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"With or without offense to friends or foes I sketch your world exactly as it goes."
—Byron

Lincoln

The irony of fate was never better illustrated than in the case of Abraham Lincoln. Ridiculed, reviled and vilified as few have been in life, those who had persistently pressed the crown of thorns upon his brow utilized his tragic death to canonize and raise him to the godhead. The clergy which had bitterly assailed him as a free thinker, the politicians who plotted his undoing, the privileged classes to whom he was anathema, all united in a nauseating pean of partisan praise which has continued in increasing volume since.

No sooner was the "Great Emancipator" laid to final rest, than the cabal of unscrupulous politicians which had secretly striven to undermine him started their work as a wrecking crew to demolish his conciliatory pacification plans to reunite an embittered war-torn land, and destroy his successor who valiently strove to carry on the Lincoln program. The era of persecution, graft and corruption was soon in full swing with predatory privilege in the saddle, all concealed under the cloak of the martyr. Lincoln's name is still one to conjure with and his natal anniversary annually the occasion for the exploitation of his fame by reactionaries antagonistic to every principle he enunciated. The party which he helped found, with his death repudiated his ideals, retaining only the label, though still mumbling the lip ritual of hero worship.

It was inevitable in this debunking age that some one sooner or later would attack Lincoln's record and career. This Edgar Lee Masters is said to have done in an attempt to look at Lincoln realistically. Without having read the book, it is impossible to appraise it, but as merely to look at a demi-god as a human being is regarded as blasphemy, we already have bills introduced in Congress to ban the book and make its sale or possession a crime, intolerance that contrasts strangely with Lincoln's own tolerance of opinion. If Masters utters forgotten truths, they will live in spite of censorship, while the false will die.

It is difficult for any one to correctly appraise Abraham Lincoln because his memory is enshrined in a haze of emotion and a mist of partisanship. We still see as through a glass darkly and must await the perspective of the future. But he was far from being the ethereal being he is pictured. Like most of our heroes, he was only human, with plenty of faults and weaknesses, but stripped of the glamor and tinsel of adulators, there is much of strength and character for the thoughtful to admire.

A Financial Engineer

With a view of strengthening their code, which was adopted about eleven years ago, the professional engineers of Oregon, numbering about 1500, are attempting, through their state association, to secure the approval of several amendments. These proposed amendments, if approved by the legislature, would put an end to the activities and financial rewards of such men as Kenneth Harlan who, although forced to acknowledge that he is not a professional engineer, has led the public to believe that he is a regular member of the "profesh" and eminently qualified to undertake any work in the engineering line whether it be fixing the value of telephone properties and street car lines or estimating the cost of hydro-electric works.

Last evening Mr. Harlan and Harry Gross, his attorney, appeared before the house committee that was holding a hearing on the bill and protested vigorously against its approval. After discussing the constitutionality of the proposed measure Mr. Gross, having come armed with a large bright red volume of the nation's "Who's Who", proceeded to read the names and achievements of men who, while not professional engineers, had been most successful as valuation engineers. At the close of his remarks Mr. Gross was asked to read what "Who's Who" had to say about Kenneth Harlan. He was forced to deplore, however, that as yet Portland's \$78,000, and soon to be \$103,000, expert had not been given mention and space in this interesting volume of the country's elect.

Mr. Harlan may not be an expert in the engineering line but he has proved himself an expert in finance. He knows where to find the money and how to get it. So long as there is an idle dollar lying in Portland's city treasury, and the present regime is in office, Mr. Harlan will continue to investigate and enjoy prosperity. The attempt of the professional engineers threatens to spoil the racket for free power without cost to the taxpayers—and wouldn't that be awful!

Free Text Books

Amended to apply only to elementary public schools, the free text book bill has passed the House. It provides for \$1.50 worth of books per year at the expense of the district for each pupil, which while it adds considerably to taxpayers burdens, will not begin to supply the necessary books.

A questionnaire sent by Representative Gouley to the various Marion county school districts, which does not include Salem, showed that 33 district boards favored the bill, 58 opposed it. The same district boards voted 58 for free text books and 25 against.

