

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Friday, February 12, will be the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth. President Roosevelt and a number of men of note will deliver speeches at the Lincoln farm, which is located near the geographical center of the state of Kentucky, and assist in laying the corner stone of a noble memorial hall of granite, which will cover the little one-room log cabin in which the Great Emancipator was born. The day will be generally observed in all parts of the country, for congress has made it a legal holiday.

Roosevelt will make a great speech. He will quote likely hurray for the "Little Farm that Raised a Man," for the country in which a Lincoln could grow, and for the people who should recognize a Lincoln when they saw him.

Lincoln was a genius, who forged the discordant forces of the North represented by Seward, Stanton and Chase, into a mighty conquering host; he possessed a rugged honesty as reliable as the sunlight; his clarity was like the snow storm that covers every scar; and, better than all else for his country in its hour of greatest danger, was his big democratic heart, full of "charity for all and malice toward none, and faith in the right as he was permitted to see the right," which guided him unerringly onward and upward.

A great many eulogistic words will be spoken and written about the Great War President during the next few weeks, but it is doubtful if any one will improve upon the man who said, "Lincoln climbed fame's ladder to its topmost round, and then stepped over into Heaven with four million broken shackles in his hands."

THE NEW SENATOR FROM NEW YORK.

On the first page we publish this week an extract from a recent speech delivered by Ellihu Root the recently elected Senator from the State of New York. His speech makes it very certain that Root will be a valuable addition to the old reactionary group of senators, who have little confidence in the common people.

It is safe to say that a majority of the new men in the Senate, including Senator Cummins of Iowa, will oppose Mr. Root's policies and earn popular approval by so doing.

BRYAN ENDORSES LA FOLLETTE'S NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE.

The following letter addressed by Mr. Bryan to Senator La Follette outlines the position that the Commoner will take toward the new magazine: "Senator Robert M. La Follette, Madison, Wisconsin—My Dear Mr. La Follette: I am just in receipt of the first number of your paper and hasten to congratulate you upon its appearance and its promise. I am heartily glad that you have entered the journalistic field. The fact that we do not agree upon all questions is not so material, for those who think for themselves are likely to differ. If we all seemed to think alike, it would be evidence that we did not think at all.

"We are greatly in need of journals published with a purpose and giving expression to the conscience and judgment of a person whose identity is known. Nearly all our great dailies have become business enterprises operating through corporate forms. The owner of the stock is seldom known, and the editor still less. I wish we had a number of papers like yours with a national circulation. There can not be too much publicity. Out of discussion comes truth; only error seeks the cover of darkness. Strength to your arm! If you can captivate the republicans by its tone and elevate its ideal, you will render a public service. If your efforts fail and the corporate influences that have dominated and continue to dominate it, your party successfully resists the efforts of the reform element in that party, our party will be inspired to more effort to win that reform element. You may help us, therefore, as well as your own party, but insofar as you promote any worthy cause, you will help your country, and that is more important than that you should help any party.

"I shall be glad to cooperate with you so far as I can, and where I shall be compelled to disagree, I shall still be glad to have the opposite side as ably and as honestly stated as it will be in your paper.

Very truly yours, "W. J. BRYAN."

LINCOLN-AND OTHERS.

But nothing has outworn the fundamental principles of Lincoln's leadership. We have the right to demand in our leaders equal sincerity, distinctness and devotion. We have a right to point, as a perpetual standard, to his moderation; to his conscientious consideration of all interests and views; to his wise and patient tolerance and open-mindedness; to his freedom from rancor and avoidance of personal contention; to his moral courage; to his sense of justice; to his essential democracy.

We may well ask of our leaders that they should imitate his manly attitude toward public opinion; that they should disregard its position; that they should be undisturbed by its assertions and by the forced uses of our modern machinery of publicity.

We may well insist that they shall not meekly follow, nor falsely and selfishly mould the sentiment of voters; but direct aright and to the ignoble ends the opinion and the suffrages of the people. We have a right to resent leadership based either upon conscientious advocacy of supposedly popular programmes, or still more shameless upon the wholesale use of money. It is our duty to warn against the spurious leadership that deals in indiscriminate denunciation, awakens a feeling of class and of class hatred, forgets the bonds of a common citizenship, spreads distrust and despotism of the nation and sows the seeds of anarchy and assassination.

