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LINCOLN'S DAY IS HONORED HERE

CHURCH BROTHERHOOD HEARS TWO EXCELLENT SPEAKERS AT BANQUET

G. A. ROMAN COMMEMORATE MARTYR

J. A. Roman, Who Knew Lincoln, Recounts Memories of Man and His First Inaugural

The first meeting of the Men's Brotherhood, of the Congregational church of this city, since the lifting of the "flu" ban, was held Wednesday night in the Congregational church.

The banquet was held in memory of Lincoln's birthday, and at each plate was a souvenir, in the form of a bon bon box, which carried the neatly engraved portrait of Abraham Lincoln. L. Adams presided at the meeting. A large attendance was present.

Gilbert L. Hedges, district attorney, gave an address on the life of Abraham Lincoln, and it was considered one of the best talks ever heard in this city on the subject. Mr. Hedges said that Abraham Lincoln was the heritage of the American people, and that a perpetual charm surrounds the life of the great statesman and beloved citizen.

Following the address of Mr. Hedges, J. E. Chinn sang "Tenting Tonight," and was called back for an encore and sang "Where the Morning Glories Grow." Mr. Chinn was accompanied by his wife.

The main address of the evening was given by G. R. Ellison, of the Ellison-White Chautauqua circuit. Mr. Ellison was secured by the Brotherhood to come to this city and give a description of industrial conditions in Australia, from which country he has just returned, after spending nine months there. Mr. Ellison held his audience silent with his vivid description of a country where the Socialist party is in power. He said that when he left America, he was somewhat in favor of government ownership, but after investigating conditions in Australia, where government ownership prevails, he was convinced that the platform is wrong.

He claimed that Australia is about 25 years back of America in a material way, and that while those in power in that country claimed for their government, democracy, they did not understand the meaning of the word. He said that the laboring class ruled there, and that it was a country of "play" and not work. As one example, he pointed out that in every state there, they had a different gauge railroad. If one wanted to make a shipment across that country, he would be compelled to transfer the goods to several roads on different cars before reaching the destination. When asked why all railroads did not have the same sized track in the country, Mr. Ellison was told that it would not do, as the laboring class needed the work transferring the goods at the different junctions.

Mr. Ellison's address was followed by a poem entitled "Good Morning," read by Mr. Parker, which brought forth much applause from those present.

The banquet was furnished by the ladies of the Saturday Club of the church.

J. E. Chinn led the audience in singing the national anthem at the close of the meeting.

The program given at the First Methodist church in this city Wednesday afternoon in memory of Lincoln's birthday, was well attended. The entertainment was under the auspices of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. The program was opened by prayer by Dr. W. T. Milliken, of the First Baptist church. The drum corps of the G. A. R. gave several selections of martial airs, and Mrs. Baker followed with instrumental music. Mrs. Nellie Cooper sang a vocal solo, and led the audience in singing "America."

Rev. C. H. L. Chandler, rector of the St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city, gave an excellent address, and reviewed the life of Abraham Lincoln. His theme throughout his speech was "The New Form of Democracy," and the audience learned many new ideas from his remarks concerning the true form of democracy as practiced by Lincoln.

Mrs. W. S. Bennett gave Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Miss Naomi Armstrong sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

J. A. Roman's "Reminiscences of Lincoln's First Inaugural," was one of the main features on the program. Mr. Roman was a reporter on a New York daily at the time of Lincoln's inaugural, and covered the address of Lincoln at that time. Mr. Roman is a Civil War veteran and is one of the few surviving men of the city who knew Lincoln personally in the early days. He has four grandsons in the United States army, one having been killed in France fighting for his country.

STOLEN CAR GETS HOME BEFORE OWNER

A. B. LINN LOSES AUTO IN PORTLAND; THIEF NABBED HERE BEFORE LINN RETURNS

A. B. Linn, of this city, accompanied by his two sons, drove to Portland in a new Oakland auto Sunday evening, to attend a theatre. After parking the car in Portland, they attended the show and when the party came out of the theatre, the car was gone.

Mr. Linn reported the loss to the Portland police, then took the electric car for Oregon City. When he got off the street car here, he found his auto in front of the courthouse, where he discovered that Officer Hughes and Surfus had nabbed the thief on Main street, when he attempted to pass through this city with the auto from Portland.

The young man who stole the car gave his name as H. Sidney Sheldon. He is now in the city jail awaiting trial. Mr. Linn considers himself lucky, and claims that the auto thief saved him the trouble of driving the car from Portland to Oregon City in the rain, as he enjoyed the ride on the electric car much better Sunday night.