Stripped of its verbage, the free text book bill is simply a dole for the benefit of the non-taxpayer at the cost of the taxpayer. It will increase Salem's school budget from \$4000 to \$5000. It is another advance in state socialism, whereby the state relieves parents of responsibilities. Just how such measures can reduce taxation is more than the average person can figure. The more paternalism, the higher the taxation. And it is already burdensome.

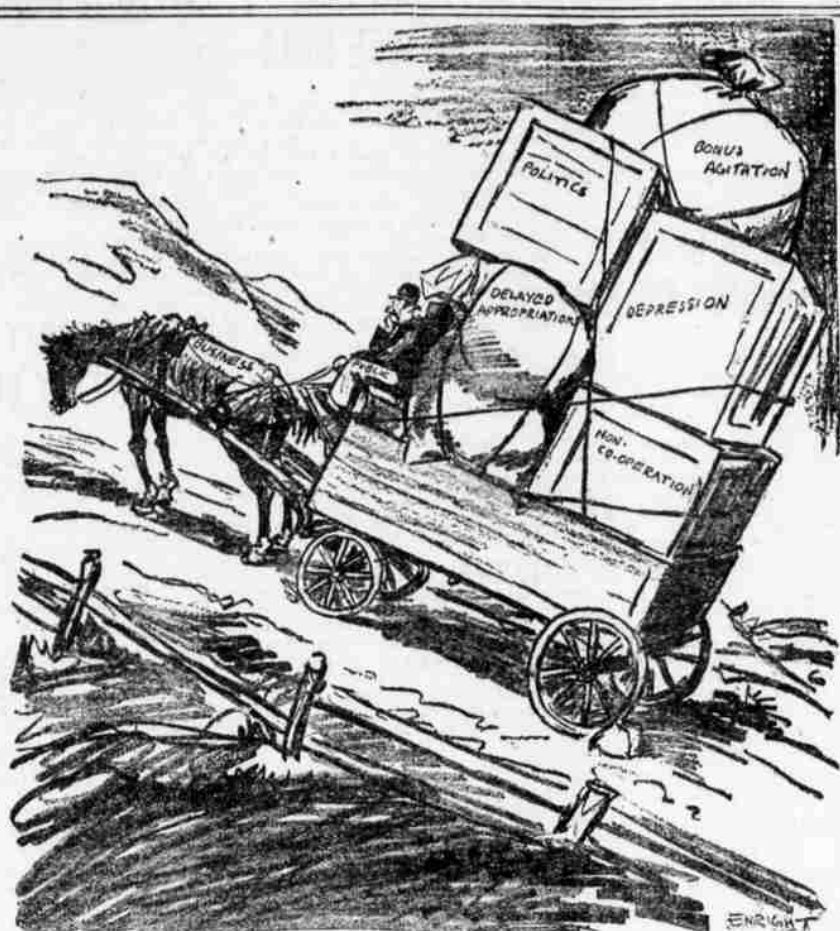
DIES YEAR AFTER PENSION AWARD

Auburn, Neb. (AP)—Petty Whitlow, 85, went to war for his father. He received his first Civil War pension just last year. Now he's dead.

When his father was called to arms in the 60s to fight in the Union army, Petty, the eldest son, assumed his father's name and went to the front. The father stayed at home to support a wife and family of small children.

Ponca, Neb. (AP)—Mrs. John Armstrong recently celebrated her 80th birthday by cooking a birthday dinner for 20 guests. Her guests were close friends whose birthdays occurred in January.

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CAPITAL LEADS IN LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATIONS

Washington (AP)—The capital led the nation in tribute to Abraham Lincoln Thursday on the 122nd anniversary of the birth of the emancipator.

President Hoover, Vice-President Curtis, Chief Justice Hughes and prominent members of the cabinet and congress were scheduled for Lincoln day addresses here and elsewhere throughout the country.

A special program has been arranged at the New York avenue Presbyterian church where Lincoln worshipped during the war years.

The republican national committee announced that numerous Lincoln day rallies would be held in various cities.

NEW BILLS

HOUSE BILLS
HB 300, by MacPhee—Creating a county boundary board of school directors.
HB 301, by Anderson and Andrews and Senator Dunne (substitute for HB 272)—Relating to printing, binding and stationery work performed by political sub-divisions.
HB 302, by committee on education—Relating to certification of graduates of non-standard colleges and universities.
HB 303, by committee on education—Relating to appeal from decisions of district boundary boards.
HB 304, by committee on education—Relating to primary 5-year state certificates.
HB 305, by committee on education—Relating to eighth grade examinations.
HB 306, by committee on education—Relative to high school teachers.

