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The editor takes this method of expressing his thanks to Mr. John Graber, who has loaned him a copy of The New York Herald, dated Saturday, April 15, 1865.

The paper contains an account of the assassination of President Lincoln and the attempt to assassinate Secretary Seward.

It also contains the proclamation of President Jefferson Davis, dated at Danville, Virginia, April 5, 1865, in which he states that he expresses the opinion that the fall of Richmond is a blessing in disguise, as it leaves the Confederate troops free to move from point to point. He stated in part: "For many months the largest and finest army of the Confederacy, under the command of a leader whose presence inspires equal confidence in the troops and the people, has been greatly hampered by the necessity of keeping constant watch over the approaches to the capital, and has thus been forced to forego more than one opportunity for promising enterprise. It is for us, my countrymen, to show by our bearing under reverses how wretched has been the self-deception of those who have believed us less able to endure misfortune with fortitude than to encounter dangers with courage."

"We have now entered upon a new phase of the struggle. Relieved from the necessity of guarding particular points, our army will be free to move from point to point to strike the enemy in detail far from his base. Let us but will it and we are free."

A dispatch dated Washington, D. C., April 16—1:30 A. M., from Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War to Major General Dix, New York, reads as follows:

This evening at about 9:30 P. M., at Ford's Theatre, the President, while sitting in his private box with Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Harris and Major Rathbun, was shot by an assassin, who suddenly entered the box and approached behind the President.

The assassin then leaped upon the stage, brandishing a large dagger or knife, and made his escape in the rear of the theatre.

The pistol ball entered the back of the President's head and penetrated nearly through the head. The wound is mortal.

The President has been insensible ever since it was inflicted, and is now dying.

About the same hour an assassin, whether the same or not, entered Mr. Seward's apartments, and under pretence of having a prescription shown to the Secretary's sick chamber. The assassin immediately rushed to the bed and inflicted two or three stabs on the throat and two on the face.

It is hoped the wounds may not be mortal. My apprehension is that they will prove fatal.

The nurse alarmed Mr. Frederick Seward, who was in an adjoining room, and he hastened to the door of his father's room, when he met the assassin, who inflicted upon him one or more dangerous wounds. The recovery of Frederick Seward is doubtful.

It is not probable that the President will live through the night.

General Grant and wife were advertised to be at the theatre this evening, but he started to Burlington at six o'clock this evening.

At a Cabinet meeting, at which General Grant was present, the subject of the state of the country and the prospect of a speedy peace was discussed. The President was very cheerful and hopeful, and spoke very kindly of General Lee and others of the confederacy, and of the establishment of government in Virginia.

All the members of the Cabinet except Mr. Seward, are now in attendance upon the President.

I have seen Mr. Seward, but he and Frederick were both unconscious.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
 Secretary of War.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT.

President Roosevelt at Albany, New York, on July 30, 1932, said: "We face a condition which at first seems to involve either an unbalanced budget and an unsteady currency or else failure of Government to assume its just duties—the relief of distress and protection against loss of savings built up through the years by numberless small investors. This

concerns you, my friends, who managed to lay aside a few dollars for a rainy day.

"This dilemma can be met by saving in one place what we would spend in others; or by acquiring the necessary revenue through taxation. Revenues must cover expenditures by one means or another. Any Government, like any family, can for a year spend a little more than it earns. But you and I know that a continuation of that habit means the poorhouse."

After hearing or reading the last fireside chat and knowing the reckless spending of billions upon billions by the President during the past five years. You would not suppose he had ever spoken such words of warning against his present pet policy.

But believe it or not he is correctly quoted.

HE GOT IN.

Saint Peter stands at the beautiful gate to welcome all comers, I'm told; and many an applicant, sad to relate, fails to enter the city of gold. An editor knocked at the pearly gate, his face looked worn and old; he meekly asked the man of fate for admission into the fold. What have you done, asked Peter, to seek admission here? "Oh, I ran a newspaper for many a weary year." The gate swung open sharply, when Peter touched a bell. Come in, said he, and take your harp; you've had enough of hell.—T. E. Hayes, College Crest.

STATE CAPITOL NEWS LETTER

Thirteen Measures on State Ballot.

Salem, Ore.—Thirteen measures will be on the state ballot next November. Four of the number are measures that were referred to the voters by the last legislature. Two others are enactments of the last session which have been referred by petition of the people. The other seven are initiative measures. Three of these made grade during the closing hours of filing last Thursday.

The list of initiative measures on which the voters will be expected to pass judgment follows: Stream Purification bill, creating state sanitary authority and committing state to a policy of stream purification; sponsored by Stream Purification League of Oregon.

Anti-picketing and anti-boycott bill, defining labor disputes and regulating picketing and labor boycotts; sponsored by Associated Farmers of Oregon and other agricultural groups.

Columbia River Fishing bill, prohibiting the use of fixed fishing gear on the Columbia river, sponsored by Oregon Wildlife Council.

Anti-liquor bill, regulating and restricting sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes; sponsored by Anti-Liquor League of Oregon and affiliated groups.

