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THE SCHOOL BILLS
In the period between November 7, 1944 and January 8, 1945 it was generally conceded that increased state aid for schools would be one of the questions on which the 1945 Oregon legislature would be asked to pass.

Frankly, we don't care for any of the three plans. The first would require a state property tax, which could be wiped out only if there are sufficient funds from state excise and income taxes to pay it.

The second calls for \$5,000,000. It is aimed at excise and income tax revenues. Insufficiency of these would not result in property taxation. The funds distributed to school districts, however, would not have any application in reducing school district levies as is ostensibly intended in the first plan.

The third plan differs from the second chiefly in the fact that it would call for an estimated \$3,000,000, variable according to school population, and in the further fact that this claim against treasury funds would have a lower priority.

All three have one common objective—to get the money. Any one of them, in achieving this, would deplete the treasury sufficiently to put an end to income tax refunds from surplus which income taxation has built up.

If somebody needs a piece of rope so badly that he thinks he can get it only by stealing it from a life preserver on one of the bridges he ought to apply to the Red Cross for aid.

The big three meeting is held on the Black sea, as we get it, so that the world will be kept in the dark on the news.

World War II Costs Mounting
Washington, Feb. 12 (AP)—World War II already has cost the nation seven times as much as did world war I through June 30, 1919.

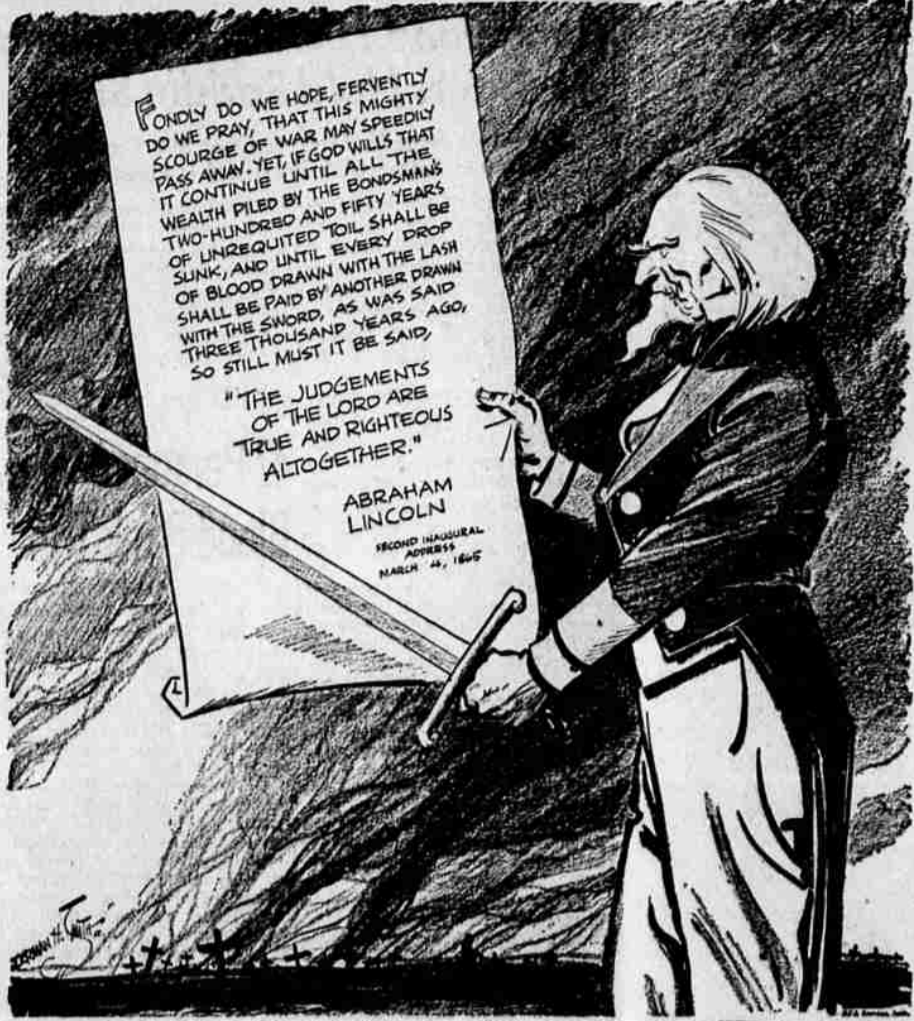
Sheriff to Call Minors' Parents
Seattle, Feb. 12 (AP)—Kirk County Sheriff Harlan S. Callahan declared today that parents of juvenile lawbreakers would be called to account when any youngster is arrested.

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"THE JUDGEMENTS OF THE LORD ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS MARCH 4, 1862

A SONG to REMEMBER by Willard Wiener

THE STORY: In 1832 Poland is still under the Russian yoke, and her peasants are chained to a vicious feudal system and any demonstration for freedom is immediately put down by the soldiers of the Czar.

THE INWARD VOICE
Frederic was in love nevertheless. The object of his passion, for it was nothing less, was Mlle. Konstancja Gladkowska, a student of singing, whom he had met at the Warsaw Conservatorium.

