

# Lincoln's Boyhood



By  
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LAMON,**

His Friend,  
Partner  
and  
Bodyguard

Lincoln's Birthplace

## The Family Bible.

In his family Bible he kept a register of births, marriages and deaths, every entry being carefully made in his own handwriting. It contains the date of his sister's birth and his own; of the marriage and death of his sister; of the death of his mother, and of the birth and death of Thomas Lincoln. The rest of the record is almost wholly devoted to the Johnstons and their numerous descendants and connections. It has not a word about the Hankses or the Sparrows. It shows the marriage of Sally Bush first with Daniel Johnston and then with Thomas Lincoln, but it is entirely silent as to the marriage of his own mother. It does not even give the date of her birth, but barely recognizes her existence and demise, to make the vacancy which was speedily filled by Sarah Johnston.

An artist was painting his portrait and asked him for a sketch of his early life. He gave him this brief memorandum: "I was born Feb. 12, 1809, in the then Hardin county, Ky., at a point within the now county of La Rue, a mile or a mile and a half from where Hodgden mill now is. My parents being dead and my own memory not serving, I know of no means of identifying the precise locality. It was on Nolin creek."

To the compiler of the "Dictionary of Congress" he gave the following: "Born Feb. 12, 1809, in Hardin county, Ky. Education defective. Profession, a law-



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yer. He has been a captain of volunteers in the Black Hawk war. Postmaster at a very small office. Four times a member of the Illinois legislature and was a member of the lower house of congress."

To a campaign biographer who applied for particulars of his early history he replied that they could be of no interest; that they were but "the short and simple annals of the poor."

"The chief difficulty I had to encounter," writes this latter gentleman, "was to induce him to communicate the homely facts and incidents of his early life. He seemed to be painfully impressed with the extreme poverty of his early surroundings, the utter absence of all romantic and heroic elements, and I know he thought poorly of the idea of attempting a biographical sketch for campaign purposes."

## CHAPTER II.

The Lincolns Leave Kentucky For Indiana.

THOMAS LINCOLN was something of a waterman. In the frequent changes of occupation he could not resist the temptation to the career of a flatboat man. He had accordingly made one, or, perhaps, two, trips to New Orleans. It was therefore very natural that when in the fall of 1816 he finally determined to emigrate he should attempt to transport his goods by water. He built himself a boat, which seems to have been none of the best, and launched it on the Rolling Fork at the mouth of Knob creek, half a mile from his cabin. Some of his personal property, including carpenter's tools, he put on board, and the rest he traded for 400 gallons of whiskey. With this boat and singular cargo he put out into the stream alone and, floating with the current down the Rolling Fork and then down Salt river, reached the Ohio without any mishap.

Here his craft proved somewhat rickety when contending with the difficulties of the larger stream, capsized, and the lading went to the bottom. He fished up a few of the tools "and most of the whiskey" and, righting the little boat, again floated down to a landing.

Here he sold his treacherous boat and, leaving his remaining property in the care of a settler, trudged off on foot to select "a location" in the wilderness. He found a place that he thought would suit him only sixteen miles distant from the river. He then turned about and walked the way back to Knob creek, in Kentucky, where he took a fresh start with his wife and her children. Of the latter there were only two, Nancy (or Sarah), nine years of age, and Abraham, seven. Mrs. Lincoln had given birth to another son

some years before, but he had died when only three days old. After leaving Kentucky she had no more children.

This time Lincoln loaded what little he had left upon two horses and "packed through to Posey's." Besides clothing and bedding, they carried such cooking utensils as would be needed by the way and would be indispensable when they reached their destination. The stock was not large. It consisted of "one oven and lid, one skillet and lid and some tinware." They camped out during the nights and of course cooked their own food. Lincoln's skill as a hunter must now have stood him in good stead. Where he got the horses used upon this occasion it is impossible to say, but they were likely borrowed from his brother-in-law, Krume of Breckinridge county, who owned such stock.

When they got to Posey's, Lincoln hired a wagon and, loading on it the whiskey and other things he had stored there, went on toward the place which has since become famous as the "Lincoln farm." He was now making his way through an almost untrodden wilderness. There was no road and for a part of the distance not even a foot trail. He was slightly assisted by a path of a few miles in length which had been "blazed out" by an earlier settler. But he was obliged to suffer long delays and cut out a passage for the wagon with his ax.