Gambling bill, legalizing certain forms of lottery and gambling; sponsored by Frank B. Watson and a group of Oregon merchants. Townsend Recovery Plan bill, requiring Oregon legislature to petition Congress to call national convention to sponsor a constitutional amendment embodying principles and philosophies of Townsend Recovery plan; sponsored by Glen C. Wade and others.

Citizens' Retirement plan, providing for transactions tax of two percent, proceeds to be prorated among Oregon citizens 65 years of age or over upon condition that they cease gainful employment. Sponsored by Elbert Eastman of Portland.

Another Tuberculosis Hospital. Construction of a third state tuberculosis hospital to be located in Multnomah county is now practically assured with word from Washington that the Public Works Administration has approved a grant of \$90,000 for the project.

Location of a hospital in Multnomah county was authorized by the voters of Oregon at a special election in May, 1934, but no money was available for the project until the last legislature appropriated \$110,000 contingent upon a federal grant of \$90,000 which has just been approved.

Plans for the new institution which will consist of a hospital building with beds for 75 patients, have already been drafted and the Board of Control has announced its readiness to award the contract as soon as details in connection with the federal grant have been completed.

Planning Board Spent \$236,000.

The State Planning Board spent nearly \$236,000 in the 21-month period from July 1, 1936, to March 31, 1938, according to a report of the audit division of the State Department. Of this total, however, only \$38,000 came out of state funds and a little more than \$6000 out of the several counties. The remainder was financed through federal funds.

Opening New Seaport. All three members of the State Board of Control were in The Dalles Saturday to help celebrate

the opening of the new inland seaport.

New Capitol Occupied. Oregon's new \$2,500,000 capitol is now fully occupied.

Secretary of State Snell started moving his office force into the new quarters last Wednesday and completed the transfer Friday. The State Department, including the motor registration division, occupies the entire basement and first floor of the east wing of the building.

State Treasurer Holman also moved into the building last week as also did the State Land Board. Governor Martin deferred moving until this week as also did the State Purchasing Department, including the Property Control Division and the Budget Department.

While all of the state officials continue to praise the beauty of the new structure a number of weaknesses in the more practical side of the building have already developed to dampen the enthusiasm of those quartered in the new capitol. For instance while the designer was careful to provide shower baths, lavatories and elevators for some of the higher officials no cloak rooms were provided for the convenience of the small army of employees who do the work of the state. Janitors are also complaining that the builder skimped so much on their store rooms that there is barely room enough for their necessary equipment. None of the doors in the treasury department being large enough to admit an office safe. State Treasurer Holman found it necessary to import a safe moving crew from Portland to boost that heavy piece of equipment through one of his windows.

The new building was treated to a shower bath Friday afternoon when a valve in one of the tanks connected with the air-cooling system stuck allowing the tank to overflow and send a shower of water cascading down from the roof to the floor of the rotunda. No serious damage resulted, however.

Fehl Asks Release.

Earl A. Fehl, former county judge of Jackson county, has appealed to the state supreme court for release from the state hospital for insane to which he was committed several months ago. Attorneys for Fehl told the court that the entire proceeding leading up to his commitment had been illegal.

Black and Yellow Auto Plates.

Automobile license plates for 1939 will be black figures and letters on a yellow background. This will be the first departure from the black and white combination used by Oregon for several years. Secretary of State Snell explains that the black and yellow combination makes for better visibility, besides which it costs less.

Budgeting Days Are Here.

Budgeting days are here again for state officials. Forms on which to list their anticipated financial needs for the next biennium were sent to all department, bureau and institution heads by Budget Director Wallace this week. The forms, containing estimated needs and a tentative appropriation request, must be returned to the budget department by September 10, after which it will be subjected to careful scrutiny and possible pruning before it is included in the biennial budget to be presented to the next legislature.

THE CHURCHES

Free Methodist Church, Geo. G. Edwards, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45, Mrs. Wright, Supt.; forenoon service, 11, sermon subject, "Sanctification of the Spirit and Belief of the Truth," II Thessalonians 2:13; evening service, 8, subject, "Our Forgiving God. God's Requiring the Wicked." This is the last sabbath of the conference year. The annual conference will convene on the camp ground near Portland, Wednesday afternoon of next week.

Presbyterian Church, James A. Smith, Pastor.—Sunday, 11 a. m. morning worship. The pastor will give some of the high lights of the meeting of the Synod of Oregon, which has been in session in Eugene the past week. This is the 20th session of Synod which Mr. Smith has attended in Oregon. It usually meets at Eugene in the University building. Christian Endeavor at 7:30 p. m., Eleanor Teeters, leader.

Christian Science Society, 242 Second Street.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11, subject, "Life;" evening service, 8, second and fourth Wednesdays. The public is invited to use the reading room on the second floor of the Petersen building between 3 and 5 on Wednesdays and Saturdays and 7 to 9 on Saturdays, except holidays.

First Baptist Church, Henry W. Davis, Pastor.—Sunday school, 10, Mrs. K. K. Mills, Supt.; fore-

noon service, 11. The pastor will preach both morning and evening service, 8; young people's meetings, 7 p. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday evening.

