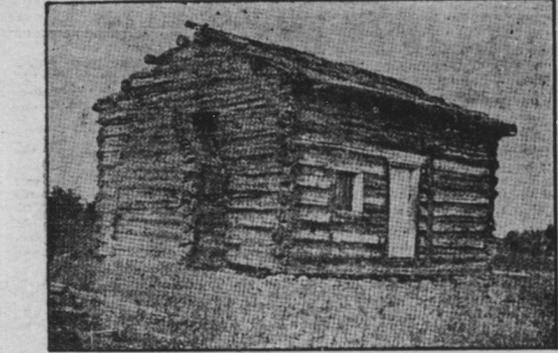


Abraham Lincoln, the Nation's Greatest Hero.



On February 12, 190 years will have passed since Abraham Lincoln, considered by many the greatest figure in American history, came into the world. It is an old story, the life of Abraham Lincoln, yet an ever fascinating one. To the younger generation Abraham Lincoln has already become a half mythical figure, which, in the haze of historic distance, grows to more and more heroic proportions, but also loses in distinctness of outline and feature. This is indeed the common lot of popular heroes. As the state of society in which Abraham Lincoln grew up passes away, the world will read with increasing wonder of the man, who, not only of the humblest origin, but remaining the simplest and most unpretending of citizens, was raised to a position

of unprecedented power in our history; of who was the gentlest and most peace loving of mortals, unable to see any creature suffer without a pang in his own heart, and suddenly found himself called to conduct the greatest and bloodiest of our wars; and who, in his heart the best friend of the defeated South, was murdered because a crazy fanatic took him for its most cruel enemy.



HOUSE IN WHICH LINCOLN WAS BORN. It was situated in what is now La Rue County, Ky.

It is almost needless to rehearse the events in the life of this illustrious hero. He was born in what is now La Rue County, Ky., on February 12, 1809, and all readers are familiar with his early life in that State and in Indiana and Illinois, his career as a rail splitter, soldier in the Black Hawk War, as student, storekeeper, postmaster, surveyor, lawyer and statesman.

As time passes the character of Lincoln becomes mellowed and almost sanctified by the growing generation, and it is interesting to record the estimates placed upon him by associates and those who had been from time to time brought into personal contact with the great American. The tributes found below are from men who had occasion to view the character of Lincoln from various standpoints, and it is notable that in all these separate views of it, there is nothing that breaks the harmony of the whole. From every side at which we are called to look upon his character we see something noble. He is small nowhere.

A Wonder of History.

"Whether it was in the small things or in the great things with which he had to deal," said the Hon. Henry L. Dawes, former United States Senator from Massachusetts, "he was equally matchless. And all this was born in him. Neither education nor experience nor example had anything to do with the production of this great central, controlling force in the greatest of all the crises that ever came upon the nation. He grew wiser and broader and stronger as difficulties thickened and perils multiplied, till the end found him the wonder in our history."

From His Law Associate.

From Mr. Herndon, for twenty-five years Mr. Lincoln's law partner: "Mr. Lincoln was conscientious, just, truthful and honest, and hence thought that every other person was just, truthful and honest; but in this belief he was often sorely disappointed. He had an infinite faith—trust—in the people, and in their instinct of, and mental insight into, the fundamentals of government. He trusted the people and saw no creature made purposely to rule them without

their consent. As a politician and a statesman he took no steps in advance of the great mass of our people. At times I thought that he was timid, over-cautious; but in the end he was right and I was wrong."

From an address delivered by Joseph H. Choate, before the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution, November 13, 1900: "He was born great, as distinguished from those who achieve greatness or have it thrust upon them, and his inherent capacity, mental, moral and physical, having been recognized by the educational intelligence of a free people, they happily chose him for their ruler in a day of deadly peril."

A Man of True Greatness.

Hon. George E. Boutwell, ex-Secretary of the Treasury: "His chief title to enduring fame must rest upon his service, his pre-eminent service, in the causes of liberty and the Union. It is not enough to say that in his office as President the opportunity came to him to save the Union and to emancipate millions from slavery. Another man as President might have done as much; but Mr. Lincoln so conducted affairs during the period of war that no stain rests upon him, so conducted affairs that the nation is not called upon to make explanations, nor to invent apologies."