At length, after many detentions and difficulties, he reached the point where he intended to make his future home. It was situated between the forks of Big Pigeon and Little Pigeon creeks, a mile and a half east of Gentryville.

## Everything but Water.

Lincoln laid off his cabin on a gentle hillock having a slope on every side. The spot was very beautiful, and the soil was excellent. The selection was wise in every respect but one. There was no water near except what was collected in holes in the ground after a rain, but it was very foul and had to be strained before using. At a later period we find Abraham and his step-sister carrying water from a spring situated a mile away. Dennis Hanks asserts that Thomas Lincoln "riddled his land like a honeycomb" in search of good water.

Here Lincoln built "a half faced camp," a cabin inclosed on three sides and open on the fourth. It was built, not of logs, but of poles, and was, therefore, denominated a "camp" to distinguish it from a "cabin." It was about fourteen feet square and had no floor. It was no larger than the first house he lived in at Elizabethtown and on the whole not as good a shelter. But Lincoln was now under the influence of a transient access of ambition, and the camp was merely preliminary to something better. He lived in it, however, for a whole year before he attained to the dignity of a residence in a cabin. "In the meantime he cleaned some land and raised a small crop of corn and vegetables."

In the fall of 1817 Thomas and Betsy Sparrow came out from Kentucky and took up their abode in the old camp which the Lincolns had just deserted for the cabin. Betsy was the aunt who had raised Nancy Hanks. She had done the same in part for Dennis Hanks, who was the offspring of another sister, and she now brought him with her. Dennis thus became the constant companion of young Abraham.

Lincoln's second house was a "rough, rough log" one. The timbers were not hewed, and until after the arrival of Sally Bush in 1819 it had neither floor, door nor window. It stood about forty yards from what Dennis Hanks called that "damned little half faced camp," which was now the dwelling of the Sparrows. It was "right in the bush" in the heart of a virgin wilderness. There were only seven or eight older settlers in the neighborhood of the two Pigeon creeks.

The nearest town was Troy, situated on the Ohio, about half a mile from the mouth of Anderson creek. Gentryville had as yet no existence. Traveling was on horseback or on foot, and the only resort of commerce was to the pack horse or the canoe. But a prodigious immigration was now sweeping into this inviting country. Harrison's victories over the Indians had opened it up to the peaceful settler, and Indiana was admitted into the Union in 1816, with a population of 65,000. The county in which Thomas Lincoln settled was Perry, with the county seat at Troy, but he soon found himself in the new county of Spencer, with the courthouse at Rockport, twenty miles south of him, and the thriving village of Gentryville within a mile and a half of his door.

(To be Continued.)

Republicans—Do you oppose railroads charging exorbitant freight rates? Are you opposed to cheap Chinese labor? Public officials traveling on railroad passes? Then vote for S. E. Huston.

Vote for J. W. Crawford for county recorder.

## TO OCCUR TODAY.

Prohibitionists—Conference Inter-Collegiate Contest Tonight.

A conference of state and local prohibition league work is to be held in this city today beginning at 2.30. Mr. Daniel Poling is conducting the conference. He is a national traveling secretary, who won the international prohibition contest for Oregon, at Indianapolis two years ago.

There are eight delegates present from the six colleges as follows: Newberg, McMinnville, Albany, Dallas, Philomath and OAC. Prof. Poling and Prof. Mezger, of Dallas, Prots. Sawtelle, Angst and Baker of McMinnville, Prof. Boyer of Willamette University, Prof. Baldwin, Philomath, and Prof. Shaw, of OAC, will deliver addresses, as will also, I. H. Amos, state chairman of the prohibition association, and M. W. Stone, of the Y. M. C. A. of Portland. Miss Mary Sutherland of Corvallis is the state president of the association.

Tonight in the Armory will occur the state Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Contest. The colleges represented and their orators are: Pacific College, Newberg, Lewis L. Sanders; Dallas College, O. O. Arnold; Philomath college, Miss Olivia Bond; Albany college, A. C. Marsters; Mr. Thompson, McMinnville; John Schroeder, OAC.

