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EDITORIALS

A PETITION, NOT A THREAT

Rising wages and other costs have finally resulted in a petition from the railroads to the Interstate Commerce Commission requesting a 25 per cent increase in freight rates, with certain exceptions, to become effective May 15. The petition said that under present conditions the railroads face a critical emergency in 1946, with a combination of pre-war rates and postwar costs which will almost wipe out all net railway operating income.

Wages of railroad employees, the petition declared, have recently been increased under the procedures of the Railway Labor Act by 16 cents an hour, to apply retroactive from January 1, 1946, which is estimated to

add \$619,000,000 to the 1946 wage bill. Added to previous increases of 26 per cent, this brings the total increase in wage levels since the beginning of the war to almost 48 per cent, making the total wage payments in 1946 approximately \$1,255,000,000 more than would have been paid on the pre-war basis.

Prices for materials and supplies, including fuel, were one-third higher in 1945 than before the war, the petition continued, while further increases made in 1946, and still others in prospect, will add another \$167,000,000 to 1946 expenses. It is estimated that the cost to the railroads of materials and supplies in 1946 will be half a billion dollars more than it would have been in 1939 prices.

The above is a sample of what happens when the public is "bunked" into the notion that wages can rise while prices remain fixed. Unquestionably freight rates will go up—that appears now to be the only way in which a first class rail transportation system can be maintained. It should be observed that the railroads do not threaten to "strike" and tie up the nation in order to secure needed rate increases.

The dinner started with cream of tomato soup. The main course was a giant rib roast, with mashed potatoes and broccoli. Soft rolls of white flour were served, with two patties of butter to a plate. Dessert was apple pie with ice cream. There was coffee with cream and sugar. The speaker cleared his throat, "We are a bankrupt nation . . ." he began.—Lincoln (Neb.) State Journal.

KNOCKING OUT ANTIKNOCK GAS

American motorists may again drive on wartime gasoline if an order of the Civilian Production Administration is put into effect. The American Petroleum Institute states that on April 1, 1946, the CPA ordered a drastic reduction in the allocation of metallic lead for the production of tetraethyl lead, an antiknock compound for gasoline, and limited petroleum refiners to the use in any month of only 27% of the tetraethyl lead they had used during a three-months' base period from November, 1945, through January, 1946. Thus

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the CPA selected a base period in which the need for gasoline was at its lowest mark.

There is a world shortage of metallic lead. It is due chiefly to lack of lead production in war areas. The shortage in the United States has been aggravated by international agreements restricting imports, shut-downs of mines and smelters due to labor disputes, low price ceilings, and slow recovery of scrap lead.

The petroleum industry is sympathetic with the stated purpose of the CPA to conserve metallic lead during the current shortage. However, the CPA Committee in charge of allocating metallic lead to its various users apparently has selected the petroleum industry as the one to receive the lowest percentage of its actual needs.

Unless this limiting order is corrected, the result inevitably must be a return to low-quality wartime gasoline, and a burden upon motor transportation generally.

No Nutrition Lack Seen Even With Food Savings

Oregon people can do their share in saving essential wheat and fats for famine relief and still have an abundance of other good foods to meet all requirements for proper nourishment, according to a statement issued by the education committee of the Oregon Nutrition Council. This committee, headed by Miss Elizabeth Baldwin, Portland, is carrying on some of the activities formerly handled by the state nutrition committee which was merged with

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STATE OF OREGON, FOR
JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF STEVEN COOPER STIM-
SON, also known as Steve Stim-
son, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, administratrix in the above entitled matter has filed her account, and in her final report, account, and in that Saturday, May 18, 1946, at 10 o'clock A.M. at the courthouse in the city of Medford in said county, has been fixed by the above named court as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and for the examination and allowance thereof.

DATED: April 11, 1946

LUCY GRISSOM,
Administratrix

Neff & Frohnmayer
Attorney for Administratrix.
25—April 11, 18, 25, May 2

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZ-
ATION TO EXAMINE ASSES-
MENT ROLLS.

Notice is hereby given, in compliance with Sec. 110-421-2 O.C.L.A., as amended by chapter 46 (sec. 1), Oregon laws 1945, that a meeting will be held by the Board of Equalization on the second Monday

in May, 1946 at the Court-house in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, at 10 o'clock A.M., at which meeting the Board of Equalization will publicly examine the assessment rolls and correct all errors in valuation, description or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by the assessor.

It shall be the duty of all persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Each petition for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing, verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney, and be filed with the Board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1946.

C. A. MYERS,

Assessor of Jackson County, Oregon.

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