

TO PERPETUATE THE BIRTH PLACE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The Lincoln Farm Association has been incorporated, and will be Dedicated to the Public at the Coming Centennial. Its Growth and Development--Ninety-eighth Anniversary of Lincoln's Birth Generally Observed Today.



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Abraham Lincoln

Ninety-eight years ago today there was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, one Abraham Lincoln. In commemoration of that date the United States government has decreed that on the twelfth day of February of each year, the nation shall fittingly observe and honor the memory of the man who stood at the helm during the nation's voyage thru the perilous times of the civil strife. Today, in a vast majority of the city and rural schools of our country, appropriate exercises are being held within, while over the buildings, float the stars and stripes. The life story of Lincoln is so fascinating, so remarkable, that every school boy reads it with such rapt attention that the wonderful story has become common knowledge, and as the Lincoln Farm Association is less widely known, its purposes and plans, rather than the customary biographical sketch, are published below:

Since that strong yeoman pioneer Thomas Lincoln, moved his family across the Ohio into the almost unbroken wilderness of Indiana the little farm in the heart of Kentucky on which Abraham Lincoln was born has been left in a state of neglect. Since the days when little Abraham played around the cabin door near the famous rock spring that lies in the center of the one hundred and ten acres which his father claimed, this historic ground has been transferred by title but three times. A year ago last August this "little model farm that raised a Man" was placed on sale at auction on the court house steps at Hodgenville, the neighboring town, to free it from the entanglement of a protracted litigation between a private estate and that of a religious society that had tried to acquire it. At the time the Commonwealth of Kentucky directed this public sale it was discovered that this historic spot was coveted by at least two large mercantile establishments, both of which were planning to exploit it for commercial ends. To prevent this and believing that this birthplace of the "First American" should forever belong to the American people, one of the publishers of Collier's Weekly bought the farm under the auctioneer's hammer, and at once interested a group of representative American citizens in forming a national association for the preservation of this ground

This group of citizens, acting as a self-appointed board of trustees, organized the Lincoln Farm Association, which was promptly incorporated under the laws of the state of New York. The title to the Lincoln birthplace farm was transferred to this association, and the program for enlarging the membership of the society was at once begun.

Rather than make it possible for a few men of great wealth to contribute large sums to the development of this national shrine it was decided to receive into membership in the society any one who contributed to the general fund of the association as small a sum as twenty-five dollars--thus making the great memorial to Lincoln represent the tributes of all the people, whom he loved and served, and not that of a privileged few.

During the year the trustees of the Association have placed the farm under the personal charge of a competent caretaker, who lives on the ground. They have sent Mr. Jules Guerin and Mr. Guy Lowell, two of America's foremost landscape architects, to survey the ground and plan its development, and they have purchased the cabin in which Lincoln was born from



Saint-Gauden's statue of Lincoln which will be erected on the proposed farm

the speculators who took it from the little knoll where it originally stood and exploited it as a side-show at various fairs and international expositions. This cabin was found stored in a cellar at College Point, on Long Island, New York. On the 12th day of February 1909, the nation will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth. On that day the Lincoln Farm Association will dedicate the birthplace farm to the American people. The principal address will be made by President Roosevelt, and the nation's most distinguished representations, North and South, will take part in this dedication and centennial celebration. No national park within our vast domain can emphasize our national ideals and our abiding union as will this birthplace farm.

PERFUME FOR MACHINE OIL

Those who had occasion to transact business in the city recorder's office today invariably sifted the air to find from whence came the whiffs of perfumed air. Some it is said, ceased sniffing least they betray their conclusions that the recorder had perfumed his hair but others, exhibiting more boldness and made brave to ask the city recorder for particulars.