The winner of first place will receive a \$75 cash prize, and the second prize will be \$25 cash. The winner of first place will also go to Los Angeles May 20, to represent Oregon in the Inter-state contest.

There is greater interest in the work of the prohibition association this year than ever before, and the contest is also much more widely discussed than usual. A large and interested audience will greet the orators in tonight's contest.

## Remember Him.

A man on the state ticket who deserves re-nomination and election is A. M. Crawford, present attorney-general of Oregon. He has during the past four years that he has been in office attended to all matters coming before him in an expeditious and creditable manner.

That he has made a good officer in every way there is no doubt. Having proved his fitness and worthiness during the past four years it is to be expected that he will be enabled to do even better during the next four years, if the republicans see fit to support him as we think they will. When you cast your vote today do not overlook A. M. Crawford, who is every way worthy of your support.

## The Band Boys.

That Corvallis now has a musical organization of such excellence as to be able to render concert music of a higher order in a most acceptable manner is an assured fact. The band is composed of players from the town and college and is under the direction of Harry Beard, who is band director at the college.

The directors have already played two or three concerts for our townspeople and their program maker has exhibited unusual ability as a judge of what is most acceptable and pleasing in musical forms. An effort is being made to arrange for the band to play a concert once or twice a week and at present the indications are that the proposition will carry. This will be good news to those who possess tuneful ears.

## Branch Board.

An Advising Board of the Boy's and Girl's Aid Society of Oregon was organized at Corvallis last Monday. The duties and powers of this board are: 1st. To approve or disapprove all applications whether made to this board, or the home office, for Benton county children.

2nd. To keep in touch with the wards of the society placed in Benton county.

3rd. To report cases of abused or neglected children.

4th. To investigate cases of truancy and other forms of de-

linquency, and to use and adopt such methods as are consistent with law to prevent the same.

The Boy's and Girl's Aid Society is a charitable corporation, non sectarian. Its object is to receive, care for, and place in private homes, homeless, neglected or abused boys and girls from all parts of the state. Since 1900, twenty-four children were taken from Benton county. At present seven wards of the society are in Benton county homes. The last annual report shows that 408 children were received during the last year. Only four-tenths of the yearly expenses are paid by the state, the remaining six-tenths by donations, county contributions and membership fees. The Benton county board consists of: School Supt. G. W. Denman, Pres; Mrs. J. H. Harris, Sec'y and Treas.; Mrs. B. W. Wilson, Dr. H. S. Pernot, and J. L. Underwood.

## Contest Tonight.

At OAC preparations are in progress for the contest of the Intercollegiate Prohibition League of the State of Oregon. Corvallis has the contest this year and we understand that six colleges will be represented in the contest.

In Albany much interest is manifested and arrangements have been made to run a special train, provided 60 people will compose the delegation from that city, which will be of easy accomplishment. Albany College is to be represented by A. Carlos Masters and Albany people think his chances of winning are unusually good.

## A City Ordinance.

The City of Corvallis does ordain as follows:

Section 1. No person, firm or corporation shall permit or allow to accumulate or remain in or about any lot, place or premises owned or occupied by such person, firm or corporation, or for which he, they or it may be the agent, within the corporate limits of the City of Corvallis, decayed or decaying substances, refuse vegetables, garbage, filth of any kind, manure, any dead animal or the refuse or offensive part of any dead animal, nor suffer such yard, lot, place or premises to be or remain in such condition as to cause or create noisome or offensive smell or atmosphere, or thereby to become, cause or create a public nuisance.

Section 2. No person, firm or corporation shall within the corporate limits of the City of Corvallis keep or store in any building or other place any uncured or green hides of any animal which shall create a noisome or offensive smell or atmosphere or so as to become offensive to persons traveling along a public street or to the owners or occupants of adjacent property.

Section 3. No person, firm or corporation owning, occupying or acting as agent for any vacant lot or private premises within the corporate limits of the City of Corvallis shall permit or allow any rubbish, trash, ashes, or refuse matter of any kind to accumulate or remain upon such lot or premises, nor any weeds, thistles, bushes, brush, vines or plants unless for use or ornament or suitable for food to grow or remain upon any such lot or premises, after being notified as in this ordinance provided to clean or clear such lot or premises thereof.

