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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Ferry

This is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, founder of the Republican party, now safely tucked away in the hip-pocket of Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania.

"Special Sale on Men's Pants All This Week. They Will Not Last Forever." (Ad Portland Oregonian). A timely tip.

MARRIED MEN UNDERSTAND. (Salem Capital Journal) Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh, Sr., have moved into the Bowers house at Fargo. Mr. Pugh has about recovered from the effects

The state legislature plans a tax on autos—the better the auto the higher the tax. A better way would be to tax them according to the make clustering up the highways and byways.

In the Bergdoll case, as usual, when a scandal arises involving money is ailed, the names of a couple of lawyer friends of Sec. of War Nooty Baker are mentioned.

THICK GROWS THE MOSS. (Albany Democrat) Think the teachers are over-paid now, for the work they are doing.

I spent twelve years as a teacher in Linn county schools in days gone by, and \$40 per month was my average salary, and I think the school work was productive of better results than now.

G. L. SUTHERLAND, The mean hoofbeaters of the shindiga throw a scientific dishrag at home sometimes. There is no thrill in waltzing around the old home sink.

A pamphlet issued by the Anti-Flirting association argues that in observations conducted, an overwhelming percentage of flirting was launched by the men and boys. There is no way to stop this, except to put horse blinders on 'em. However, plenty of witnesses can be found who can testify that women and girls do not always have their eyes under perfect control.

Health Engmark is the name of a corn doctor of Los Angeles, who has gone on a hunger strike, because the judge gave him 90 days. If health keeps it up, he will lose his name.

A FROLIC SOME AILMENT. (Yreka Journal) Mumps have gotten into the schools of our city, and is playing more or less with the attendance at present.

The Treasury department reports a shortage of gold coins, and some of it is hanging on local watch chains.

The boosting literature of California, in which the general public is buried monthly, gives no data on the number of citizens filled with hot lead by irate vampires. They flourish in the Los Angeles district, and soil under the Never Mist trademark.

The financial outlook for the preachers is getting better. About a dozen young men are contemplating getting hitched in the early spring. Wig Ashpole has listed as prospective meat customers, and the real estate agents are highly desirous of selling them a house.

Memory test: Who was the guy who ran for vice president on the democratic ticket at the last election.

It is about time the horticulturists complained of the woolly aphid boring in on the primary buds, and the codling moths codling up to the new leaves.

It Can't Clear Up. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, are:

Northern Rocky mountain and plateau regions: Considerable cloudiness, occasional rains or snows, temperature near or above normal.

Pacific states: Normal temperatures, considerable cloudiness and occasional rains except in southern California.

Alaska has enough grazing land for ten million reindeer.

THE DUAL LINCOLN.

THE outstanding thing about Lincoln was this: He combined the greatness of genius, with the virtues common to mediocrity. He has been called the typical American. But he was, unfortunately, not typical. He was exceptional. He was the ideal American. America will probably produce about as many Lincolns as Grand Canyons of the Colorado.

But while Lincoln was not a typical American, he can be called typical of America. That is to say, he could have been produced nowhere but in America. This obscure backwoodsman, without means education, family, or prestige, would in any other country, have lived and died in squalor and obscurity. But the free forces of Democracy, stimulated by a crisis which demanded greatness, placed this unlearned and unlettered country lawyer in the place of highest eminence by penetrating through the surface to the soul and heart and wisdom that the crisis demanded.

So Lincoln stands as the greatest monument to Democracy, and its inherent superiority that history has disclosed. But while he possessed those homely, wholesome virtues, which usually accompany only average attainments, he was far from being the indolent, easy-going, victim of "great circumstances," which some of his contemporaries maintained. There is one little known incident which clearly shows that under his casual exterior, there was a fighting spirit, and a true capacity for leadership, whenever force and leadership were demanded.

After his election, but before his inauguration, there was a strong movement in the Republican party, and particularly among the big financial interests, to avert war, by restoring the Missouri compromise, allowing the south to go her way, and the north to go hers. The final form was known as the Crittenden Compromise. Edward Everett wrote to Crittenden "I saw with great satisfaction your patriotic movement, and I wish from the bottom of my heart it might succeed." August Belmont, representing the moneyed interests, wrote: "I have yet to meet the first Union-loving man in or out of politics, who does not approve your compromise proposition."

Seward and Weed were sympathetic with this effort to avert war and travelled to Springfield to see Lincoln, and persuade him to accept some such course. Lincoln listened to their proposals, but without a moment's hesitation refused point blank. More than that, he put his refusal in writing.

This was a real crisis in the country's history. The cause was at the branching of the ways. The temptation to temporize, to take the easy road, must have been tremendous. But it was not with Lincoln a question of war or peace, but a question of right or wrong, and when the integrity of the union was concerned, there could be with him no compromise.

And so the die was cast, and from that moment Lincoln was the true leader, and the real master of his country's destiny. He never played that part. His deference, his patience, his humility, continued unabated. But in every real crisis, he acted with the same force and decision, that he exhibited at his home in Springfield, combining in that rare degree the unpretentious, half humorous self-effacement of the non-elet, with the firm stroke of prophetic vision and supreme greatness.



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason THE BUSY BARD.

