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Artie Small, who's the chairman of the ticker tape committee, says the welcome to be accorded Boot-legger Ike Lark, who never took his clothes off all during the epidemic, is to be the greatest in our town's history. You kin get any married woman's ear by tellin' her about some couple that haint pullin' together.

When Edison Said 'Hello, Fisherman!'



President-elect Hoover had a warm and hearty birthday greeting from Thomas A. Edison, the aged electrical wizard, when he arrived at Mr. Edison's experimental farm at Fort Meyers, Fla., for the inventor's 32nd birthday celebration. This remarkable photo, taken by a cameraman for The Observer and NEA Service and transmitted by telephone, shows Hoover and Edison as they met and clasped hands. "Hello, fisherman!" was Edison's cheery greeting. Mrs. Edison is standing back of the president-elect.

Union Program Observes Three Great Americans

By Mrs. Bert Knight (Observer Correspondent)
UNION, Ore. (Special)—A patriotic program in observance of the birthday anniversaries of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and William McKinley was given Saturday afternoon when the regular meeting of Preston Woman's Relief Corps was held at the K. P. hall. Mrs. Louisa Bursell, patriotic instructor, had charge of the program. The opening number was "America," sung by the audience. Mrs. Homer Cheney gave a short sketch of the life of Abraham Lincoln. Vocal duet, "Ten Little Miles from Town," by Misses Lancel Weaver and Fawn Georsten, accompanied at the piano by Miss Nellie Georsten. Mrs. John Chadwick read "The Cherry Tree Fable." Reading, "The Little Bronze Button," by Mrs. Anna Schoonover. Miss Gertrude Wheeler gave two violin solos, "Whispering Hope" and "O Sole Mio." Miss Ruth Connor accompanied her at the piano. Two readings, "Lincoln" and "Old Glory," by Mrs. Aenes Paddock. Vocal solo, "Marching Through Georgia," by Miss Lora Scott. Reading, "When the Flag Goes By," by Miss Thelma Irwin. Flag salute by color bearers, Mrs. Henry Griggs, Mrs. Chas. Cross, Mrs. Ed Fickle and Mrs. Wm. Miller. Concluding the program the audience sang "Star Spangled Banner." A sumptuous chicken dinner was served in the dining room following the program. There were 50 persons present. The regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union

was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elmina Kennedy. Several different subjects were discussed during the program. Among them were talks on the violation of the liquor law, the sale of malt-hop declared illegal and the cigarette law. There were eight members present at the meeting. Mrs. E. P. Coburn entertained the members of the Lucky Thirteen Friday afternoon at a 1:15 o'clock luncheon at her home in North Union. Bridge at three tables followed luncheon. Prizes were won by Mrs. Lewis Hildeer, first, and Mrs. W. J. Phillips, consolation. A charming valetine party was held Thursday afternoon when Mrs. George Scibird entertained the Carnation club at a 1 o'clock luncheon at her home in North Union. The guests were seated at one long table which was attractively decorated in keeping with the day. Following luncheon three tables of hearts were formed. Mrs. George Baird won first prize and second went to Mrs. Louisa Bursell. Mrs. S. E. Miller secured consolation prize. After spending several months in California Richard Van Houten has returned to his home here. The Sportsmen's club sponsored an old time dance Thursday evening at the club cabin for the benefit of the Woman's club. J. P. Welch has returned to his home in Portland after spending a few days here on business. While here Mr. Welch sold his five acre tract in South Union to John Green, who has occupied the place for a number of years. Mrs. S. E. Miller was a La

Grande visitor Saturday. L. A. Wright returned home Thursday from Portland where he attended a meeting of the game commissioners, of which he is a member. G. I. Hess returned home the first of the week from Portland where he had been a few days on business. Mrs. Bert Knight and daughter, Amaryllis, spent Sunday in Pendleton visiting friends. Mrs. S. E. Miller, Mrs. Orvel Jensen and Mrs. W. R. Phillips were visitors at North Powder Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Greenwood are the parents of a seven-pound son born to them Feb. 12. The little boy has been named Dennis Irwin. Mrs. Ellis Hess, who underwent a minor operation at Hot Lake Friday, is reported as getting along nicely. WAS SAX GUILTY? COPENHAGEN, Feb. 18—(AP)—Antoine Joseph Sax registered his invention of the saxophone in 1846. Now it appears that George Sand referred to such an instrument 19 years previously. The question arises: was Sax really guilty? OIL DECISION FINAL WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—The supreme court today refused to reconsider its recent decision that the secretary of interior had the right to scrutinize the title of the Standard Oil company of California to valuable oil lands in Elk Hills, Kern county, California.

