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WHAT WOULD LINCOLN DO?

Editor Journal:

To even venture a guess as to what Lincoln would do today, if living, one should seek to learn what Lincoln thought in his day seventy-six years ago. In just two sentences—the first and last of his Gettysburg speech he told you and me just what he thought then and now. "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

"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; 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, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

In Lincoln's public speeches and messages, he expands and unfolds his thought then and now. On March 4, 1861, in his first inaugural address, Abraham Lincoln said, "I hold that in contemplation of universal law and of the Constitution the Union of these States is perpetual."

Again he said, "A majority held in restraint by constitutional checks and limitations, and always changing easily with deliberate changes of popular opinions and sentiments, is the only true sovereign of a free people. Whoever rejects it does of necessity fly to anarchy or to despotism. Unanimity is impossible. The rule of a minority, as a permanent arrangement, is wholly inadmissible; so that, rejecting the majority principle, anarchy or despotism in some form is all that is left."

If the writer may here point out that in our opinion "The rule of a minority" Lincoln referred to, is the so-called "capitalists" of the privileged few, and Liberty Leaguers, and ultra conservative senators and congressmen, these groups are driving us to anarchy or despotism, in modern Communism and Fascism.

In his first annual message to the congressman, December 3, 1861, Abraham Lincoln said, "It is not needed for fitting here that a general argument should be made in favor of popular institutions, but there is one point, with its connections, not so hackneyed as most others, to which I ask a brief attention. It is the effort to place capital on an equal footing with, if not above, labor in the structure of government."

Is this not just what Senator Burke would do, or is trying to do in his attacks on the Wagner labor act, and the labor relations board?

Lincoln continued and said, "It is assumed that labor is available only in connection with capital; that nobody labors unless somebody else, owning capital, somehow by the use of it induces him to labor. This assumed, it is next considered whether it is best that capital shall hire laborers, and thus induce them to work by their own consent, or buy them and drive them to it without their consent. Having proceeded so far, it is naturally concluded that all laborers are either hired laborers or what we call slaves. And further, it is assumed that whoever is once a hired laborer is fixed in that condition for life.

"Now there is no such relation between capital and labor as assumed, nor is there any such thing as a free man being fixed for life in the condition of a hired laborer. Both these assumptions are false, and all inferences from them are groundless.

"Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration.

What would Lincoln do today?

Those who want to take away the advantages which labor has gained under the Wagner labor act and the labor relations board, are necessarily opposed to Lincoln on the labor question. They are the ones who would lead this country to anarchy or despotism.

In his first inaugural address Abraham Lincoln had this to say of the supreme court, "And while it is ob-

viously possible that such decision may be erroneous in any given case, still the evil effect following it, being limited to that particular case, with the chance that it may be overruled and never become a precedent for other cases, can better be borne than could the evils of a different practice. At the same time, the candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the supreme court, the instant they are made in ordinary litigation between parties in personal actions the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their government into the hands of that eminent tribunal."

All that group of senators who made such a maudlin attack on the president and pretense of defense of the supreme court, were willing to surrender our sovereignty to that court. We doubt not that if the Dies committee had been investigating persons, who may have uttered advanced and progressive ideas, on March 4, 1861, they would have labeled Abraham Lincoln, as a Communist when they heard Lincoln say, "This country with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it." Vol. 6, pages 5 to 12, of Messages of Presidents).

What would the Dies committee do, if some demented reactionary should go before that committee and testify that Abraham Lincoln, on January 12, 1848, in the house of representatives in a speech said, "And people anywhere being inclined and having the power have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable, a most sacred right—a right which we hope and believe is to liberate the world."

Would Rep. Thomas, or the Dies committee, offer a resolution to impeach Abraham Lincoln?

A. L. TIDD.

THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

First district of Federated Garden clubs of Nebraska will hold their third annual conference at the Y. W. C. A. 17th and St. Mary's avenue in Omaha, February 25.

Theme: Nebraska is our garden; it has a right to be beautiful.

This conference is planned to offer members and friends of garden clubs of the district an opportunity for inspiration and association to promote gardening and protection of horticulture.

Garden clubs are worth while. Let's hold fast to our loyalty and our faith to build up the fundamental ideals on which the entire movement stands.

