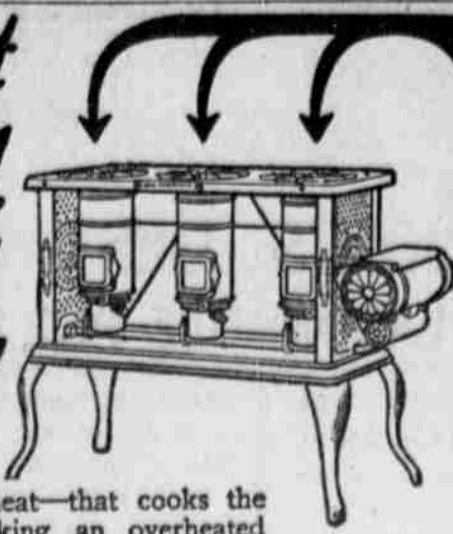


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LINCOLN THE MAN OF PEACE

By Gen. Horace Porter

Abraham Lincoln was of humble birth; he early had to struggle with the trials of misfortune and to learn the first lessons of life in the severe school of adversity. He came from that class which he always alluded to as the plain people. He always possessed their confidence, he never lost his hold on their affections. He



General Porter.

believed that the government was made for the people, and not the people for the government, and that true Republicanism was like a torch—the more it is shaken in the hands of the people the brighter it burns.

If at the height of his power any one had sneered at him on account of his humble origin, he might well have replied, like the marshal of France, who was raised from the ranks to a dukedom, when he told the haughty nobles of Vienna, who boasted of their long lines of descent and refused to associate with him: "I am an ancestor; you are only descendants."

Abraham Lincoln possessed in a remarkable degree that most uncommon of all virtues, common sense. With him there was no practicing the arts of the demagogue, no posing for effect, no attitudinizing in public, no mawkish sentimentality. There was none of that puppyism so often bred by power. There was none of that dogmatism that Dr. Johnson said was only puppyism grown to maturity.

While his mind was one great storehouse of facts and useful information, he laid no claim to any knowledge he did not possess. He believed with Addison that pedantry in learning is like hypocrisy in religion a form of knowledge without the power of it.

While he was singularly adroit and patient in smoothing down the ruffled feathers of friends who did not understand him, or even of political opponents he wasted no time upon the absolutely recalcitrants. He never attempted to massage the back of a political porcupine. And, as he once said himself, he always found it was a losing game to try to shovel fleas across a barnyard.

There are two names of Presidents that will always be inseparably associated in our minds—Washington and Lincoln. But, in the manner in which modern historians magnify trivial acts, you would suppose one had spent his entire life in cutting down trees and the other in splitting them up into rails. There was one marked difference between them—Washington could not tell a story; Lincoln always could.

But he told them not for the anecdote, but to clinch a fact, to point a moral.

Ah, it was the humor of his that was his safety-valve. It lightened his mind and relieved it for the time from the great responsibilities that were weighing upon him. He could cut the sting from the keenest criticism with his wit, he could gild disappointment with a joke. He knew better than most men that in speech wit is to eloquence what in music melody is to harmony.

But his mind was not always attuned to mirth; its chords were too often set to strains of sadness. There was the slaughter in the field, the depletion of the treasury, complications which arose. All these were so appalling that sometimes even the great soul of Lincoln seemed ready to melt. But just when the gloom was blackest he never, never took counsel of his fears. He always had the courage of his convictions. He never had occasion to look to the past with regret, nor to the future with apprehension. He had that sublime faith which is content to leave the efforts to man, the results to God.

For ages after the battle of Thermopylae every Greek school child was taught to recite each day the names of the three hundred heroes who fell in the defense of that pass. It would be a crowning act of patriotism if every American school child could be taught each day to contemplate the exalted character

and utter the inspiring name of Abraham Lincoln.

Singular man! No one can pluck a single laurel from his brow, no one can lessen the measure of his fame. Marvelous man! In the annals of all history we fail to find another whose life had been so peaceful, whose nature so gentle, and yet who was called upon to marshal the hosts of an aroused people and for four long years to conduct a bloody, relentless, fratricidal war.

In the annals of history we fail to find another whose education was that of the cabinet, not the camp, and yet who died a more heroic death.

It has seldom fallen to the lot of man to strike the shackles from the limbs of bondmen and liberate a race. It has seldom fallen to the lot of man to die the death of an honored martyr, with his robes of office still about him, his heart at peace with his fellow men, his soul at peace with his God, at the moment of the restoration of his country to peace within her borders, to peace with all the world.

A celebrated sculptor in the fourteenth century in Florence was commanded to make a colossal statue, which was to surmount a historic cathedral. When it was placed at the base of the cathedral, the ropes arranged for hoisting it, and it was here unvelled, the crowd jeered and hooted and criticized unmercifully the sculptor. It was all out of proportion; it was a failure. But soon the ropes began to tighten, and as the statue moved up into the air the crowd ceased to jeer, and finally, when it was placed upon the pinnacle at the proper focal distance as in-

tended by the great sculptor, who created it, the sneers turned to plaudits, and the people then saw it in all the beauty of its true proportions.

And so Abraham Lincoln has so far receded from us in history that he is now in the proper focal distance. We can now measure all his great qualities as they appear in their beauty and symmetry.

I am glad of the work of The Lincoln Farm association. It is well that his birthplace should be redeemed from individual ownership. It should be made the repository of all the interesting relics connected with him. It ought to be the seat of a national museum and a national park.

He is gone from us now, crowned with the sublimity of martyrdom. We have bidden a last farewell to him who was the gentlest of all spirits, noblest of all hearts, liberator of a race, savior of a republic, martyr, whose sepulchre is human hearts.

SMILES

Ohio politics has simmered down to a personal struggle between three bosses—who in the end will divide the territory and the spoils.

All western Oregon will go into apples, prunes, hops and walnuts.

Yes, Portland is going ahead, and

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The U. of O. track team defeated Washington at Eugene, and made three new records. The state university is getting away up in its athletics reputation, and that is about all there is of note in attending a university these days. A young man who can get an "S" has made a greater hit than if he took ten degrees in scholarship.

Of 22 physicians practicing in Salem in 1901, four have died, seven have removed to other fields and one has retired. Of the 27 attorneys at Salem in 1901, only two have died, six have removed and four have retired from active practice.

In 1901 the total legislative appropriations footed up to \$1,683,109. In 1907 the total was footed \$3,500,000. The state has not been growing at any such rate as the appetite of the machine.

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Proposals for Brick Asylum. Salem, Oregon, May 11, 1907. Sealed proposals, endorsed to the outside of envelope, "Proposals for Brick Asylum Wing, Salem, Oregon," and addressed to W. X. Gaithe, clerk of asylum board, will be received at the executive office of the capitol, Salem, Oregon, until 1 o'clock p. m. of May 21, 1907. Plans, specifications and list of materials required to construct and equip brick asylum wing with plumbing, hot water heating, gas and electric light, water and sewer connections in strict accordance with plans, specifications and instructions of W. X. Gaithe, which may be examined at the governor's office, capitol building, Salem, Oregon. For further information apply to W. X. Gaithe, architect, Salem, Oregon. W. X. GAITHE.

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