The Reorganized church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints meets in the Anderson-Middleton mill office located on south Tenth street each Sunday. Church school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Z. A. Coop, pastor.

First Christian Church, Edward L. Kechley, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45, Mrs. Hazel VanNortwick, Supt.; forenoon service, 11, sermon subject, "The Healed Man." Anthem by choir. Solo, "The Lord Is My Light." Gerald Kechley, Evening service, 8, sermon subject, "What the Church Means." Musical Scriptures. Special music; 7 p. m., young people's meeting; Wednesday, 8 p. m., prayer service and study; Thursday, 8 p. m., young people's Bible study; Friday, 8 p. m., choir rehearsal.



By L. L. STEVENSON

New York of another day was recalled by the retirement of George A. Robb, a motorman on the Sixth avenue elevated. Jay Gould was president of the road when he was hired away back in 1885. In those days, the motive power for trains was not electricity but steam engines. Usually anthracite was burned. But when strikes shut off the supply, soft coal was substituted. That made smoke. Housewives of Harlem, which wasn't a colored section then, angry because their washings were soiled, threw bricks at the trainmen. Also in those days, on Sundays, a special car was attached to trains. This was for the benefit of bicyclists who wanted to go to Bronx park or Moshulu for exercise far from the throngs of the city. The wheels, as they were called in the gay nineties, were carried in the special car and Robb says that some of the old racks are still in existence.

Robb spent 52 of his 73 years running up and down Sixth avenue. In all that time, he never was late to work once. In all that time, he did not take so much as one drink—a fact which may have some bearing on his punctuality record. He started as a wiper, became a fireman and then an engineer. When the line was about to be electrified in 1903, he availed himself of the opportunity to learn to operate electric trains, qualified and swapped the throttle for a control handle. His various trips averaged 100 miles a day. Up until 20 years ago, when trainmen went on a six-day week, he made those 100 miles seven days a week. No vacations were granted, but once a year he took a week off on his own time. So despite the fact that his trips were only from the Battery to up into the Bronx, he has covered quite a string of miles.

Now that he has a chance to think back to the time when there were no black signals and when the keenness of the engineer's vision was a bigger safety factor than it is now, Robb is not quite sure what he will do. One thing is certain, however. He won't spend his time riding up and down Sixth avenue and visiting with former fellow workmen. As a matter of fact, should he desire to do so, he wouldn't have the chance for a great while longer. When the Sixth avenue subway, now being dug, is completed, the Sixth avenue elevated will come down.

Just learned why Phil Baker's accordion has a keyboard just the reverse of conventional practice. It seems that back in pre-war days, in Philadelphia, the youthful Baker bought himself a pleated piano with a left-handed keyboard. Having learned to play on that, he is no good with the regular kind. His present instrument, built to his order, cost him \$1,200. It is insured for \$2,000, part of the indemnity being to cover loss should it be necessary to replace the accordion. There are none like it on the market and to make one, a master craftsman would have to work several weeks.

Before Spencer Bentley went into the show business, he was an assistant purser employed by one of the large steamship lines. The other day he received a call to report for duty as purser on one of the ships of the line. When he quit seafaring, he forgot to have his name removed from the active list.

DROP THAT AXI



On Broadway, the other afternoon, I encountered, swinging along with great, strong strides, an officer of the Scottish guard attired in his uniform including kilts, of course, sporran, jaunty feathered cap and long, flowing cape. Completely unmindful of the stares of the curious, including myself, he stopped now and then to peer earnestly into a shop window. And at any moment, I expected the bagpipes to start their skirling.

Subway eavesdropping: "His face was as red as if he'd dropped a couple of crap dice in the collection plate."

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Of the large industrial nations, the United States alone produces its requirements of quicksilver

American Men Are Buying More Clothes

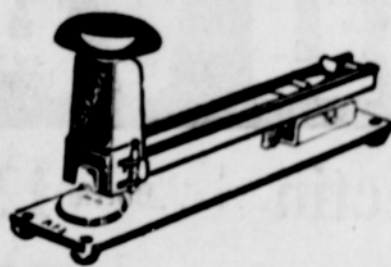
New York.—Style-conscious Mr. America has increased his clothes budget to almost double the figure it reached even in the boom year of 1929.

A survey of sales figures for the first ten months of 1937 by the Merchant Tailors Designers association, national organization of custom tailors, shows that the average American man of the business executive or professional type patronizing his local tailor, has ordered from one to three more suits in 1937 than he did in 1929, and has spent from three hundred to five hundred dollars more in the process.

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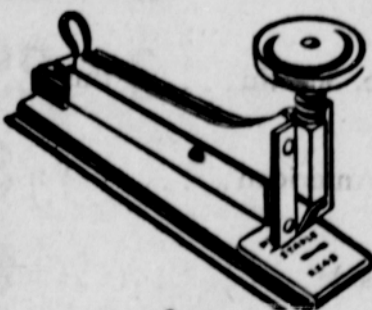
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