Section 4. No person, firm or corporation owning, occupying or acting as agent for any lot, place or premises within the City of Corvallis shall permit or allow to accumulate or remain in any street or alley abutting upon or adjacent to any such lot, place or premises any refuse matter of any kind, any decayed or decaying substances or vegetable or animal matter, any garbage or filth of any kind, any manure, sawdust, chips, trash, limbs, decayed leaves, any wood or wood piles, or any boxes, barrels, boards or movable articles or property of any kind after being notified as in this ordinance provided to clean or clear such street or alley of such matter.

Section 5. The doing, allowing or permitting of any act or thing which is prohibited or for-

bidden by any of the sections of this ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and the Chief of Police of the City of Corvallis is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to notify any person, firm or corporation maintaining, or permitting any such nuisance to abate or remove the same giving such person, firm or corporation written notice of such nuisance and to remove the same, and any person, firm or corporation who shall fail, neglect or refuse to abate any such nuisance or to remove the same, or the cause thereof within forty-eight hours after receiving such notice shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof before the Police Judge shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or to be imprisoned not more than twenty-five days in the City jail or to be both fined and imprisoned as aforesaid.

## Additional Local.

There will be Communion Service at Plymouth at 3:00.

When you vote today remember W. C. Hawley for congressman.

Dr. E. J. Thompson, of Independence, visited friends in this city yesterday. He is to return next week.

There is to be a splendid musical program at the armory this evening in connection with the prohibition contest.

Evening Sermon another and the last of the series on "Contrast in Life." "The Foolish Husband; The Wise Wife or the Man who Refuses to Pay His Taxes."

The big English snire stallion that has been on exhibition at Abbotts feed barn the past week by Singmaster and Sons, of Keosauqua, Iowa, has been sold. The purchaser being a company composed of the following share-holders: W. A. McGillis, Pres. and Treas.; C. D. Abbott, Sec'y.; W. C. Belknap, Mgr.; L. F. Gray and B. P. Cator. The placing of this fine horse fills a much needed want, as there is no other horse of his class and quality within a radius of forty miles. This horse is a beautiful dark dappled bay, 17½ hands high, and weighs 2150 lbs. He was a prize winner at all shows where exhibited. The farmers of Benton county and vicinity are to be congratulated for having so fine a horse located here.

## Notice of Assessment.

By virtue of authority vested in me as Police Judge of the city of Corvallis and by Ordinance No. 185, which passed the common council on the 20th day of November, 1905, and approved by the Mayor on the day of November providing for the improvement of certain streets in said city at the cost of the property abutting upon the same; I hereby give notice that there is assessed and levied upon each lot or parcel of land herein described the amount set forth as follows:

Lot 1 in block 12 Dixon's 2d addition to said city of Corvallis, owned by Geo. B. Wills and Miles Hendricks, \$22.60.

Lot 7 in block 12 Dixon's 2d, addition to said city of Corvallis, owned by Geo. B. Wills and Miles Hendricks, the sum of \$22.60.

Lot 5 in block 5 original town of Marysville now city of Corvallis, (owner unknown) \$10.

Lot 6 in block 5 original town of Marysville now said city of Corvallis, (owner unknown) \$11.20.

Lot 6 block 1 original town of Marysville now said city of Corvallis, (owner unknown) \$22.60.

Lot 7 block 13 old town of Marysville now Corvallis owned by E. H. Taylor, \$22.60.

Lot 1 block 14 county addition to said city of Corvallis (owner unknown) \$32.60.

Lot 2 in Block 14 County addition to said City of Corvallis, owner unknown, \$10.00.

Lot 3 in block 14 county addition to said city of Corvallis (owner unknown) \$10.

Dated April 17th, 1906.

J. F. YATES,  
Police Judge.

## Good Judgement.

Is the essential characteristic of men and woman. Invaluable to good business men and necessary to housewives. A woman shows good judgement when she buys White's Cream Vermifuge for her baby. The best worm medicine ever offered to mothers. Many indeed are the sensible mothers, who write their gratitude for the good health of their children, which they owe to the use of White's Cream Vermifuge. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

## Human Blood Marks.

A tale of horror was told by marks of human blood in the home of J. W. Williams, a well known merchant of Bac, Ky. He writes: "Twenty years ago I had severe hemorrhages of the lungs and was near death when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It completely cured me and I have remained well ever since. It cures hemorrhages, Chronic Coughs, Settled colds and Bronchitis, and is the only known cure for weak lungs. Every bottle guaranteed by Allen & Woodward druggists, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS: Fifteen words or less, 25 cts for three successive insertions, or 50 cts per month; for all up to and including ten additional words, ¼ cent a word for each insertion.

