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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Occasional rain.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

One hundred years ago today there was born to this land the best and greatest of its citizens and servants, Abraham Lincoln.

Today every heart in the vast Republic turns, with instinctive love and respect, to the one man who, in the noblest office in all the world, was in closest touch with the home, and lives and aspirations of the American people; whose wonderful insight and generous sympathy permeated the last crevice of human hope and action among his fellows; whose instinctive purity and singleness of purpose made his own exaltation the reader bond to the lesser and humbler careers of those who raised him up; whose unfailing tenderness and almost more than mortal patience, lent his tasks, as man and President, the sanctity of sheer right and beauty; whose strength was the stay of the righteous and the menace of the unfaithful; and whose high faith and splendid loyalty is to this hour, the cardinal index and supreme test of American character.

Even in the land against which, at the demand of his greatest duty, he wrought with such tremendous and blighting force, the hour of re-action is at hand, and the one-time vengeful curse in silence in the gentler gratuity of frank, if not cordial, avowal; the years he has lain in his tomb have worked out the measure of justice that belonged to him, with that people and they know, as we know, that the war he waged hurt his soul as it hurt theirs and that all he did was done at the behest of a duty too imperative, too vast, for abatement or waiver.

Eighty millions of people this day take up the paeon of reverence and undying love for this man, and its volume and depth are greater now than ever before, for the lustre and influence of Abraham Lincoln's character expand with the years; bind the people closer and closer to the noble ideal, and make for their profounder unity and uplift as a free and loyal nation!

A CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE.

If it shall come to pass that Astoria be chosen as one of the grain depots of the Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union, of the Inland Empire, we shall, at last, have an opportunity of proving to the world that this is a quick-despatch port. This has been established in years one by, but seems to have been forgotten in the rush and ruction of the Portland invasion; and an up-to-date exposition of the matter may be of inestimable value to us and to the men next to the soil and its products.

Such a demonstration here must be wrought through some such agency as this Farmers' Union; the chance will never be given us by the transportation companies nor by the commercial handlers and shippers of the cereal; they do not seem to know anything about us nor of the facilities we possess in this behalf; and it will take some extraneous and independent movement such as this to let us inside the shipping field.

All we want is the chance to make an exact demonstration, under favorable circumstances, in the interest of



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a group of unbiased judges; if we cannot prove anything in support of our claim that we can enter, load and despatch ships faster than any port on the upper coast, then we shall gaily renegade and keep silent forever.

Another advantage that will inure to us under this arrangement will be the extension of the common-point rate on grain to this point and port, the only commercial rate we do not yet possess; and this will be worth having. We should have had it years ago, and would, but for the fearsome interference of Portland and the besotted prejudice she has injected into the business. At all events we are ready to make our play and take our chance if only the opportunity is given us.

WING SHOTS.

We rise to remark that the "invading," "usurping," "domineering," tendencies of T. Roosevelt, Esq., are still effective, even in the sacred precincts of state capitals and legislative halls. He can do more invading, usurping and domineering in the interests of common-sense and good, practical government, single-handed, than any cultus bunch of representatives (?) we know of and now at work misgoverning the Pacific States. He can create one rupture to avoid another rupture, quicker than anyone. Its beautiful!

Olympia, Wash., and Washington, D. C., are both busy just now, placating Tokio, Japan, on the score of a false rumor that is disturbing the Oriental capital.

When it comes to sound, sane and sane banking, we recommend a rigid and rightful reading of the reports of the Astoria banks, now before this public. They cannot be excelled anywhere; and we get the benefit of the excellence we are glad to champion.

Philander C. Knox is up against a constitutional hindrance to his taking over the portfolio of Secretary of State in the Taft cabinet. For an early adjustment of this annoying incident we respectfully suggest that the matter be referred to Oregon. It will find instantaneous disposal. What we cannot do with a constitution is yet to be demonstrated, especially in the way of smoothing routes to public office!

Old Sol is scrapping with the fiends of storm and gets an occasional "look in" down this way. His cheerful phiz, though but momentarily seen, is a sight for eyes long-wearyed with cloud and mist.

It is interesting and humorous to watch the hundreds of youngsters pouring out of an Astoria school-house, all done up in rubber sou'westers, capes and boots. They look like so many little gnomes and might pass muster as such, if it wasn't for the lung-explosions that accompany the exodus.

CONSUMER TO BLAME.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, head of the chemistry bureau of the department of agriculture, is of the opinion that the person most responsible for impure milk is the consumer, rather than the dairyman or dealer. In an address delivered at Columbia university he described conditions which must be combated on the farm, told of the difficulties which confront the dealer, then said:

"Now we come to the real offender the buyer. He wants his milk at 8 cents a quart and if you sell milk at 8 cents a quart you have to sell all kinds, clean, and dirty' in order to have any means for carrying on the business. The way to reform in the milk problem is to reform the consuming public and let the consumer know that he need not expect sanitary milk at 8 cents a quart or even at ten cents.