Program
9:30 a. m.—Registration, 10c.
10:00 to 12:00—Recommendations and suggestions from club presidents and committee chairmen.
12:30 p. m.—Luncheon 40c. Please make reservations before the 23d with Mrs. H. O. Yontz, 3524 No. 58th street, WA 5414. Tables decorated by certified judges of the district.
1:30—Unity in Garden Clubs—Mrs. Harvey P. Gardner, past president of Des Moines, Iowa, Garden club.
2:00—Bird Songs in Musical Notation—Mrs. Lily Ruegg Button, Fremont, Nebraska; Gardens in Song, Grace Pool Steinberg, Omaha.
2:30—Sound film, "Nebraska Beautiful," Game, Forestation and Park Commission.
3:00—Adjourn to the Garden and Conservation Show at the Garden Center, Elmwood Park. Exhibit and show chairmen of clubs in charge. Transportation in charge of visiting garden committees, assisted by an Omaha police escort.
Mrs. J. P. Murry, exhibit chairman, is urging every club member to exhibit something of nature or garden interest, as bird nests, bird houses, feeders, mounted birds, pictures, photographs, cones, burrs, pods, fungi, shells, fossils, rocks, soils, minerals, books, weeds, grasses, gourds, grains, vases, still life, decorative arrangements, evergreens, etc.

Dates of show: Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26. Time 3 p. m. to 9 p. m. Place: The Garden Center, Elmwood Park. MRS. E. H. WESCOTT.

Platters Close Home Season by Win Over Blair

Visitors From Up the River Prove Tough Opponents—Hayes and Reed Lead in Scoring.

From Saturday's Daily—
A large crowd of the home folks were present last evening at the high school gym to witness the battle of the Platters in their last home game against the Blair cohorts of Choppy Rhodes. A victory of 45 to 40 was the result for the Platters and proved one of the hardest fought games of the season.

The Blair team was in itself a tough proposition and the locals lacked much of the fire that they have showed in other games and were outtraced in the earlier part of the game in the court play.

Captain Robert Hayes showed a very fine form of court play and his aggressiveness crushed many of the attempted drives of the visitors and he also led the blue and white in their scoring with eighteen points while Warren Reed followed with fourteen, they being the mainstay of the local shooting.

In the opening quarter the visitors had the best of the argument and Payne opened with a field goal with but seconds gone. Hayes and Reed each scored from under the basket and Hayes and Smith garnered a gift shot. The score at the end of the quarter was 10 to 6 for the Blair team.

With the opening of the second quarter the Platters showed more ability in locating the hoop and Jacobs was sent into the game to complete the senior lineup that battled the rest of the game out. In this part of the game Reed was particularly effective in his shooting and at the half time the score was Plattsmouth 20, Blair 14.

The last half of the game was bitterly fought by both teams and the fast moving plays kept the audience well excited as the two teams were close all of the time in their scoring. The Blair quintet had pulled up to 29 against the locals 31 as the quarter ended.

In the last quarter of the game Hayes showed the way for the blue and white victory with three field goals and a gift toss and Jacobs also added two to help out the Platters in maintaining their place in the sun. It was a hard fought battle and in the last moments, Debolt, Blair forward was retired on fouls.

The game was the last home event as high school students for Bob Hayes, Ronald Rebal, John Jacobs, Donald Wall, John Tidball and Warren Reed, who are members of the senior class of the school and rounding out a very notable athletic record. Reed and Rebal have been in competition in all of the school athletics since sophomores and Wall, Hayes, Jacobs and Tidball in the basketball program of the school.

The box score of the game was as follows:

Plattsmouth (45)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Rebal, f	2	1	1	5
Reed, f	6	2	0	14
Hayes, c	8	2	3	18
Wall, g	0	0	3	0
Smith, g	0	1	1	1
Jacobs, g	3	1	1	7
Tidball, g	0	0	1	0
	19	7	10	45

Blair (40)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Long, f	4	0	3	8
Debolt, g	3	0	4	6
Payne, f	6	2	0	14
Rounds, c	3	2	1	8
Wright, g	0	0	3	0
Raver, g	2	0	0	4
	18	4	11	40

Referees—Knapple, Omaha Central; Grace, Blair.
The Blair seconds won the curtain raiser 32 to 17.

OMAHA PARTIES WEDDED

On Thursday evening at the home of Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury occurred the marriage of Alfred S. Petersen and Caroline E. Getzschman, both of Omaha. The marriage lines were read very impressively by Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Rice who won in their respective divisions.

HERE FOR WEEK END

Miss Lois Bestor, teacher in Hordville, Nebraska high school, arrived in Plattsmouth to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bestor.

