House to Reconsider Bill Giving Governor Control of Electricity 98th Year

McKay Said to Doubt Constitutionality

By Lester Cour Staff Writer, The Statesman

The Oregon legislature slowed to a walk Tuesday. The house voted to reconsider its action in passing a bill to authorize the governor to regulate electric power consumption and the senate rereferred the only bill on the day's calendar.

The power bill, introduced by Sen. Thomas Mahoney, Portland, had been approved in both houses and was on its way to the governor. But it was called back and

By Charles A. Sprague

I have just been reading the biennial report of the state system of higher education. It is largely money talk - a report of receipts and expenditures for the last biennium, a plea for more money for buildings and faculty salaries in the coming biennium.

President Edgar W. Smith says, the added revenues under these "Through the medical school, the measures would be divided beagricultural experiment station, tween the highway commission. the agricultural extension service, cities and counties. the state system renders a tremendous amount of public service to would allow the joint ways and the people of the state."

Chancellor Paul W. Packer gives three paragraphs to the public service (extension and research) elements of the state system. Other than that and tables showing enrollment, nothing is reported on and goals of the higher institutions of learning.

Text and statistics illustrated ish rural school districts. with charts and sketches go to Refund for Vets prove the case for larger approaries paid at competing institu- tighten educational requirements

As for buildings, though the desirable space per student is 175 granting the state power to resquare feet and the essential ministrict their customers. Aluminum mum is 155 square feet, actual companies also expressed fear space available is only 112 square feet in permanent-type be given to private power com-(Continued on editorial page) panies. Not Now Regulated

tabled in the house for reconsideration after Rep. John Steelhammer, Salem, stated Gov. Doug-

las McKay thinks it is unconstituional Although the legislature failed to pass a single bill in its 23rd day. 22 new measures were introduced in the house and eight more reached the senate. Sixteen bills are up for final passage in the house today and seven are in the senate. Would Boost Gas Tax

The house highway committee introduced two bills to boost gasoline taxes from 5 to 6 cents a gallon and motor vehicle license fees

from \$5 to \$10 a year. All revenue from the higher fees would go to the highway commission to carry out the proposed highway improvement program. Similar measures calling for the increased fees and gas taxes were introduced earlier in the session by Rep. Earl Hill, Cushman, but

Other house bills introduced

means committee to act in place of the state emergency board on construction matters for the remainder of the session; stipulate that one member of the state civ-

taxes on bulk natural and fortiwines, and permit voters to abol-

Among senate bills submitted for issuing chiropodist licenses.

The senate-born power bill was es utili

Urges Solons to Keep Slots Illegal PORTLAND, Feb. 1 - (AP)

Portland Mayor

Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee, who has been waging a war on slot machines, said tonight she hoped the state legislature would not legalize them. In a radio broadcast, Mrs. Lee asserted that night club interests here "are spending a great deal of times in Salem in the hope of having legislation passed that will legalize slot machines in some manner." She expressed hope that "our law makers will not see fit to

pass any bill which would have this effect." Mrs. Lee again outlined her

contention that slot machines, since they produce great revenue, attract gambling operators into a city and are closely allied

to major crime. Vet Bonus Bill **Opposed by**

Administration

il service commission must be from organized labor; increase the EDUCATIONAL achievements fied wines, but decrease the tax outlays reaching multi-billion dolon bottled natural or fortified lar levels.

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priations. Keeping a full faculty were measures to abolish constais said to be difficult because sal- ble districts and the office of disaries in Oregon are below average trict court clerk in Multnomah (with no reference to loss through county; direct the state tax comturning members out to grass at mission to refund income tax monage 65). Oregon is said to rank ey to veterans who did not receive 15th among 16 comparable col- a \$3,000 exemption in 1946 when leges and universities in salaries their only military pay was terpaid professors. Some progress is minal leave pay; raise the salary being made in this respect, how- limitation for payments into the ever, since the deficiency of \$1700 state retirement fund from \$2,400 of two years ago has been reduced to \$4,200 a year; raise chiropoto \$1200 in comparison with sal- dist fees from \$5 to \$10 a year, and