HOLD FUNERAL FOR M. E. STONE IN AFTERNOON

NEW YORK, Feb. 18—(AP)—Funeral services for Melville E. Stone, counselor and formerly general manager of the Associated Press, will be held this afternoon. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, at the Park Avenue Baptist church. Burial will be private. The pallbearers have been chosen largely from men who were employees of the Associated Press while Mr. Stone was general manager. Most of them still are in the service. They are: J. R. Youatt, Joseph M. Jones, M. F. Moran, Arthur S. Thompson, Jackson S. Elliott, Frederick Roy Martin, Charles H. Boynton, Charles Stephenson Smith, W. J. McCambridge, Byron Price, Dr. Oscar Watson and J. A. Bates. From every point throughout the world have come expressions of sorrow at the death of Mr. Stone and warm tributes to his personality and his journalistic genius.

World's Dark Ages Historians differ as to the exact period known as the Dark ages. It is generally believed to comprise the earlier centuries of the Middle ages, a period of probably about 700 years. Hallon regards the Dark ages as beginning with the Sixth century and ending with the Fifteenth.

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RESPONSIBILITY, and HONESTY. They are learning the value of money—and spending it for things that count—education, their own support. Many are putting it in the bank, saving it for college. Get acquainted with them—it means a lot to little fellows to have older friends—and help them by paying your bills promptly.

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WHAT WILL HOOVER DO?

As the time for a change in the federal administration draws nearer a great many people are asking themselves and others what we are to expect Herbert Hoover to do as president. What will he do? Will it differ greatly from what other presidents have done?

Some of those citizens who voted for Al Smith in the recent election say that it will not differ. Some republicans, and particularly those of the political turn of mind, secretly feel the same way. In spite of all the pre-election talk about Hoover not being a politician but a product of a new age, they cling to the belief that any man who is successful in his quest for such a high office must have been transformed to a politician before he could hope to accomplish it. And they take it for granted that his approach to all problems and his point of view on all matters must necessarily be greatly influenced by politics and by party.

This doesn't appear to be true in Hoover's case, hard as it is to believe. Political writers throughout the country are almost unanimous in anticipating and in confidently predicting a different approach and a different viewpoint than any president has had since Washington. And with their intimate personal experience with all phases of political methods and politically turned minds, no men in America can appraise the Hoover prospect more keenly or more quickly than these very writers. As Gareth Garrett writes in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post, no one can say definitely what Herbert Hoover will do, but they can say with assurance how he will do it. And since the means in government has become recognized in modern life as equally or even more vital than the end, the comment is significant and extremely interesting as Hoover's inaugural approaches.

"His election," says Mr. Garrett, "is a violent break with every tradition that has governed the American presidency since Washington. In the field of politics there was no such man. And now having got him millions of people are expecting a new kind of attack to be made upon national problems by the executive arm of government." He says further:

"This expectation is indefinite. Necessarily so, for we are on new ground, calling up new forces, throwing away our old textbooks and beginning to learn our lessons by what the educators now call the case method—which is to proceed directly from the facts instead of taking first a theory and drawing the facts to it.

"Definitely, Mr. Hoover is an experiment, in a creative sense. Nobody knows what he will do. As to many things not yet finally examined, he probably does not know himself. And yet it is possible to say a good deal beforehand about how he will do whatever he does, and say this by three ways of knowing.

"First, how does a Hoover mentality act, as it may be in Mr. Hoover or anyone else? This question is to be answered logically. His type of mentality acts by imagination, analysis, synthesis, judgment. Its first act in every case is to find the simplest possible statement of the problem. That is generalization, from the faculty of imagination. What is the problem? Having got it clearly in view, the next step is one of analysis. Break the problem down part by part. This is research, or fact-finding. The third act is that of synthesis. Weigh the facts, evaluate them, reconcile them; then put them all together again and regard the problem as a whole.

"That is all there is to the scientific approach in principle. It is the same to an economic difficulty as to a problem in physics or to a piece of intricate mechanism. First the imagination to generalize the problem, which is to isolate it for purposes of action; then analysis and synthesis; all to the end that judgment may be informed by exact knowledge, and so, belong to wisdom."

The collective public knowledge of Hoover methods bears out this style of attack. In his wide experience as an administrator, both in private and in public life, he has never taken the political method of satisfying public opinion first and getting constructive results second. He has done his work with the sole aim of making the solution of every problem mutually beneficial to everybody concerned. He has believed that accurate and complete knowledge of a given problem would produce the obvious solution without the aid of laws. Certainly that attitude in government will at least be a novelty and can be no worse than the political attitude of the past. We can't tell what Hoover will do, but we can have a great deal of confidence in his doing it—and with unprecedented intelligence.