I PUNCH my lyre to buy a tire or sparkplugs for my flivver; I sing a lay to purchase hay and gas and beans and liver. The poet knows but small repose, these days of stress and straining; he works the muse for overshoes to wear when it is raining. He swats the harp to buy a carp to feed his aunts and nieces; he turns out loads of hot stuff odes, on ancient Romes and Grecies. And grocers say "That rhyming jay takes life so beastly easy, while we must hump or hit the dump, where go the bankrupts cheesey." And plumbers sigh, as they go by, "That poet's graft's a daisy; he merely sits and throws his fits, and he is fat and lazy; and we poor ginks fix busted sinks and faucets that are leaking, and when we're done and ask our mon, the patron's always shrieking." As people walk I hear them talk about the snap I'm owning; I bask at ease and write my wheeze while working men are groaning. But oh, the times when decent rhymes won't come, for all my trying, when my old dome won't frame a pome that men might call undying! The barren days when cheer-up lays it seems, cannot be written! The ghastly nights when he who writes is by the brain-fag smitten! Oh, then the bard would deal in lard, or plumb with plumbers, gayly, if he could soak the harp whose smoke has risen yearly, daily.

What Harding Must Do to Have a Lincoln Inaugural

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—While Senator Harding's inauguration as president of United States is designed to follow arrangements of Abraham Lincoln's Inaugural, there are features of 1861 that fortunately will be missing in 1921.

Instead of veterans of North and South marching side by side as they will next month, the only military forces in the inaugural parade of 1861 were the sappers and miners. The rest of the U. S. troops in the capital were stationed in different parts of the city to provide against emergencies. As the nation hovered on the brink of Civil war, the great fear of the authorities was that effort would be made to interfere with the ceremonies.

If President Harding follows Lincoln's first inaugural address in compass, he will do it in less than 3000 words. In that space Lincoln made his plea for the union and declared his intention to maintain it. Four years later Lincoln's second Inaugural was overshadowed by the procession of victories. The crowds were smaller than those in '61. Veterans marched in the parade and there was a brilliant array of officers in the city. A much commented on feature of the parade was a battalion of colored troops and a colored lodge of Masons. Philadelphia was represented

by several fire companies with engines and two hose companies. Lincoln's second inaugural address was done in a thousand words, but the following part of it is still echoing in American thought as pertinent to the world's affairs of today: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, and care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and orphans—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." On this great day the president's thought, as the thought of the nation, was with its generals. The great news on the day that Lincoln was inaugurated the second time was that General Sherman had captured General Early, occupied Charlottesville, Va., and was last heard from at Staunton, where nine years before, a war president to be, Woodrow Wilson was born.

The Aztecs were the first people to prepare cocoa as a beverage and to make chocolate from cocoa beans. Expert pearl divers in the South Pacific will remain under water for as much as three minutes.

Prune Facts

The prune interests of Oregon are solidly behind the movement to make a success of Prune Week. The solidity of interest is shown in the fact that no special brands are being mentioned with them, as it should be, it is just "Eat Oregon Prunes."

The papers of the state are loyally following the suggestion made in Governor Olcott's proclamation, that they get behind the movement to force the sale of Oregon prunes through the observance of Prune Week, February 14th to 19th.

The Oregon press is always solid for Oregon and the prune industry being among one of the state's most important ones, they are naturally strong for supporting it.

It is suggested that on the opening day of Prune Week, the most appropriate Valentine to be sent to a friend would be a box of Oregon prunes. Let us have a sane St. Valentine's day this year and incidentally eat Oregon prunes.

To Seneca Fouts, Portland attorney, goes the honor of being the first person to order Oregon prunes for local consumption since the movement for Prune Week started, and to William J. Piepenbrink, Portland, for first ordering a shipment made outside of the state. The last mentioned order goes to Milwaukee, Wis.

The Oregon Prune campaign committee, composed of some of the leading men in the state, has opened headquarters at 732 Morgan building, Portland, where orders will be received for Oregon prunes at 10c per lb., in quantities of 100 lbs., and up, delivered, freight prepaid, to any railroad station in the state; or at 11c per lb., in quantities of 25, 50 and 75 lbs., and up, delivered, prepaid by parcel post. These are first class, average orchard run Oregon Italian prunes, packed only in 25 and 50 lb boxes. This movement is non-profit making and is solely to aid an Oregon industry.

Lincoln

Lincoln, our great martyr chief, With justice toward all and malice toward none, Whose heart was loaded with the greatest grief, Till the great cause was won.

Hurray! The cause is won, Shouted the returned soldier, father and son, Laying up their saber and gun; But many homes were without this fun.

The union is saved and the cause is lost Mumbled the confederate soldier, Yes! He muttered, lost, lost, lost, Yes! We've paid the cost!

But Lincoln soothed the hearts of the south, And closed many an angry mouth. They all loved our great leader, As much as father or mother, The crisis had come, Lincoln was shot.

The nation was dumb, And all hearts cried out. They laid him there in the Illinois soil With honors great as any king, as loyal. All hearts went out in sympathy for his toil.

For the nation's good and spoil, He will never be forgotten In all times of war and peace; He shall forever hold his place in the hearts of men.

WINIFRED BORDEN, Washington School.

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