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TRIBUTE PAID TO LINCOLN'S MEMORY

Louis E. Bean Delivers Eloquent Tribute to Character of Martyred President—Many Come From Vale—Judge Biggs Called On

Honoring the memory of Abraham Lincoln, a gathering of Malheur county citizens assembled at the Moore hotel dining room Monday evening. Louis E. Bean, of Eugene, speaker of the House and candidate for governor, was the principal speaker and with Frank M. Northrup and Judge Dalton Biggs, paid an eloquent tribute to the martyred president.

In his scholarly address Mr. Bean sketched the life of Lincoln from his humble birthplace in Kentucky to his rise to the presidency. He pictured the trials of the presidency during the awful carnage of the Civil war, of his infinite patience, his unflinching courage his unmatched character and leadership throughout the war and until the end came and peace was again attained.

Rugged honesty and broad sympathy with the average man together with faith in the sustaining power of God was the secret of Lincoln's power, said the speaker.

Mr. Northrup too, presented a picture of the antecedents of Lincoln and of his struggle upward in life, declaring his belief that it was Lincoln's great speech at the Cooper Union in New York which resulted in his nomination to the presidency. Like Mr. Bean, Mr. Northrup called attention to the fact that Lincoln was not an agitator for the abolition of slavery, and that it was his purpose to save the Union first above all things.

Be Careful of your Politics
Mrs. Mabel Judd Kester of Vale, who discussed, "The Woman in Politics" warned the men that the enfranchisement of women was nothing more than the issuance to the women of their check book to pay their political bills. "Women have always been in politics," she declared, "but now she is in them on a parity with men. She does not intend to form new parties, or do anything rash or radical, but, women are discriminating. They do most of the buying for the American family. They are the shoppers of the nation, and I advise you men to be careful of the kind of politics you try to sell the woman in politics."

Armament Conference lauded
E. M. Dean of Nyssa, discussing the accomplishments of the present administration dwelt at length upon the remarkable attainment of the department of state in securing the accession of nations of the far east to the recent treaty returning Shantung to China, together with the other great result, the limitation of naval armament, and the fifteen year naval holiday. This with the adoption of the budget measures of General Dawes were described as the outstanding features of the present administration.

C. F. Trow speaking on the subject, "The American Legion", gave a gathering a brief outline of its history and purposes as well as furnishing a glimpse of its methods of procedure. Mr. Trow declared that in the passage of the Soldiers and Sailors Educational bill, and the Soldier bonus bill that Oregon had recognized its duty to its ex-service men, and therein could be seen the reason for apparent lack of interest in the national adjusted compensation act.

Following the regular program, Judge Dalton Biggs who was present was called upon and responded with an eloquent tribute to "Lincoln the Lawyer." As a lawyer Lincoln's great power came from his insight into human nature, and his graphic and picturesque presentation of a case to a jury. Furthermore he was always at the service of those who could not afford counsel and many of his greatest trials were those for which he never received a fee. An examination of the Illinois reports of Lincoln's day, the speaker declared, will show that he was prominent in the trial of many of the largest civil as well as criminal cases of that time.

Not only did the banqueters enjoy an excellent series of addresses but many fine musical numbers as well. J. W. McCulloch as toastmaster introduced Herschel Browne, who accompanied by Miss Dolly Rollins led a "community sing" and gave two vocal solos as well in his imitable style. Mrs. David F.

CITY WATER PERFECTLY SAFE ACCORDING TO LAST REPORT

All the recent reports of analysis of samples sent to the state bacteriologist from the city water system have been excellent. While the public has of late noted the presence of chlorine the reports show that there are no colon bacilli and the bacteria count is well within the safety zone, being practically nil.

CHILDREN DELIGHT IN "SCHOOL BOY'S DREAM"

Little Tots Picturesquely Represented Characters of Mother Goose, Alice in Wonderland, and Many Other Children's Plays

Before two audiences at the Majestic Theatre last Thursday for the benefit of the Library Fund of the Woman's club, "A School Boy's Dream" was presented by a large number of public school children. The cast of the little play was ably coached by Miss Adah Lee, while Miss Helen Dunstone sang the "Mother Goose" songs delightfully.

The little play was well staged, picturesquely costumed and the boys and girls all did their parts well, so that the entertainment was worth while. The music for the play was presented by the High school orchestra. Those who took part were:

Cast of Characters
Tom, the school boy Robert Test
Tom's mother Dorothy Laxson
Fairy Queen Geraldine Henderson
Boy Blue Max Taggart
Brownie Billy Rutherford
Old Mother Hubbard Mildred Townsend
Cinderella Mildred Townsend
Prince Robert Laxson
Two Sisters Leitha Allison, Gladys Haw
Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son Billie Emison
Mother Goose, Miss Helen Dunstone
Jack Ralph Walker
Jill Helen Payne
Jack Spratt Harvey Kasmussen
His Wife Reda Rose
Little Miss Muffet Marguerite Cox
Spider David Powers
Little Bo Peep Zena Rawlings
Old King Cole Paul Biggs
Page Harry Cockrum
Three Fiddlers Carlton Rowe, Elgie Thompson, Clyde Huffman.
Mary Contrary June Udick
Flowers Lena Christiansen, Helen Divin, Melba McCarthy, Carrie Louise Aiken.