SOLA CIRCLE HOLDS BIG INSTALLATION

MRS. H. A. SHANDY AND MISS CLARA TATE GIVEN PAST GUARDIAN JEWELS

Installation of officers of the Sola Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, of this city, held Friday night, was conducted by Mrs. H. A. Shandy, past guardian. Mrs. Shandy and Miss Clara Tate, who was past guardian last year, were presented with handsome past guardian jewels, as part of the evening's ceremony. The following officers were installed for the coming year:

Laella Erickson, past guardian; Anna Rakel, guardian neighbor; Viola Brunner, advisor; May Rakel, magician; Mrs. George Osborn, musician; Tillie Swanson, attendant; Amelia Martin, inner sentinel; Mary Clayton, outer sentinel; Viola Tate, Rosina Fouts Evans, and Dora Winkel, board of managers; Izzetta Albright, captain of the guard; May Waldron, banker.

At the banquet which followed the installation ceremony, places were laid for 150. The banquet was in charge of Mrs. J. L. Waldron, Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Orlean Kellogg, Mrs. J. K. Morris, Mrs. M. E. Dunn, and Mrs. Tillie Swanson. Miss Lone Dunn, pianist, and James Chinn, soloist, entertained during the evening.

WOMAN SUES SEWING MACHINE CO. FOR \$2,999

A suit has been entered here by Josephine Critser against the Singer Sewing Machine company and its agent, A. R. Lowry, for personal damages in the sum of \$2,999.00. Mrs. Critser alleges in her complaint that the agent, A. R. Lowry, came to her home one day and asked to see the factory number on the machine. She allowed him to enter the house, and she alleges that he took the top off the machine, containing most of the mechanism, and started to leave the house. She claims that when she remonstrated with him, he threw her down the front steps of the house, causing her internal injuries. She further alleges that the agent claimed \$8 was due on back payments on the machine, which she thought had been paid.

SIX BIRTHS; ALL BOYS, RECORDED DURING MONTH

Six births were recorded here last week, and all six were boys. February 2, to the wife of Fred William Moechnke, of Hoff, a son; February 4, to the wife of Fred Cresson, 205 17th street, a son; February 6, to the wife of Ora Slyter, of Canby, a son; February 7, to the wife of Amos Ball, of West Linn, a son; to the wife of M. Tozier, of Gladstone, a son; and to the wife of Ben Grossenbacher, of Eighth and Washington streets, a son.

COX BILLIARD PARLORS ARE SOLD TO B. C. MAN

The billiard parlors belonging to F. D. Cox have been purchased by Mr. Rohrberg, of Ocean Falls, B. C., who recently moved to this city. Mr. Rohrberg was an employe of the Pacific Mills, at Ocean Falls, Mr. Cox will take active charge of his soda works in this city.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has leased the building which it now occupies, for another five-year period. The building is owned by D. C. and C. D. Latourette. The company agrees to pay \$70 monthly, and make its own repairs, according to the terms of the lease filed Friday.

OREGON BOOSTER TALKS TO "WIRES"

W. B. D. DODSON SEES BRIGHT MANUFACTURING FUTURE FOR THIS VALLEY

MILK COMPANY MAY LOCATE

Committee to Furnish Information to Interest Eastern Capital in This City

The first luncheon to be held in the new Commercial club parlors in the Masonic building took place Tuesday noon, with nearly all members of the organization present. W. B. D. Dodson, executive secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, was the honored guest of the Wires, and his address was listened to with a great deal of interest.

Mr. Dodson gave many suggestions to the "Wires" as to their activities during the coming year. He claimed that the Portland Chamber of Commerce was trying to interest young men in the work at that place, and said that he thought the coming generation of young men in Portland would make that city the pride of the Pacific Coast during the next few years. He pointed out to the "Wires" that eastern manufacturers were looking toward the Willamette Valley for the purpose of establishing industries here, and particularly to Oregon City, and that the manufacturers realized that in establishing branches on the Pacific Coast, they would be nearer to foreign markets and eliminate long overland hauls and freight expense. Mr. Dodson claimed that anything that would help Portland would help Oregon City, and vice versa, and that the Portland Chamber of Commerce desired to cooperate with the Live Wires and the Commercial club for the betterment of the Willamette valley.

A committee will be appointed by the organization to follow up some of Mr. Dodson's suggestions as to securing manufacturers to establish branch houses in this city. It is learned that a big corporation which controls large milk condensaries over the East, is desirous of locating near Oregon City. The matter will be looked into by the Live Wire committee, and steps taken to produce all information available to present to these eastern interests.