> recalled by the house after peodistricts' object



cific mainline was tied up for several hours Tuesday night when a tank-car of gasoline was derailed opposite the state Fairgrounds near the north Salem city limits.

system causing a heavy strain on the draw bar and center sill of the preceding car, was reported responsible for the accident. The draw bar and sill dropped to the track in front of the tank derailing it just south of the Fairgrounds road crossing at 5:40 p.m. The southbound freight was traveling at about 25 miles per hour when the car left the rails and the derailed car was dragged WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 - (P) - for 240 feet before the train was

The administration today indica- halted. ted its opposition to a proposed The accident, happening just at veterans pension bill which it esthe peak of Southern Pacific's timated would cost almost \$2,000,evening passenger traffic through Salem, delayed trains for several hours. The Cascade and the Bea-

Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, jr., told the house veterans committee that a plan to give serpassenger was 50 minutes late lea vicemen of the last two wars a \$60 monthly pension when they reach age 60, plus disability payments layed about 20 minutes. 'could not be considered in ac-

sored by Chairman Rankin (D- the spilling gasoline. Firemen kept Miss), a veteran need only to have watch until 11 p.m. Tuesday night served 90 days in either of the two when the car was returned to the world wars to qualify for the pen- rails. About 50 section men worksion. At age 65 the monthly pay- ed to clear broken ties along the ment would be \$90. The extra dis- line.

ability pay would range from \$20 Tractors pulled the wreckage to \$120 a month with no proviso from the mainline about two hours that the disability must have been after the accident occurred and incurred in service. traffic through Salem was re-Gray estimated that during the stored about 8 p.m. A wrecker was first year of operations the bill sent from Portland to right the woudl cover 2,661,800 veterans at upset car and return it to its a cost of \$1,839,008,000. But by trucks. The gasoline-10.250 gal-1985. he said, "over 8.000,000 that their power allotments might World war II veterans will be lons of it- was destined for West Stavton. Because of the damage age 60 or over." to trucks and a crack in the car routed to the Standard Oil siding AFL to Establish Baby Born. The measure, passed 47 to 9 in in Salem. Lands in Street

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Norway to 'Consider Lining Up with West'. **Tells Russians of Plan in Reply to Queries**

SP Mainline

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Rail traffic on the Southern Pa-

Reduced air in the braking

ver, both southbound passenger trains, were delayed for nearly two hours and the northbound ving the Salem station. The Rogue River, southbound local, was de-

City firemen stood by the decord with the program of the presrailed car with hoses and extin-

Under the benefit measure spon- guishers to prevent any blaze from

6 Missing in Ripon, Wisconsin Hotel Fire



RIPON. Wis., Feb. 1-Flames shoot from the roof and windows of the historic Grand View Hotel which was destroyed early today. More than 40 guests escaped but authorities listed six persons as missing and presumed dead. The cause of the fire was undetermined. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman). (Story on page 2).

Jobless Benefits Break Jewelry Store Record in Marion-Polk Owner Held

Unemployed workers in the Marion-Polk county area received more jobless compensation be

Move Favored By U.S. State Department

Price 5c

OSLO, Norway, Wednesday, Feb. 2 -(AP)- Norway announced today she has advised Soviet Russia she is studying the possibilities for joining a defense alliance with the Atlantic powers.

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"Norway will make further studies to establish under which forms and conditions Norway possibly could participate in a regional security system," she said.

Unofficial sources described the statement as "firm."

The Norwegian government made public its reply to a Russian note Saturday asking whether Norway would join the proposed North Atlantic alliance and whether she would grant the western powers military bases on Norwegian soil.

Reply Delivered

Foreign Minister Halvard Lange delivered the reply late yesterday to the Russian ambassador to Norway, S. Afanasyev.

The Norwegian government, the reply said, will not join any agreement with other states involving obligations on the part of Norway to grant bases for armed forces of foreign powers as long as Norway is not attacked or exposed to threats of aggression.

