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Washington, D. C., Nov. 22—In a preliminary report before the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing on the application of freight rate increases, which were granted them more than one year ago and they postponed, the railroad industry admitted that any property be reported with them. Along with the rumors of new wage increase demands by military workers, the management is troubled with the fact of a decreasing demand in freight tonnage and a steadily mounting tax burden. As early as last August tonnage revenues had fallen below the level of one year ago, and this decrease was further accentuated in September. The outlook for the future does not justify a hope for betterment. With the defeat of Germany there will be another rapid drop in earnings to a point where the situation of the roads can only be regarded with apprehension.

Stress also was laid on the obvious fact that equipment has deteriorated rapidly during the emergency, with materials for repairs practically unobtainable and opportunities for purchasing replacements completely out of the picture. Trade and selling stock need attention which cannot be given them because of man-power shortage and lack of access to manufacturing facilities. Some west coast roads have been able to obtain a measure of relief by the employment of Mexican workers, but these are admitted to the United States only a short-time basis and provide no solution for the future. These difficulties are further emphasized by lack of provision in existing tax laws which would permit the railroads to build up a reserve for repairs and the purchasing of new equipment after the war.

Back of all this is the fact that many of the railroads were practically insolvent prior to the abnormal prosperity occasioned by the war as a result of the depression years. Many of them were being operated under receiverships pending re-organization and some of them have not been able to place themselves on a firm financial footing. Indebtedness has been reduced but the future is not assured and it will become even more gloomy if earnings continue to follow their present downward trend. It was contended that the small freight rate increase previously authorized is necessary to the continued efficient operation of the roads.

Most people have forgotten—if they ever knew—that Henry Ford built a robot bomb engine in 1918 similar in many respects to the one he is turning out now for army experiments with an implement of warfare not unlike the pilotless bomb with which England is being attacked. The first world war ended before Ford's engine could be used. Today, the Ford company is turning out a dozen impulse engines a day, according to report, and they are being installed in an American type robot at Wright field, Dayton, Ohio. The Wright robot is not a hit-and-miss affair and it does not require a special launching device to get it into the air. Whether it can be perfected in time for use against Japan is yet to be determined.

With the certainty that the vast irrigation project at Grand Coulee dam will be brought to completion immediately after the war, with three equally large projects being surveyed in Arizona, and with plans now before congress for extensive use of waters of the Missouri for ir-

# TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, November 21, 1924.)

The annual election of officers for the Executive Council of the Coos County Boy Scouts was held in the Hotel Wednesday evening in conjunction with the regular Chamber of Commerce dinner. Manager Compton had prepared a very fine banquet for fifty people. The following were chosen as officers for the year 1925: J. E. Tomlinson, Marshfield; C. E. Foster, Myrtle Point; C. A. Howard, Marshfield; Earl Gates, Marshfield; Frank Leslie, Coquille, and V. C. Gort, North Bend.

The Southern Pacific motor will make its last run between Marshfield and Powers tomorrow (Saturday), it has been announced by L. L. Graham of Eugene, district freight and passenger agent.

"37" Far Jack — "Jack" Guyton, city editor of the Coos Bay Times and veteran newspaperman, passed away Wednesday night.

Of all the nerve-racking, exciting and uncertain football games ever staged in Coos county that one played here last Saturday between Coquille and Myrtle Point was the most intense. Coquille won, 3-0. A field goal was the only score made.

It has been estimated that it costs the American people \$30,000,000 or at the rate of 80 cents a vote to conduct a national election.

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## Social Security Payments In Coos and Curry A Year, \$73,436

Old Age and Survivors Insurance payments have become an important item in the payroll of Coos and Curry counties. Figures released today by Mr. Cannon, manager of the Eugene office of the Social Security Board, show a total annual payoff of \$73,436 in Coos and Curry counties. This is an increase since August 1, 1944, of \$4,839 a year. In Coos and Curry counties 158 retired workers are receiving \$42,680 a year, and the wives of these same workers who are 65 are also getting \$8,163 a year. Children of workers who were insured under Old Age and Survivors Insurance number 108 in these counties. Monthly payments to them total \$14,527 a year. The widows who have children under 18 in their care in this county receive \$7,566 a year. Monthly payments are also being made to aged widows and dependent parents of deceased workers of \$3,191 a year.

rigating arid lands in several states, the outlook for agricultural expansion warrants speculation as to where markets will be found for all this additional farm production. There is already a disturbing surplus of farm products and it has been found necessary to subsidize certain major crops. To be profitable, irrigated land must be intensively cultivated. Costs are too high to justify the growing of wheat and corn, so growers of these staples have no occasion to view the situation with alarm, but this does not simplify the problem of finding adequate markets for the limited variety of crops grown by irrigation.