A resolution was presented at the meeting commending Mayor Hansen of Seattle for the fine work he accomplished in smashing the first rising of Bolshevists in the United States, and after being put to a vote, was unanimously adopted, with instructions to the secretary to forward a copy to Mayor Hansen at Seattle.

The next regular meeting of the Wires will take place next Tuesday.

CLUB APPOINTS COMMITTEES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Board of Governors of the Oregon City Commercial club met Saturday, and approved the following standing committees, that had been appointed by M. D. Latourette, president of the club. The committees are:

Publicity, O. D. Eby, T. W. Sullivan, George Tracy, E. E. Brodie, and F. J. Meyer.

Executive, M. D. Latourette, L. A. Henderson, R. L. Shepherd, Wallace Caulfield, and George E. Swafford.

Auditing, L. A. Henderson, A. C. Howland, A. A. Price, J. R. Humphreys, and H. C. Parker.

Transportation, R. L. Shepherd, W. Brown, B. T. McCain, George A. Harding, and C. B. Dinkick.

Reception and Entertainment, Wallace Caulfield, Jos. E. Hedges, R. L. Holman, A. E. Rugg, and C. H. Dye.

Membership, George E. Swafford, Eber Chapman, R. A. Prudden, Geo. V. Ely, and A. C. Warner.

House, Clyde Mount, L. A. Morris, and T. Osmund.

INSANE MAN IS TAKEN TO ASYLUM MONDAY

John Valley, taken into custody by Sheriff Wilson Monday night near the St. Agnes Baby Home at Parkplace upon complaints of the residents of that district, was committed Wednesday to the state insane hospital at Salem. He is about 35 years of age, and appears to fear that some one is pursuing him to torture him.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AT WEST LINN ELECTS

West Linn Hose company No. 4, has elected the following officers to serve for the year 1919: M. E. Clancy, president; J. E. Butler, vice-president; Joseph Moechnke, secretary; Harvey Farmer, treasurer; Ed. Friedrichs, finance; Richard Bittner, first assistant foreman; Joseph Simpson, second assistant foreman; John F. Clark, fire commissioner. Many of the members of the fire company are in service in France, and upon their return the company will number more than 30 members.

HORSE RACING AGAIN AT 1919 COUNTY FAIR

FAIR OFFICERS MEET; DECIDE TO LOWER ADMISSION THIS YEAR

At a meeting of the officers of the Clackamas County Fair association held last Friday afternoon in this city, horse racing will be resumed at the fair this year, according to their decision. Last year, on account of the war, the racing program was eliminated at the fair, and judging by the small attendance, it was one of the most popular features on the program. The date of the fair has been set for September 24-27, inclusive, and the admission this year will be reduced from 50c to 25c. Auto and motorcycle racing will also be added to the program for 1919, and the attendance for this season is expected to break all records, inasmuch as the war has ended and Clackamas county people will revive their interest in the county fair, as before.

MAN STEALS MONEY GIVEN FOR BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

A man who gave his name as J. Hilton, was arrested on the streets of this city Wednesday night by Officer Cooke, charged with vagrancy. When searched, the man's pockets were found to contain hundreds of pennies, which aroused the suspicion of the authorities. Upon investigation, the officials learned that the man has been robbing the milk bottles, which are distributed over the city for the collection of coins to help the Belgian babies. When accused by the officers of the thefts, the man confessed and acknowledged his guilt. The amount in pennies found upon the man fell short several dollars of the amounts stolen from these bottles.

Hilton was brought before Judge Seivers this morning (Thursday), and sentenced to 60 days in jail.

MILWAUKIE BOY CITED FOR WEST POINT ACADEMY

According to word received from the U. of O., at Eugene, William Shepherd Biddle, of Milwaukie, will be recommended by the university to Congressman W. C. Hawley, for appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, following competitive examinations held at the college this week. William Biddle is the son of Mrs. M. B. Biddle, and is a graduate of the Santa Barbara high school in the class of 1918. He is 18 years of age, and maintained an average of 98 per cent in all his written examinations.



