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### Collectors' Items

Letters, papers, memos and other items identified with Abraham Lincoln are being offered at auction in New York City. They are from the collection of Lincolnana of the late Oliver R. Barrett, a lawyer of Chicago. The material has been broken into 842 lots and the first 197 lots brought a total of over \$150,000.

Scribbled notes with the fame "A. Lincoln" signature, scrap books of newspaper clippings, an axe-handle on which Lincoln had carved his name—these were among the items sold at the

Most of the stuff is just junk not worth the shelf space or barnroom it claims. Possession seems to gratify either the pride or the curiosity or the morbidity of individuals who part with good money to get a scrap of paper once inscribed by the great personage. We recall once a chap went round the country lecturing on Lincoln. He had a piece of the shirt Lincoln wore when he was shot. Persons would gape at the stained bit of cloth.

We are irreverent enough to suggest that the world would be quite as well off if the Barrett collection were culled by experts, the significant material preserved in libraries or museums and the rest carted to the junkpile. But that will not be done. There is a genuine market in collectors' items for there are always persons with more money than good taste who will buy the chair that Lincoln sat in, or the bed that George Washington slept in and preserve them in a sort of blind veneration. And the autograph trade is a steady one, with regular quotations on Jefferson and Grant and Napoleon. The birthrate on suckers is one that hasn't been lowered since Barnum's time.

### Farmers Union Speaks Its Mind

The Oregon Farmers Union has pretty much displaced the State Grange as a spokesman on political issues. It usually is ready with declarations on a wide range of questions, from government farm programs to UMT and world peace. The state convention at Woodburn has given it an opportunity for a fresh airing of views. As a rule, the Farmers Union takes a stand on the left side and the rival Farm Bureau on the right, with the Grange spread out in between. The FU is always in dead earnest, with much show of conviction in stating its views. It wants to be taken seriously, even though its numerical size is not great.

Ronald E. Jones is stepping out as president after serving since 1944. He has given the organization positive leadership and his talents have been requisitioned by the national organization for important assignments.

Farmers do not speak through a single voice; but what the Farmers Union says is usually the result of sober thinking and commands attention even if it provokes opposition.

### Courtesy in the Air

With the approach of spring and resultant increase in private flying, the McChord Air Force base at Spokane is understandably interested in stressing anew its appeal for common sense and common courtesy in the use of the airways.

Many times in the past, carelessness and thoughtlessness have led many pilots to take off hither and you without filing any flight plan whatever. What happens? Some of them change

their plans and put down somewhere unannounced. Then the family gets worried. So a score of planes take up the search on the route the pilot supposedly was flying.

In just one instance last fall, such a search cost \$6400, according to figures computed at the time by the Oregon Journal. Twenty planes and 60 men were on the hunt. And all the time the pilot was safe at Redmond, answerable only to an irate wife in Portland who had reported him missing when he had not arrived there as she

We are rather inclined to agree with air officers who say that if a pilot does not file a flight plan before taking off the ground, or does not let his location be known when possible, it means he doesn't want to be found and there is no use endangering other pilots and equipment to look for him.

That slushy weather this week may have given some of our transplanted midwesterners a pang of nostalgia, but such pangs would have reservations. The slush of melting snows never was a very popular item on the weather calendar, and endurable principally because it portended the budding of flowers and trees and the veritable re-birth of dormant nature. And that is the way it is here. Only the revival comes quicker than in colder climes. Fishing season doesn't open until April so there's no excuse not to have that spade handy come nice week-ends.

The Coos Bay Pirates are due in Salem Thursday, a bloodthirsty bunch to be sure. The Roseburg Paul Bunyans raided a celebration at Eureka the other day and took the starch out of the Californians. Then there are the Grants Pass Cavemen, who are reported as growing restless in their winter lairs. Skulls will be cracked, blood will be let, and treasure carried off and buried when these troupes get going this summer. Nail down the hatches, boys, the Pirates are on the way.

