

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IS OPENED BY A ROUSING LINCOLN CLUB BANQUET

With over 300 men and women of Jackson county and prominent republicans from all parts of the state in attendance the annual banquet of the Lincoln club was held last night at the Hotel Medford with good old fashioned before-the-wah hilarity. Although a vast majority present were republicans, several well known democrats were on hand, and seemed to enjoy the program as well as anyone else, although during parts of Colonel Washburn's speech some of them showed signs of finding the atmosphere slightly oppressive.

Principal interest was centered in the political speech by Colonel Washburn who is a favorite with Jackson county republicans and has a state wide reputation as a partisan expounder of picturesque powers, extensive vocabulary, and a genius for painting the flaws of the opposition in vivid, graphic and eruptive phrases. After recalling the delay in the administration declaring war the speaker called attention to Secretary of War Baker's statement in 1917 that the country might not send troops abroad for many months and how action was only forthcoming by the call of Lloyd George and Clemenceau "If you ever intend to help us do it now!"

McAdoo's Brigade
Two million American boys, said the speaker, went abroad to fight and splendidly they fought for 370 a month while another army of patriots at home under the leadership of Secretary McAdoo worked leisurely in the shipyards and munition factories for wages ranging from \$7 to \$15 per day, and kept bawling for more. The extravagance, lethargy and incompetence of the administration, said the colonel, had so demoralized the industrial ranks of the country that strikes had followed strikes, and the people were faced with deprivation and suffering if they failed to raise wages still more.

The Peace Treaty
The present situation was summed up as follows: "If republican senators are in favor of the treaty, with the Americanizing Lodge reservations, if democratic senators who are not muzzled and hogtied by Mr. Wilson are for it, if President Lowell of Harvard and ex-President Taft are for it, if the British people as represented by Viscount Grey are for it, if the French people as represented by their newspapers and leading men are for it, then you are for it and I am for it, and the only obstacle to ratification, complete peace and a return to normal peace conditions, is Mr. Wilson himself."

tion; he was known as an honest man. Those who knew him called him 'Honest Abe.' No one disputed the title, and it was the only one he had previous to his public career. This characteristic, which was a vital law of his being, was the basis of his hatred of injustice; this the source of his love of righteousness. In this characteristic lies the explanation of the fact that he saw beyond the lesser lights of political expedience and was ever guided by the eternal stars of righteousness.

A Wonderful Intellect.
"But simple integrity of character does not explain achievement. Integrity must be reinforced by intellect. Righteousness always needs the service of brains. If Lincoln's integrity had not been armed and guarded by a powerful and penetrating mind our history would have been wanting in some of its most splendid chapters."

"We have been gradually coming to the realization of the intellectual greatness of Lincoln. His clarity of vision enabled him to see as he stood on the threshold of his career that the paramount issue was the preservation of the Union. In his judgment the threat to disrupt the Republic was a 'peril to mankind.' He felt that the welfare of the whole human race was involved. Wherein lies the difference between Lincoln and Lee. This is one vital difference. Lee lacked in vision. Robert E. Lee linked his fortunes with a class, while Lincoln identified himself with the interests of humanity."

"His great intellectuality was evidenced not only by his marvelous vision, but also by his wisdom at critical points. This is illustrated by his famous 'House divided against itself' speech of June 17, 1858. His humanity."

"But there may be integrity of character and power of intellect in the absence of another essential element of greatness. That quality which we may call comprehensively humanity, is essential to greatness. This was one of the commanding characteristics of Abraham Lincoln, as evidenced by the peculiar quality, reach and power of his human sympathies, and democratic convictions. In the war his great heart went out to the people of the South as well as the North. There is not one sentiment as respecting the South to be credited to him that could remain after the clamor of war had been hushed into the silence of peace, to embitter the sorrows of those who knew defeat or to nourish resentment in the hearts of their children. Robert E. Lee, when hearing of his death said: 'The South has lost its best friend.' Never before in history did the leader of the defeated hosts make such a declaration concerning the commander-in-chief of the successful armies."

Professor Vining.
Professor Vining of Ashland, a universal favorite in Southern Oregon, paid an eloquent tribute to Roosevelt, emphasizing his efforts as a peace maker and praising his integrity, resolution and devotion to America and American ideals. The speaker suggested that if Roosevelt's advice had been taken regarding pre-

paredness, many American lives might have been spared, while the Colonel's desire to take an active part in the Great War was effectively toned down.

Smith Strumel of North Dakota, a personal friend of Lincoln, who is touring the state as the next speaker called upon, but as the evening was late, he confined himself to a brief tribute to the great emancipator and explained his personal interest was to impress the spirit of Lincoln's Americanism upon the school children of today.

Dow Walker's Address.
The idea was taken as the theme for a few brief remarks by Dow V. Walker of Portland, state manager for General Leonard Wood's campaign.