An Appreciation of Lincoln

By Robertus Love

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SOMEWHAT down that round Hodgenville, Kaintucky, Or tharabouts, a hundred year ago, Was born a boy ye wouldn' thought was lucky; Looked like he never wouldn' have a show. But * * * I don' know. That boy was started middlin' well, I'm thinkin'. His name! W'y, it was Abraham—Abe Lincoln.

PORE whites his folks was! Yes, as pore as any. Them pioneers, they wa'n't no plutocrats; Belonged right down among the humble many, And no more property than dogs or cats. But * * * maybe that's As good a way as any for a startin'. Abe Lincoln, he ris middlin' high, for sartin!

SOMEHOW I've always had a sort o' sneakin' Idee that peddygrees is purty much Like monkeys' tails—so long they're apt to weaken The yap that drags 'em round. No use for such! But * * * beats the Dutch How now and then a lad like Little Aby Grows up a president—or gunvor, maybe.



ABE LINCOLN never had no reg'lar schoolin'; He never quarterbacked nor pulled stroke oar, Nor never spent his time and money foolin' With buried langwidges and ancient lore. But * * * Abe I'arned more To set him forered in the human flin' Than all the college fellers' kit and bilin'.

ABE LINCOLN never did git hifalutin— Not even thar in Washin'ton, D. C. He jist kep' common, humble, ord'n'ry, suitin' His backwoods corn patch raisin' to a T. But * * * jiminy gee! W'y, Abe was any statesman's peer and ekul And wise as Solomon or old Ezekul.

I RECKON I'm a bit old fashioned, maybe, But when I want a pattern for a man I'm middlin' shore to measure Fater Aby And out to fit his homely human plan. And long 's I can I'm hootin' loud and rootin' proud, by hucky, For that old boy from Hodgenville, Kaintucky!

The Gettysburg Address

Remarks at the Dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, November 19, 1863.

FOURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow, this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

"THE EASIEST WAY."

NEW YORK Feb. 11.—James Daly a slender youth who was arrested last night in Yonkers, N. Y., while masquerading in a feminine attire, admitted that he had been posing as a young woman for the last four nights and flirting with men in order that he might rob them. Daly was captured after conversing with a detective, who became suspicious that his fair companion was a woman and later proved his theory by tearing off Daly's wig. "My reason for masquerading" he told the police, "was that I needed money and found that by dressing in women's attire I could mix freely in crowds. After being wine and dined by men I found it easy to take all they had from their pockets. I am something of a hypnotist and by this means and sleight of hand, I usually got the maney."

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 5, 1909:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$453,893.01
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	1,671.49
U. S. bonds in secure circulation.....	40,000.00
Premium on U. S. bonds.....	1,200.00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	54,430.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	46,307.23
Due from State and private banks and bankers.....	18,145.21
Due from approved reserve Agents.....	114,190.42
Checks and other cash items.....	989.99
Notes of other National Banks.....	1,795.00
Nickels and Cents.....	430.15
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie.....	\$166,800.00
Legal-tender notes.....	135.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (6 per cent of circulation).....	2,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer.....	334.68
Total.....	\$902,322.18
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	17,085.58
National Bank notes outstanding.....	40,000.00
Due to State and private banks and bankers.....	951.53
Dividends unpaid.....	1,000.00
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	\$600,015.98
Demand Certificates of deposit.....	\$118,269.09
Total.....	\$902,322.18

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. GORDON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier... Correct—Attest: JACOB KAMM, G. C. FLAVEL, W. F. MCGREGOR, Directors. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 1909. V. BOELLING, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SCANDINAVIAN-AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 5, 1909:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$113,664.73
Bonds, securities, etc.....	32,914.42
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....	4,457.69
Due from banks (not reserve banks).....	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve banks.....	7,465.04
Checks and other cash items.....	85.71
Cash on hand.....	12,430.97
Total.....	\$173,018.56
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	3,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	367.15
Individual deposits subject to check.....	45,805.51
Demand certificates of deposit.....	2,705.70
Time certificates of deposit.....	30,496.00
Savings deposits.....	36,144.23
Bills payable including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	4,000.00
Total.....	\$173,018.56

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. M. ANDERSON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. M. ANDERSON, Cashier... Correct—Attest: GUST HOLMES, AUG. DANIELSON, C. G. PALMBERG, Directors. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February, 1909. OSWALD GUSTAFSON, Notary Public.

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First National Bank of Astoria DIRECTORS

JACOB KAMM W. F. MCGREGOR G. C. FLAVEL J. W. LADD S. S. GORDON

Capital.....	\$100,000
Surplus.....	25,000
Stockholders' Liability.....	100,000

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