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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

THE anniversary of Abraham Lincoln passes. Men strive to phrase what they feel about the greatness of the man. The Inaugurals, the little speech at Gettysburg, the letter to Mrs. Bixby, will live to inspire men long after all the books and editorials are forgotten.

Every generation has its great men, leaders with the power to charm men or to sway people, personalities vivid and complex and fascinating. Lincoln stands out among the great men of all ages for a certain dominant simplicity.

A fundamental honesty, an instinctive sense of justice, a passion for the right that was not impassioned, greatness molded in humanity but free from the ordinary blemishes of vanity and self-consciousness and self-seeking. There is bewilderment in such simplicity.

The remarkable figure of Lincoln remains, an American and a Man for all ages.

THOSE 423,000 JOBS.

THE government has 423,000 positions obtainable only by competitive examination under the civil service act. Last year 33,777 among those who passed civil-service examinations were appointed to government jobs.

Now come 2000 prohibition agents to assert, through Prohibition Commissioner Doran, that most of them can't stand the gaff—that three-fourths of them failed in civil service examinations based on the Civil Service Commission's 45 years of experience with applicants for federal jobs and especially framed for applicants for prohibition jobs.

Doran and his men demand that prohibition jobholders be treated as a privileged class and that they be not subjected to the same sort of tests which other would-be government employees must pass, despite the act of Congress placing them under civil service. They demand that new and vastly easier examinations be provided for those who have flunked or that all be forgiven and no more written examinations required.

If civil service actually is divorced from politics and if it means anything at all, why should any class of applicants be accorded such extreme favors merely to allow them to remain in the federal machine?

It would seem that if any corps of government employees should be expected to be equipped with intelligence, tact and common sense, it ought to be the enforcers of prohibition. And it was to determine whether the candidate possessed those assets that the commission framed its simple written tests.

If the commission backs down and lowers the bars as it is being beseeched to do, the prohibition enforcement service probably will be known in the future among government workers as the "dunce stool" of the federal system.

HITCHING WAGONS TO STARS.

A FLORIDA man is laying plans for the construction of a giant rocket, in which he hopes to be shot from the earth to the planet Venus.

This is altogether a laudable ambition, even though reports thus far published fail to state just what he expects to do after he gets there or how he thinks he is going to get back. A great many of us, at one time or another, have wanted very much to go sailing off to a distant star.

Indeed, you might say that the yearning to do that is every man's heritage. There are times, particularly when one is young and easily hurt, when the breaking of illusions is so painful that this earth seems rather a makeshift planet, at best, and the unattainable stars shine very invitingly.

This spirit, too, is very valuable. It propels men in all manner of ways and into all manner of pursuits. It causes some to write poetry, to paint pictures, to compose music; it leads others into paths of industrial success, turning them into powerful men of money; it sends still others into public life, making senators, judges or presidents of them.

For no one ever rose very far without first becoming dissatisfied with his surroundings. The desire to leap to the farthest star must, of necessity, remain ungratified, unless perchance the Florida man should find his rocket unexpectedly practical; but in his vain efforts to gratify his desires a man will, sometimes, in spite of himself, do good service for himself and his times.

So perhaps it will be just as well if this big rocket proves a dud. If it should be perfected the earth would suffer too great an exodus. Not one of us but would, at some time or other, try his luck on another planet in preference to this one. But, lacking rockets, we stay here and do the best we can—and, unconsciously, make this earth a better place to live.

Now we hear that Michael Arlen is going to wed a countess. "The Green Hat" will become "The High Hat."

Federal agents promise to dry up both the Republican and Democratic conventions. Brave boys. But here's one enforcement job that will take more than a few dry planks.

WHAT OTHER NEWSPAPERS SAY

Newspaper Donkey Engine

(Oregon Journal)

No more necessary statement has recently been made than this: Newspapers can no longer be made to serve as the donkey engines for any other business.

The speaker was J. W. Dafford, editor of the Manitoba Free Press. His audience was the Canadian Newspaper Association in Montreal.

Forty years ago, the speaker told his hearers, newspapers were a part of the fighting equipment of political parties. But there has been a revolution in the methods and technique of newspaper-making. The old party organ is in the discard and could not be used by political leaders to serve ulterior purposes. Newspaper readers are not putty, to be molded by propaganda. They have their fingers crossed for the press agent and the propagandist. They are independent, they treasure independence, and the newspaper that has a following is an independent newspaper.

Underneath the entertainment and the features that catch the eyes of the multitude the newspaper that is

knit to its readers with the bonds of credence and confidence is a better newspaper than ever. It is not a stunt newspaper. It does not make its gains through distortions, nudities and floundering. It gives a wider service, more insistent reporting, and tolerant judgments. It is far more concerned with real and lasting service to its community than in making a noise. It values more the welcome it receives in homes and the readiness with which parents permit their children to read any part of it than it values any possible anticipation that its pages might reveal indecencies.

A political party might once have been master of a newspaper, or trusted or scheming individuals. But today it is well recognized that the only permanent masters of a newspaper, and its fate, are its readers who know and demand the difference between the genuine and the spurious.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of Feb. 13, 1903)
MISS ALICIA McILROY returned from her studies at Salem this afternoon.

