

TOLD ANOTHER LINCOLN STORY

JUDGE WAS CONSISTENT WITH HE WAS FORCED TO LAUGH

Chaffed Lincoln Interrupted the Court With His Witty Tales

Our famous president, Abraham Lincoln, during his early career as a lawyer, traveled a circuit in Illinois. Judge David Davis and Lincoln were close friends, says the author of "Lincoln's Own Stories," and the judge always showed a keen appreciation of Lincoln's stories.

"I was never fined but once for contempt of court," said a man who was a clerk of court in Lincoln's day. "Davis fined me five dollars. Mr. Lincoln had just come in, and leaning over my desk, had told me a story so irresistibly funny that I burst out in a loud laugh. The judge called me to order, saying—

"This must be stopped. Mr. Lincoln, you are constantly disturbing this court with your stories."

"Then he said to me:

"You may buy yourself five dollars. I apologized to the court, but told the judge that the story was worth the money. Shortly afterwards the judge called me to file.

"What was that story Lincoln told to you?" he asked.

"I told him, and he laughed aloud, in spite of himself.

"Tend't your fin!" he ordered."

Skeletons of Extinct Bird.

Of the ten known existing skeletons of the great auk in the world, the United States is the only country possessing two. Greater Boston has those, one being in the museum of the Boston Society of Natural History and the other in the Harvard university museum. The Boston museum contains also

an egg of the extinct bird. In view of the fact that a single egg has brought a bird as \$335, this is considered a most valuable relic.

This flightless sea-bird formerly was distributed along the northern coasts and islands of North America. In its coat of color coloring with a vest of snowy white it resembled nothing so much as a short man in evening dress. Since it was flightless, the bird was easily exterminated, the natives relishing it as a food. It probably was wholly exterminated by 1844.

Havana's High-Sounding Name.

The full name of the capital of Cuba is San Cristobal de la Habana. In 1534 a royal decree conferred upon the city the sounding title, "Llave del Nuevo Mundo y Arxemural de las Indias Occidentales," which signifies "Key of the New World and Bulwark of the West Indies." In emphasis, the coat-of-arms of the municipality bears a symbolic key and representations of the fortresses of Merro, Pante and Fuera.

In 1670 the city rose to be the commercial center of the Spanish-American possessions, and the principal rendezvous of the royal fleets that carried on the trade monopoly between Spain and America.

First Malleable Platinum.

The first veritable platinum ingot was made by a French chemist, Cabaneau, in 1783. Charles III of Spain had called him to Madrid and created a special chair of mineralogy, physics and chemistry for him. In his laboratory he found the secret of rendering the new metal malleable, and this is the way he revealed the fact to one of his patrons: "Three months later, at the home of the Count of Aranda, there appeared upon a table an ingot some 10 centimeters cube (about four inches), with a beautiful metallic luster; it was malleable platinum."—New York Herald.

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The Bible and Women Preachers.

Women preachers are taking comfort from the fact that one evangelist discovered who they think is biblical recognition for them. In the prayer book version of Psalm lxxviii, occurs the verse, "The Lord gave the word; great was the company of the preachers." The revised version of the Bible translates the passage thus: "The Lord gave the word. The women that publish the tidings are a great host."

Suffer for Sins of Others.

"There is no sort of wrong deed of which a man can bear the punishment alone; you can't isolate yourself, any way that the evil which is in you shall not spread," says George Elliot in Adam Bede. It is only too true that we cannot bear punishment alone. And usually our mistakes entail worse suffering on those who love us than they do on ourselves. Just as on the other hand our successes and rewards bring more joy to our dear ones than to ourselves. "No man liveth to himself alone."

Optimistic Thought.

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Notice of Meeting of Board of Equalization.

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Equalization for Un-

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All persons having grievances regarding the 1919 assessment may appear before such board and present their affidavits containing grounds for complaint. All such affidavits must be presented during the first 15 days of the meeting of the board.

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