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YOUNG MEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB BANQUET

WITH SPEECHES AND MUSIC THE LOVE AND VENERATION FOR THE GREAT AND RUGGED CHARACTER OF LINCOLN WERE SHOWN

The Lincoln day banquet given by the Young Men's Republican Club, at the army last night in honor of Abraham Lincoln's 100th anniversary, could be termed nothing but a monstrous success, 167 highly enthusiastic Lincoln admirers were in attendance, and the arrangements, which were carefully planned, were carried out to the letter.

A six-piece orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. H. N. Stoudenmeyer, rendered several selections as a prelude, and after playing "Co-

lumbia," President Abrams, of the Young Men's Republican Club, spoke briefly on behalf of the organization's sincere and patriotic efforts in getting up the banquet in honor of the great statesman, and tendered the club's appreciation of the interest taken by those in attendance, and others who were unable to be present.

In the absence of Mayor Rodgers, who was to deliver the introductory address, Judge George H. Burnett, of the circuit court, made a splendid

opening speech. He spoke on Abraham Lincoln's earlier life; of his great personality and of his growth from a humble country lawyer until he became one of the greatest men the world has known. He dealt extensively on his fair dealings with his fellow men; the phenomenal tact he showed in conducting national affairs during the time of stress and his immeasurable love of humanity. The audience showed its appreciation of Judge Burnett's address by applauding him heartily.

The Cherry City quartette followed this address with a selection entitled "The Boys Who Wore the Blue Are Turning Grey," and was given a not-to-be denied encore.

An address was then delivered by Commandant D. W. Matthews, of the G. A. R. Commandant Matthews was an active army man during Lincoln's presidency, joining the army in '61; and he related various instances of Lincoln's humanity, tenderness and love.

Prof. J. M. Powers, superintendent of public schools was then introduced. Professor Powers began his address by informing the audience about the city schools, each and every one recognizing Abraham Lincoln's 100th birthday anniversary by taking an afternoon off to discuss the life and character of the great commoner. He also told how the memory of Abraham Lincoln was a perfect object lesson to all young men the world over; of how he was made President of the United States by the resistless will of a great people, and of the elements of greatness of the man. Prof. Powers' address was greatly appreciated, and he received many congratulations at the end of the meeting.

Judge F. A. Moore, of the supreme court, spoke on the advantage the present generation has derived from the life of Abraham Lincoln. Judge Moore reviewed Lincoln's educational career and dwelt to some extent upon the address Lincoln gave at Gettysburg. He also told of Lincoln's general appearance, and gave a very interesting description of his unusual personality and the easy manner in which he handled the many difficulties during the presidency.

One of Salem's oldest and most respected veterans of the army was then introduced by President Abrams, Captain Daniel Webster, of the G. A. R., who related to the attentive audience of how Abraham Lincoln had fought and conquered the battles of life, and of how he steadily worked his way, rung by rung to the highest office existing in the United States. Captain Webster gave an interesting description of how public sentiment was aroused to the highest pitch he had ever known it to be at the time of Lincoln's candidacy for President. The speaker told that at the time there was some doubt of Lincoln's being seated in the presidential chair, but (here the old veteran grew eloquent) when "Abe" received the election every Lincoln man thanked God that their man would be seated beyond doubt.

Professor J. W. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, addressed the meeting. Prof. Kerr commented upon the preceding orations on the immortality of Lincoln. He then gave an interesting remembrance of Lincoln's noble and victorious efforts in grappling with the hardships existing in early days when conditions were such that nothing short of almost supernatural tact and ability could overcome them.

The youngest speaker on the program, L. R. Stringer, was then introduced. He made a stirring and eloquent address, which was highly appreciated, and heartily applauded. Mr. Stringer, in closing, paid a splendid tribute to the dead but immortal President.

Directly after the closing of Mr. TWO—YOUNG Stringer's speech, Prof. H. N. Stoudenmeyer sounded "taps," as part of the services on the burial of America's and the world's greatest martyr.

Rev. Philip Bauer was called upon next to address the audience. Rev. Bauer paid high tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln and related different memorable instances of the noble man's life.

Dr. Homan, of Willamette University paid a high tribute to Lincoln's honesty and integrity and drew a vivid picture of the grand and rugged character.

The meeting was then brought to a close by a final chorus played by the orchestra—"America."

The refreshment committee, composed of Fred Waters, Frank West and Ira Hamilton, were all highly complimented on the excellent lunch served.

Among the beautiful decorations, principally of the Stars and Stripes, a life-sized cartoon of Abraham Lincoln was hung between two flags. The picture was a perfect likeness, and was drawn by Laud Hamilton, a local artist.

THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

For the information of its army of policy holders the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York has issued a statement of its standing at the end of the year 1908. The facts set forth show that this great insurance organization continues to carry more policies and to distribute greater benefits among the whole people than any other like institution, while its own resources gain steadily in proper ratio to its increasing volume of business.

The magnitude of the company's operations is astounding. To fully understand the meaning of the figures dealing in totals for the year, it is necessary to bring them down to the smallest division of time. For example, the mind can scarcely comprehend the significance of the statement that the total amount of outstanding policies at the end of the year was \$1,861,890,803, but we can easily grasp the no less astonishing fact that during the business hours of every day in the year an average of 6343 new policies were issued and paid for. Every day—taking the average for the year—441 persons received from the company the full value in cash of policies which had been carried for their benefit. Every day the company paid out to its policy holders and added to the policy paying fund (reserve fund) more than \$166,000. The value of property owned and acquired by the Metropolitan Life during 1908 increased at the rate of \$121,000 per day. A policy holder of the company dies every six minutes, and the company pays during business hours a death claim on the average every sixty-two seconds.

The company owns nearly one hundred million dollars' worth of United States bonds, city bonds, and railroad bonds and stocks; more than ninety millions of bonds and mortgages; more than twenty-two millions of real estate, and much other tangible property, all held as assets available for the payment of its obligations. Nearly ten million policies (9,960,106) are carried by individuals in the Metropolitan Life. If these policy holders were gathered into one community they would constitute a city of more than the combined population of the twelve largest cities in the United States.

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