"We have a right to scout the demagogues who take the name of Lincoln upon their lips and in their lives set at naught every principle of his nature.

DISTRICT COURT.

The district court of Delaware county adjourned Wednesday night. During the term, ninety-five probate cases were disposed of, eighteen legal and chancery cases, and three criminal cases. A final decree was entered in the Duray case, from which no appeal will be taken.

Probate.

Estate of Adam Milne. Widow granted leave to file amended and substituted petition for allowance. Estate of Grace R. Spangler. Final report of executor and first and second amendments thereto submitted. Entries and decision to be entered in vacation as of the last day of this term.

LAW.

W. B. Logan vs. Chas. Logan et al. Order and decree entered October 20, 1908, modified so far as to permit the sale of premises by referee at public sale. Public sale ordered. Notice thereof to be given as for sheriff's sale.

In the matter of the Incorporation of the Town of Delhi. F. E. Stimson, E. R. Stone, E. B. Porter, Thomas Simons and F. A. Sherman appointed commissioners "to hold an election for the purpose of voting upon the proposition whether the town of Delhi, Iowa, shall be incorporated as described in the petition March 2, 1909, fixed for holding such election. Notice thereof to be given by publication in The Manchester Democrat and Delaware County News and by posting notices, which notices and all other proceedings to be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 599, 600, 601, 602 and 603 of the Code as amended.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS.

At the monthly business meeting of the city board of education held in the office of the secretary Monday night, the high school committee reported that it had hired Miss Margaret Moore and J. L. Schroyer. A music primer for the pupils in the Second grade was adopted. It was decided to appropriate \$7,500 for the teachers, \$4,000 for a contingent, and \$2,000 for the bond funds, which are the same as were appropriated the previous year.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Presbyterian. The day being set apart as Young People's day, themes relative to their work will be presented both next Sunday morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Ensign.

Methodist Episcopal.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening, as usual. The services of the week on their respective evenings. Epworth league at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening, to which every young person of the church and city is invited.

Baptist.

No special announcements are to be made for next Sunday, the pastor will conduct the services, preaching on the subject named for last Sabbath.

First Congregational.

The ladies of the church will hold a supper in the parlors of the church this (Wednesday) evening. Choir rehearsal this week as usual.

DIRECTORS TO MEET.

The regular business meeting of the Manchester Light, Heat & Power company will be held on this (Wednesday) evening February 3 at which time routine matters will be considered. The meeting will undoubtedly be adjourned until next Tuesday evening, February 9, when the manager's annual report will be read.

SHORT COURSE PRIZES.

A week from next Monday, February 15, the Manchester short course will open, and the people of Delaware county and vicinity will be afforded an opportunity of receiving competent instruction from a corps of teachers sent out by the Iowa State college at Ames, Prof. P. G. Holden, Miss Charlton and others will have in charge the courses of study in corn culture, domestic science and husbandry.

The following is a complete list of prizes to be awarded:

- Corn Prizes. Class A. Best 20 ears named Yellow-1st 50 bushels manure spreader, by Brown Mfg. Co., Madison, Wis., \$10.00. 2nd-Hay car, by Spartan Mfg. Co., Pontiac, Illinois, \$10.00. 3rd-1 pair steel rollers, by J. J. Michelson, Chicago, Ill., \$10.00. 4th-1 bushel seed corn, Silver King, by Henry George, West Union, Iowa, \$5.00. Class B. Best 20 ears Named Yellow-1st 50 bushels manure spreader, by Brown Mfg. Co., Madison, Wis., \$10.00. 2nd-Suit clothes, by J. Allen, Manchester, Iowa, \$10.00. 3rd-Hay car, by Spartan Mfg. Co., Pontiac, Illinois, \$10.00. 4th-1 pair steel rollers, by J. J. Michelson, Chicago, Ill., \$10.00. 5th-1 bushel seed corn, Silver King, by Henry George, West Union, Iowa, \$5.00.