JOE'S NEW WAY WINS

Joe's New-Way bowling team won two games from the Hinky-Dinky team Friday evening. The individual scores: Hinky Dinky—John Stoll, 432; Fay Spidell, 407; Wilbur Hall, 448; C. R. Olson, 397; W. M. Lindner, 398. Joe's New-Way—Clarence Cuthrell, 429; Cliff Dasher, 382; Bob Brittain, 354; Vincent Kelley, 331.

PAY FOR TREE PLANTING

An increase in the number of trees planted this year by Cass county farmers is expected to result from provisions of the 1939 farm program. Farmers may earn as high as seven units per acre of soil-building credits by planting, protecting and maintaining a stand of trees.

Five credits per acre are offered for planting, protecting and cultivating 300 trees per acre for windbreak. An additional two units per acre may be earned by maintaining a good stand of at least 300 trees per acre planted between July 1, 1935, and July 1, 1939.

The agricultural conservation program regulations provide that trees purchased under the Clark-McNary program will receive full credit just the same as those bought privately from commercial nurseries.

Clayton W. Watkins, Nebraska agricultural extension forester in charge of tree distribution under the Clark-McNary program, points out that a good warm windbreak includes an outside hedge row of trees or large shrubs, planted rather close together for density rather than height.

Interior rows of trees should be spaced far enough apart to permit clean cultivation and to prevent too much competition for moisture. In this way the requirement of 300 trees per acre for credit toward ACP payments may be fulfilled in line with good tree culture practices, Watkins comments.

RAISE LEVY TO FULL MILL

In reporting L. B. No. 15 to general file, the Revenue and Taxation committee of the legislature has increased the maximum levy for poor relief from the one-half mill the bill provided to the full mill law has permitted levying during the past two years. This law, as stated in Monday's Journal, has been on the statute books for four years, the first two with a one-half mill maximum levy and the last two the full mill.

The levy can be made by counties, also cities and villages. Here, both Cass county and the City of Plattsmouth have levied it.

Another amendment tacked on by the committee would limit the percentage of the proceeds that may be expended for administration. This is considered a good safeguard, but of no concern here, where all the proceeds of the city's levy have been used in supplying sponsor's contribution to WPA relief projects, giving work to unemployed.

The League of Nebraska Municipalities legislative committee went on record at its meeting in Lincoln Sunday in favor of raising the maximum levy back to the one mill mark, which is the way the bill will now come before the legislature for action.

DEATH OF MRS. CLAIREBELL EATON AT MASONIC HOME

The death of Mrs. Clairebell Eaton, 63, occurred last evening at the Nebraska Masonic Home where she has resided since October 17, 1938. The deceased lady was for the greater part of her lifetime a resident of Otoe county.

She was the widow of Joel Eaton, long time druggist and postmaster at Lorton, who preceded the wife in death in 1933. In her last years she has been in failing health and came to the Home here for care and was admitted through Lee P. Gillette, lodge No. 273, A. F. & A. M. of Dunbar.

She is survived by a brother, H. D. Green of Sioux City, Iowa, as well as a number of nieces and nephews, Mrs. Herman L. Thomas, of Nebraska City, being a niece by marriage.

The body was taken to Nebraska City where funeral services will be held and interment at Wyuka cemetery.

MARRIED IN KANSAS

Friday afternoon at Atchison, Kansas, occurred the marriage of Flora Clayton and Mr. Charles Wondra of this city. The young people were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Wondra, the former brother of the groom, they serving as the attendants at the ceremony.

The bride and Mrs. John Wondra both wore gowns of Tiel blue crepe and corsages of sweet peas. The accessories of the bride were in tones of copper and those of Mrs. Wondra in black.

The bridal couple are leaving on a wedding trip to the south and will visit at New Orleans for a short time before returning to this city where they plan on making their home for the present.

Both the bride and groom have many friends here who will join in their best wishes for the future happiness of this estimable couple.

CAUCUS TIME DRAWING NEAR

Although the annual city election will not be held until Tuesday, the 4th day of April, under a law passed a few years ago, nominating caucuses must be held on the fifth Wednesday preceding the election—that date this year being Wednesday, the first day of March.

City officials to be elected this year include only five councilmen, as this is hold-over year for the mayor, clerk, treasurer, police judge and half of the council members.

Councilmen whose terms expire on May 1st are W. H. Puls, W. C. Tipples, J. C. Comstock, Fred Vincent and Eugene Vroman.

In addition to the five councilmen, two school board members are also to be elected at the April election.

