

# Clackamas County Record

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## NEGLECT OF LINCOLN'S BIRTHPLACE.

The farm where Abraham Lincoln was born is about to be sold for taxes; a Chicago man planning to buy it and build there an institution for drunkards and morphine fiends; the cabin where Lincoln was born carried around the country from one exposition to another as one of the features of the show—such are the features of a situation presented by Mr. Clifton Johnson in The Woman's Home Companion for February. He says:

"Where is our national bump of reverence, that the generosity of American subscribers has made possible the preservation of the birthplace of Shakespeare and Burns, and yet let pass into shameful ruin the land upon which was born and bred a man whom all nations have accepted as statesman, hero, and martyr?"

"This is preeminently the day of 'patriotism' in America. Our lawmakers declaim of it, and patriotic societies collect and expend vast sums of money in perpetuating memories and building monuments to many who deserve them, and perhaps a good many who do not. And yet, while all this is going on, the home place of the unique man of American history is being overlooked, forgotten, permitted to pass into the hands of the irreverent, and is now about to have heaped upon it an indignity which it is safe to say could occur in no other country in the world.

"To say double indignity would perhaps convey an idea of the fact that seems to await the old farm where Abraham Lincoln was born, for not only has it been advertised for sale to satisfy the claim of a few paltry dollars that the state of Kentucky has against it for unpaid taxes, but an enterprising individual from Chicago has his plans perfected whereby he proposes to bid it in, and to build an institution for the treatment of drunkards and morphine fiends upon the exact spot where the great martyr was born. This may all be very well from strictly the business standpoint of this busy and aggressive age, but the idea that the birthplace of the man to whom this country owes its greatest debt of gratitude should fall into the hands of speculators who will use its historic associations for advertising purposes, and who will convert the haunts of the childhood of the great liberator into promenades for a lot of helpless unfortunates, is not a pleasant one for the patriotic American to contemplate.

"The old Lincoln farm, consisting of one hundred and ten acres, is in Larne County, Kentucky. It is located three miles out of the old quaint village of Hodgenville, on the Lincoln and Magnolia highway, which is only called a road by courtesy, as for eight months out of the year it is almost impassable. A poorer country perhaps does not exist in the world, and this farm is in all probability the most sterile, barren, and forlorn spot in it. As one approaches it through a lane obstructed by fallen fences, the stunted and broken cedars, the tangle of sassafras and briars, all proclaim that they are emissaries to warn the unsuspecting of the utter worthlessness of the soil. A more desolate scene could not well be imagined. Near the highway an old weather-boarded log shanty stands. It is now the only house upon the place, and in it a mountaineer by the name of Burton lives, rent free, with his family. He does not even know who owns the place, and merely occupies it because no one else wants it. He has been there for three years, but how he has managed to live is altogether beyond my comprehension, for during this time, and probably much longer, no attempt at tillage, not even to the extent of a garden, been made. This, however, may have been wisdom, for I could find no hopeful indications that even grass would grow upon the rocky hillsides of the worn-

out land.  
"The little log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born is no longer upon the place. During the Nashville Exposition it was carried down there, and since that time it has been a regular feature at all the affairs of this kind. Its latest journey was to Buffalo in 1901, and I understand that it is still there. The place where it originally stood is a high, barren hilltop, and the exact spot is now marked by a rude flagpole."

There seems to be a very great difference of opinion in regard to the method of nominating a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Tongue. There is a proper course to pursue, and that course is by calling primaries and a convention. A nomination made in any other way would be unsatisfactory in the extreme. The people have a right to a voice in this matter, and there is no other way this can be had only by giving the people an opportunity to speak through methods which the primary and convention would give them. The first district congressional committee should meet, issue a call for primaries and convention and proceed to business in the same manner as would be adopted had the term of office expired instead of being vacant by death.

## SELLWOOD FREE FERRY.

### Good Prospects That Legislature Will Make an Appropriation.

The people of Sellwood feel reasonably sure of getting a free ferry at the hands of the legislature now in session. The measure has now already been introduced in the senate, and will, it is believed, reach the house this week. Members of the Sellwood board of trade seem to have no fear of the bill being passed.

