

A Flashlight View of Lincoln.

In view of the fact that "President Lincoln" has been made the subject of discussion in the Court street school for tomorrow, the following brief points may be read with interest.

If he had not been murdered, Abraham Lincoln might still have been living. Indeed, he was so strong and of such fibre, and had within him such resources of humor to relieve the raptures of responsibility, that it is probable he might today have made a speech, as Mr. Gladstone is doing. Whether without martyrdom in the hour of supreme victory, he would have been regarded as he has become, is a question that must be answered in the negative. No living man could have occupied the space, the exaltation, that the memory of Lincoln fills. He has been so far idealized. The imagination of millions has so painted him that his stature has become supernatural. The danger of his birthday celebrations, grateful and glorious as they are, is that the public will lose the great, homely, kindly human being, as Washington is lost, the myth obscuring the man. The historian, Parton, once thought to write the life of Washington as he had of Andrew Jackson and Ben Butler, and spent some time collecting material. He was surprised by the amount of matter that was new, and presently impulsively abandoned the work, saying he would not be responsible for marring the familiar image of Washington. It is by no means certain he was right. Mr. Parton could not have disturbed the austere figure of Washington, fitted on a colossal pedestal into the skies, and new light upon it would have been additional glory. Lincoln has not been spared. There is not a circumstance in his career that has not been celebrated, but the malice of his enemies has been made to praise him. He stands forth the emancipator of millions, but it was the sword that freed the slaves. It is more and more worth while to go right to the point, and see and realize what it was that Lincoln did that gave him such pre-eminence in the hearts of the people. His great first quality seems to have been patience; when others were impatient to have been serene in the midst of alarms. The critical time of the war was before a gun was fired. The bombardment of Fort Sumter aroused and practically united the free states, and divided the border slave states. No one active in those times can realize how easily it might have happened then to make the South solid and the North divided. One rash act of Lincoln would have done it. He waited, and grew strong through waiting and suffering; and the people, whom he knew better than they knew themselves, believed that he coerced him into measures. Read the story with that key in mind, and see how it fits all the locked doors that are not mysterious when they are opened. What is the chief charm in the celebration of Lincoln's birthday to those who look beyond the pleasures of eulogy and think of the dark days of just thirty years ago? It was precisely this and next month of 1863 that was the period of deepest gloom. There never was a man more fiercely assailed than Mr. Lincoln. The democratic party has lost none of its characteristics; but its animosity to Lincoln, that then broke out in the thousands of country papers, has passed away, and it is wonderful that it has become democratic to join in the universal acclamation for the man who interpreted the constitution for the national salvation, and crowned the conquests of the sword with the kindness that is the statesman's ship of heaven.

A. B. Ford, an independent salmon canner of Yes Bay, Alaska, is at the Esmond in Portland. He views with complacency the recent movement on the part of the Alaskan canners to form a permanent organization. "There are a few of us yet," he said, "that stand up on an independent basis, and we shall perhaps do better now than before the trust was formed. As far as I know, the canneries not in the trust are the Alaska Improvement Company, at Kadak; the Barlow Packing Company, at Red Fish Bay; David Morgan's Chilcat Cannery Company; the North Pacific Trading Company, at Klawak; the Boston Fishing and Trading Company, at Yes Bay; and the Missouri Canning Company, at Metlakahla. I think the trust is a good thing inasmuch as it regulates the salmon's pack and keeps the market from becoming overstocked. The capital of the new concern is said to be \$500,000. The trust of last year was simply an experiment, but it proved to be such a success that now they have all gone into a permanent organization. You see, the cost of packing will be greatly reduced because supplies can be purchased in such large quantities that the discount will be heavy. Then a large number of superintendents, processors, bookkeepers, etc., can be done away with. Probably the biggest saving will be in the shutting down of expensive canneries and increasing the output of those that can be cheaper. The Alaskan trust will fix prices of their salmon, and really control the market, although their fish is inferior to the Columbia river product."

The county commissioners have not definitely decided where to locate the two new circuit courts in Portland. It was intended to place one in the house on the county's quarter block on Fourth and Main streets, but, as the building is owned by private parties, this may not be done. When Judge Moore returns from Idaho the house will be inspected, and if the rooms are found suitable for court and offices the criminal judge may be placed there. It is also said that arrangements may be made whereby one of the judges will occupy the county court room when the commissioners are not in session. One of the commissioners said Tuesday that the grand jury room and district attorney's office will probably be converted into a courtroom. In that case, quarters for the grand jury and district attorney Hume would have to be found.

