

Legislature Briefs

Salem—(U.P.)—Republicans and Democrats on the Senate Taxation Committee joined in a unanimous vote to make a major change in the corporation excise tax bill approved by the House.

The committee accepted an amendment offered by Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland Republican, to give tax relief to manufacturers doing business in Oregon and making products within the state.

Wilhelm contended the amendment would bring new industry to the state and help prevent present firms from leaving.

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Senate re-referred to its committee on labor and industries Senate bill 316 which would place public employees from state to local levels of government under the unemployment compensation act.

The action was taken after Sen. Philip Lowry, Medford Republican, expressed concern that the bill as written would include employees of irrigation districts and place a burden on those districts.

Salem—(U.P.)—Passed by the House was a compromise House bill 746 giving the public utility commissioner power to enter interim orders after all evidence has been presented at hearings and hearing have also been held

on segregated issues. The bill further provides that such interim orders shall be subject to judicial review. Rep. Don Wilmer, Portland Democrat, said the bill satisfied truckers, railroads and other interested parties.

Salem—(U.P.)—The House voted to establish a seven-man interim committee on highways to study highway finance and other problems.

Medford Girl Named To School Committee

Davis, Calif.—Ann Padgham has been selected to serve as Memorial Union Student Council chairman for the year 1957-58 at the University of California, Davis.

She will be responsible for planning a lecture series for students and coordinating music for the Union's high set. She and her committee will also deal with any problems that might arise in connection with the Student Union.

Miss Padgham, a junior in the college of letters and science, is majoring in English. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Padgham of Medford, Ore. She is a graduate of Medford High school.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Fred T. Loomis, former investment adviser to Teamsters Union President Dave Beck, on how he "stood up" to Beck:

"He might have been a big wheel but to me he was just a hub cap."

Lexington, Ky.—Republican National Committee Chairman Meade Alcorn, on Republican plans to increase its strength in the South:

"We know the South is a tough area, but it has a great potential of Republican strength. There are good indications of a two party system developing."

Washington—Author and former movie producer Eugene W. Castle, on the United States Information agency:

"More and more the principal business of the USIA appears to be solely to promote the shifting sands and views and desires of the White House."

Evanston, Ill.—Frederick Gorham, on learning from newsmen that the man who killed his 12-year-old son two years ago had confessed:

"I'll probably be the last person to be told about it officially."

New York—Robert M. Gander, chairman of the board of D'Arcy Advertising Co., on advertising of one brand as far superior to its competitors:

"A bold claim is not believable and experience has shown that it is usually rejected."

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

With most wild animals, life or death is a matter of a split second. For some, speed is necessary to escape a foe; for others, it is necessary to pursue their prey and get food.

Observe the rapidity with which a frog nails a fly. In this complex operation, the tongue must fly out, gather the fly on the sticky tip, and return to the mouth. How long does this whole performance take? It seldom exceeds 1-15th of a second. That is, the act could be repeated 15 times while you said: "1001."

The chameleon's tongue, too, is extremely fast. Considering the length of over seven inches, it is faster than the frog's. It can shoot the tongue out and bring back the fly in perhaps 1-10th of a second.

The rattlesnake is no slouch when it comes to splitting seconds. In killing its victim, it must shoot out its head from its cold body, bite, put pressure on the poison glands, inject the venom, and return the head to a defensive position—yet the whole operation takes less than a half-second.

Fast as this is, the rattlesnake's foe can outmaneuver it. The feathered road-runner of our southwest can not only avoid most of the snake's vicious lunges, but between times, get it some killing pecks of its own.

In driving home his spur, the fighting cock is incredibly fast—perhaps no human eye has ever truly witnessed such swift blow, completed within a fraction of a second. Some idea of its tremendous speed can be gathered from the fact that the bird can drive the steel-mounted spur through a half-inch oak plank.

For that matter, a bird's song can be given very quickly. The winter wren's song consists of 130 notes and lasts 15 seconds—that averages about nine notes a second! For some of the blend ed trills, a piano player would be hard put to keep pace with the little bird whose throat is no larger than a matchstick.

To be sure, the human is capable of some very fast action: Take for example, the "draw" which is supposed to be one of the fastest of all learned human movements. The average time to pull a gun from a holster and hit a target ten yards away takes about 1-2-3 seconds. To be sure there are men who are faster on the draw—one of the all-time greats of our American frontier was Chauncey Thomas and he was timed at pulling his belt gun and hitting a target ten yards away in three-fifths of a second. That's fast.

But take some of man's unconscious reactions. The eye, for example, can blink within 1-40th of a second. A sneeze rarely lasts more than 1-10th of a second, and the droplets are shot out at a speed of about 152 feet a second—that's more than 100 miles an hour.

Boxer's Fast Fist
In the last few inches, a boxer's fist may travel at 40 miles an hour.

How does this compare with a wild animal's spring? From a standing start, it is estimated that the leopard can cover 15 yards within a half second. Yet, even at this speed, the victim is seldom caught "flat on its feet." In fact, from the time the leopard begins his leap until the time he hits his calculated mark, the victim may be several yards away!

Yet, there is one animal—perhaps the fastest of all four footed mammals at a short distance, the cheetah. It can cover 103 feet in one second! That is 70 miles an hour. Man, at maximum speed, during the 100-ya. dash, reaches about 24½ miles an hour.

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State Legislature History's Longest

Salem—(U.P.)—The 1957 legislative session became the longest on record today, going into its 117th day, with the prospect it might be another week before the law makers go home.

Longest previous session was 116 days in 1951.

The Senate faced its busiest week end of the session. Full-dress sessions will be held Saturday, first for the Senate this year.

A hint that the Legislature would be in operation at least through a week from today came when Sen. Phil Brady announced that the Oregon Youth Legislature would be held May 16-18, and wanted use of the Senate chamber from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, May 17.

James Abbott McNeill Whistler—American artist—was born July 10, 1834.

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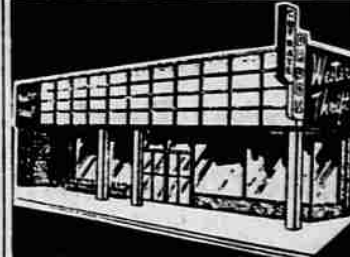
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