An OREGON representative solved the mystery. Mr. Snook has a typewriter in his office and gives it the best of care. Yesterday, he became convinced that thorough oiling was necessary. So last evening he packed home the empty oil can, intending to fill it from his wife's sewing machine oil can. Awaiting an opportune moment he fulfilled his threat and this morning came to the office with a broad chuckle. But alas, even Recorder Snook makes mistakes and what he had oiled that typewriter in a most thorough manner and sat back in his chair with a satisfied air, he found to his utter chagrin that his he had found Mrs. Snook's perfume bottle instead of the machine oil.

SHROVE TUESDAY

In England and her colonies, today is called Shrove Tuesday, because in ancient times the penitents went to confession and were shaven or absolved of their offenses; which duty being over they would dine on pancakes. From this custom it is also called "Pancake Day," and this feature still survives for in nearly every English family pancakes will have been served today and eaten with lemon juice and sugar. According to old fashioned ideas a pancake should never be touched while cooking and when necessary should be turned by tossing it over in the pan. The old time cook was an expert at this feat. In this connection an interesting observance is kept up at the ancient Westminster School adjoining the Abbey in London. The boys numbering several hundred, assemble at noon on Shrove Tuesday in their big hall when the school cook in white apron and cap, enters bearing a large frying pan in which a pancake is sizzling. He tosses this in the air in the midst of the boys for them to catch and the lucky boy who gets hold of it first, receives a guinea from the Dean of Westminster. This quaint custom has been observed for centuries and shows no signs of being discontinued.

L. J. ROUSE DEAD

At St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, Sunday, Feb. 5, Mr. L. J. Rouse, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of this county, passed to the great beyond.

Levi J. Rouse was born in Ohio Oct. 15, 1835. He arrived in the Grande Ronde valley in 1886 and taught school there until 1887 when he came to Wallawa county. He was the first County school superintendent, being elected in 1887. He also was elected County Clerk four successive terms. In 1897 he was appointed post master at Enterprise which office he filled--giving good satisfaction--until his recent illness.

He belonged to the A. F. & A. M. lodge of Enterprise and was one of the oldest masons in this county having become a member of that order in 1858.

We understand that the remains will be cremated in Portland and the ashes brot to Enterprise for interment.--Joseph Herald.

WITTE WAS FRIGHTENED

(Scripps News Association)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12--M. Whitte is unable to sleep as a result of a bomb found last night in his home. He heard the ticking again at four o'clock this morning but the machine was thrown out before the explosion came. This is the fourth attempt on the count's life.

THE VALUE OF LENT

The season of Lent is designed for the benefit of men to check them in time and prevent them going to headlong disaster. Lent is the season to take stock of ourselves and see whether we are bound on life's journey. "Know thyself" was the maxim of the ancient philosopher. We men need to know ourselves in order to get the good out of life. We need to know ourselves so as to know what by nature we are intended to be and to serve. Are we the creatures of a day? Or of eternity? On the answer to these questions depends the course we should pursue. If the former, then "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." But if the latter then higher considerations than those of the moment are forced upon us. The only wise method to adopt is to head straight for eternity and not take any chances with our course.

Lent furnishes us the opportunity to adjust ourselves if we have been swerving from the true direction. It is an opportunity which if utilized will prove of the greatest value to our welfare. Make the most of it then and learn by experience its inestimable benefits. Life is not measured by time but by eternity and many a man, alas, is toiling and sweating to no purpose, because of the ill direction of his efforts. It is to prevent such dismal failure that the observance of Lent is urged, so that the severe pains of this life may be crowned with success.

UPTON H. GIBBS.

WOOLEN MILLS START

Our people will be glad to learn that the Union Woollen Mills start Monday Feb. 11th. Mr. Wilbur has leased the mills and starts under orders for blankets amounting to \$75,000. This amount with the local trade will consume the product of the mills. As usual a bunch of orders were turned down on account of lack of capacity of the mills. As Mr. Wilbur is the most capable manufacturer of woollen goods on the coast any recommendation from the Scout will be unnecessary. No doubt our merchants will give him encouragement he deserves.--Union Scout.

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