which the state board of education is now negotiating with the war assets administration. Several members indicated that they favored acquisition of the Klamath Falls plant.

Rep. C. L. Lieualten of Pendleton advised the committee that under existing conditions instruction in the animal husbandry department of Oregon State college was restricted largely to books and was not a practical as desired by many of the students and instructors. He urged that a joint committee of the senate and house be appointed to conduct an investigation of the animal husbandry division.

### MCCULLOUGH NAMED

Attorney John R. McCullough, Salem, son of the late C. B. McCullough who was state highway engineer, yesterday was named clerk and counsel for the state senate's labor and industries committee. It was announced by Sen. Earl T. Newbry, Ashland, chairman. Secretary for the committee will be Mrs. Walter Socolofsky, Salem.

### SCHOOL CONDUCTED

In a brief return to "school days," secretaries to Oregon state senators now in assembly attended an instruction meeting conducted by Chief Clerk Zylpha Zell Burns in the statehouse Wednesday afternoon.

### House Action

**ADOPTED:** HB 5—Providing law books for clerks.  
**DO-PASS REPORT ADOPTED:** HJM 2—Asking congress not to increase Bonneville power rates.  
**LAID ON TABLE:** Governor's veto of HB 281 relating to racing meets.  
 Governor's veto of HB 240 permitting trust companies to invest in corporate stocks.  
 Both HB 281 and HB 240 are from the last legislature.  
**INTRODUCED:** HJR 2—Joe Wilson—To legalize gambling in Oregon by repealing section 4 article 15 of the state constitution.  
 HB 3—To require state board of forestry to hold public budget meetings, with proper notice, in each official fire district prior to March 10 annually.  
 HB 4—To raise salaries of state policemen \$5000 to \$6000 for superintendent, \$4000 to \$5000 for deputy, \$1200 to \$1800 for recruit, \$2400 to \$3120 for private, \$2700 to \$3480 for sergeant, \$2820 to \$3560 for lieutenant, \$3600 to \$4200 for captain.  
 HB 5—To raise salaries of officers of Hood River county \$2100 to \$2750 for judge, \$7 to \$8 a day for commissioners, \$1200 to \$1250 for treasurer, \$2300 to \$2750 for clerk, \$2300 to \$2750 for sheriff, \$2100 to \$2750 for assessor.  
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### Supreme Court Supervision of Other Tribunals Asked in Bill

A bill of far reaching legal significance, which would provide supervision of all lower courts by the Oregon state supreme court, is expected to appear in the state senate within a few days.

Sen. Allan Carson, Salem, one of the bill's sponsors, said Wednesday the bill, if passed, would remove many court procedure rules from state law and give the highest state court the power to prescribe such procedural matters.

Modelled on the federal court practice, which has been in effect since congress empowered the U. S. supreme court to supervise procedure of lower federal courts, the proposed Oregon court changes would serve to streamline the state's court system, Carson stated.

It would not, he emphasized, affect the makeup of courts, their jurisdiction or jury trial rights.

Under such a system the supreme court of the state would be in a position to direct, for instance that all justice of the peace courts operate in a regular courtroom and otherwise revise their operation in line with recent widespread demands for improvement of justice courts.

Justice courts figured directly in another bill which was being prepared yesterday for early submission to the state legislature. It was understood this bill is virtually the same as a bill which passed the house but was lost in the senate in the last session, providing for regular salaries for all justices of the peace and constables, and other changes.

### Higher Grade Of Ice Cream Soon Possible

Ice cream will be better—even if possibly a bit fattening—after June 30.

Officials of the state department of agriculture said Attorney General George Neuner, in response to a query, had declared that under the language of the state's emergency legislation the prewar ice cream standards could be restored six months after cessation of hostilities—which were declared ended last December 31 by presidential proclamation.

The wartime standard for plain ice cream was 8 per cent butterfat. After June 30 the state's standard of 12 per cent will be restored.

The agricultural department said, however, that Oregon manufacturers had been working back toward prewar standards for some time and some products already were higher in butterfat content.

### Wells Believes No Need for Long Legislative Meet

Rep. Harvey Wells, Portland, whose record of time regular and four special sessions makes him dean of the legislature, said Wednesday the current session is "the best one I have served in."

He said there is no reason to take stock in pessimistic reports that the session would be unduly long.

"If they get the bills in," he said, "there will be no trouble about getting out within a reasonable time. Experience will show up."

### LOG INDEMNITY LIMITED

County courts may require log haulers to post indemnity only for such amounts as the courts deem necessary to repay the county for damages done to roads.

Attorney General George Neuner ruled Wednesday for District Attorney H. A. Canaday of Douglas county.

### APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED

The senate Wednesday approved Gov. Earl Snell's interim reappointments of members of the Port of Portland commission. They are Miles Standish, H. L. Corbett, E. F. Doyle and A. A. Cornie.

### STUDENTS AT SESSION

First student group to visit the state senate this year was the Franklin high school social studies class of Portland, which looked on from the gallery as the senate conducted a routine 10-minute session Wednesday morning.

### Senate Action

**PASSED:** HB 1—Providing for legislative expenses.  
 HJR 1—Providing for purchase of private cars for legislators.  
**REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:** SB 3—Providing for a community property law.  
 SB 4—Clarifying school election procedure in districts with more than 20,000 school children.  
 SJR 1—Lowering voting age from 21 to 18.

### Work Needed For Prisons, Senator Says

"Oregon penal institutions would be better off if prisoners were kept busier," it was declared Wednesday by Sen. Frank H. Hilton, Portland, chairman of Gov. Earl Snell's interim committee which studied state and county institutions and arranged for a federal survey of the prisons.

Hilton said he was introducing to both the house and the senate a joint resolution pointing out the need for employment in useful occupation of prisoners in state and county prisons.

He said there would be recommended a number of jobs to which prisoners could be assigned, both to keep them busy and to save the state money. The work contemplated would not encroach upon union labor, he added.

Hilton said that committeemen visited penal institutions in neighboring states as well as in Oregon, and came to the conclusion that useful work could be performed by the prisoners in Oregon. He cited the practice in other states of having prisoners manufacture highway signs, auto license plates and materials used in state institutions.

Hilton's committee report is expected to reach the legislature next week.

### Changes in Brand Law Are to Be Considered

Changes in the brand law which are made necessary because of modern marketing methods will be considered by the senate livestock committee, Sen. J. N. Jones, Junnura, committee chairman, said Wednesday. The proposed new law will require brand inspection of cattle handled at sales rings.

### Health Reports Sought in Motor Vehicle Program

The house committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry Wednesday voted to introduce a bill prepared by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., designed to tighten the current law relating to the issuance of motor vehicle operators permits.

The bill provides that physicians, upon finding a person afflicted with epilepsy or any similitude, report the same to the state board of control.

The state flax plant showed an operating profit of \$240,288 for the year ended June 30, 1945, and \$135,381 for 1946.

An example of daily food consumption at the Oregon State hospital, largest of Oregon's state institutions with approximately 2300 patients, includes 30 bushels of potatoes, 2000 pounds of flour, 400 pounds of milk and 1200 pounds of beef.

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ilar disorder shall report his findings to the secretary of the state board of health who, in turn would advise the secretary of state. Members of the committee, said their voting to introduce the bill would not prevent any of them from voting against it when it comes on the floor for consideration.



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