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WHAT WOULD LINCOLN SAY TODAY?

(Following are some extracts from the speech of Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee, at the Lincoln Day Republican meeting in St. Louis, February 12.)

What would Lincoln say today? Presumptuous as it might seem to assume to answer the question, surely no harm can come from asking it. Could we in fact do better than pause occasionally in the present turmoil of existence and seek guidance from the great minds whose still living words have never failed to point the paths which invariably have proved to be the true ones?

Recognition of Lincoln's true greatness has grown steadily since he died a martyr to the great cause, but none can fail to realize that during the past few years it has been enhanced mightily throughout the world.

"There goes the spirit of Lincoln at the head," ejaculated the Premier of England when he saw the advance guard of American soldiers sweeping forward over Flanders fields.

And when the awful carnage ceased the foremost of living philosophers, gazing apprehensively into the troubled future, murmured despairingly, "What Europe needs now is a Lincoln."

Truer words were never spoken. Who else in all history was so well equipped as he to raise a great continent, even as a mere Phoenix, from the ashes of calamity? And why? Because of his fame? No.

In that respect he had been surpassed by many.

Because of his superior achievements in war or in peace? No. Because of the faith that men had in him while he lived and have in him still in vastly greater measure these long years since he passed away.

To say this is to say much but not too much of him whom we proudly acclaim and who is universally conceded the truest type of the truest American ever sprung from American soil.

If an Abraham Lincoln were and still may be the chief need of Europe, how much more surely should he be the guiding star of his own native land, the only land he ever knew, the only land he ever loved except as his great heart was filled with loving kindness for all mankind. We have not the man, but we have his spirit; we have his faith; we have his words.

"History is the voice of God sounding across the centuries the laws of right and wrong."

"Eternal right makes right. As we understand our duty let us do it."

Let us stop there. Let that be the message that we believe Lincoln would bring to us tonight, venturing only to add what he almost surely would say in simple phrase:

And don't get discouraged. There is no problem America cannot solve. There never has been. There never will be. Look forward, not backward. Look up, not down. God will do the rest, not for America only, but, through America, for the world.

Lloyd George would let Bolshevism develop and die. Die in a natural way, or dynasty?

If the government would have us produce more, let it provide an income tax return blank that won't consume so much of our time and energy.

While the Department of Labor is investigating the high cost of living it might take a day off to investigate the high cost of investigations.

If we are to trade with Russia, what will she swap us for Reds in ton lots, f. o. b. Finland?

Of course Europe needs food. She had to rake and scrape to get the money to buy all of that outlawed American booze.

The auto show's the thing.

Might as well go to the show and pick out your auto. If not now, eventually you will have to have one.

A Burmese woman doctor claims to be able to raise the dead. Let her try her skill on the Democratic party.

What a nuisance red tape is! If it had been in evidence at the creation the first day's work would not have been accomplished by this time.

Those voices from some other planet may be confused on account of the great confusion in the councils of the Democratic party.

The U. S. rail offices in Washington are to close March 1. That sounds good. The people of this

FUTURE DATES.

February 17 and 18, Tuesday and Wednesday—Conference of Indian workers at Kimball College of Theology. February 18, 19 and 20—Salem Automobile show. February 19, Thursday—Children's eugenics test at Commercial club. February 22, Sunday—Washington's birthday. February 23, Sunday—French government awards, through American legion, memorial certificates to relatives of soldiers who lost lives in war. February 23, Monday—Federal inspection of Company M, National Guard of Oregon. February 25, Wednesday—High school alumni meet for organization. February 25, Wednesday—Cherry City bakery to entertain Rotarians, at banquet. September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.



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to hold confidence in the justness and fairness of our motives and ideals. No little group of headstrong senators can long prevent the establishment of these rights. Ex-Secretary Lane, who is one of the really great men of America, reflects the situation with accuracy.

Unfair discrimination may fairly be charged to the war department in the awarding of distinguished army service medals to civilian contractors for mythical nitrate and denying them to contractors for wool and copper which were actually delivered. It was probably thought that anybody who might expect to make the Muscle Shoals plant produce what it was built for was entitled to all the could get.

CABINET LADIES.

As a starter in national politics the women are asking that a department of education be created and that the secretary thereof be a full-fledged member of the president's cabinet.

Of course, the secretary would be a woman and thus the sex would be represented on the official advisory board of the administration.

The need of a department of education is supposed to be manifest—especially if the government is to have a guiding hand over all the affairs of the states and the home. Then we shall have other departments—aviation, transportation, highways, health and the like. Each of them will require an appropriation of millions and all the trimmings that go with a cabinet job. Might as well start it off with a ladyship of education so that we may be drilled up to the full programme.

GENIUS IN OREGON.