Those whose terms expire are R. W. Knorr and Miss Marie E. Kaufmann.

IMPROVEMENT IN MAIL SERVICE

Effective February 20, 1939, the Plattsmouth post office will resume dispatching mail to Missouri Pacific train 119 which leaves Plattsmouth at 6 a. m. Dispatch will be made daily except Sundays and holidays.

This dispatch will make it possible for all letters, mailed in the post office or in the collection box at the entrance to the building, between the hours of 5:30 p. m. and 5:45 a. m. to reach Omaha for connection the same morning.

Prior to the authorization of this dispatch, letters mailed at the post office after 6:00 p. m., which were addressed to Omaha or for connections out of Omaha, did not leave Plattsmouth until 12:25 p. m., the following afternoon.

Train 119 makes connections at Omaha with trains of other roads in all directions. Letters addressed to Omaha that are sent on this train will be delivered the same day.

RESIGNS AS SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Iyrl Montgomery, of the Blair city schools, has tendered his resignation as head of the school system there, reports reaching here state. He has been at Blair for the past seven years, and formerly was at Wilber and DeWitt. Superintendent Montgomery is planning on moving to Washington state.

MANY ATTEND PINOCHELE

Despite the bad weather weekly were present at the regular weekly session of the pinochle tournament at the Recreation center at 8 o'clock last evening.

The winners of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Rice who won in their respective divisions.

WILL VISIT AT AMES

From Saturday's Daily—
Miss Helen Smetana departed early this morning for Ames, Iowa where she will be a week-end visitor and guest of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arley Christensen, who have moved to Ames just recently.

MAMIE CHRISTENSEN

Mrs. Chris Christensen, a resident of South Bend for the past 30 years, passed away at her home on Thiel creek, Saturday evening, January 21, at 6:30. She was born in Sweden, May 24, 1869, being 69 years of age at the time of her death. Mrs. Christensen spent her first birthday aboard ship en route to the United States.

On December 9, 1891, she was married to Chris Christensen in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and a few years later they came to their present home.

Mrs. Christensen leaves to mourn besides her husband, Chris, two sons, H. F. Houck of San Francisco and Tom Christensen of Yaguina; one daughter, Mrs. L. E. May of Oregon City; three grandsons, Ralph E. May, Dean May and Darwin Christensen; one great-grandchild, Carl May; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Smith of Oakland and Mrs. Will Farum of Santa Cruz, and a brother F. R. Petersen of Astoria.

Funeral services under the direction of the Hartley Funeral Home were held at the chapel Wednesday, January 25, at 2:00 p. m., with Rev. Graffius officiating. Interment followed in the Newport cemetery.—Oregon City (Oregon) News.

PREPARING FINE CITY PLAT

One of the worth-while results being achieved by the city's so-called "white collar" WPA project, is the making of a new city plat that will show the location of new roads that have come into being the past few years as well as the present boundary lines of the city limits.

For some time Richard Edwards has been busy on a penciled sketch, and is now transferring the same to an ink drawing on engineer's cloth, from which innumerable blue prints can be made.

The new plat, which is a very complete scale drawing will show Livingston road, Pershing avenue, the Masonic Home boulevard, river front land and road to the new Plattsmouth dock, as well as location of pipe lines, pavement districts, etc. not found on the older plats. Even the Burlington underpass, built in 1908, is not found on most of the present plats.

The making of the plat is a slow and tedious job, but an undertaking well worthy of the efforts being put in on it by Mr. Edwards, who has previously had some drafting experience along mechanical lines that stands him in good stead.

GOLDENROD STUDY CLUB

The Goldenrod Study club met with Pearl Cole this month. A large number of the members were present considering the wintry weather.

The brief business meeting was presided over by the president, Nellie Wetenkamp. The club songs for the months of January and February were sung by the group, led by Lucille Wiles.

The program was under the capable leadership of Gertrude Barnard, assisted by Irma Sullivan and Vivian Hild. The roll call proved very interesting. Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom of Plattsmouth gave a talk on "Loas of Life and Living," which was enjoyed to the utmost.

There were several guests present to help enjoy the delicious luncheon served by the hostess and co-hostess, Lucille Wiles and Esther Cole.

DOUBLE VOTES

—IN THE—
Rural School Playground Equipment Contest
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- 1—Buy from the ads of participating merchants in the JOURNAL;
- 2—Cut out the ad (or make fac simile copy) and take it along for the merchant to sign when you buy.
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