Hon. Thomas L. James, ex-Postmaster-General: "Mr. Lincoln looked forth upon the world, as we do today realize, with almost Shakespeare's eyes; and it was, perhaps, that greater quality of his, that subtle capacity to fathom the human heart, to understand its weakness and its capacities, and so understanding to be guided by them in his own direction of affairs, and in the discipline which made it possible for him in great



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emergencies to stand forth as a man of true greatness, which makes the consideration of him as fresh, invigorating and timely as it was when those great affairs of which he was the master were occupying the country's eye."

General Egbert L. Viele: "Mr. Lincoln was a man of the highest degree of self-culture, in so far as regards a knowledge of the most beautiful and sublime writings in the English language. His memory was photographic in character. He could repeat from memory almost any passage after he had read it once, and nothing delighted him so much as to sit down on an evening among his immediate friends and repeat whole stanzas from Byron or Browning or the plays of Shakespeare. Most of

the grand sublime passages in literature were familiar to him. And yet, so strong was his sense of humor that no ridiculous event or situation escaped his notice."

Hon. John T. Morgan, United States Senator from Alabama, and an ex-Confederate general: "The character of Mr. Lincoln was clearly displayed in his conduct of the war, but he was deprived of the opportunity for its full development in a period of peace and security. His most conspicuous virtue, as commander-in-chief of the army and navy, was the absence of a spirit of resentment, or oppression, toward the enemy, and the self-imposed restraint under which he exercised the really absolute powers within his grasp. For this all his countrymen revere his memory, rejoice in the excellence of his fame, and those who failed in the great struggle hold him in grateful esteem."

Carl Schurz: "There never has been a President in such constant and active contact with the public opinion of the country as there never has been a President who, while at the head of the Government, remained so near to the people. Beyond the circle of those who had long known him, the feeling steadily grew that the man in the White House was 'honest Abe Lincoln still, and that every citizen might approach with complaint, expostulation or advice, without danger of meeting a rebuff from power-proud authority, or humiliating condescension, and this privilege was used by so many and with such unsparring freedom that only superhuman patience could have endured it all."

General Sherman's Tribute.

General Sherman: "Lincoln was the purest, the most generous, the most magnanimous of men. He will hold a place in the world's history loftier than that of any king or conqueror. It is no wonder that the parliaments of Europe, that the people throughout the civilized world should everywhere speak of him with reverence; for his work was one of the greatest labors a human intellect ever sustained. I have seen and heard many of the famous orators of our country, but Lincoln's unstudied speeches surpassed all that I ever heard. I have never seen them equalled, or even imitated. It was not scholarship; it was rhetoric; it was not elocution; it was the unaffected and spontaneous eloquence of the heart. There was nothing of the mountain torrent in his manner—it was rather the calm flow of the river."

Henry Watterson, at the recent banquet of the Confederate veterans, held at New York: "His was the genius of common sense. Of perfect intellectual aplomb, he sprang from a Virginia pedigree, and was born in Kentucky. He knew all about the South, its institutions, its traditions and its peculiarities. From first to last throughout the angry debates preceding the war, amid all the passions of the war itself, not one vindictive, proscriptive word fell from his tongue or pen, whilst during its progress there was scarcely a day when he did not project his great personality between some Southern man or woman and danger. Yet the South does not know, except as a kind of hearsay, than this big brained, big

COMMERCIAL COLUMN.

Weekly Review of Trade and Latest Market Reports.

Bradstreet's says: "Trade is rather quieter this week, exceptions being a few points in the West, Southwest and Pacific Northwest, where more is reported doing by wholesalers and jobbers. At most markets new demand is still conservatively heavily pending the settlement of tariff, crop or other uncertainties, and the tendency is, as throughout most of last year, to buy in small lots for quick shipment. Lines showing especially quiet conditions just at present are iron and steel, in which demand is disappointing, despite reports of cuts in finished lines calculated to enlarge business."

"Good reports still come from the cotton goods line, where demand is steady, despite recent advances. Business failures in the United States for the week ended January 23 were 311, against 307 last week, 259 in the like week of 1908, 211 in 1907, 228 in 1906 and 239 in 1905."

"Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week aggregate 3,044,693 bushels, against 3,058,219 last week and 4,328,205 bushels this week last year. Corn exports for the week are 1,365,299 bushels, against 749,078 bushels last week and 1,947,827 bushels in 1908."