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE

GEE—TOMORROW IS VALENTINES DAY—WISH I HAD SOME EXTRA DOUGH TO SPEND—THAT ONE IN THE CORNER SURE IS PRETTY—HELEN WOULD BE CRAZY 'BOUT THAT ONE. I BETCHA—



The Thought Is Father to the Deed

BUT THE WAY THINGS HAVE BEEN GOIN' LATELY I CAN'T FORD TO BLOW ANY REAL MONEY ON VALENTINES—AN' I DON'T LIKE TH' CHEAP ONES—



By HAROLD GRAY

WELL, THEY'RE ALL ASLEEP NOW—LUCKY I 'MEMBERED 'BOUT THIS BOTTLE O' RED INK—COURSE THIS WON'T HAVE LACE ON IT OR NOTHIN', BUT I 'MEMBER A VERSE I HEARD ONCE—I'LL WRITE THAT ON IT—GEE, I HOPE HELEN LIKES IT—



SIDE GLANCES

By George Clark



"Dear Hubby: Your supper is in the icebox. I'm lecturing tonight at the Good Housekeeping Club."

ernon. She is becoming expert with her violin.

Miss Theresa Friendly went to San Francisco this afternoon, where she will join her mother and sister visiting there.

Prof. F. G. Young went to Portland this afternoon to attend the first meeting of the Lewis and Clark fair commission, of which he is the chairman.

The Guard is in receipt of a note from the Pacific Vacuum Ice company stating that they propose to establish ice factories along the coast at points of vantage, and thought Eugene would be a desirable place.

The statement of the First National bank of Eugene, published in this issue, shows deposits of \$746,432, with a total business of \$994,122—very close to the million mark.

Auction Bridge

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

1—What is a common error made in finessing?
2—With a score, in determining whether to take out a no-trump, how is a minor treated?
3—When you hold K Q x x what outside quick tricks are needed to bid that suit?

The Answers
1—Failure to note the absence of the 9 and 10.
2—Same as a major.
3—At least one and one-quarter preferably one and one-half.

Mailbag

Editor of The Guard: According to an article signed by E. H. House and Rev. George Hendrickson, secretary, and published in "Decorah Post" for Sept. 30, 1927, and other papers, we wish to call attention to certain inconsistencies and misrepresentations.

1—The article states that at the request of Rev. R. Bogstad, a committee was elected at the district meeting of the Norwegian Lutheran church "to investigate the insinuations made about the management of the Severson Memorial home for the aged at Eugene, Ore."

Since the article states that the committee was elected to investigate the insinuations made about the management of the Severson Memorial home for the aged at Eugene, Ore., it is reasonable to assume that the committee was not in operation at the time. To investigate the management of an "old people's home," where there were no inmates to manage, looks rather inconsistent and hypothetical. The houses given by Mrs. Belle Severson for an old people's home were then occupied by renters and Rev. Bogstad. It does not seem reasonable that the renters or any of Bogstad's family were looked upon as inmates. Hence no insinuations could be offered as to the management of an "old people's home" which was not in operation.

2—The article furthermore states that "charges" and "accusations" were not signed by A. J. Hammer, Rev. R. Bogstad, or the committee, but were as purported by the Norwegian Lutheran church "to investigate the insinuations made about the management of the Severson Memorial home for the aged at Eugene, Ore."

Also by the following persons: Simon Skjoldstad, Edw. Kjenabek, A. A. Aaby, Andrew Holman, O. A. Hognam, L. O. Jensen, and K. O. Hognam. In the bible we are solemnly warned not to add to or take away or distract the word of God, but willfully and sincerely say it as a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. As professors and believers in the word of God, why not apply the same principle in this case? To shade a

plain fact appears to discard the above stated principle.

(b) When it furthermore states that A. J. Hammer made charges and accusations against Rev. R. Bogstad in regard to the financial status of the Severson Memorial home for the aged as found in "Decorah Post" for May 27, 1927, and other papers, it looks to be a malevolent misrepresentation of facts. So far from that any such charges and accusations were made against Rev. R. Bogstad, as stated, that he was only asked in the kindest possible manner to place before the public an itemized statement, made and signed by a licensed public accountant, showing receipts, disbursements, and funds on hand. We firmly believe the question was fair and proper for the following reasons:

(1) According to public notice in the daily papers of this city, the first part of 1927, Rev. R. Bogstad moved to Eugene to take charge of the erection of the Severson Memorial home for the aged. He accordingly presented the matters to the various boards, and plans were formulated and carried out. The first payment for a \$25,000 wage, the first

PIONEER TALES

By HENRY G. GUILD

(Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of articles to be run every Monday on pioneer history and anecdotes. Mr. Guild will be glad to hear from early settlers or their descendants who may care to write to him at The Guard.)

