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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry.

Tribute is being paid today to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. The banks are closed, but the toll-worn and chili-blained tinkers of barbers seek stray whiskers.

The Chicago oil baron, who showed up \$4,500,000 short in his accounts, did a fairly good job of it.

Mr. Bean of Eugene has announced the sacrifice of himself for governor. Mr. Bean has the auto mechanic and cash grocery vote on his machine.

There ought not to be a dry handkerchief in all the land. The experts in charge of feeding the starving Russians report there is not enough albumen in the grub America sends them.

Perhaps the spoil acreage of the valley would be increased, if the canard was scattered around that they ferment easily.

Fashion has decreed that the spring dresses shall not be modeled after Police Gazette ideas.

The flu epidemic that "ruthlessly interrupted" according to the Eugene Guard, "the social life of the university" is over, and the students will be able to catch up with their dancing for this semester.

The course of events at Hollywood, Calif., stagers the film actors, and knocks the cuteness out of a star.

Who remembers the good old days when the sun shone on Saturdays, and a prancing steed with pink ribbons braided in his tail, was led up and down the Mainz Stempelplatz?

It is now proposed by Henry Ford that European money be rejuvenated by lessening the value of American money.

"SPRING TO ARMS" (Oregon City Enterprise) Active and able-bodied returned war veteran will marry. Geo. Coones, 168 1/2 Front St., Portland, Oregon.

There is a man in our town and he is very wise. He hunts out all the U. S. bonds and when he buys, some bonds he buys at 94 and some at 96.

Then the poor boob who sold the bonds, trot right across the street and spend the money on a car, in which to rest their feet.

Baron Kato at New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 13.—Admiral Baron Kato, head of the Japanese delegation at the arms conference is the guest of New Orleans today.

LINCOLN OF FACT, LINCOLN OF FICTION.

"IF MY FATHER were here today, no one would recognize him and certainly he would not recognize himself." This was the recent statement of Abraham Lincoln's silent son, Robert Todd Lincoln, who past 80 years of age, commented rather caustically on the Borglum statue and Lord Charnworth's history.

Undoubtedly true. The trouble is all Americans claim Lincoln, and almost unconsciously re-create him more or less in their own image. Lincoln has been a Woodrow Wilson, a Teddy Roosevelt, a run-hound, a profi zealot, a friend of capital, a friend of labor, a church goer, an atheist, he has been almost everything in creation since his death except himself.

And now President Harding falls in line by proclaiming Lincoln a great partisan. This translated into the Marior idiom means that Lincoln believed the sun rose and set in the Republican party and that national chairmen can do no wrong.

It's rather a shame Lincoln couldn't be here to answer that. It would bring out one of his excellent stories, clearing the Marionized atmosphere and pointing out the fallacy without hurting anyone's feelings. But in lieu of that a bit of the record might be illuminating.

Lincoln in 1854 persuaded his followers to support Trumbull, a Democrat, for the senate, because Trumbull opposed the Kansas-Nebraska policy of Douglas, a direct sacrifice of party to principle.

Upon his election as President, Lincoln flatly refused to name a partisan cabinet. He not only considered Alexander Stephens of Georgia for a cabinet position, but invited Guthrie of Kentucky, one of the leaders of the Charleston convention. Guthrie refused. He then invited Gilmore of North Carolina. Gilmore refused.

Lincoln scorned the idea of surrounding himself with personal partisans. He chose for his cabinet Seward, his chief political rival, Chase and Bates, two other rivals, the latter from the slave state of Missouri, and Montgomery Blair who opposed Lincoln and led the Bates forces.

Stanton, a Democrat, a personal, political and professional enemy, he placed in the all important position of secretary of war. To his principal Democratic opponent, Stephen A. Douglas, he sent a special invitation to sit with him on the platform at the first inaugural and urged him to assist him in his administration.

Why did Lincoln do this? Because in 1861 party labels had ceased to have meaning. There were nominal democrats loyal to the union, there were nominal Republicans opposed to the union. Lincoln cared nothing for the party label, he cared everything for the party principle.

Really a clever politician, he was ready to compromise on anything but the vital question of slavery extension, and preserving the union. As he wrote W. Kellogg in 1860, representative from Illinois: "There can be no compromise of any sort on slavery extension."

Lincoln held firm. But when mere party regularity was considered, when blind devotion to one party and blind hatred for another were involved, Lincoln balked,—he was a little too broad gauged, a little too humorous, for that. At one time his liberality toward those who differed with him politically became so pronounced that a rabid member of his own party accused him of being a member of the "Know-Nothing" party, which consisted of crusaders against Catholics and foreigners. Lincoln replied:

"If such ideas should ever gain control, I would rather emigrate to some country like Russia, where despotism could be taken pure with no hypocritical talk about freedom and equality."

No, Lincoln was never a great partisan. Narrowness, bigotry, intolerance, revolted him. In fact, the closing paragraph of his second inaugural is the greatest example of non-partisanship in the English language—a supreme example of a great loving, human spirit, rising even in time of conflict above the hatreds and prejudices of a political war:

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Quill Points

As a rule, the man with a weak chin wags it enough to keep it weak.

With affairs in Ireland as they are, the things Pat says to Mike are no longer a joke.

As a rule a compliment is merely the cloak a man uses to conceal his real opinion of you.

The New Worker's Party of America is not, we trust, another party to work America.

"Sawed His Way Out of Jail With a Freshly-Laundered Collar" is a headline we've been confidently expecting.

Making a peace advocate is just as easy as making a gentleman, if you begin with the grandfather.

So far, man has been unable to invent an 'ism that will provide nice juicy steaks at regular intervals.

Bill collectors have little knowledge of good manners. They always call again without an invitation.

Apparently the only way some people can save money is to have the stuff charged and forget to pay for it.

Some employers come around and pat their workers on the back every day. And some employers pay good salaries.

The only way we can understand the wickedness of some nations is on the theory that environment makes character.

People might try as hard to be good as to make good if achievement would net them the same space on the front page.

A few years ago people believed all they read, but that was before newspapers began to print the weather bureau's forecasts.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. Are my clouds always formed or do we see the same clouds again? 2. What is the name of the emperor of Japan? 3. What does the "S" in De Soto mean? 4. What is the insignia of an admiral? 5. What river connects Montreal with the sea? 6. What was the origin of the word greenhorn? 7. In what book of the bible is the story of Noah given? 8. What makes a ball bounce? 9. What is a moratorium? 10. On the stock exchange what is "bull"?

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