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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 Lincolniana 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.

Scrubbed notes with the name "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 auction.

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 of 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 McCord 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 yon without filing any flight plan whatever. What happens? Some of them change

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. Eisenhower to return to this 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 York and Sen. 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 latest.

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 best-est 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 support-

ers, 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 enter 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 party organization. Eisenhower holds the imagination of the independent 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 voters.

For this very reason, there is considerable apprehension about the outcome of the psychological 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 struggle. He has no faith in the Grundy-Owlett bloc to his colleagues. And he believes a victory in the huge key state of Pennsylvania will more than compensate for any trouble the Eisenhower forces may run into elsewhere.

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 return, can the Republican party be made truly aware of the nature of the great choice it has ahead.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

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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 and how it is run affects intimately the lives of millions of people.

CHURCH INFILTRATION!

The Safety Valve

Official investigators admit to interviewers that they have been unable to secure enough corroborative evidence to prove their claim that many labor unions are infiltrated by Republicans who have infiltrated those organizations and are quietly working on the inside to misguide or disrupt them.

Some of them have attained to the presidency or secretaryship of their unions. When they are summoned to appear before the anti-American committee and were asked whether they were members of the party, they refused to answer on the grounds of possible self-incrimination.

Citing them on charges of contempt is under consideration, but in the meantime they are still free to continue their party line activities, with consequent danger to our freedom and way of life.

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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 pronunciation 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 an "l" and means "a remark by way of criticism"?

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 client's income tax irregularity was an honest mistake, your honor...he thought he had found a loop-hole..."

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 Kellicott, George Smith, Skippy Peters, and gold arrow (wolf) Max Boese. Bear Awards: Danny Wilson and silver arrow Michael Smith. Lion Awards: Danny Whitesell, 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, Darrell Hadley, Darrell Covert, Keith Alrich, Mike Smith, Douglas Hamilton and Dennis Archer. Denner Stripe: Danny Wilson 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 areas. At a meeting of the committee called for April 6 the recreational situation in Oregon will be discussed.

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 120,000 acres if water for irrigation was available. Investigation of the Washington County residents' requests was directed pending the next meeting of the committee.

Uncertain Age Of Spinsters Puzzles Group

BUCKSPORT, Me. (AP)—At what age does a girl become a spinster—and how do you ask her? Those are the questions confronting a committee sponsoring the "Buckport Bachelors' Ball," come Tuesday night. A retired school teacher and committee member, Miss Florence Homer, says "I don't think any woman wants to be considered an old maid until she's 25." "The trouble is, you may not be able to get a lot of women to admit they're 25," Miss Homer added. A married woman, Mrs. Edward Thegen, suggested that being out of high school or college age would determine the spinsterhood starting time. The idea of Tuesday's affair is to bring the town's bachelors and spinsters together on the chance they might be coaxed into matrimony. Bachelors are to wear red neckties and the unmarried girls artificial red roses. And those roses that have the committee worried? Until someone decides what's a spinster, the ladies don't know how many artificial flowers to make.

Four-Story Fall Leaves Bruises

HOUSTON (AP)—Leo 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 Monday. He stood up and yelled for help.

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