(New York Times)

We all know how hospitable the people and state of Oregon have long shown themselves to experiments and innovations in government. No where else in the United States, perhaps, is there such political open-mindedness, such a zeal to propose and readiness to consider without prejudice, and, if convinced, to try reforms, amendments, new or revived old political machinery and methods.

With an expectation of pleasure and edification, then, do we begin to read the platform of the United Land and Labor party of that ingenious and Athenian state. The single tax, to be sure, is an old acquaintance that has become a bore to most of us, and, remembering the financial beauties of Mr. Townley's North Dakota, the Oregon yearning for a state bank, the legal depository

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This method of assessment is too palpably sublime to suffer comment. Jack up the valuation, let the state jack the jacked 10 per cent, pocket the money, leave the state! To the taxpayers who remain the plan may be less inviting; but has anything simpler, greater, grander been gotten even in the fertile Oregonian brain? Every man his own assessor!

THE MARCHERS.

Up in the Canadian Northwest there is a community of religious fanatics who, every little while, become excited, sell their household and farm effects, and start out on a march for Nowhere, singing and praying on the way. No supplies are taken along; they say the Lord will provide.

These foolish marches have become so disastrous that they are prohibited by the government; but the marchers say this is an interference with religious liberty, and complain bitterly.

I often think these religious fanatics may be fairly compared with strikers. The strikers harm themselves, and starve their women and children. When the government complains, the strikers become more excited than ever, and say their liberties have been interfered with. Frequently the strikers make no demands; no power on earth can satisfy them. They simply want to march; to quit work and agitate about being deprived of their liberties, and of being hungry when they might be well fed.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

HOPE OF THE WORLD.

Herbert Hoover is to all intents and purposes a sturdy Republican, but he makes it very plain that if the League of Nations becomes an issue in the presidential campaign he will not vote for a party which does not stand for the great covenant. He says:

"With it there is hope, not only of the prevention of war, but that also we may safely economize in military policies. There is hope of earlier return of confidence and the economic reconstruction of the world."

In other words, the league is the hope of humanity, and for many months the American senate has stood as a barrier to its realization. The people will have little patience or consideration for a party that stakes its future on opposition to the covenant. Hoover's blunt statement:

"I will not vote for a party that does not stand for the league," is the voice of other millions whose party chains are ropes of straw. They simply will not be bound to any organization which opposes the treaty which they feel to be the hope of the world.

THE WOMAN OF IT.

The women do a liberal amount of alking over high prices, but do not put themselves to much trouble to help correct them. The Women's Fair Price Commission in Illinois sent out about two hundred thousand cards on which housewives were asked to make detailed reports of cases of profiteering which came under their observation.

So far less than one hundred responses have been received and hardly a dozen of them gave the commission anything to work on. One woman sent in a protest against the high price charged for humming birds, and another remonstrated against an outrageous overcharge for her skunk skin furs.

There were kicks over the trimming for their hats and necks, but not any about the table.

But possibly the government will get after the greedy misers who are profiteering in humming birds and skunks and let the packers alone.

LIKE THE CRAB.

If Mitchell Palmer makes the same progress in running for president he does in reducing the high cost of living he should be a fair to middling candidate by 1932.

MAY LEAD THE GERMAN.

If the Germans carry out the plan of the reactionaries and elect Von Hindenburg as their president it may be necessary to send General Pershing back to administer the third degree.

THE SPANISH.

In connection with the coming visit of King Alfonso to the nations or South America there is talk of a world federation of Spanish speaking peoples. It would include the bulk of South America, although half the populations are of Indian blood

IT'S A LONG, LONG WAY



What they would do when they had a federation is not made clear. They might write letters to one another or exchange photographs but there wouldn't be a whole lot in a business way as there are so many groups producing along similar lines. Better for them to get into the thick of world commerce, rather than to make any attempt to flock by themselves.

BLUBBERING.

What sort of progress have those enthusiasts made who were going to sell whale meat in place of beefsteak and reduce the cost of living? Did they perchance run out of whales?

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BITS FOR BREAKFAST

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You auto attend the auto show.

Lumber prices are trying to climb as high as the tall trees of the Oregon forests.

But think of the millions of new wealth added to Oregon every time the price is boosted another dollar a thousand. The standing timber tributary to Tillamook bay alone is thirty billions.

People are never satisfied. One of the first things Noah did after finding "dry" land was to plant a vineyard.

The Portland papers keep saying the flu is on the wane. It would likely fly away for good with a gentle Oregon rain, with mild south winds.

Kerensky is a waiter in London. He won't last if it takes him as long to get an order back to the kitchen as it did to decide about a policy.

If the government can release booze free for flu cases, why not for snake bite, indigestion and that tired feeling?

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