For all advertisements over 25 words, 1 ct per word for the first insertion, and ½ ct per word for each additional insertion. Nothing inserted for less than 25 cents.

Lodge, society and church notices, other than strictly news matter, will be charged for.

## FOR SALE

WHITE SIDE OATS. INQUIRE OF Wm. Cress, Corvallis, Or. 34-6\*

ONE BUGGY POLE INCLUDING neck-voke, double and single trees; also one lawn mower. Inquire of W. T. Norton. 35-5\*

NO. 1 FRESH JERSEY COW. WRITE D. G. Hill or inquire at Horning's grocery 33-5\*

DISPARENE SPRAY FOR FRUIT trees and shrubbery. See Montgomery & Newton. For sale by Thatcher & Johnson. 31-8\*

BALED HAY FOR SALE INQUIRE P. O. box 344 or Ind. phone 429. Corvallis, Oregon. 23 ft.

## HOMES FOR SALE.

HOMES NOW COMPLETED, OR will build them to order in Corvallis, Or., and sell same for cash or installments. Address First National Bank, Corvallis, Or. 34tf

WILL FURNISH LOTS AND BUILD houses to order in Newport, Lincoln Co., Oregon, and sell same for cash or installments. Address M. S. Woodcock, Corvallis, Or. 34tf

## ATTORNEYS

J. F. YATES, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office up stairs in Zierolf Building. Only set of abstracts in Benton County

R. BRYSON ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in Post Office Building, Corvallis, Oregon.

## WANTED

FOUR JERSEY HEIFER CALVES. Leave word at Vidito's barn or phone Ashby Rickard, Alesia, Oregon. 33-5\*

WANTED 500 SUBSCRIBERS TO THE GAZETTE and Weekly Oregonian at \$2.55 per year.

## BANKING.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF Corvallis, Oregon, transacts a general conservative banking business. Loans money on approved security. Drafts bought and sold and money transferred to the principal cities of the United States, Europe and foreign countries.

## Veterinary Surgeon

DR. E. E. JACKSON, V. S., WINEGAR & Snow Veterinary barn. Give him a call. Phones, Ind. 328; Residence, 389 or Bell phone. 12tf

## PHYSICIANS

B. A. OATHEY, M. D., PHYSICIAN and Surgeon. Rooms 14, Bank Building. Office Hours: 10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m. Residence: cor. 5th and Adams Sts. Telephone at office and residence. Corvallis, Oregon.

## MARBLE SHOP.

MARBLE AND GRANITE MONUMENTS; curbing made to order; cleaning and repairing done neatly; save agent's commission. Shop North Main St., Frank Vanhoosen, Prop. 9:11

## House Decorating.

FOR PAINTING AND PAPERING SEE W. E. Paul, Ind. 488 14tf

## A Lucky Postmistress.

Is Mrs. Alexander, of Cary, Me., who has found Dr. King's New Life Pills to be the best remedy she ever tried for keeping the stomach, Liver and Bowels in perfect order. You'll agree with her if you try these painless purifiers that infuse new life. Guaranteed by Allen & Woodward druggists. Price 25c.

## Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County, administrator of the estate of Henry Holroyd, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the office of J. F. Yates, properly verified by law required, at Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 13th day of February, 1906. W. S. McFADDEN, Administrator of the Estate of Henry Holroyd, deceased.

## Is the Moon Inhabited.

Science has proven that the moon has an atmosphere, which makes life in some form possible on that satellite; but not for human beings, who have a hard time on this earth of ours; especially those who don't know that Electric Bitters cures headache, Biliousness, Malaria, Chills and fever, Jaundice, Dyspepsia, Diarrhoea, Torpid Liver, Kidney Complaint, General Debility and female weakness. Unequaled as a general tonic and appetizer for weak persons and especially the aged. It induces sound sleep. Fully guaranteed by Allen & Woodward. Price only 50c.