THE NEAR EAST TO CIVILIZATION "SAVE MY CHILDREN"

Are we going to sit back and let thousands of women and children die from starvation in the Near East? They are calling to America to save them. Clackamas county people will give their share as they have always done in the past. The drive starts Monday—the quota is \$5,500—let your conscience tell you how much to give; it's good work

TWO ROBBERIES IN ONE WEEK HERE

FORMER EMPLOYE TAKES \$600 FROM SWARTZ STORE MONDAY NIGHT

CHECKS LEFT AT PARKPLACE

Charles Kruger Confesses to Rifling of Safe in Morgan's Market; \$140 Amount Taken

Jacob Adler was arrested in Portland by Sheriff Wilson Tuesday afternoon charged with the robbery of the Joe Swartz clothing store in this city, which took place some time Monday night. Adler, when first arrested, denied the robbery, but later confessed. Adler came to this city several weeks ago, and was employed for a short time by Mr. Swartz. Later, he left, but Saturday came again to Oregon City and called at the Swartz store. When the store closed for the day on Monday, Adler took a car for Portland and, according to his own story, he later came back, unlocked the front door of the establishment and, knowing the combination, rifled the safe of its contents.

When arrested in front of the Benson hotel, in Portland, Adler had in his possession a ticket for St. Louis, Mo., and would have boarded a train for that place thirty minutes later from the time of his arrest. Among the securities which Adler secured from the Swartz safe were a number of checks, which he left in the waiting room at Parkplace, when he walked from this city to the former place immediately after committing the robbery.

When the robbery was first discovered by Sheriff Wilson and Chief of Police Woodward, and after an interview with Mr. Swartz, the sheriff immediately left for Portland, suspecting that Adler was the man who did the job. After locating where Adler was staying, Sheriff Wilson and two Multnomah deputies waited most of the afternoon before Adler showed up about 5 o'clock, as he was entering the Benson, where he had secured rooms. He is now in jail.

Charles Kruger, arrested by the authorities yesterday, charged with the robbery of the Morgan Meat Market, from which about \$140 was taken in cash last Sunday night, made a complete confession to the officers Wednesday evening, and turned over

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PACIFIC AND HOME PHONES TO MERGE

MGR. P. J. HOULTON ANNOUNCES FEB. 17 AS DATE OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidation of the Home Telephone company with that of the Pacific Telephone company will take place in this city on Feb. 17, according to the report of Mgr. Houlton, of the Pacific company. The local company—which is known by the name of the Oregon City and Farmers' Telephone company—but owned by the Home Telephone company, will be taken over by the Pacific company and all phones connected up with that of the Pacific's switchboard. Residences and business houses which now have both telephones installed, will, from the above date only have one phone, that of the Pacific lines, and the other instrument will be taken out. Places which have only the Home telephone now will continue to use the same instrument connected up with the Pacific switchboard.

Some time ago, the Home company went into the hands of a receiver, and at a sale authorized by the court, the Pacific company bought all lines of the Home company. The present office here of the Home company will be abolished, and the business transacted under the Pacific management at their present location.

COUNTY TEACHERS TO MEET AT MILWAUKIE

EXCELLENT PROGRAM PLANNED FOR CONFERENCE, SAT., FEBRUARY 15

The Clackamas County Teachers' association is to hold an important meeting at Milwaukie, Saturday, February 15. A program of interest to all teachers has been planned, and will start at 10 o'clock in the morning. The program follows:

10 a. m.—Address, "Needs of the Public School," J. A. Churchill, state superintendent.

11 a. m.—Business session.

12 m.—Lunch served at the Grange hall by the women of the Grange and the Work Club.

1:30 p. m.—Departmental session, by Miss Winifred Hayes, head of the English department of the Washington high school of Portland, with the subject, "Co-relation of English." Miss Margaret Thompson will have for her subject "Geography in the Grades," and Mrs. D. E. Barker will speak on "Geography in the Primary Department."

2:15 p. m.—Address, "The Most Vocational Subject," Professor A. McKinley, head of the language department of the Lincoln high school of Portland.

COUNTY SUED FOR \$1,000 FOR PERSONAL INJURIES

A damage suit has been entered against Clackamas county by Nina C. Keller, asking the court to allow her the sum of \$1000 for personal injuries received while driving on a county road. She alleges in her complaint that while riding a horse on a plank road on September 10, 1918, near Estacada, the planks broke under the horse's feet, causing the horse to stumble and throwing her heavily to the ground. She further alleges that her right arm was dislocated and severely sprained from the fall, and that she is still in a weak condition due from the accident.

TILLOTSON VISITING HERE; SAW ACTIVE SERVICE

Wagner L. E. Tillotson, of the 346th Artillery recently returned from France, is visiting his mother, Mrs. L. E. Tillotson, at Sixth and Washington streets, in this city for a few days. Tillotson saw active service in the Toul sector near Metz, at Neuf Chateau, but was lucky enough to come through the scrap uninjured. He has brought many curios from France, which have been placed on display in the windows of the Price Brothers store. The young man received his discharge at Camp Lewis a few days ago.