Wholesale Markets

New York.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 1.08 1/2 @ 1.09 1/2; elevator; No. 2 red, 1.10 1/2, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 1.10 1/2, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 1.15 1/2, f. o. b. afloat.

Corn—No. 2, 71, elevator, and 68 1/2, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 white nominal and No. 2 yellow, 60 1/2, f. o. b. afloat.

Oats—Mixed, 26 @ 32 lbs., 54 @ 54 1/2; natural white, 26 @ 32 lbs., 54 @ 57 1/2; clipped white, 32 @ 40 lbs., 56 1/2 @ 62.

Eggs—Firm; receipts, 6,823 cases. State, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy, selected, white, 34c; do, fair to choice, 31 @ 33; brown and mixed, fancy, 31 @ 32; do, fair to choice, 29 1/2 @ 30; Western firsts, 29 1/2 @ 30; seconds, 28 1/2 @ 29.

Poultry—Alive, dull; Western chickens, 12 1/2 c; fowls, 13; turkeys, 12 @ 18. Dressed, weak.

Philadelphia.—Wheat—Firm, 1/2 c higher; contract grade, January, \$1.08 @ 1.08 1/2.

Corn—Firm, fair demand; January, 66 1/2 @ 66 1/2 c.

Oats—Quiet, but steady; No. 2 white, natural, 56 @ 56 1/2 c.

Butter—Firm; Western creamery, 1c higher; extra Western creamery, 31c; do, nearby prints, 32c.

Eggs—Firm, 1c higher; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, 32c, at mark; do, current receipts in returnable cases, 31c, at mark; Western firsts, free cars, 32c, at mark; do, current receipts, free cars, 30 @ 31.

Cheese—Firm, good demand; New York full cream, choice, 14 1/2 @ 14 1/2 c; do, fair to good, 13 1/2 @ 14.

Poultry—Alive, quiet but steady; fowls, 12 1/2 @ 14c; old roosters, 10; spring chickens, 13 1/2 @ 14; ducks, 13 @ 14; geese, 11 @ 12 1/2; turkeys, 16 @ 17.

Baltimore.—Wheat—No. 2 red Western, 1.08 1/2 c; contract spot, 1.08; No. 3 red, 1.06; steamer No. 2 red, 1.05; steamer No. 2 red Western, 1.05 1/2.

The closing was firm; spot and January, 1.08c, bid; February, 1.08 1/2; May, 1.10 1/2.

Corn—Western opened firmer; spot, 66 1/2 @ 67; February, 66 1/2 @ 67; March, 67 1/2 @ 67 1/2.

Oats—We quote: White—No. 2, 55 @ 55 1/2 c; No. 3, 54 @ 54 1/2; No. 4, 53 @ 53 1/2. Mixed—No. 2, 54c; No. 3, 53 @ 53 1/2.

Rye—We quote, per bu: No. 2 Western rye, 82 @ 82 1/2 c; bag lots, as to quality and condition, 75 @ 81.

Hay—We quote, per ton: No. 1 timothy, large bales, \$14.50 @ 15.00; No. 1 timothy, small blocks, \$14.50 @ 15.

Butter—We quote, per lb.: Creamery fancy, 30 @ 30 1/2; choice, 29 @ 29; good, 22 @ 25; imitation, 20 @ 24.

Eggs—We quote, per dozen, loss off: Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 28c; Western firsts, 28.

Live Stock

Chicago.—Cattle—Market steady. Steers, \$4.60 @ 7.15; cows, \$3 @ 5.50; heifers, \$3 @ 5.75; bulls, \$3.40 @ 3.90; calves, \$3.50 @ 8; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 @ 4.50.

Hogs—Market 5 to 10c lower. Choice heavy shipping, \$6.35 @ 6.40; butchers, \$6.30 @ 6.40; light mixed, \$5.85 @ 6; choice light, \$6 @ 6.05; packing, \$5.10 @ 6.25; pigs, \$4.75 @ 5.60; bulk of sales, \$5 @ 6.30.

Sheep—Market 15 @ 25c lower. Sheep, \$4.25 @ 5.75; lambs, \$5.25 @ 7.65; yearlings, \$5 @ 7.