General MacArthur's name has been filed as a candidate in the Oregon primaries though he has tried to keep his name out of primaries because he says he is not in politics. His wish should be respected. Maybe his supporters hope in this way to kill off the Eisenhower boom in Oregon which so far is working with a slow

Farm production in California set a new high record in 1951 at \$1.745 billion, not counting livestock and animal products. Cotton is now king there with a value of \$354.8 million. Tomatoes at \$100 million are higher than oranges at \$90 million; grapes still higher at \$116 million. Oregon's \$252 million for all farm crops is very modest in comparision.

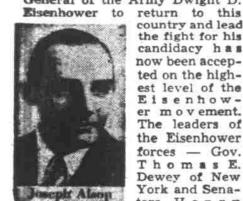
It's rare for Bob Ruhl of the Medford Mail-Tribune to slip on historical fact. He erred though in naming Wendell Phillips as the man who delivered the oration of the day at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysberg. It was Edward Everett, Of course, it was the "few remarks" of Lincoln that day which have sur-

Wanted: yellow lane lines that show through the snow. Also, some would be more effective if they'd just plain show-anytime.

# Highest Leaders in Eisenhower Movement Convinced General Should Return to U. S.

By JOSEPH AND

STEWART ALSOP WASHINGTON-The need for General of the Army Dwight D.



country and lead the fight for his candidacy has now been accepted on the highest level of the Eisenhower movement. The leaders of the Eisenhower forces — Gov. Thomas E.

Dewey of New

tors Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, James Duff of Pennsylvania and Frank Carlson of Kansas, met in New York late last week and decided to appeal to the General

to come home. It is understood that the General will be urged first to make a quick trip to this country while still in uniform, and second to doff his uniform and return as a candidate by May 1 at lat-



The reasoning behind the plan is obvious enough. The loose ends of NATO are anything but tied up, yet the General's appearance in America is needed now to keep the Eisenhower movement building. This need can be met by an appearance before Congress, which the General will shortly be required to make in any case. And besides reporting to Congress on his progress in Europe, the General can perhaps make a broader speech or statement in the course

of his first return journey. After this, the General can tie up the loose ends in Paris, and then come home for good, as an avowed candidate, ready to state his views on the issues and to give leadership to his supporters, who are now weakened by their leaderless state.

Such is the program that will be put up to Gen. Eisenhower. The appeal that he abandon his former position and actively en-ter the lists as a candidate will be made in no spirit of discouragement. Indeed, the potentates of the Eisenhower movement who gathered in New York are prepared to assure the General of victory, if he will fight for it.

At the same time, all of the Eisenhower leaders have been hearing the same plea from the political grass roots-"Can't the General come back and tell us where he stands?"-and they are now convinced that this grass roots hankering to have a look at the candidate, and to hear his views from his own lips, is so strong that it will be highly dangerous not to satisfy the demand.

The question remains, whether Gen. Eisenhower will also take this view, will break the rule he made for himself, will leave behind his immense present task. and will enter the political arena. As yet, the question is perfectly unanswerable, since the appeal to the General that is now projected will be the first such appeal addressed to him by his chief supporters. It will be accompanied, moreover, by the first frank exposition of the political importance of the General's early return that he has received from any authoritative source. And no one can now foretell how the General will respond to the grave choice thus put before him.

If the General yields to the plan to come home, the Eisenhower leaders are convinced that the public demonstration of his strong popular following will attract the Republican regulars to his candidacy. Without this public demonstration, however, it may be difficult to overcome the great appeal of Sen. Robert A. Taft to the members of the ,arty organization. Eisenhower holds the imagination of the independ-ent vote that the Republican

party needs to win. Taft is the great hero of the orthodox Republicans, who of course constitute the majority of Republican primary voters, delegates and delegate owners.

For this very reason, there is considerable apprehension about the outcome of the psychologically crucial New Hampshire primary. The Taft forces are pouring money into New Hampshire. and they are stopping at nothing to make a big New Hampshire showing. The possibility of a setback in New Hampshire is reliably understood to have influenced Sen. Duff to enter Gen. Eisenhower's name in the Pennsylvania primary.