BLAKE ASKS STUDENTS TO HELP DEFEAT BILL

Urging the support of the students in defeating house bill No. 376, relating to the draining of Malheur Lake, G. F. Blake, scout master of the Boy Scouts' organization of Gladstone, spoke at the high school assembly Tuesday morning. He referred to the lake as one of Oregon's foremost natural wonders, comparing it to Crater Lake, and Mount Hood, and that the present bill, asking for the lake's drainage, is put forth by eastern capitalists. He urged that the bill be defeated and the students sign the petition against the bill. It was signed by the entire school.

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ASKS FAIR PLAY FOR ARMY Y. M. C. A.

F. F. RUNYON TELLS OF WORK DONE THROUGH SHELLS FIRE AND MUD

MALICIOUS CRITICISM MADE

Much Harm Done "Y" by Biased Story of Sale of Gift Tobacco; Error Assumed by Government

In a letter to this paper, asking for fair play as regards the Y. M. C. A., F. F. Runyon, associate secretary of the national organization, writes the following letter in defense of the attacks recently made as to the inefficiency of the organization in Europe during the war. We print the letter verbatim, as follows:

"I know from thirty years newspaper experience that the editor desires to be fair, to give the truth to his readers. I know that you have no desire to strike at an institution that for years has stood for all that is best in American life.

"The newspapers of the West have been splendid, ever ready to give of their space for war work activities, ever patriotic and always sincere. I do not hesitate to go to you now and ask you to be fair in your treatment of the Y. M. C. A.

"Eighty per cent of the criticism leveled against the Y. M. C. A. war work is apparently malicious and untruthful. Take one example, the charge that the Y. M. C. A. sold gift tobacco, that soldiers who purchased tobacco in a Y. M. C. A. canteen found inside the package a card with the name of the donor inscribed.

"This statement is made repeatedly. What is the answer to it? Simply this, that the Y. M. C. A. purchased this tobacco from the Quartermaster's department of the United States army and when it was discovered that it was gift tobacco the money was refunded to the soldiers where it was possible.

"Then the government was called upon to investigate the matter and after its investigation assumed full responsibility for the error, stating that the shipment was not labeled and that the Y. M. C. A. had paid for it and did not know it was gift tobacco.

"Yet the story of how the Y. M. C. A. sold gift tobacco is told and retold. No amount of explanation can overcome the harm that oft repeated story has wrought.

"When it was discovered that the Y. M. C. A. operated 3500 huts at home and overseas, seven times as many as all the other welfare agencies combined, that it had 10,000 men and women war workers, virtually ten times as many as all the other agencies, that nine Y. M. C. A. workers were killed in France, thirty-one died from exposure or overwork, twenty-three were seriously wounded or gassed, hundreds received minor injuries, ten were decorated for bravery and others cited in army orders for similar service under duress, it would appear that the organization had at least been actively engaged in looking after the welfare of the fighting men.

"The Y. M. C. A. lost thousands of dollars on the canteen the government requested it to take over; it sent its men wherever the American soldier was sent; it was forced to meet conditions which appeared unworkable, it rendered a red-blooded service overseas and because a few men may have been below standard, its whole personnel should not be assailed.

"It is not true that it profiteered; it is not true that it sold gift tobacco intentionally; it is not true that it failed to serve the men in the front line trenches; it is not true that it was a failure in France.

"It is true that it furnished hundreds of warm, comfortable huts, entertainments, motion picture shows, lectures, religious services, that it provided paper and envelopes, books and magazines. \$12,000,000 has also been sent home through the Y. M. C. A. by the boys in France without any charge whatever.

"Is all this great, helpful, personal, humane service to be overlooked, to be forgotten, to be thrown into the discard and an institution that Premier Clemenceau said so maintained the morale of the fighting men that without it the war would have been lost, to be assailed, mercilessly, because but one side of the story is known?"

I am,
Very sincerely yours,
F. F. RUNYON.

Asks \$80 for Heifer

Claiming that Carl Timmerman, of Boring, took possession of his heifer and branded it, Walter Johnson has entered suit against him here to recover the value of the heifer. The plaintiff claims that the heifer was worth \$80, but that with the branding of it it has depreciated in value.

Married
License to wed was granted last week to Esther Holzman, 26, and Charles G. Combs, 37, both of Canby.