There is talk again of a combined effort between the people of Albina and Sellwood in the interest of ferry facilities at both places. Albina wants a new ferry to accommodate the growing traffic of that part of the city, while Sellwood people would be perfectly satisfied with the ferry boat Mason, now operated at Albina. Samuel Connell, president of the Albina Improvement Association, is reported as favorable to some combination by which this can be accomplished, and D. M. Donogh, president of the Sellwood board of trade, is reported to be of the opinion that a combination of this kind would be a good thing. It is estimated that a sum not in excess of \$5000 would be necessary to equip the proposed Sellwood-Fulton route for the Mason, in the way of landings and a new steel cable.

## IN HONOR OF DR. McLOUGHLIN.

### Suggestion That New County Be Given His Name.

The Oregonian hears the suggestion that the new county which the legislature is cutting off from Crook be named in honor of Dr. McLoughlin. Certainly Oregon ought in the name of a county or in some other notable and permanent way to emphasize the respect which all men feel for the memory of one who, by consent, was the most distinguished of all Oregon's pioneers. Those who are advocating the new county project have no doubt their own reasons for the name they have proposed; but possibly they will be glad to have the suggested name above quoted.

## Miss Conyers' Concert.

Miss Mary Conyers, a well known vocalist of this city, is arranging to give a concert in Woodmen Hall, Tuesday evening, February 24. At Miss Conyers' first concert, which was given several months ago, the hall was crowded to the doors. The program will be rendered by Mrs. Walter Reed, Mr. Dom. J. Zan, Miss Veda Williams and Miss Marian Lawrence. The latter is only seven years old, and her piano execution has excited the wonder and admiration of all those who have been fortunate enough to hear her. She is the daughter of Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, formerly Miss Williams, of this city. It is probable that the Derthick Club chorus, which has just been organized, will give a number on the program.

## Dolliver and Hillis May Come.

H. E. Cross, secretary of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association, and president of the board of managers of the four associations on this coast, is busily engaged in correspondence with eastern people, relative to securing talent for the assemblies. Mr. Cross has great hopes of securing United States Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, and Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, who is pastor of Henry Ward Beecher's church. Both of these men would be strong drawing cards. Every effort is being exhausted to make this year's assembly better than any previous one.

# HOWARD INDORSED

## CANDIDATE FOR LABOR COMMISSIONER UNDER PROPOSED LAW.

Meeting of Union Labor Men Indorse Fellow Servant Bill and Bill to Create Labor Commission—Favor Eight Hour Law and a Weekly Pay Day.

Representatives of all the unions in the city met in Red Mens hall Tuesday night and discussed proposed laws relative to the labor interests of the state now before the legislature. The fellow servant bill was indorsed and bills were drafted to make eight hours constitute a day's work throughout the state and to compel employers to pay labor weekly. The meeting was largely attended and was very enthusiastic, the hall being crowded. A strong indorsement of the bill to create a state labor commission was made and J. H. Howard, secretary of Federal Labor Union, of this city, was indorsed for labor commissioner under the pending bill. Mr. Howard has friends who will push his candidacy actively at Salem and every effort will be made to secure his appointment should the bill become a law. Copies of the bills were made yesterday afternoon and were sent to Senators Brownell and Holman, and Representatives Nottingham, Webster, Huntley and Paulsen. They will be introduced in the senate and house and will be supported by Clackamas County members who pledged themselves during the campaign to give every aid in their power to any law that would help the workingman. The bill for an eight hour law follows:

### A BILL.

For an Act fixing the number of hours making a days labor for the skilled and unskilled workingman of the State of Oregon, excepting those engaged in agriculture and stockraising:

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, and be it enacted by the People of the State of Oregon.

Section 1. In all work hereafter undertaken any persons, firms, corporations, copartnerships or associations, which shall require the employment of workingmen, either or both skilled or unskilled, excepting such person, firm, corporations, copartnerships or associations as shall be engaged in the business of agriculture or stockraising, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporations, copartnership or association or any contractor or sub-contractor thereof to employ any mechanic, workingman or laborer in the prosecution or performance of any such work for more than eight (8) hours per day of twenty-four (24) hours.

Section 2. Any person, firm, corporation, copartnership or association, contractor or sub-contractor who shall violate the provisions of section one (1) of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than fifty (50) nor more than one hundred (100) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Section 3. The minimum rate of wages shall be twenty (25) cents per hour, and all time over eight hours (8) shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for each and every hour of extra work.

Section 4. It shall also be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, copartnership or association, to enter into any agreement with any employee which will in any way conflict or be a violation of the provisions of sections one (1) and three (3) of this Act and every agreement made in violation of this Act shall be null and void.