The problem of whether to inaugurate a policy of making subsidy payments on exportable surpluses, mentioned in this column a few days ago, has been further complicated by receipt of notice from Brazil that adoption of any plan which threatens to disturb the cotton market will be viewed with disfavor by that government. In this instance the significance lies in the fact that the United States is dependent upon Brazil for its coffee supply and if Brazil feels sufficiently resentful it may adopt a policy which would be decidedly uncomfortable to the people of this country who regard the cheering cup as an essential to their breakfast table. It has been done.

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# Early Christmas Mailing Imperative

Public response to the Post Office Department's "Shop Now! Mail in November" campaign is good but needs to be better, according to Postmaster General Frank C. Walker.

"Extraordinary wartime conditions face us," Mr. Walker said. "Unless more people buy and mail this month the Postal service cannot do its job of delivering all Christmas gifts on time."

"It is not pleasing to us to have to ask the American people to mail packages so far in advance of the delivery date. We do so only because it has to be done. The job is a tremendous one, but we are confident that it will be done because we know from experience that given sound reasons Americans cooperate magnificently."

"Unprecedented shortages of man power and transportation facilities growing out of the war compel early mailing. The Postal Service has given 50,000 experienced employees to the armed forces and 300,000 railroad workers have gone to war. Equally serious is the fact that rail and other transport facilities are taxed to the limit with the great burden of war traffic which all of us know must take precedence."

"In a great number of our 43,000 post offices the man power situation is critical. The 200,000 extra workers whom we normally recruited to handle the swollen Christmas volume of mail were able to work long hours of overtime and to do heavy work. This cannot be expected from the women and high school boys and girls to whom in large part we must look this year to meet the situation."

"The way in which everyone responded in making it possible for us to handle a volume of 70,000,000 parcels for the armed forces overseas leaves no doubt in my mind that the November Christmas mailing will be equally successful. I ask for the help of the press, radio, business advertisers, civic groups and all Americans in making it possible for the Postal Service to do its work."

"We urge everyone to buy now,

# Historical Society Essay Contest Is On

The Oregon Historical Society has selected "The Constitutional Convention of 1857" as the subject for the 1945 C. C. Eastman essay contest. The prizes offered are four in number, viz., first, sixty dollars; second, fifty dollars; third, forty dollars; and fourth, thirty dollars; and will be awarded for the best four original essays on the above named subject written and submitted by girls or boys over fifteen years of age and under eighteen years of age, attending any public or private school, academy, seminary, college, university or other educational institution within the state of Oregon.

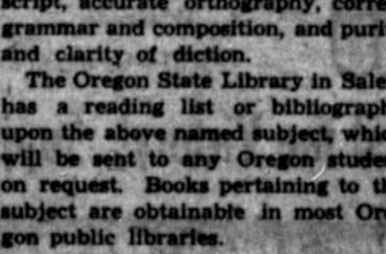
The conditions governing the competition are as follows:

- (1) The essay submitted in competition must not exceed two thousand words in length.
- (2) The essay may be in hand-writing or in typewritten form, preferably upon paper of commercial letter size, either ruled or unruled, the several sheets being numbered consecutively and written on one side only, with blank space of about one and one-quarter inches at top and left-hand margin.
- (3) The essay shall be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the name and post office address of the writer, the date of his or her birth, and the name of the school attended.
- (4) There shall also be delivered with the essay a certificate signed by the principal or a teacher of the educational institution attended, stating that the writer of the essay is a student attending the same.
- (5) In order to be considered in competition the essay must be delivered, by mail or in person, to the Oregon Historical Society, Public Auditorium, 235 S. W. Market Street, Portland 1, Oregon, not later than Saturday, March 17, 1945.
- (6) All essays submitted in competition will be numbered and submitted, without the names of the writers or other identifying marks, to three judges selected by the undersigned committee.
- (7) All competitive essays will be judged according to their general merit and excellence; but the judges will also take into consideration, in passing thereon, neatness of manuscript, accurate orthography, correct grammar and composition, and purity and clarity of diction.

The Oregon State Library in Salem has a reading list or bibliography upon the above named subject, which will be sent to any Oregon student on request. Books pertaining to the subject are obtainable in most Oregon public libraries.

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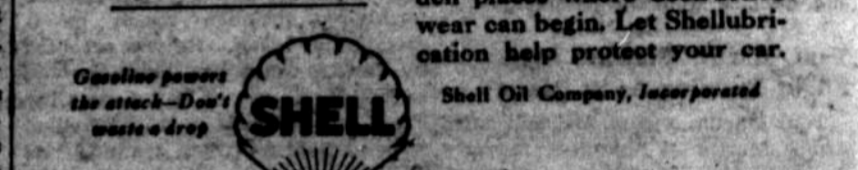
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