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This is the month in which there is always much shouting about Lincoln, so I am doing my share of the shouting. Several years ago I acquired the Sangamon Edition on the life of Abraham Lincoln in six volumes, and I am just now getting around to reading it. We all respect Lincoln because everyone speaks well of him and nobody says anything against him; but no one can quite realize how great a man he was until he has read his life story!

A few days days I met a young man at the bank who was inquiring and the attendant could give him no satisfaction. This young man turned to me and said, "I think the government needs a firecracker set off under it." After a moment of hesitation I said, "I think it needs more than a firecracker." He then remarked that he didn't know whether I was a democrat or a republican when he made the remark or he might have made it stronger. I told him then that I was neither a democrat nor a republican for the simple reason that I did not know the difference between them, and had never found anyone who could tell me the difference.

In reading the life of Lincoln I find that the Republican Party was born at the time Lincoln was campaigning for the nomination for the presidency of the United States in the year 1850. I am convinced that Lincoln did not care about the party when he said, in answer to a question, "I would rather have democrats whom I know than republicans whom I don't know." Lincoln was a Whig till then.

That Lincoln was trying desperately to avoid war is shown by this statement in his inaugural address in 1861; he said, "Suppose you go to war, you cannot fight always; and when after much loss on both sides, and no gain on either, you cease fighting, the identical old questions as to terms of intercourse are again upon you."

Lincoln did not drink liquor nor smoke tobacco but at one time he worked in a store where he sold these things. Judge Douglas told a crowd one day that Lincoln, THAT LINCOLN, had run a grocery store and sold whiskey. Lincoln replied to this by saying, "while I was behind the bar Douglas was in front of it."

Lincoln is GREAT because of his simplicity, because he understood the problems of the people of his time. He would bend down and kiss a child and he would meet an adversary with a warm handshake.

In spite of the sadness in his heart, Lincoln was always the great humorist. Ward Lamon had a

large section of the rear of his trousers torn out in a scuffle, and when the other lawyers passed around a paper asking for contributions for the repair of the trousers, Lincoln said, "I can contribute nothing to the end in view."

Lincoln was not only a rail splitter, he was also a side splitter.

C. L. P.
P.S. It seems that in Lincoln's time the democrats wanted slavery and the republicans were for freedom for all humanity. I think I have found the answer to my question!

POINTS WEST

By Vivian McMurtrey

JOSEPH, ORE.: The Lostine Beef club met recently at the home of their leader, C. M. Lozier, and what did they do? They made rope halters.

Note: This club is currently embarked on a course of practical projects.

LEBANON, ORE.: There was no organized opposition here to the showing of the much-discussed film "Stromboli". Whether by accident or design, it happened that the show advertised up until Sunday (when Stromboli opened) was "A Night at the Opera."

OREGON CITY, ORE.: If democrat candidate to U.S. Senate, Howard Latourette, is elected, and the family is the feudin' kind, he can sure have fun evening up scores with those who picked Gus Solomon over his brother Earl in the federal judge scramble.

SALEM, ORE.: Willamette university, long noted for its law school, stacks up fairly well in journalism too.

The Portland Oregonian has grads Bob Notson, managing editor, and reporters Helen Hoover and Paul

Hauser. Coos Bay (and way-points scattered from Oakland to Seattle) has the sensational seller-and-buyer of papers, Sheldon Sackett.

PENDLETON, ORE.: There may be a Lowell vs. Lowell political battle if there's any truth to the story that Farm (bureau) Bob Lowell Steen may take on big Lowell Stockman in the coming congressional race.

GULER, WASH.: From up in the hills in a cave comes a roquefort-like cheese called Guler after the community where it is made.

Cultured and cured in a natural humid laboratory, this delectable new cheese has the tongues of connoisseurs and gourmets tingling.

ANTELOPE, ORE.: For a long time the favorite gathering place here has been the "Idle Hour," proprietor by a colorful lovable gentleman named John Silvertooth.

The Poets' Corner

Some of the purposes of the Poets' Corner as outlined by the student members are; to promote more beautiful expression of thought, to develop an appreciation of real poetry, to improve the reading, penmanship and spelling of the members.

Signs of Spring
I hear the pussy willows as they said
"We're just waking from our winter beds."
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And when with me you've had
your way,

I'm glad you've come again today.

By Joyce Young, 6Y

Adams Tells of Fire on Valley Forge

A letter has been received from Elmer Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Adams, who is aboard the air-craft carrier, Valley Forge telling of the gasoline fire which occurred on board ship a short time ago. Elmer said it was thought to be started by the conveyor belt. They were taking aboard gasoline and some got out of the overboard discharge. There was a little on the hanger and it got started when the metal on the belt hit the ship and caused a spark. All the paint and life rafts and gear on the starboard quarter of the ship was burned. The estimated damage was a quarter of a million dollars. Elmer said that

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the naval air station was given credit for putting it out and they did help but we did most of the job ourselves.

NOTICE OF STREET VACATION

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Central Point did, on the 6th day of February, 1950, by Ordinance, initiate proceedings to vacate a portion of Front Street in the City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line of Lot 4, in Block 19, in the City of Central Point, Oregon, according to the official Plat thereof now of record, which point is South 33° 23' East 3.8 feet from the north-west corner of said Lot; thence South 54° 37' West 17.60 feet; thence South 35° 23' East 41.0 feet; thence South 11° 02' East 47.60 feet; thence South 26° 39' East 53.57 feet; thence North 69° 29' East 46.92 feet to the Westerly line of said Block No. 19; thence along said line North 35° 23' West 159.35 feet to the point of beginning, and did provide for a public hearing to be held at the hour of 7:30 o'clock P.M., on the 3rd day of April, 1950, at the Council Chamber in the City Hall in the City of Central Point for the purpose of considering the vacation of and adoption of an Ordinance vacating a portion of Front Street above described and for the further purpose of hearing and considering any objection or remonstrance thereto which may be made in writing and filed with the Recorder of the City of Central Point prior to the time of said hearing.

By order of the Council of the City of Central Point, Oregon.
Arden R. Pinkham,
Recorder

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