"Our future citizens are witnessing today wholesale desertion from the ranks of our teachers and educators. Why? Because they are underpaid, discontented and dissatisfied and are unable to make an honest clean living in keeping with their station in life on their present pay and with the present high cost of living."

"Ladies and gentlemen, do you realize how important it is to build soundly and safely with our children to surround them with the proper influences and environments and to embody in them the true spirit of loyalty and contentment."

"How can the teachers render this influence under the present conditions?"
"Imagine my eight-year-old boy bringing home to his father and mother a note from his teacher, appealing to us to go to the polls and vote for a bond issue, in order that they may secure a raise in pay. That is a fact and actually happened."

"This, to my mind is a matter of grave importance. We should set high standards, demand efficiency, and weed out incompetents, but let us not pass it off lightly."

"I think it was President Elliott of Harvard who said, 'Who shall receive better pay? The man who trains the mind, or the man who mends the train?'"
"For the present we are very busy ridding this country of the Red-Bolshevik, anti-government and disloyal element, but let us build solid for the future as we go."

Mrs. Kloeker's Address.
The republican women were ably represented by Mrs. Kloeker, who spoke, in part, as follows:

"Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen: I appreciate the honor of representing the women of Jackson county on this occasion. I do not know why I was chosen, unless perhaps I was considered the combative member of the party."

"I deplore the division of the woman's vote, and the man's vote, even in thought, and hope that the time will come and come soon when we will all stand shoulder to shoulder as citizens and cast our votes as Americans for America."

"When Grandfather Adam placed the blame upon Grandmother Eve for that little episode in the garden, he established the oldest precedent in the history of the universe, for men have gone on blaming women for most of the ills of this world. We really do not mind, we are quite accustomed to it and besides, it all goes to enrich our already large and valuable collection of private opinions. It was, perhaps, natural and perhaps just that the woman's vote was accused of costing the republican party the last presidential election. I do not approve of excuses, but I do want to state that during the last democratic campaign, two cupid darts were aimed straight at woman's heart. One was that desirable password shirt, called 'He Kept Us Out of War,' and the other was a pledge of legislation relative to child labor. These points were bound to appeal to women whether mothers or not."

Broken Pledges and Women.
"Now it takes some men a long time to learn that broken pledges are very unpopular things with women, and the democratic party is doomed to learn that. 'Heaven hath no rage like love to hatred turned, nor Hell a fury like a woman scorned.' The basis of this rage and this fury lies in the home."
"The American woman was asked to conserve to a degree, never before known in an American household, in order that the government might indulge in a program of needless extravagance, never before known in governmental history."

Tired of H. C. L.
"Most women are endowed with a sense of the fitness of things, while others of us are learning daily. Women do not want to wear shoes that cost their weight in gold, and they will tell the democratic party so in November. Women do not want to pay 20c per pound for sugar, dearly as she loves her sweets, and she will tell the democratic party that in November. Women realize the economic value of pure linen and pure wool and she wants them in reality, not in theory, or dreams or diplomatic notes, and they will say so in November."

"Let the republican party promise a safe government with wise budgets instead of wild appropriations, let them keep America for Americans and tell the disturbing foreigner to take his little red flag and go home, and we will not only keep within our lines all the votes to which we are rightly entitled, but we will win all right, thinking women as well."

Tribute to Major Andrus
It was peculiarly appropriate that the only set of resolutions submitted by the committee on resolutions to the banquet, which were unanimously adopted, were in memory of the late Major Dwight H. Andrus, the well known G. A. R. veteran, one of the charter members of the Lincoln club and a staunch republican for many years. These resolutions, read by Judge Wm. M. Colvig, were as follows:
"On the 22nd day of January 1920 Major Dwight H. Andrus, a charter member of this organization, answered the final order, calling him to rest from the marches and battles of earthly life; and
"Whereas, in memory of his sterling qualities of American citizenship his patriotic devotion to duty, his service to the nation, in the darkest hour of its history, and his loyalty to this club and the principles taught by it, — let us, his friends and associates now arise, and with bowed heads lay a tribute of love and respect on his new made grave."
"His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him, that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, this was a man."
"When the storm of civil war broke loose, and threatened to destroy the nation, Major Andrus answered the call to its defense, and at the age of 17, on the 8th of August 1862, enlisted in company B 22nd Regt. of Michigan Infantry and served three years, — participating in many battles, having been wounded and taken prisoner at Chickamauga."
"For the past thirty years, or more our departed friend has been a familiar figure on the streets of this city. His genial personality, his gentle and courteous manners joined with a charming reticence in social intercourse endeared him to all. Therefore be it
"Resolved that by the death of Major Andrus, this club has lost one of its most loyal members, and this community an exemplary citizen; and be it further
"Resolved that this memorial be enrolled as a part of this annual meeting of the club, and that a certified copy of the same be transmitted by the secretary to the wife of our deceased friend."
Messages of Greeting
The following messages were read at the banquet board:
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The Lincoln club, Medford, Ore.
I regret that I cannot be with you at the Lincoln day republican meeting. The patriotism of Lincoln is the passion for us all. It was not a patriotism born of extremities, it was not that fire, splendid as it is, which burns in the soul of men only when their country is in danger. It was not a patriotism stirred only by martial music. It was the patriotism of good citizenship at the fireside, the plow, the mart, in low places and in high places, in season and out of season. It was the patriotism which caused him to make his country's welfare his own business and to interest himself continually in the practical politics of his country. Always he believed and acted the patriotism of peace as well as of war and it is this patriotism which will bring that attention to the country's political problems by the good men and women of this nation in this year of 1920 which will result in the overwhelming republican victory in November.
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Hillsboro, Ore., Feb. 11, 1920.
Chairman Jackson County Republican club, Medford, Ore.
On the anniversary of the birth of the immortal Lincoln the real father and founder of the republican party, please convey to the members of the Lincoln club of Jackson county my sincere congratulations for their true Americanism, their high ideals and loyal support of the republican party, the party of patriotism, prosperity and successful achievement.
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grets for not being able to attend the meeting were received from senators, congressmen and prominent men of the state but lack of time prevented their being read.
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Banquet Notes