SENATE BILLS
SB 215, by Carner—Prohibiting public officers and employees from having any pecuniary interest in the writing of any bond, undertaking or insurance policy written for the benefit of the state or any of its political subdivisions.
SB 216, by Billingsley—Enabling county courts to lease county-owned lands.
SB 217, by Hall—Providing for the filing of a surety bond to cover the liability due to purchases by companies issuing and selling installment bonds or thrift certificates.
SB 218, by Bailey and Crawford—Relating to injunction in labor disputes and providing the manner of issuing them and the trial of persons charged with violations.
SB 219, by committee on forestry and forest products—Providing for forest type maps and a survey of the

capital resources of the state, appropriating \$25,000.
SB 220, by Woodward—Placing inmates of the state penitentiary under the workers' compensation act.
SB 221, by Woodward—Relating to the giving of tokens, stamps, etc., for the sale of goods, and relating to misbranding.
SB 222, by Booth, Eberhard and Hall—Authorizing the state board of higher education to purchase property.
SB 223, by Bennett and Brown—Providing for the filling of vacancies in the offices of senator and representative in the legislature.
SB 224, by joint ways and means committee—Establishing rate of reimbursement to be allowed officers and employees of the state for use of privately-owned automobiles.
SB 225, by Bailey—Enabling incorporated communities to install hydrants and supply water for domestic use and fire protection.
SB 226, Francis—Relating to the trial jury, alternate jurors and peremptory challenges in criminal cases.
SB 227, by Hall—Relating to pilot commissions and pilots.
SB 228, by agricultural committee—Defining standards and fixing grades for ice cream.
SB 229, by judiciary committee—Defining landing fields for airplanes on beach.
SB 230, by judiciary committee—Regulating practice of law.
SB 231, by judiciary committee—Relating to registration of aircraft.
SB 232, by judiciary committee—Relating to refund of taxes on motor vehicles not used on the public highways.
SB 233, by judiciary committee—To require all aircraft operating commercial routes to be licensed by the department of commerce of the United States.
SB 234, by Carner—To remit penalty and interest on certain taxes and declaring an emergency.
SB 235, by judiciary committee—Defining and regulating banking and trust business.
SB 236, by Bennett—Providing for the construction, paving, improvement and repair of certain roads and highways.
SB 237, by Upton—To require all public service corporations and public utilities to obtain permits from the public service commission or the state before selling bonds, stocks, notes or other securities by the department of commerce of the United States.
SB 238, by judiciary committee—Providing for an aeronautic inspector at \$4,300 a year.
SB 239, by Hall—Defining who may sue under the blue sky law.
SB 240, by Kueck and Hall—Providing for the filing of suit by the secretary of state and a claim against the United States government for reimbursement of monies expended by the state in raising troops during the Civil War.
SB 241, by Dunne—Prohibiting electrical interference with radio reception.

LICENSES ARE ISSUED
Dallas — Two marriage licenses were issued Tuesday by the county clerk's office. The first was to Howard Stewart, farmer, Salem and Norma Branch, Stayton; and the second to Lester Orville Goubitt, truck driver, Tillamook and Helen Macomber, Dallas.

Gates—Mr. Kelle of the school board, has recently planted a row of 18 maple trees across the front of the school grounds. These are about 10 feet in height and with favorable season and care will soon add much to the beauty of the grounds.

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HE COULD DISH IT OUT— BUT HE COULDN'T TAKE IT!
LITTLE CAESAR

COAST FRUIT OBTAINS HIGH PRICES ABROAD

London, (AP)—American apples and California pears commanded slightly higher prices during January than home-grown apples and other imported pears. The Ministry of Agriculture forecasts a similar condition for February.

Imports have tended to increase since mid-December. American Greening apples commanded an average price of 32 shillings per barrel for first quality at Birmingham and Manchester, while in London the price hovered around 30 shillings. York Imperials sold for 35 shillings a barrel in Birmingham and 36 shillings in London.

