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**REMINISCENCES OF LINCOLN**

By Colonel E. T. LEE

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**H**AVING lived in Sangamon county, Ill., for twenty-seven years, I had the pleasure and the privilege of meeting Abraham Lincoln on many occasions and listening to him tell many stories and make many speeches. I was old enough to take part in the great campaign of 1860, when he was first elected president. There were many scenes during that campaign that I shall never forget. When the Illinois delegates went to the national Republican convention at Chicago Richard Oglesby (afterward three times governor of Illinois, major general during the civil war and United States senator) and others of the Illinois delegates carried into the Republican wigwag rails that Lincoln had split on the farm where he lived in Macon county. These rails created great enthusiasm and gave Lincoln the name of "the rail splitter."

After the choice had been made and Lincoln nominated a dispatch was sent to Lincoln announcing his nomination. He was at the office of the Illinois State Journal. He read the telegram, and, putting it in his pocket, he said, "There is a little woman down at the house who will be glad to hear the news," and went immediately to his home on Eighth street to tell Mrs. Lincoln. Soon after his nomination so many people came to see him that he took a room at the statehouse, now the Sangamon county courthouse, where he received the visitors. They brought him log chains to decorate the room.

One enthusiastic Republican from Tennessee brought him a rocking chair made of hickory withes from the old Hermitage in Tennessee, where General Jackson lived. He said, "This chair is bony and I am bony; we just suit." And he would sit down in this chair and tell us stories, as he was a great entertainer. One gentleman who came in to see him said, "Mr. Lincoln, I came all the way from Pennsylvania



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to see you." Mr. Lincoln said, "I am astonished that you came so far to see as homely a man as I am."

Lincoln made a visit to Chicago and Bloomington, Ill., where he made short speeches. The time at last came for him to leave for Washington to assume the responsibility of his new office. When he made his last visit to his law office he said to William H. Herndon, his law partner: "I love the people here, Billy, and owe them all that I am. If God spares my life to the end I shall come back among them and spend the remainder of my days."

On Feb. 11, 1861, the day he left his old home, never to return to it alive, he stood on the platform of the rear car of the Wabash railway train. Gathered around him were his neighbors of all political parties and creeds. Some one held an umbrella over him, as a light rain was falling. This was indeed a sad occasion for him and for his old friends and neighbors. There was scarcely a dry eye in the vast assembly. Lincoln was visibly moved by the scene.

The train pulled out, and as long as

we could see him he was bowing and waving his adieus, while we waved flags and handkerchiefs after him.

This was the last time I ever saw Abraham Lincoln. I entered the army and was with Grant, Sherman, Logan and with McPherson in the Army of the Tennessee. I marched with General Sherman's army to the sea.

**Uniforms They Wore.**  
In Angus Hamilton's "Afghanistan" is mentioned the following interesting episode:  
"The staff of the frontier regiment on guard along the Afghan side of the border had accepted an invitation to the mess at the Russian post. They arrived in due course, appearing in all the full dress grandeur of second hand railway uniforms. The officer commanding the detachment exhibited on the collar of his tunic the mystic words 'Ticket Collector.' His subordinate, a subaltern, was content with the less exalted label of 'Guard.' Out of courtesy to their guests the Russians suppressed their merriment, receiving nevertheless the impression that a portion of the subsidy granted by the government of India to the ameer of Afghanistan was taken out in the castoff uniforms of British public companies. The fact was that the ameer, through his agent in India, had acquired a large parcel of discarded clothing at one of the annual sales of condemned stores in northern India."

**The Greek Version.**  
A young Greek merchant of Washington, who has been taking lessons in English from a private tutor, has so far advanced that his teacher recently introduced him to the beauties—and perplexities—of Shakespeare. He was instructed to read a passage several times until he had the ideas firmly fixed in his mind and then, closing the book, to put these ideas into his own English, following as closely as his memory permitted the author's text.  
He had read over a soliloquy of Othello's several times and was reproducing the Moor's somber thoughts with pretty fair approximation to the poet's words, but when he reached the last line, "Farewell, Othello's occupation's gone!" he stopped short, utterly at a loss. The original phrasing had quite escaped him. However, he had grasped the idea, for after a few seconds of frowning perplexity his brow cleared. "Ah, I haf eet!" he exclaimed. "Eet ees this: 'So long! Othello's lost hees jop!'"—New York Post.

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**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST:**—Third Street. Regular services Sabbath day: 10:00 A. M., Sabbath school; 11:15 A. M., church services. Missionary meeting, Sunday evening, 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, 7:30 P. M. A cordial invitation extended to all.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL:**—Rev. D. T. Thomas, pastor. Bible School, 9:45 A. M.; Morning worship, 11 A. M.; Junior C. E., 3 P. M.; Intermediate C. F. and Y. F. S. C. E., 6:30 P. M.; Evening service, 7:30 P. M. Thursday, midweek prayer meeting. Visitors are heartily welcome.

**FIRST METHODIST:**—Dr. R. E. Dunlap, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.; Miss Mary Jorl, superintendent; Preaching service, 11 A. M.; Epworth League, 6:30 P. M.; Prayer meeting, Thursday evening, 7:30 P. M.; Prayer meeting, Thursday evening. All are cordially invited to these services.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:**—First and Third streets, J. B. Holmes, pastor. Sunday School, 10 A. M.; J. A. Parker, superintendent; Communion and preaching at 11 A. M.; Christian Endeavor, 7 P. M.; Kennard Dixon, president; Evening sermon at 7:30 P. M. Week day services: Officers' and teachers' meeting on Tuesday evening, 8 P. M.; Chorus drill, Mr. George Jackson leader, each Thursday evening; Prayer service each Thursday evening. The ladies of the church meet each Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The C. W. B. M. meets the first Tuesday afternoon of each month. The board of officers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. A cordial invitation is extended to all to share in these services.

**ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH:**—Rev. J. R. Buck, pastor. The following are the services:  
Forest Grove—Mass on the first and fourth Sundays of the month at 8:30 A. M.; Mass on the second and third Sundays of the month at 10:30 A. M.; every week day at 8 A. M. Benediction with sermon every Sunday, 7:30 P. M.

Cornelius—Mass on the first Sunday of the month at 10:30 A. M.; Mass on the second and third Sundays of the month at 8 A. M.

Gaston—Mass on the fourth Sunday of the month at 10:30 A. M.

NOTE—A fifth Sunday in the month occurring, the time and place for the masses will be announced.

Catechism: In Forest Grove on Friday at 3 P. M.; in Cornelius on Saturday at 4 P. M.

Confession: Saturday at 4 and 7 P. M. Altar Society: A general meeting of the society will be held on the first Wednesday of January, April, July and October. Sermons are always in English at both masses on every Sunday. Everyone, regardless of creed, is cordially invited to all services.

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