One of the most pleasing features of the evening was H. A. Canaday's recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg address.
The banquet decorations were the usual beautiful ones, consisting of large floral arrangements on the walls of the big dining room with large pictures of Lincoln and Roosevelt suspended over the speakers' table with that of the great emancipator in the position of honor above the former.
Two of the conspicuous members of the opposition who could not keep away were Porter Neff of Medford and Postmaster Kruger of Ashland. Each outwardly joined in with the hosts of the banquet and smiled while Colonel Washburn was gutting the democratic party and roasting the Wilson administration. As they walked out, however, they snarled to "Shorty" Garnett and hissed "Curse!"
It is believed that any banquet anywhere has the fortune to be honored by two such finished orators of different styles as Bishop M. S. Hughes and Professor Irving S. Vining. The bishop's address on Lincoln was probably the finest effort of the kind ever heard in Medford.

As is customary at Lincoln day banquets, here there was present the contingent of G. A. R. veterans, which grows less in number annually as these old heroes are passing away.
The banquet was served promptly and well, thanks to the general supervision of Emil Mohr, who by the aid of his crew, loped around here and there and everywhere seeing that everything was going right. Landlord Mohr only recently arose from bed where he had been confined for six weeks with rheumatism. There is one thing to be commended about him and that is his optimism and common sense in every way. No matter how tired he is nor how badly he feels, he will not admit he is tired or sick at any time as long as he is able to stand on his feet. His mind always works right when it comes to selecting toothsome eatables. Think of serving corn on the cob—yum!—to 300 banqueters as an accompaniment to milk fed chicken.

The musical program furnished by the Imperial Orchestra with Bill Vawter as soloist added to the enjoyment of the evening in large measure. Miss Fern Hutchinson presided as accom-

panied with her usual charm and skill.
The republican visitors were all given a few minutes to greet the members of the club and show their handsome countenances. The first honor going to Syracuse Court Judge Henry L. Binnion, a former Southern Oregon boy. Fred Williams of the public service commission, Dow Walker and Mr. Butler, candidate for secretary of state, all did their best generously.
High society was there with its usual, but recently refused to present same to the press for publication.
One of the destined hits of the banquet was the speech of Mrs. A. J. Kloeker, the Medford business woman. She was introduced by Colonel Washburn as from Ashland, but he was hastily corrected. Immediately after her address was over, E. V. Carter of Ashland was on his feet asserting that Ashland would be proud to claim her and that if she ever wanted a divorce from this city Ashland would back her heartily to procure it, and would receive her with open arms. Colonel Washburn came back and created hearty laughter by pointing his finger at Mr. Carter and exclaiming: "And if you ever do receive her with open arms, I ask to be present at the meeting."

The new officers of the Lincoln club of Jackson county elected at the banquet, are as follows: President, Col. R. C. Washburn, of Table Rock; first vice-president, Mrs. Fred Wagner of Ashland; second vice-president, Mrs. Hal Platt of Medford; secretary, Frank Farrell of Medford, and treasurer, Vernon Vawter of Medford.

One of the last speakers called on was E. L. Cohn of Grants Pass, county clerk and recorder of Josephine county, and now a candidate for secretary of state. He referred largely to his attendance at previous day Lincoln club banquets here, and said he was especially glad to be present at this one and he able to enjoy among other things eating corn on the cob. "I don't know where you got it," he said, "but it must be the climate."

Mrs. Perozzi of Ashland, member of the executive committee of the state republican committee, was called for a few remarks, but owing to the lateness of the hour only spoke briefly. She aroused much applause however, by saying that if push and drive and vigor and enthusiasm were needed to induce the women of Jackson county to vote the republican ticket next fall she would be found doing her part.

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