Section 5. All Acts or parts of Acts in conflict with this Act is hereby repealed.

The bill compelling employes to pay labor weekly is as follows:

### A BILL.

For an Act fixing the time for paying wages, requiring payment thereof in lawful money and forbidding their payment in time checks, due bills, orders on stores and the like:

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon; and be it enacted by the people of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. Every person, firm, partnership, corporation or association doing business in this state, except individuals, copartnerships, corporations and associations engaged in agriculture or stockraising, shall pay at least once in each and every week in lawful money of the United States, to each employe engaged in his, their or its business, or to the duly authorized

representative of such employe, the full amount of wages earned and unpaid in lawful money, to such employe, provided however, that if at any time of payment any employe shall be absent from his or her regular place of labor and shall not receive his or her wages through a duly authorized representative, he or she shall be entitled to such payment at any time after on demand.

Section 2. It shall not be lawful for any such person, firm, partnership, association or corporation as aforesaid to enter into or make any agreement with any employe, for the payment of wages of such employe, otherwise than as provided in section 1, of this act.

Section 3. It shall likewise be unlawful for any such person, firm, partnership, association or corporation to enter into or make any agreement with any employe for the payment of his or her wages in due bills, time checks, or checks or orders of any kind against or upon any store of any kind owned or operated by such employer or employers or any other person, firm, partnership, association or corporation, or to pay such wages; and every agreement of the provisions of this Act shall be null and void.

Section 4. Every person, firm, copartnership, association and corporation found guilty of violating any of the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall be fined in a sum not less than \$50 nor more than \$250 for each and every such offense; and each and every employe with whom any such agreement in violation of this act shall be made shall have his or her right of action against any such person, firm, copartnership, association, or corporation for the full amount of his or her wages in any court of competent jurisdiction in this state.

Section 5. All Acts or parts of acts in conflict with this Act is hereby repealed.

Each member of the legislature from Clackamas County has received the following letter signed by President Marley and Secretary Gleason, of the joint meeting:

At a joint meeting of the Federal Labor Union, Carpenters Union, Textile Union, Clerks' Union, Painters' Union, and Typographical Union, all of Oregon City, held January 27, 1903, we have indorsed two labor bills of which please find enclosed copy.

We also heartily endorse the fellow servant law and the child labor law, and ask your co-operation in the passage of these labor laws.

Believing that by our votes we have largely assisted you in being placed in the honorable position which you now occupy, therefore we ask you to express your appreciation by assisting all in your power in the passage of the above named labor bills.

## REBUILDING BRIDGE.

### Notes of Interest From Elwood—Death of Palmer Hunter.

Elwood, Or., Jan. 30.—(Special).—The Michael Hecker bridge which was destroyed by the forest fires, is being rebuilt and we are glad as it will shorten our trips to Oregon City nearly four miles.

Death visited the home of Marvin Park, taking Palmer Hunter, their grandson, aged 2 years, 11 months. Palmer became ill Thursday evening. Medical aid was summoned but could give no relief, and near three o'clock Friday evening he died. His mother died nearly three years ago. The remains were laid to rest in the Mt. Home cemetery.

Henry Cadman, of Fulton, was in this community for a few days attending to some stock they left on their farm.

William Henderson and family returned from Prescott, Wash., after a two years' absence and are enjoying a visit with friends and relatives.

## SERIES OF LECTURES.

### Dr. House Will Deliver the First at Congregational Church Tuesday.

Several years ago there was promised the public of Oregon City a series of lectures which was remarkably well patronized so far as the promises could be fulfilled. But the most attractive numbers of the course never appeared. Some persons have been associating that course of entertainments with the Congregational Church because the lectures were given there. The Saturday Club hereby announces that any person securing course tickets for Dr. House's lectures will have their money returned if the entertainment as announced will not be given. The course will open next Tuesday evening with "Quo Vadis."

## Derthick Club Meeting.

The Derthick Musical Club met at the residence of Mrs. C. G. Miller last Monday evening with 15 members present. A delightful program was rendered and a chorus was organized. A meeting of the chorus will be held at the residence of Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan next Monday night and a full attendance is requested.

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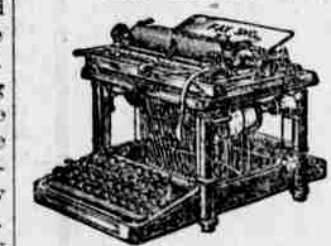
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