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OUR DAILY MARINE COLUMN

The Oregon came in and the State of California goes out for San Francisco today.

The Haytian Republic is due from Victoria and the Sound today.

Speculation is going on in marine circles over the probability of raising the tug Mystic. The insurance companies will have to decide. Captain McAllister thinks the only way is to drag with a chain, get a bight around her and drag her into water shallow enough to allow a diver to descend and fasten lines. He lost a vessel in 25 fathoms once, and no diver would attempt to go that distance.

A. O. Benjamin says that if she is not above 20 fathoms he will go after her, at least if he starts out with that intention.

United States Commissioner Springs Saturday finished taking testimony in the collision case between the steamer Harry Lynn and the schooner Marion, which occurred last December off Point No Point in a thick fog.

Captain Busch, of the barkentine Modoc, loading lumber at Port Blakely, reports having lost a quarter of beef, a pair of nine foot oars and a saw by the sailors who raided the barkentine Quickest last Thursday night and stole her crew and a Japanese cook.

The old whistling buoy that drifted from Fox Rock and in the place of which a new one was put a few weeks ago, has gone ashore at Netarts Bay.

The British bark Oakbank that arrived in on Tuesday night left Newcastle, New South Wales on December 23, and had a favorable passage up to 20 north when she encountered southerly and westerly gales until her arrival in port. She is a new vessel built in Scotland and launched at Dumbarton in May last. She left the Clyde on her maiden trip in June, bound for Buenos Ayres, from which she went to Newcastle, New South Wales, where she loaded with Walsell coal for this port consigned to Balfour, Guthrie & Co. Her net tonnage is 1,328 and she has on board 2,201 tons of coal. She belongs to one of the largest lines in existence, the "Bank" line, owned by Andrew Weir & Co., Glasgow, Scotland. They have 23 sailing ships including 12 four-masted. The Oakbank is built entirely of steel and is fitted with all modern improvements. She has no charter at present.

The following marine notes are from yesterday's Oregonian: The East Lothian leaves down the latter part of the week. The Larnaca shifted from Columbia lock No. 2 to Victoria dock yesterday. There are three four-masted now in port, the British ship Moei Travern, the bark Olympia, and the schooner Salvator. The Moei Travern starts down to Astoria this morning in tow of the Okidama. Returning, the steamer will bring the City of Florence. The Celtic Race is working wheat at Victoria dock, the Natuna discharging cement at Greenwich dock, and the Olympic merchandise at Mersey dock.

Everybody knows that the Willamette valley possesses a fertile soil, but very few have any idea what the depth of that soil is. Mr. Thomas F. Corbett, who is now engaged in boring an artesian well at the St. Mary's orphan's home, near Beaverton, says that he is now down 220 feet, every inch of which is through alluvial deposit, without a sign of rock or gravel. There is plenty of water in the well, but it is so full of decomposed vegetable matter that it is not good, and the drilling will have to be continued until a stratum of rock or gravel is passed through and pure artesian water is reached. They raise fine vegetables about Beaverton, and it is no wonder, with 220 feet depth of good soil. The only wonder is that the parasites do not run down till they get as long and large as the fir trees which grew up out of his soil. Frank Ohlenschlager, the murderer of William Henry Woodruff, will be tried at the criminal court at Portland this morning. Ohlenschlager was seen in his cell and said that he was feeling well. In appearance he has not materially changed since the day of his arrest. During his imprisonment he has been supplied with fruit and other delicacies by his relatives. He has manifested a passionate fondness for doughnuts, with which he has been supplied by Constable A. Thomas. This officer says that every 20 ventures near Ohlenschlager's cell the prisoner asks for "slinkers," and if he has none is reprimanded for his oversight. On one occasion, he says, the prisoner rapidly devoured eight or nine doughnuts and then asked for more. He told the officer that the doughnuts steadied his nerves, and the more he ate the better he felt.

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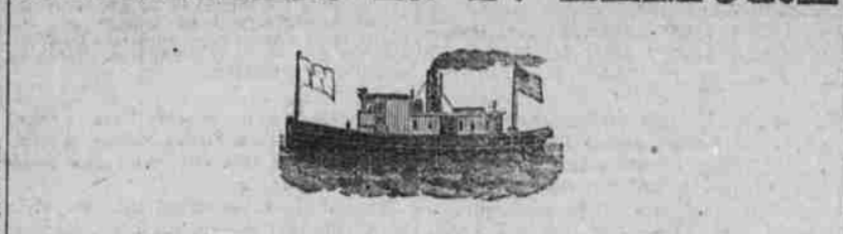
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