Humpty Dumpty Harvey Field
Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater John Oakes
His Wife Helen Fifer
Jack Horner Cloyd Cockrum
Jack be Nimble Harold Towns
Tommy Tucker Calvin McCright
Milk Maid Ella Marie Doolittle
Little Sir Holmes Shockley
Alice in Wonderland Wilma Boswell
The Hatter Robert Bradbury
Little Eva Lorraine Escue
Topsy Hazel Johnson
Tom Sawyer George Poorman
Tom Sawyer's Aunt Lenore Jones
Hiawatha Joe Staples
Minnehaha Jean Aiken
Rip Van Winkle Herbert Luehrs
Kink Arthur John Reed
Jack Minot (Miss Alcott's Jack and Jack Minot) Dan Divin
Janey Peaque Katherine Tunny
Bluebeard Jack Franklin
The King of the Golden River Freddie Lees
Gluek Emmett Huffman
Robinson Crusoe Donald Wood

Mr. Harry Marsh and Miss Doratha Little of Boise were in Ontario yesterday on their way to Vale where they were united in marriage and returned to Ontario on the afternoon train. Mr. Marsh is a distributing clerk in the Boise postoffice. They returned to their home in Boise this morning.

Frank Rader was in Boise on business yesterday.
Mrs. Paul Cayou was visiting in Boise the first of the week.

Graham delighted the gathering with two Scotch folk songs, and she also added another by request for the program closed. Miss Ethel Conway presented pleasantly two piano solos. The program opened with the audience singing America and closed with the Star Spangled Banner, for the program throughout was patriotic first and only incidentally political. There were no political booms sprung, though after the gathering there was some political gossip, vague and indefinite.

Following Judge Biggs eulogy of Lincoln in which he expressed his appreciation of the opportunity of being present, Judge George W. McKnight of Vale was called upon for extemporaneous remarks and he regaled the gathering with sallies at the expense of the previous speaker and his party.

JOSEPH CASES BEING HEARD IN BAKER CITY

Many Malheur County Citizens Called As Witnesses in Suit For Contamination of Land For Right-of-way for Old Oregon Trail.

More than a score of citizens left Malheur county from Sunday to Monday night to be present this week at the trial of the case of Malheur County vs. Sadie Joseph for the condemnation of land for the right-of-way for the Old Oregon Trail across the Joseph ranch on lower Dead Ox about 12 miles north of Ontario.

In advance of the county's contingent lead by County Judge E. H. Test, I. E. Oakes, E. M. Greig, P. M. Boals and others went R. W. Swagler who is one of the attorneys for Joseph, while on Monday night, P. J. Gallagher and District Attorney Robert D. Lytle who have the County's case in charge followed. In all it was anticipated that there would be 25 witnesses summoned. According to the Baker papers three women, the first called for actual duty were accepted on the jury to pass upon the question.

LEGION TO INITIATE ANTI-JAPANESE BILL

Most Drastic Measure for Protection Against Invasion of Orientals Being Considered by Ex-Service Men—National Law Too

Portland, Ore., Feb. 14.—Through the employment of the initiative next November, the Oregon Department of the American Legion will place upon the ballot, the most drastic measure ever drawn up to combat the Japanese evil which menaces the Pacific Coast states, according to announcement from Department headquarters. Due to the fact that Washington and California have laws which partially handle the situation, the influx of the Japanese is increasing in Oregon and early action is necessary.

The Anti-Japanese bill presented by the American Legion during the special session of 1920 was defeated through the efforts of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and others. All western states will present a solid front on this vital question at the National Legion convention to be held in New Orleans next October, and get action of the National Legion organization, in order to bring the Japanese question through the National Legislative Committee of the American Legion to those who sit in Congress.

VERTERAN OF EARLY INDIAN WARS IN MIDDLE WEST DIES

At the home of his daughter, Mrs. Neva Casiday of this city, on February 2, Henry S. Fouk died. Funeral services were held from the Congregational church Friday February 3, Rev. D. J. Gillanders preach in the sermon, and interment was made in the Ontario cemetery.

Mr. Fouk was 73 years, seven months and 14 days old when he died and he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Fouk, his daughter Mrs. Casiday and one son, Chester Fouk of Portland, and seven grand children and three great grand children.