The reply said Norway had hoped the United Nations would provide the necessary strength to maintain peace and security for all nations, but that this hope has not yet materialized.

Must Seek Security

Caring for her own security. it said, Norway is convinced of the necessity to seek increased security through regional defensive cooperation. In the opinion of the Norwegian government, it said, such a pact would be within the frame of the U. N. charter and would be aimed at preventing aggression.

Salem-Newport **Bus Proposed**

regulation. An application to establish a The senate referred back to short-cut bus service between Sa-committee the only bill up for fi-John Ratzlaff, Albany.

Wallace Bride and Valley Junction. It would provide additional schedules from Salem to Dallas; to Newport.

Ratzlaff has also filed an as-Linn county clerk. He is the proprietor of the Santiam Stages.

Groundhog May See Rain, Snow

Salem's weatherman hung out another order for rain and snow today, and promised a cloudy day to prevent the groundhog from gazing at his shadow.

Even if the groundhog doesn't see his shadow, Salem is promised at least two more days of wintery weather. Temperatures are expected to slip to the 25 degree level. Thursday morning.

The mercury stood at 31 degrees early Wednesday morning, running Salem consecutive days of freezing temperature to 33. Minimum Tuesday morning was 28. The maximum reached 42 in the afternoon.

the house yesterday, would empower the governor to restrict the use of power through the state public utilities commissioner. The PUDs now are not under state

lem and Newport via the Salmon nal pasage in either house Tuesriver cut-off has been filed with day. It seeks to include quarterthe public utilities commission by horse and saddle-horse racing un-

The proposed schedule would Sen, Eugene Marsh, McMinnville, route buses from Salem to Dallas, said the bill needed amendment girding itself for a battle today Valely Junction to Otis and Otis Multnomah county circuit judges. Ask Pay Raise

Tuesday, the Multnomah county sumed business name certificate delegation recommended that the for Pacific Coast lines with the circuit judges have their pay rais-

same salary as the supreme court cuit judges.

ballot when the delegation sought adoption of the report. The house today will act on bills to increase the butterfat tax from 12 to 1 cent a pound; increase the state forester's pay

from \$6,000 a year to \$7,500, and Oregon forests and to permit Jap-

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der the state pari-mutuel laws. Meanwhile the upper house was

over a proposed salary raise for

ed from \$7,500 to \$8,500 a year, with the county paying the difference. This would give them the

> and \$1,000 more than other cir-The senate Tuesday laid the measure on the table by a 15 to 15

to increase tax exemptions on homesteads from \$3,000 to \$5,000 Among senate bills up for final passages are two to appropriate 125,000 for budworm control in

> anese to farm Oregon lands. Both the house and senate convene at 10 a.m.

Gas Arrives Animal Crackers At Medford

By WARREN GOODRICH MEAT DEPT. SRECIAL nc "This is Ground Hog Day so let me have some pork sausage."

MEDFORD, Feb. 1-(AP)-Commercial gas users had a slight break today - - they were allowed to draw on enough gas to get their furnaces warm. Commercial users have been cut off during the current fuel shortage, but arrival of a tank car of liquid gas, from which California Pacific Utilities corporation manufactures the heating gas, eased the situation slightly.

Weather Min. 28 27 37 17 29 Max. Precip .80 .82 .00 .00 42 38 49 Salem Portland San Francisco Chicago New York New York 37 29 .00 Willamette river -1.2 feet. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bu-reau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with occasional rain or snow flurries beginning in the afternoon. Clearing somewhat late tonight and becoming partly cloudy tomorrow. High today near 40. Low tonight near 25. SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Feb. 2)

Last Year This Year 22.13 Average 22.84

ASTORIA, Feb. 1 -(AP)- This **Test Airplane** business of getting born has special hazards. Yesterday it was reported from Tops 850 mph Portland that a baby arrived too swiftly and landed in four inches

of snow beside the family garage, WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 -(AP)-And today it became known Goevrnment officials acknowledghere that Marvin Gene Duncan had to have the sand dusted off ed today that the air force's tiny and build a powerful political mahim when he was born in the has flown faster than 850 miles street beside a car that was to on hour and reached an altitude have hurried his mother, Mrs. above 40,000 feet. Gene Duncan, 21. to a hospital.