Kansas City, Mo.—Market for steers steady to 10c lower; others steady. Choice export and dressed beef steers, \$5.75 @ 6.60; fair to good, \$4.75 @ 5.75; Western steers, \$4 @ 6.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.40 @ 5.50; Southern steers, \$4 @ 5.70; Southern cows, \$2.50 @ 4.25; native cows, \$2 @ 5; native heifers, \$3.10 @ 5.75; bulls, \$3 @ 4.75; calves, \$3.50 @ 6.50.

Hogs—Market 5c lower; closed strong. Top, \$6.27 1/2; bulk of sales, \$5.65 @ 6.25; heavy, \$6.15 @ 6.27 1/2; packers and butchers, \$5.90 @ 6.20; light, \$5.50 @ 6; pigs, \$4 @ 5.25.

Sheep—Market 10c lower; lambs, \$6.25 @ 7.50; Western sheep, \$4 @ 5.50; stockers and feeders, \$3 @ 4.75.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Cattle—Choice, \$6.25 @ 6.35; prime, \$5.90 @ 6.10. Sheep—Prime wethers, \$5.10 @ 5.25; culls and common, \$2 @ 3.50; lambs, \$5 @ 7.40; veal calves, \$8 @ 8.60.

Hogs—Prime heavies, \$6.60 @ 6.65; mediums, \$6.40 @ 6.45; heavy Yorkers, \$6.40; light Yorkers, \$5.85 @ 6.10; pigs, \$5.50 @ 5.60; roughs, \$5 @ 6.

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WHALE TOOK HIS DECOYS.

Probably there is no man who has more respect for a whale, even if it did dine on ten of his wood decoys, than William F. Hallett, who has a camp on Sandy Neck. He relates the following story that put gray hairs on his head and made fifteen minutes seem like four hours one morning while coting shooting on the back of Cape Cod.

Mr. Hallett said he went out just before daylight in the morning and put out about thirty decoys, all wood. He thought he was about a mile or a mile and a half from the beach, in about twenty feet of water. The wind was light, with no sea. Just as the sun came up he saw a black whale following the shore down from Plymouth Point, about the same distance from shore as he was. He thought nothing about it, as the birds had commenced to fly and the gunning was good.

The next thing he knew the whale came up and was blowing about 100 yards off. The great creature lay a few minutes on the water, looking around, first at him and then at the bunch of woods. Mr. Hallett said it was no doubt thinking which would make the best starter for breakfast.

Mr. Hallett said to his best judgment the whale was about eighty feet long and fifteen feet across the back. During the time the whale was sizing up Mr. Hallett and his outfit he was circling around the boat slowly. Hallett said he did not dare so make a move to try to haul in the anchor and row away, as he thought if the whale saw him move it would be more likely to take after him, so he sat low in the bottom of the skiff, with his hair standing on end, expecting that every minute would be the last, as the whale seemed to take more notice of him than it did of the decoys.

After the whale had made three turns around the outfit it backed off and made a dash for the bunch of woods with its mouth open. The whale sucked down ten of the pine woods, lines and all. After it apparently tried to swallow one that had got stuck in its throat the whale seemed to get angry and lay on the water and thrashed its tail until the water was like a boiling vat.

Mr. Hallett was kept busy bailing, as the spray from the tail and flukes few all over him. About the time that Hallett thought he would have to give up, as his boat was low in the water and one or two more sweeps of the mighty tail would send him to the bottom, the whale turned around until headed off toward Provincetown. Then it went as straight as a string and as fast as a steamboat out of sight.

Mr. Hallett said that he did not stop to pick up any of the woods that were left; he just pulled in the anchor and rowed for the beach. He said he had read stories about shipwrecked sailors being happy to reach land, but none could be compared with the way he felt when he jumped out on the beach and looked off to the north and saw that great body rushing through the water toward the open sea, and knowing there were ten wooden decoys as freight taking up the space that a few minutes before, the chances were, he would be selected to fill.—Barnstable Correspondence, Boston Herald.

Rats in London.

Rats, which have of late become a great nuisance to the London tubes by attacking the coverings of electric cables have been driven from their haunts by means of a virus which, when eaten by rats or mice, causes them to be overcome with the desire to get into the outer air and to drink cold water. It is a curious and interesting fact that the rats knew where the tube was nearest to the surface, as evidenced by the great numbers which found their way to the top at the Trafalgar square station.

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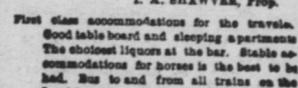
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