- Class C. Best 20 ears Named Yellow-1st 50 bushels manure spreader, by Brown Mfg. Co., Madison, Wis., \$10.00. 2nd-Suit clothes, by J. Allen, Manchester, Iowa, \$10.00. 3rd-Hay car, by Spartan Mfg. Co., Pontiac, Illinois, \$10.00. 4th-1 pair steel rollers, by J. J. Michelson, Chicago, Ill., \$10.00. 5th-1 bushel seed corn, Silver King, by Henry George, West Union, Iowa, \$5.00. Class D. Best 20 ears Named Yellow-1st 50 bushels manure spreader, by Brown Mfg. Co., Madison, Wis., \$10.00. 2nd-Suit clothes, by J. Allen, Manchester, Iowa, \$10.00. 3rd-Hay car, by Spartan Mfg. Co., Pontiac, Illinois, \$10.00. 4th-1 pair steel rollers, by J. J. Michelson, Chicago, Ill., \$10.00. 5th-1 bushel seed corn, Silver King, by Henry George, West Union, Iowa, \$5.00.

SOCIAL.

Arrangements are being made to unite the choir of the First Congregational and Methodist Episcopal churches at Easter time. It is planned that on the evening of Good Friday, a cantata will be sung by a chorus of fifty voices, under the direction of Mr. M. J. Moran, and on Sunday night at the Methodist Episcopal church by Mr. H. L. Rann. Miss Charlotte Atwater will accompany the Friday evening production, and Miss Lillian Fleming will preside at the organ Sunday evening.

Plans are being made to hold services of sacred song at the Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday evenings. Such a service would include the singing of "old-time" hymns, perhaps forgotten by many of the present day church-goers. The minister would briefly speak of the origin of the hymn, its author, and of any incident that might relate to its publication.

Arrangements are being made by the Sir Knights of Pythias to secure the Cornell Glee club the second or third week in March, an organization well known in the state, which will begin its tour March 19. The club is composed of thirty people, and a program of instrumental music, readings and solo numbers is the nature of entertainment.

"The Devil's Lane" will appear at City Opera house on Thursday night of this week. This is the first attraction booked in this house for several weeks, and the press notices regarding its worth speak well of the production.

The choir of the First Congregational church has secured the services of Mr. Calvin Martin, tenor, who has consented to assist in chorus work at Sunday evening services.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Arnold delightfully entertained a company of twenty-four guests Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock dinner party.

Central Opera house Saturday, February 6, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will again be presented to a Manchester audience.

"The County Sheriff" is booked at Central Opera house on Tuesday night, February 2.

The tourist club met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. A. Dunham on Howard street. All can perceive a light when there is one, a fifty dollar bill will not count when there's no one to spend it. Grayson Owen, a champion of current events in Wales, and a descriptive paper, "Wanderings in South Wales," north Swansea, Gower, Carmarthen, Pembroke and David's Carmarthen," was read by Mrs. E. Dunham. Mrs. Bruce read "The Heart of Wales," and a sketch of Grayson Owen, the last great poet of the north, and the works of Lewis Morris, was read by Mrs. Patty Short. Talks on the manufacturers of Merthyr Tydfil were conducted by Miss Bailey. A discussion of the desirability of the adoption of the English tongue throughout Wales, was in charge of Mrs. Meyer. Mrs. E. Dunham will entertain the club on Tuesday, February 16, at 6:30 o'clock.

Public Sales Notices. Sherman Harris, advertiser, a public sale to be held at his farm 5-1-2 miles southwest of Manchester and 1-1-2 miles south east of the Sand Creek church next Tuesday, February 9. The auction will commence at 10 o'clock.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT.

City Passenger and Ticket Agent, H. G. Pierce, received last week a circular official announcement, made by J. M. Dickinson, general counsel, and J. T. Harahan, president of the Missouri Central Railroad company, relative to the appointment of W. S. Kenyon, D. M. Kelleher and Maurice O'Connor, or the law firm known as Kenyon, Kelleher & O'Connor of Fort Dodge, as district attorneys for the district heretofore in charge of the late Thomas D. Healy; namely: the State of Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Rock county, Minnesota; the same to be effective January 25.

JORDISON INJURED.