Just how much faster than 850 sible. But just like the Portland babe, miles an hour and just how high the Astorian is getting along fine

Klamath Falls Water Supply Threatened

and so is his mother.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. -(AP)- An air valve broke in Klais 660 m.p.h. math Falls' main pumping plant and threatened to exhause the ci-





It's getting a bit springlike in some parts of the coast but not in the Cascade mountains. This picture of Santiam lodge (another photo on page 2) was taken Saturday noon with a 35mm Kodak by Stanley mitted raping a Monmouth girl take her to a tow car when her Fagg of route 6, Box 284, Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Fagg and children were enroue to Sisters. Temperature last May. was about freezing and snow depth approximated 100 inches when the photos were taken. The Faggs

drave to Santiam lodge in about 31/2 hours (the lodge is approximately 95 miles east of Salem), with- uary 26 by state police and admit- another woman at Molalla Noout chains. They used chains on the return downhill trip, however.

since the state unemployment commission started paying benefits more than 11 years ago. The same is true over the state as a whole, the commission re-

ported Tuesday.

Newspaper in New **Officials Admit** Political Program January of 1948. In Previous Years

> MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 1 -(AP)- The AFL today announced plans to establish a national weekly newspaper circulating to millions as part of an elaborate political program.

The idea is to capitalize on success in the 1948 national elections "faster - than - sound" test plane chine to advance labor's fortunes. will be started as "soon as pos- out the system, said H. M. King,

the little X-1 rocket - powered the tightest secrecy. Unofficial in- bor's League for Political Educaformation is that its best speed tion." But he added: "Naturally Applications Still High has been around 1,000 miles an we'll concentrate on political hour and its best altitude some- news. thing more than 60,000 feet.

At 60,000 feet the speed of sound

ty's main water supply, tonight. piloted craft has reached more to give AFL political views, and month." The California - Oregon Power than half way toward the goals (2) making movies for showing company, which operates the wa- of 1,700 miles an hour and 80,000 at civic and women's groups plugter system, said houses might be feet altitude for which it was de- ging AFL "accomplishments and new applications for direct assistaims

Winter Holds Grip on High Cascades

In Arson Lase

A total of \$163,376 to civilians arrested Tuesday night when city Russian pressure. and \$93,230 to veterans was paid out of the Salem office during and state police reported he con-January. This represents an in- fessed to setting the fire which will soon be invited to join necrease of 49 per cent for civilians destroyed the interior of his gotiations for a North Atlantic se-

Tuesday morning.

Only \$57,000 was paid out to told investigating officers, City about the same time that the Nor-Marion and Polk county jobless Detective David Hauser. Fire wegian government politely but in 1940 and \$22,000 during Janu- Chief W. P. Roble and Lt. Thomas firmly turned aside a Russian note ry 10 years ago. Meanwhile what was described squad, he set the fire to collect was evidently designed to discourary 10 years ago.

as a "seasonal slack and cold insurance when he feared he age Norway from joining in the weather" resulted in the laying would be unable to meet a pay- agreement. off of about 44 Southern Pacific ment on the shop. railroad employes. He reported that he purchased

Because of the slow-down in the shop from L. G. Prescott and able diplomatic informants said log and other industrial shipments still owed \$1,472. Tools and stock tonight Eire had received an in-AFL President William Green by rail now the temporary dis- at the store were insured for formal invitation to join the North said the tabloid - size newspaper charges were scattered through- \$4,000.

yardmaster in Salem. Those laid he lit a 10-inch canddle in a cabi- such a proposal. "We'll cover every type of news off included train and yard crew- net containing six gallons of Eire holds the view that such a in the paper," commented Joseph men, car inspectors and employes cleaning solvent and a gallon of question could be considered onship has flown still is wrapped in Keenan, director of the AFL "La- in the passenger station, round- kerosene and soaked the bottom ly by an all - Ireland parliament, of the cabinet with kerosene. That these informants said. house and section workers. was about 8 p.m. Monday. Then