To be chosen the first governor of a state, is an honor to be coveted by any man. The first organic laws of Oregon were adopted at Clatskanie, Ore., in 1843. They provided for the division of Oregon into districts (or counties). Continuation of officers elected at Clatskanie, was effected at Clatskanie, Ore., until May, 1844, by a meeting held in May, 1844.

This constitution has been termed Oregon's "first constitution," the laws of Iowa being adopted for the purpose. Geo. Abernethy was elected the first provisional governor of Oregon. Governor J. M. Lane proclaimed a territorial form of government in Oregon on March 3, 1849. But it remained for John Whitaker of Lane county, to become Oregon's first governor, after it had been admitted to statehood. His election, however, occurred in June of the year previous to Oregon's admission into the Union, caused by the belief in this state that the bill making Oregon a state, had been passed early in 1858. Mail was slow in those days. The elected officers, therefore, did not take office until 1859. Gov. Whitaker remained in office until Sept. 10, 1862.

His ancestors on his father's side of the genealogical tree, came from Holland before the Revolutionary war. Ex-Governor Whitaker was born May 4, 1820, at the family home in Indiana, but when six years of age he left home to seek his fortune in the west. At home he received but six months of schooling; but he educated himself by reading and study, being what might be termed self-educated. He learned the carpenter's trade in Knox county, Illinois, later removing to Missouri, where he wedded Nancy Jane Harveys in Putnam county of that state. In 1849, he was attracted to the newly discovered gold mines in California, and leaving his wife with her father, he went to California.

Oregon arrived in the "golden" state where he mined on the American river until 1851, when he returned to Missouri, and with his wife and two children, arrived in Yamhill county in 1852. When starting for Oregon, he was elected captain of the train by his fellow travelers. Some time in 1852 he removed to Lane county, taking up a donation land claim of 320 acres just south of Spencer butte, where he began to clear up his farm, a generous gift from the government. Six years later, in 1858, he was removed to Pleasant Hill, which location seems to have had some sort of a mystic atmosphere in the popular mind of so many of Lane county's leading citizens. Evidently, it was at that date, at the least, under the protection of a kindly star. Under Lane's administration, Mr. Whitaker was appointed governor of internal revenue at Portland, while he removed during the term of his office. At expiration of his term he was called by his death, which occurred in 1902. Four children were born to the governor and wife, as follows: Mrs. D. W. Jarvis, (deceased); Benjamin, Anna, and James Burnett. Anna married John Harveys for many years. The last named sons and daughter are still living in Eugene.

Besides being governor, Mr. Whitaker was several times elected to the senate and house of the Oregon legislature; and in 1878, he was elected to congress, serving two years. He also was probate judge of Lane county for one term. During his latter years, Governor Whitaker platted ten blocks of his city property in Eugene, which was named "Whitaker's Addition." This addition is in the southwest part of the city. Governor Whitaker was noted for his integrity in business affairs, and was possessed of great natural executive ability; he was fluent and forceful of speech, and had sound judgment, traits which were fruitful in political preferment for him. His inclusion of Dutch blood gave him aggressiveness along right lines, and his mother's people who were of Anglo-Saxon stock, contributed earnestness and mental refinement.

Lane county has reason to be proud of this splendid old pioneer, whose public acts were of great value to the state, and of solid constructiveness along local lines. He had the true

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THE TINYMITES



Read the Story and Color the Pictures.

WEE Clowry said, "I sadly fear we'll have to leave our wagon here. Our friend the woodsman took his dog and we are left alone. That means we'll miss a lot of fun. I've got to make that brave bound run. I only wish we had a dog that was our very own."

Then Coppy promptly said, "Oh, my, there is no use to fret and sigh. Let's make the best of what we have and be a cheerful lot. If we just travel on with ease and find our way out of these trees, eventually we'll find another thrill, as like as not."

"I guess you're right," somebody cried. "There's nothing gained if nothing's tried. Then, Scouty said, 'I'll tell you what, I'll put you for a while. Jump in our wagon tonight quick! I see if I can take the trick. We'll take turns at doing this and change 'bout every mile.'"

Into the wagon jumped the bunch, and Scouty tried to work his bunch. He tugged away but had no luck. The

task was much too tough. The Tinymites watched him for a spell, and then they heard poor Scouty yell, "It is no use. It can't be done. I am no strong enough."

So they jumped, and Coppy cried, "Oh, well, we'll walk, instead of ride." And down a path they started, just as happy as could be. "I'll tell you what, I'll put you for a while. Jump in our wagon tonight quick! I see if I can take the trick. We'll take turns at doing this and change 'bout every mile.'"

The Tinymites looked at a funny, big balloon.

The balloon carries the Tinymites away in the next story.

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36 YEARS ON THE JOB

The U. S. NATIONAL BANK

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At last! The real drama of NEW YORK from East Side to West Side. See page 7.

"I'm Man Crazy" ROXIE HART

Where did she meet the other And an clandestine scheme a plan To pull his leg for all she could— To get the ladies she must and would?

CHICAGO

GAME

BIRD

How's Your Aim?

If your shooting is good you may be able to bag this one in less than five shots. Five is par, however, in going from GAME to BIRD. The solution is on the classified page.

THE RULES

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

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