Very nice, Jozef Elsner said, looking over the rim of his spectacles. "Me, Professor—or the dress?"

"I hear it all the time." "I know it, Frederic. I feel you do."

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honor the count. How else? He will play for the count and his guests while they eat and Frederic will have to stuff his ears if he is not to hear the clatter of knives and forks.

—All this trouble!—Izabela's new dress—"for such a privilege." (To Be Continued)

Approximately 40% of the state funds collected in the United States in 1941 were from taxes on motor transportation.

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Washington Column

By Peter Edson (NEA Staff Correspondent)

Washington, D. C.—There were 8852 bills dumped in the legislative hopper in the 78th congress—January 1942 to December 1944.

Only one out of nine of these bills, or 988 of them, became laws. If this average of one public and one private bill per congressman in two years makes you wonder what the solons do with their spare time, it gives a false impression and doesn't begin to tell the story.

The sheer bulk of proposed measures which must be studied so that congressmen will know which bills to vote for and which to vote against is staggering in itself, and this brings up one of the major reforms which has been suggested for modernizing congress—increasing and improving its staff.

In the closing days of the last session, congressmen voted themselves and extra clerk to help them take care of the business of their districts and states.

Pay of these clerks is \$1500-\$4500, averages less than \$2500.

In addition to these personal assistants, the congressional staff consists principally of clerks and counsels assigned to the 81 standing congressional committees.

They number about 300 in all—200 for the senate, 100 for the house, and with few exceptions they are limited to tops of \$3900 in the senate, \$3300 in the house.

Many congressional clerks are relatives, resulting in nepotism, which is considered bad.

To help congressmen draft laws, there is an office of legislative counsel consisting of four lawyers, one assistant and two clerks for each chamber. Total cost for this service are \$83,000 a year.

The joint committee on internal revenue has a full time professional staff of 15 headed by an \$8000-a-year tax expert, but aside from this the only research staff available to congressmen is in the 66-emp l o y e e legislative reference service of the library of congress.

In all, congress has less than 2500 employees including pages, messengers and janitors whose combined pay is less than six million dollars a year.

In short, congressmen interested in modernizing their honorable assembly feel that if it has been a bit backward and dumbish at times, it may be because it was not properly staffed to do a good job. In a way, this may be congress's own fault. It appropriates the money for the executive branch, and for itself.

It has also been proposed that congress build up a permanent staff—removed from any temptation of patronage appointments—to keep constant check on the executive departments of the government and see that they live up

to and within the mandates of congress.

Others Say...

WASTE SALVAGE SOUGHT (Salem Capitol Journal)

Dedicated to the objective of reducing the high percentage of waste involved in the manufacture of lumber, a new organization came into being in Oregon this week with the incorporation of a non-profit corporation known as the Forestry Products Foundation.

The incorporators are Herbert J. Cox of Eugene, executive manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, chosen president, Dr. Paul M. Dunn, director of the forest products laboratory of Oregon State college, vice president, and B. T. McBall, secretary-treasurer.

Four more directors are to be selected in the immediate future.

The first activity of the new foundation will be to raise funds for the construction of an adequate forest products laboratory building at the state college and to provide the necessary equipment with which to carry on property research and develop methods of utilizing waste materials of the lumber industry.

Funds will be raised through solicitation of timber owners, loggers, mill operators, pulp and paper producers and others who may be interested in the future of the lumber industry in the state.

These funds will supplement any appropriated by the state for the college laboratory, such as the \$50,000 being asked of the present legislature.

Any buildings constructed and equipped with these privately donated funds will be located on the college campus and will become the property of the state.

It is estimated that the completed program will require the expenditure of \$400,000 to \$500,000. The plan embraces the installation of pilot size sawmills, pulp mills, plywood mills and such other miniature

Navy Recruiting District Enlarged

The Central Oregon navy recruiting sub-station territory has been enlarged to include the counties of Harney and Wheeler.

Chief Specialist Paul Connet, recruiter in charge and J. E. Fitzgerald, specialist 1/c of the Bend sub-station will make periodic trips into the new territory to take applications for general service in the navy, and for radar technicians. Wave applications will also be processed by the Central Oregon navy recruiting sub-station in Bend, Chief Connet states.

plants as are necessary to carry on experiments for the utilization of wood wastes.

At present only about 35 per cent of the tree that is cut in the woods actually becomes lumber, and not more than half of the log delivered at the pulp mill for chemical pulp is utilized commercially, the rest going to waste.

The new industry-financed foundation proposes to check all of these wastes with a view to putting them to possible use and at the same time provide facilities to help educate new scientists at the college to carry on the work it is starting.

The program constitutes an enlightened approach to one of the great problems facing the lumber industry.

Advertisement for Boy Scout Week featuring the slogan 'Come on Everybody' and 'Let's Celebrate BOY SCOUT WEEK FEBRUARY 8-14 SCOUTS OF THE WORLD BROTHERS TOGETHER'.

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