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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

The presidential eve is due to Mr. Lansing having a mind, instead of the regulation Hubbard squash specified for cabinet members.

The Corvallis Gazette Times prints a poem entitled, "Violet," written by Olive Prune.

The cane manners of En Mohr cause Link McCormick to stand aghast. Ye host often scratches his head with the handle of his walking stick.

The Cravatte Agriculturists Union have taken steps to enjoy a Jan laundryman from wearing puttees.

Another kin of Bob Boyle is Elmer Pimply of Pendleton, Ore., a wheat grower.

There is a shortage of rice in China, and, if the rice crop in the United States was extensive, a valiant effort would be launched to bury the population north rice, as the Russians have been buried north wheat.

"Wilson's Policy in Mexico May Be Recognized."—S. F. Bulletin headline. If it gets kicked around a little more, no one can recognize it.

The whiskered element "bored" in the bright spring sunshine again Monday. The spring fever epidemic is now at its height, and some of the victims hate to suck wind into their lungs by their own efforts, they are so tired.

In five years, the Literary Digest reports there will be no leather, and no substitute worth while. By using the frying methods employed by heavy cooks, the substitute dancer can be overcome.

A lady with 36 buttons down the back of her coat, lost her skirt in front of the Commercial club Sunday.

Seven months of prohibition, and still nobody dead from the lack of a drink.

Dr. Squires Speaks Tonight. Dr. J. E. Squires of San Francisco, field secretary of the Sunday schools of the northwestern conference of the M. E. church, South, will speak at 7:30 p. m. on "Evangelism in the Sunday School."

DR. JOUETT P. BRAY, Pastor. Dixon Acquitted of Sedition. WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 16.—F. J. Dixon, a member of the provincial assembly, was acquitted today of seditious libel in promoting the Winnipeg general strike last year.

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100 PER CENT PARTISAN.

LET'S see about this 100 per cent partisanship. A group of Georgia democrats recently wrote National Chairman Cummings to secure a 100 per cent Jeffersonian democrat for the nominee, while we have heard considerable recently about securing a 100 per cent republican at Chicago.

Why confine the race to small-bore politicians at the outset? A great president has never been a 100 per cent partisan and never will be. Take Jefferson for example, —wasn't it he who said "we are not Federalists and anti-Federalists,—we are all Americans?"

Our recollection is Colonel Roosevelt left the republican party in 1912, and in a letter at that time said:

"When a party is untrue to what I believe to be right, I leave that party. Of course the blind partisan followers condemn me, but I am so used to condemnation of that sort that it doesn't even interest me any more. I am interested above all other things in America and American principles, and one of those principles I take to be the right of the people to conduct their own affairs and choose their own leaders."

Roosevelt was never a 100 per cent partisan. To interpret 100 per cent republicanism as 100 per cent partisanship, and hold up Lincoln as the embodiment of such a sentiment is to show a grievous indifference to the facts.

Lincoln was a whig most of his life, and previous to the Civil war, when a political hiatus similar to the one now existing overtook the country, Lincoln lost interest in politics and longed for a new political alignment. Then the slavery issue arose, and Lincoln as soon as the country divided upon this great moral issue at once entered the ranks of the new party.

Probably if the next republican president should invite Secretary Newton Baker to a place in his cabinet it would not be considered an "act" of 100 per cent republicanism. And yet that is what Lincoln did, and he also on the eve of the Civil war, asked a southern democrat to a place in his cabinet, but the southerner, a true 100 per cent democrat, declined.

Making the acid test of presidential fitness 100 per cent partisanship is to insist on mediocrity, when conditions demand as never before, a life sized man for the job.

Abraham Lincoln the Christian

An unusually large audience heard the sermon Sunday evening on "Abraham Lincoln—the Christian," by Rev. Sannett at the Methodist church. Rev. Sannett said, in part:

"It is a significant fact that all the great emancipators were men of God. Being a godly man, Moses looked upon the oppression of the Israelites with the same righteous indignation with which God viewed the slavery of His chosen people. David Livingstone began a movement that resulted in the emancipation of a whole race on the continent of Africa. The motives which prompted his service were born of his vital relation to God. Booker T. Washington led a movement which has done much to liberate his race from the bondage of ignorance and superstition. He, too, was a man of God. Jesus Christ is the world's greatest emancipator. He was so because the heart of God was in Him, and he looked upon the world through the eyes of God.

It would seem that the thing which made all these such great benefactors of the race was their kinship to God. As we study their lives we cannot but feel that their sense of justice and their hatred of all that oppresses mankind were due to their thinking of human values in the terms of God.

"Abraham Lincoln is no exception to the above rule. Writers reverently and without any seeming arrogance associate Lincoln with Christ as a world benefactor. Count Tolstoy said, 'He was a Christ in miniature.'"

"Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin said, 'We know what God is like by what Christ was.' So, we may also say, We know what Christ was like by what Lincoln was."

"That Abraham Lincoln was an outstanding Christian was evidenced by the fact that he was a man of great faith. Even though his spiritual horizon was clouded by the sorrow of occasioned by the death of his boy he was able to say soon after that event, 'I now see as never before the preciousness of God's love in Jesus Christ, and how we are brought near to God as our Father by Him.'"