The deceased was a native of Ohio having been born in Warren county June 19, 1848. At five years of age he went with his parents to Iowa where he grew to manhood and where, when he was 21 he enlisted in the U. S. Army for service in the Indian wars of that day. He was wounded in action and following his recovery received an honorable discharge from the service. On June 10th, 1870 he married Miss Anna Bungarner, who with two of the three children born to this union survives him. For a number of years the deceased has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Casiday here in Ontario.

Ranchers Have You Any Land You Don't Want

The Ontario Commercial Club have recently sent literature to over 3000 dairymen in Western Oregon and Western Washington. Up to date 77 replies have been received from men who wish to rent land, buy or to trade places in the Willamette Valley for land here. All of these men are experienced dairymen and should do well in this country. Many of the places they offer are well improved.
The Ontario Commercial Club is anxious to fill this country with men in the dairy lines and would like to have anybody who has good land for rent to list it with W. H. Doolittle, Secretary of the Club, who will be glad to advise men about it.

ONTARIO TO DEBATE BOTH VALE AND NYSSA

Girls' Team to Uphold Affirmative Here Tuesday Against Vale, While Boys Travel to Nyssa to Sustain Negative of Question.

Resolved, that the nations of the world should reduce their armaments to a minimum necessary for police duty," is the question which two Ontario high school teams will debate next Tuesday evening.

One team, the affirmative, which is composed of Miss Reba Rood and Miss Margaret Blackaby, with Miss Myrna Secoy as alternate, will meet the Vale High School debating team here at the High School auditorium. The judges for the debate here will be Attorneys George Donnet and J. W. Galloway of Weiser and Superintendent Miller of the Fruitland schools.

At Nyssa on the same evening the negative team, Hugh Biggs and Wendell Thayer will meet the Nyssa team. As yet, Prof. L. L. Culbertson, who is coaching the teams has not been advised who will judge the Nyssa debate.

A small admission fee will be charged for the local debate to meet the expense of bringing the judges from a distance to serve in that capacity.

POWER RATE HEARING WILL BE HELD HERE

Public Service Commission to Continue Hearing of Idaho Power Company's Application for Filing its Inventory for Rate Making Purpose

On Tuesday February 28, the Public Service Commission of Oregon will hold a hearing here in Ontario upon the question of valuation of the Idaho Power company property schedule as filed for rate making purposes.

Just what the scope of the hearing will be is not indicated in the notice issued by Thos. W. Clagett, secretary of the power users association, but the power users are going to make an effort to have up-to-date data to show the earnings of ranchers under pumping plants during the past year, in their argument to sustain their contention that the farmers cannot afford to pay the ten per cent increase allowed by the commission two years ago and continued last year.

Mr. Clagett has issued a call to a number of farmers to bring accurate records of their earnings or lack of them for the past year for presentation to the commission. He will be at the Farm Bureau office in the city hall on Friday and Saturday of this week to compile the statistics available.

NO EXCUSE FOR NOT HAVING 1922 AUTO LICENSE NOW

Marshall H. C. Farmer this week received notice from Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, declaring that the automobile division has caught up with the demand for auto licenses and is sending them forth on the same day on which the applications are received, unless there is something wrong with the application. The local officers have been notified to pick up all cars running without their 1922 license plates. The state officers are expected here soon to enforce this statute.

Mary Jane was the name given to the little daughter who arrived last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Pearson.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gordon was born last Thursday, a seven pound son.

NO FINES WHILE LIBRARY IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED

While the library is closed on account of the small pox epidemic which is abating, but which the health authorities believe still justifies caution, no books will be received at the public library. Also no fines will be charged for books over due.

NEW COMPANY TAKES OVER INTERIOR LINES

Three Principal Creditors Buy In Intermountain Telephone Company and Organized Central Oregon Telephone Company

Telephone lines and service to the interior of Malheur and Harney counties, including the central stations at Juntura, Crane and Burns will be improved, and every effort will be made to better the accommodation of patrons, according to a statement issued this week by J. A. Lakness, general manager of the new company, the Central Oregon Telephone company which has taken over the lines.

C. R. Peterson of Ontario and Crane is president of the new company, for he with John Jenkins, and P. G. Smith, bid in the property of the old company known as the Intermountain Telephone company at the receiver's sale, and then proceeded to organize the new concern. They secured Mr. Lakness' service as general manager and he is now in charge of the operation of the lines and exchanges. In announcing the change Mr. Lakness issued the following statement:

"The telephone systems covering Harney, parts of Malheur and Grant counties, formerly known as the Interior Mountain Telephone company has been sold at a receiver's sale. It was bid in by the three principal creditors, Charles R. Peterson, John Jenkins and G. P. Smith, all well known stockmen of Harney county.