This decision was delicate. since the Old Guard, Grundy-Owlett faction in Pennsylvania, while directing the broadest possible winks at Sen. Taft, have also been hinting to certain Eisenhower leaders that they can count on the Pennsylvania delegation if they will work with the right people. The right people, of course, emphatically do not include Sen. Duff.

Thus Sen. Duff's action probably insures a fight that might have been unnecessary; and the risk is increased by the noncommittal line taken by Gov. Herbert Fine, an old Duff ally who has switched his allegiance. Sen. Duff is convinced, however, that he can win this Pennsylvania struggie. He has no faith in the Grundy-Owlett hints to his col-leagues. And he believes a victory in the huge key state of Pennsylvania will more than compensate for any trouble the Eigenhower forces may run into

It must be added that these complex calculations only go to show how badly the Eisenhower movement needs its natural leader. Only by the General's re-turn, can the Republican party be made truly aware of the nature of the great choice it has

ahead,



1952 HOLDOUT

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acres of farmland; markets about two-thirds of the electricity generated in Oregon and Washing-Conflicts of interest do occur

between the various segments of Interior. An apt illustration given by Fortune is Reclamation's determination to invade the wildly magnificent Dinosaur National Monument" on the Utah-Colorado line, with dams at Echo Park and Split Mt. This is vigorously opposed by the Park Service which wants to keep the region primitive, with gallant support from civic and conservation bodies, and Bernard DeVoto, contributor to Harper's Magazine. Chapman appears to have blown hot and cold on the proposal and Fortune re-

"After two years Echo Park was still unsettled. Policy at Interior, as DuBose Heyward once said of woman, is a sometime thing.'

Fortune says that the first thing needed is to "bring the squabbling bureaus to heel," a lask which calls for a "secretary with the force of character to bring order out of chaos and the ability to make tough decisions and stand back of them." It goes much farther than dealing with personalities, however. The magazine urges that Interior should get out of Washington. It would set up eight regional administrators, each named by the President and approved by Congress, with a regional advisory board in each area.

More startling is the recommendation that Interior "liquidate" its land holdings by dispos ing of them to the states. It says:

"Each regional administration should have as its guiding principle the eventual return to the states of the lands and resources now administered by the department. This should not imply any impulsive and immediate abandonment of resources vital to the nation, but rather a grad-

ual program of divestiture where feasible. Some lands and resources, of course, should remain in federal hands: the national parks, for example, and the national forests; others like water and power, just as clearly should be bought by the states."

This is by no means as simple as it appears. Ability of states to administer land resources has not been proven in practice. Local pressures are apt to break down the safeguards for protection of public interest. Whether conflicts among states in administering interstate water resources can be composed by compacts is doubtful. And for a long time to come the resources of the federal treasury will be needed to finance the major projects which

the West demands. Playing the spotlight on Interior as Fortune does is timely; for this department deals with most vital and valuable resources it is run affects intimately the lives of millions of

### **Better English** By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I am going to beat up three eggs. 2. What is the correct pronun-

ciation of "isthmus"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Accede, excede, secede, procedure.

4. What does the word "inculpable" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with and that means "a remark by way of criticism"?

### ANSWERS

nunciation is is-mus, with the the silent. 3. Exceed. 4. Faultless; Pari-Mutuel blameless. "This is an innocent and inculpable piece of ignorance." 5. Animadversion.

### Quote for the Day

A career, like a business, must be budgeted. When necessary, the budget can be adjusted to meet changing conditions. A life that hasn't a definite plan is likely to become driftwood. -David Sarnoff

### **GRIN AND BEAR IT**

by Lichty



My elient's income tax irregularity was an honest mistake, your nor ... he thought he had found a loop-hele ...

CHURCH INFILTRATION! To the Editor:

Official investigators admit to interviewers that they have been unable to secure enough corroborative evidence to prove their claim that many labor unions Uncertain Age claim that many labor unions who have infiltrated those organizations and are quietly workare dominated by Republicans disrupt them. The investigators Puzzles Group ing on the inside to misguide or have secured information from former Republicans who nervously admit that in the past they ing been deceived as to its true -and how do you ask her? tentions, and are now willing meetings those who are now come Tuesday night. the strict party line.