"His remarkably strong faith is also manifested in a conversation which the president had with ex-senator James F. Wilson when he, with several other gentlemen, called upon President Lincoln in June, 1862. Slavery and the war situation were freely discussed. Mr. Lincoln sat quietly listening to the members of the visiting party. Finally he arose and declared his faith in the following terms: 'My faith is greater than yours. I not only believe that providence is not unmindful of the struggle in which this nation is engaged; that if we do not do right God will let us go our way to ruin, and that if we do right, He will lead us safely out of this wilderness, crown our arms with victory and restore our disunited Union, as you have expressed your belief; but I also believe He will compel us to do right, in order that He may do these things, not so much because we desire them as that they accord with the plans of dealing with this nation, in the midst of which He means to establish justice. I think that He means that we shall do more than we have yet done in the furtherance of His plans, and He will open the way for our doing it. I have put His hand upon me in great trials and

submitted to, His guidance, and I trust that as He shall further walk the way, I will be ready to open therein, relying on His help and trusting in His goodness and wisdom."

"That he was a true Christian is further seen in the fact that he was a man of much prayer. It was in his prayer life that he developed such a strong faith in the providential guidance of God. On one occasion he said: 'I have often been driven to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that there was no where else to go.'"

"A friend of Lincoln's gives the following incident:

"I had been spending three weeks at the White House as the guest of Lincoln. One night—it was just after the battle of Bull Run—I was restless and could not sleep. The hour was past midnight. Indeed, it was coming near to dawn when I heard low tones proceeding from a private room where the president slept. The door was partly open. I instinctively walked in, and there I saw a sight which I shall never forget. It was the president kneeling before an open Bible. The light in the room was turned low. His back was turned towards me. For a moment I was silent as I stood looking in amazement and wonder. Then he cried out in tones so pitiful and sorrowful: "'O thou God that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed for wisdom, hear me! I cannot lead this people; I cannot guide the affairs of this nation without Thy help. I am poor and weak and sinful. O God, who didst hear Solomon when he cried for wisdom, hear me and save the nation.'"

"Mr. John G. Nicolay, his private secretary, said: 'Mr. Lincoln was a praying man; I know that to be a fact. Many a time I have heard Mr. Lincoln ask himself to pray for him.'"

"That he was a Christian is seen, too, in his dependence upon the Bible. It is an interesting fact that the International Encyclopedia in giving the list of books which Mr. Lincoln read again and again, puts the Bible first. On one occasion a gentleman had an engagement with President Lincoln for five o'clock in the morning. He arrived fifteen minutes early, and when admitted to the White House reception room heard a voice coming in low tones from an adjoining room. The gentleman asked the servant, who was talking in that room, to which he received the reply: 'It is the president, sir.' The gentleman then asked if any one was with the president. The servant replied: 'No sir, he is reading the Bible. He spends every morning from four to five in reading the Holy Scriptures.'"

"He made such copious use of the Bible in his public addresses and correspondence that a whole volume of

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Biblical quotations have been compiled from his utterances and writings.

"His greatness of heart is one of the most prominent characteristics that make us call him a Christian. The tragedies incident to slavery were responsible for some of the deep lines of care on his face, and much of the blood that was wrung from his heart. He loved the people of the South as well as the people of the North. It grieved him greatly that men had to face each other with guns, and the slaughter of his fellow-men was a nightmare to him constantly. He was so kind to offending soldiers that he was accused by many of the generals of impairing discipline in the army. Of this he said:

"Some of our generals complain that I impair discipline by my pardons and reprieves, but it makes me rested after a hard day's work if I can find some good excuse for saving a man's life, and I go to bed happier as I think how joyous the signing of my name will make him and his family."

"Indeed, his love for his fellow man was such that to hear of another suffering meant suffering for him.

"If it be true—and it is true—that God is best defined in the terms of life, here is one life into which we may look and understand something about God. And this is the secret and source of the greatness that attaches to the name of Abraham Lincoln.

"Why your great renown, Sir, Ever greater as the years retire? Is it that you were kind to the mass Of our dark complexioned men, Emanated by your pen? 'Your greatness, Sir, Ever greater as the years retire, Comes through the likeness Of your character and your face With Him, the Redeemer of the race.'"

E. V. CARTER AGREES TO BE CANDIDATE FOR LEGISLATURE

At the solicitation of a number of friends, in Ashland and other parts of the county, E. V. Carter has consented to be a candidate for state legislature on the republican ticket at the coming primary.

Mr. Carter's 35 years' residence in this county, his connection with business and other interests during that time, his knowledge of the needs of the state and his legislative experience, will make him a valuable representative of the people at the coming session as there will be much important legislation including roads and re-districting the state.

Mr. Carter started the bank of Ashland in 1884. It was reorganized as the United States National bank soon afterwards, and it was consolidated with the First National bank in 1913 with Mr. Carter as president, which position he still occupies.

Mr. Carter served this county as representative from 1898 to 1900 and was speaker of the house at the special session in 1898 and at the regular session in 1899. He was then elected state senator from 1901 to 1906.

Chinese Ministers Resign. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Loy T'feng-Tsang, Chinese minister of foreign affairs, and Chen Lee, vice minister, have resigned, according to a dispatch to the state department today from Peking. No particulars were given.

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