Oregon Newtown apples realized steady sales at 13 to 15 shillings per case, while Oregon Reds brought about 2 shillings less.

One London importer told the United Press that he is attempting to secure six carloads of York Imperials apples for select British markets. An apple shortage on the Continent is making it rather difficult for some importers to secure first-class apples.

California pears are experiencing moderate inquiry at Liverpool and Leeds, but a steady demand in London and Manchester.

Home-grown grapes are selling well at firm to dealer rates. British-grown Gros Colmar grapes of first quality are selling for 2 to 3 shillings per pound. British hothouse Muscat grapes are realizing 10 shillings (\$2.40) per pound in London. Imported Belgian grapes are realizing 1 shilling 6 pence to 2 shillings per pound, but the demand has lessened and the market is slow.

Early arrivals of South African peaches and plums are now on the markets, but command high prices.

The markets are generally well supplied with roots and green vegetables. Home-grown cauliflower are scarce, but French are in good supply at cheaper prices. English and French asparagus meets a steady trade, and moderate quantities of celery sell well.

SNOWDEN SAYS BRITISH DEBT TERMS UNFAIR

London, (AP)—Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Snowden bitterly censured the British war settlement with the United States in the House of Commons Wednesday night, and called for "temporary sacrifices" interpreted to mean salary reductions for members of the government and the civil service.

Snowden's speech came after the labor government, under guidance of David Lloyd-George, was given a vote of confidence when the house rejected a conservative motion of censure, 310 to 235.

"We have the burden of war debt and we have the Washington debt," the Chancellor said. "I do not want to offend anyone when I say that when the history of the manner in which that debt was incurred comes to be known—its recklessness, its extravagance, and the commitments made which were altogether unnecessary in the circumstances then prevailing—I am afraid posterity will curse those responsible for it."

The wide range of predictions included an additional super-tax of one shilling, the lessening of unemployment relief, and possible wage cuts throughout Britain.

Some quarters predicted that the government would adopt the Goschen plan of compulsory conversion, whereby stockholders will convert their investments or accept lower rates in interest.

"With all seriousness that I can command, I say that the national

position is grave and that disagreeable measures must be taken if the budget equilibrium is to be maintained and industrial recovery made," Snowden said. "Any increase of taxation on industry under present conditions would be the last straw."
"Schemes involving heavy expenditure, however desirable, must wait until prosperity returns."
Although Snowden was speaking against the motion of censure, the conservatives cheered him loudly, while the laborites listened in silence.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer.

To the Editor: If a "commoner" may address you thus; no doubt I should add, your honor; obviously you are such an authority on court-martial law and international affairs.

Enclosing a clipping from a city newspaper, on the withdrawal of the Butler court martial, that you may read—from the voice of your own opinion you are so far back in the sticks, no doubt you may miss it.

We take from your attitude toward soldiers and the greatest living American general that you, yourself must have been one of those "excluded" ones during the war or did try to enter a navy ward after hours and some marine parted your hair in the middle with a "Kokomo" stick.

Get wise to yourself!
Yours for the Devil Dogs, soldiers and sailors—you crabapple,
D. L. DUPEY,
Hubbard, Feb. 9

PLAN EXPANDED CHERRY PLANT AT THE DALLES

The Dalles, Ore. (AP)—As a result of the protection given Pacific coast growers of white cherries under the recent congressional tariff act, The Dalles Cooperative Growers association is considering an expansion of its plant here and inclusion of equipment which will make possible the annual processing of six thousand barrels of Royal Anne or Star's Gold cherries for maraschino stocks. The cooperative the past year processed five hundred barrels which were shipped by the Panama canal to preservers at New York City.

An outlet for white cherries for maraschino purposes will aid the market for canning stocks, it is anticipated. As the maraschino cherries have to be pitted and stemmed by hand, expansion of the processing will aid materially to the payroll here, H. G. Miller, manager of the cooperative, said.

BEE HIVES ROBBED ON JEFFERSON FARM

Jefferson—Thieves visited the W. J. Looney farm three miles southeast of town and robbed six beehives of all the honey they contained, first killing the bees with sulphur fumes. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Moor who are living on the farm, heard no disturbance and it is not known what time during the night the depredation took place. No clues were found.

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