At the Marion county welfare he left for Portland, returning commission it was reported Tues- Tuesday about noon. It was disclosed, too that the day that the applications for re-Hedrick confessed after several It was disclosed, too that the day that the applications for re-AFL is considering (1) sponsoring a radio commentator five nights a families are "still very high and a radio commentator five nights a families are "still very high and the period of last had been called from the Portland had been called from the Portland Officials merely said the man- week over a nationwide hookup are above the beginning of last had been called from the Portland office of state police to aid in

Marion Bowen, administrator of the investigation. the commission, said that over 15 City firemen were called to the jewelry store early Tuesday when the blaze occurred. Plastic watch ance were handled Tuesday. and jewelry cases were curled by

the intense heat and watches left ACTRESS SEEKS DIVORCE LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1-(AP)-Ma- for repair were gummed or burnrie Wilson, shapely blonde act- ed beyond repair. No complete

ress sued today to divorce Actor estimate of damage was made. Allan Hobbs Nixon. Miss Wilson Hedrick will be arraigned on said they were married in Las Ve- the arson charge today. No bail gas, Nev., April 27, 1942, and sep- has been set and he is confined in the county jail, arated last Friday.

Silverton Brothers Draw Long Prison Terms in Rape Cases

Three Silverton brothers began | cases. They were identified by serving terms ranging from 15 to their Brownsville victim as the 40 years at the state penitentiary men who followed her for four Tuesday night after they had plea- miles toward Sweet Home and ded guilty in Linn county circuit forced her into their car after stopcourt to the torture - rape of a ping her car by locking bumpers. Brownsville girl January 15, and She was also burned by cigaret the rape of an Albany woman last butts. Last June 30 William and Cletus June 30.

William John Perkins, jr., 24, forced an Albany woman into their ex-convict; Cletus Perkins, 19 and car-and after driving to Scravel Merle Clayton Perkins, 16, were Hill, thed her hands raped her and sentenced Tuesday. William was put her out of the car. sentenced on two counts for 20 First of the admitted crimes was years each to run consecutively. the rape of the 15 - year - old Monmouth girls after they had Cletus and Merle were each senstalled the car in which she was tenced to 15 year terms.

William and Merle used the

The trio also faces trials for rape riding by putting water in the gasin Clackamas and Polk counties. oline. William and Cletus admitted at-

tacking two Clackamas women last same method on a woman at Mufall, and William and Merle ad- lino, raping her after offering to own car stalled with water in the The brothers were arrested Jan- gasoline. William admitted raping

ted participation in the four rape, vember 11.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 -(AP)-The state department was obviously pleased tonight by Norway's apparent determination to line up William Henry Hedrick, 45, was with the Atlantic powers, despite Invitation Due

Norway and several other states and 20 per cent for veterans over jewelry store at 1345 State st. curity treaty, the department disclosed.

City police said that Hedrick The American government's po-sition was made known officially

DUBLIN, Feb. 1 -(AP)- Reli-Atlantic defense pact but has let Police said he told them that it be known it could not entertain

Homes Drop as

CARBONDALE, Pa., Feb. 1-(P) The earth cracked wide open over an idle anthracite mine early today, dropping one house eight feet into the ground and damaging 13 others in a three-block area.

Sixty persons fled in night clothing, fearing an earthquake. Three were injured.

Loud underground rumblings warned of the coming cave-in. A 1,200 square foot area crambled, the earth saging as much as 40 feet in some spot.

One house slid into a 25-foot hole. Others tilted precariously, their foundations and walls cracked by the sliding earth.

Police estimated damage to the homes and surface areas at \$100,-

'Phone Rang All Morning'

That was the experience of T. W. Reed, 930 S. 13th st., after he inserted this advertisement in Statesman Classified:

2 B.R. furn. house, \$50 mo. 930 S. 13th. Ph. 2-5623.

At least 75 calls came in the morning the paper came out-starting at 6:45 a.m.

"Take it out," was his instruction to the ad-taker.

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