Some of them have attained to old maid until she's 25." the presidency or secretaryship anti-American committee and

of possible self-incrimination, ing time. Citing them on charges of confree to continue their party line they might be coaxed into matriactivities, with consequent dan-

A. M. Church 1400 N. Summer

# 1. Say, "I am going to white three eggs." 2. Preferred pronunciation is is-mus, with the th System Fails

LOS ANGELES (AP) - George Seman, who envisioned a messenger service which would make off-track betting on the horses legal, was arraigned on five counts of bookmaking Tuesday.

Seman accepted wagers, then sent them to Santa Anita in sealed envelopes. There the wagers were put through the pari-mutuels. He said he had legal advice that such a system was within the law. But the state disagreed and filed the charges. His attorney won a bail reduction from \$10,000 to \$2,500, and Seman went free pend-

ing a preliminary hearing March 4.

### Hawaii Resort **Hotels Struck**

HONOLULU (AP) - A strike against three tourist-jammed luxury hotels on Waikiki Beach entered its sixth day Tuesday with no end in sight.

Arthur Rutledge, head of 800 striking members of the AFL Hotel. Restaurant and Bartenders' Union, opened a soup kitchen and said, "we can keep this up for two months."

More than 200 new viru: diseases of crops have been discovered in the last 40 years.

# Cub Pack 15 **Makes Awards**

West Salem Cub Pack 15 has announced awards made at its annual Blue and Gold banquet.

Awards presented were: Wolf Awards: Bruce Brown, Seward Kellicut, George Smith, Skippy Peters, and gold arrow (wolf) Max Boese. Bear Awards: Danny Wilson

and silver arrow Michael Smith. Bob Arthur, Keith Johnson, Darrell Hadley; gold arrow: James Stewart, Danny Whitesell, Darrell Covert and Keith Johnson; silver arrow: James Stewart, Danny Whitesell, Keith Alrich (3) and Darrell Covert (3).

Year pins: Keith Johnson, Darilton and Dennis Archer. and Dennis Archer.

Assistant Denner stripe: Darrell Hadley and Keith Alrich. Webelo: Bill Grier.

# Recreational Development of State Stressed

A group of Portland Chamber of Commerce officials appeared before Gov. Douglas McKay's advisory committee on natural resources Tuesday and stressed the importance of developing Oregon's recreational areas.

Speakers pointed out that the number of tourists visiting Oregon is increasing annually and that more recreational facilities are required. Particular mention was made of the coast and mountain

At a meeting of the committee called for April 6 the recreational situation in Oregon will be dis-

A group of Washington County residents emphasized the need for additional water for irrigation in that area. It was argued that 20,-000 acres now under cultivation in a certain Washington County district could be increased to 120,-300 acres if water for irrigation was available.

Investigation of the Washington County residents' requests was directed pending the next meeting of the committee.

BUCKSPORT, Me. (AP)-At what were members of the party, hav- age does a girl become a spinster

to swear under oath that they fronting a committee sponsoring have personally met at party the Bucksport Bachelors' Ball, being investigated, and that it A retired school teacher and is known that in their work in committee member, Miss Florence the unions these suspects follow Homer, says "I don't think any woman wants to be considered an

"The trouble is, you may not be of their unions. When they were able to get a lot of women to adsummoned to appear before the mit they're 25," Miss Homer added. A married woman, Mrs. Edward were asked whether they were Thegen, suggested that being out members of the party, they re- high school or college age would fused to answer on the grounds determine the spinsterhood start-

The idea of Tuesday's affair is tempt is under consideration, but to bring the town's bachelors and in the meantime they are still spinsters together on the chance mony. Bachelors are to wear red ger to our freedom and way of neckties and the unmarried girls artificial red roses. And its those roses that have

the committee stymied. Until someone decides what's a spinster. the ladies don't know how many artificial flowers to make.

HOUSTON (AP)—Lee G. Akins, 33, is sore all over. He has a strained back, bruises, scratched cheek and gashed arm.

Akins, a construction worker tumbled from the fourth story of a new building to an elevator well filled with three feet of water

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