While unloading cream cans from the baggage car on the Manchester & Onondaga train Wednesday night, Harry Jordison met with a very painful accident, caused by the falling of the ganeway which spans the distance between the car and depot platform. Jordison did not notice that the plank was being placed, and one end of it struck his left foot, badly lacerating and mangling the member. A physician was called and directed that Mr. Jordison remain at home for several days until the foot healed.

NEW TELEPHONE BOOTHS.

In the lobby of the Clarence House have been installed two new booths for the use of telephone patrons. The Bell and Delaware County Independent Telephone companies provided the accommodation. The booths are made of quarter sawed oak and are fitted with double doors and frosted window lights. Each booth is equipped with the dime, quarter and half dollar slot systems. The management of both systems assure perfect and satisfactory service from this additional station.

DELHI TO INCORPORATE.

The district court of Delaware county authorized and appointed a board of commissioners to hold an election March 2, 1909, in the Town of Delhi to ascertain by a vote of the people whether or not the community wished to be incorporated as a town. Judge C. E. Ransler named as commissioners F. E. Stimson, E. R. Stone, E. B. Porter, Thomas Simons and F. A. Sherman.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

State of Iowa, Delaware County, ss. In District Court, March Term, A. D. 1909. John J. Carhart, Plaintiff, vs. John Burton Carhart, Defendant. You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Delaware county, a petition of John J. Carhart, claiming on the grounds of desertion and adultery, and further relief as may be deemed equitable, for a divorce from and against John Burton Carhart, and that the same was filed and docketed in said court on the 28th day of January, 1909. DATED this 28th day of January, 1909. JOHN J. CARHART, Plaintiff.

Vain Longings.

First Barn Stomper—I say, Friend Hattie! Second Ditto—Yes, Friend Shylock? First Barn Stomper—Wouldn't it be great if we could only eat all the poasts we get?—St. Louis Republic.

A Head-on Collision.

If a hoffer meet a hoffer, Coming through the door, Each with fowls and forests on it, Three yards round or more.

A Natural Reason.

"That handsome fellow gets as busy as a bee when he sees pretty girls about." "Probably that is because he is a honey boy."—Baltimore American.

Fama.

He wrote about the hollows of fame, The mockery of riches once we gain 'em. And those effusions were the very same By which he hoped and prayed he might attain 'em. —Minneapolis Journal.

The Big Hat.

"George, I simply can't take my hat off at the concert." "Why can't you?" "It's too heavy to hold."—Cleveland Press.

And the Mule Moved.

Henry—What's the matter with Jennie's side? He tried to take a moving picture of a mule. —New York Press.

One Bitter.

Englishman (in British museum)—This book, sir, was once owned by Cleopatra, American Tourist—Dahaw, that's nothing. Why, in one of our American museums we have the lead pencil with which Noah used to check off the animals as they came out of the ark.

Poultry Toilets.

"Now we will make this white hen's toilet." And the pet stock dealer laid beside a small bathtub a box of cold cream, a bottle of brillantine, a couple of brushes, a chamoin, towels and soap. He lathered the hen in the tub. He scrubbed her feathers till they were snowy. Then he towelled her, wrapped her up and put her away in a warm box.

Very Decolleté.

"Did Mrs. Smith wear a low cut gown at the reception?" "Yes. It was cut from a dollar a yard to 45 cents."—Hoboken Register.

Stepstruck.

Stepstruck! The butt of gods and men! (Friday reader, do not sneer!) False friends they scratch on, and then The gods they egg him on. —New York Life.

A Cafe For Analysis.

"And how does your son like his new position as pilot of an airplane?" "Oh, it suits him down to the ground."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

CLOTHING. MERCHANT TAILOR J. H. ALLEN. Illustration of a man in a suit.

What reason have they to hope that they can gain admission to the smart set? "Before they were married each of them denied in at least a dozen letters that they were engaged."—Houston Post.

Clubbing Offers For 1909. The Democrat and Chicago Daily Record Herald, one year \$3.60. The Democrat and Chicago Daily Inter Ocean 3.60. The Democrat and Chicago Daily Drivers' Journal 4.60. The Democrat and Chicago Daily Examiner 3.60. The Democrat and Register and Leader (new) 4.60. The Democrat and Dubuque Telegraph Herald (new) 3.80. The Democrat and Iowa Homestead 2.00. The Democrat and New York Thrice-a-Week World 2.25.