"The system was built seven or eight years ago by the people of the territory it covers, and stock was sold, principally on the idea that the stockholders could thus secure service to their scattered ranches. As those familiar with the territory know, the lines traverse the most sparsely settled region in the United States. The miles and miles of lines built are entirely out of proportion to the number of phones in use, and the revenue available. For these manifest reasons the system has made no profit, but as a matter of fact, has never paid operating expenses.

"The present plan of operation was proposed with the end in view of more economical management and operation by consolidating general supervision with that of the Malheur Home Telephone company under one head.

"In taking over the management of the new company I feel that we can improve the service, and that will be the first consideration. We will proceed upon plans to better the connections with interior points to the end that results, beneficial both to them and the business men of the lower valley will result. This will be done we hope while we are able to practice every method of economy of operation. When this is done we believe that the public which uses the service will be willing to pay such rates as will permit of the improvements being maintained."

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Platt of Parma came to Ontario Tuesday with their youngest child who underwent an emergency operation at the Holy Rosary Hospital, and is now reported to be making progress toward recovery. Dr. W. J. Weese was called to Parma Tuesday afternoon to view the little patient.

Sheriff Lee Noe, assisted by J. H. Gordon, took Howard Camp and other prisoners sentenced at the last term of court, to Salem.

Miss Agnes Morton and her brother Fred entertained a number of their young friends at a Valentine party Tuesday evening.

Lawrence Stowell has razed his house on his property on the east side and will erect a neat bungalow in place of it in the spring.

Fred Test and Bill Pinney were in Boise the first of the week.

Little Miss Laura Gregg entertained her classmates at a Valentine party Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Annie McEndres was here from Weiser visiting with relatives and friends the first of the week.

SPEAKER BEAN SHIES HIS HAT INTO RING

Eugene Man Before Coming to Ontario for Lincoln Day Address, Makes Formal Announcement of Candidacy—Once Lived in Eastern Oregon.

Louis E. Bean, of Eugene, Speaker of the House in the last regular and special sessions of the legislature, formally announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor just before he left Portland for Ontario Sunday.

Mr. Bean who is a native son of Oregon, and who has for the past 14 years been a member of the legislature told the audience which heard him Monday night that for 7 years, from the time he was 17 until he was 24 he lived in Eastern Oregon riding the range as a buckaroo. "Then I learned to know that there is a great Oregon east of the Cascades. Then I learned the language of Eastern Oregon, and I have not forgotten it."

Mr. Bean declined to submit his political future to the dictation of the Federated Patriotic Societies of Portland, whatever that organization is which is mysteriously attempting to decide for the people of Oregon who shall and shall not be candidates for office and proceeded to enter the race by issuing the following statement:

"If, by the sovereign will of the electorate I shall become governor of Oregon I will be governor of Oregon in fact as well as in name. I have made no pre-election promises and intend making none other than to the whole people. No man is made over because he is made governor. If the record of his previous life does not reveal his qualifications for office, no promises or declarations for campaign purposes will qualify him. Record is Submitted

"For 14 years I have taken an active part in public life as a member of the state legislature. During this period I have served as a member of both the senate and the lower house, and as speaker of the house during the two previous sessions.

"Every vote that I have ever cast upon the thousands of measures that were up for consideration by the legislature during that period is indelibly written into the records so that every voter who will may read. My record is an open book. These measures have probably included almost every phase of principle and public policy. It is upon this record that I submit my candidacy.

"If I should be honored by being elected to the office of governor, the highest office in the gift of its people, it would be my sincere ambition to prove myself worthy and to work unceasingly for the upbuilding and general welfare of the state; for the happiness and prosperity of its people and particularly at this time for their early release from the crushing burdens of taxation, largely brought about by a delirium of public waste and extravagance.

Justice for All
"Since I would enter office free from promise or commitment to special interest, I would be in position to give everyone the full measure of justice and equality due to them under our American form of government."

OREGON CLUB'S HAPPY CANYON PARTY PICTURESQUE PROGRAM

Cow girls and cow boys in the most fantastic of costumes never staged a more colorful social event in movie-land or in reality, than that which the Oregon Club presented at its annual Happy Canyon party Monday evening. Owing to many conflicting events the crowd was not as large, as usual, but the stage money and the old time "bar" played important roles in the merriment.

GEORGE HOWE SURPRISED

When George Howe went home last night for dinner he received a real surprise, for Mrs. Howe had prepared a birthday dinner and invited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howe and Paul Howe to join in celebrating Mr. Howe's 58 birthday which was done approximately including a big birthday cake laden with 58 lighted candles.

FIREMAN'S BALL POSTPONED

Owing to the fact that there were too many conflicting events during February and early March the annual ball of the Ontario Fire Department has been postponed until March 21.