

Helping Our Neighbors.

That which stands out bright and shining above all the tragedy of the Italian earthquake is the world-wide and instant response to the need of the suffering survivors.

A parish priest in Ireland recently informed the department of agriculture at Washington that 12 farmers in his neighborhood having contributed a dollar apiece, he bought 12 good books on agriculture and horticulture.

Investors in gold-mining securities will be interested to learn that an American lady computed not long ago that in the United States alone half a ton of pure gold, equivalent to \$500,000, is annually put as filling into the teeth of the living.

A steamer loaded with petroleum from the Standard Oil Company took fire in the harbor of Singapore, and when all attempts to extinguish the fire failed, the harbor agents appealed to the commander of the fortifications to sink the vessel.

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson Gilman ought to rise to protest against the government's expected argument that when Mrs. Chan I. Ying, the pretty Chinese woman now being held by the authorities on the charge of being unlawfully in this country, left her husband she became a "laborer."

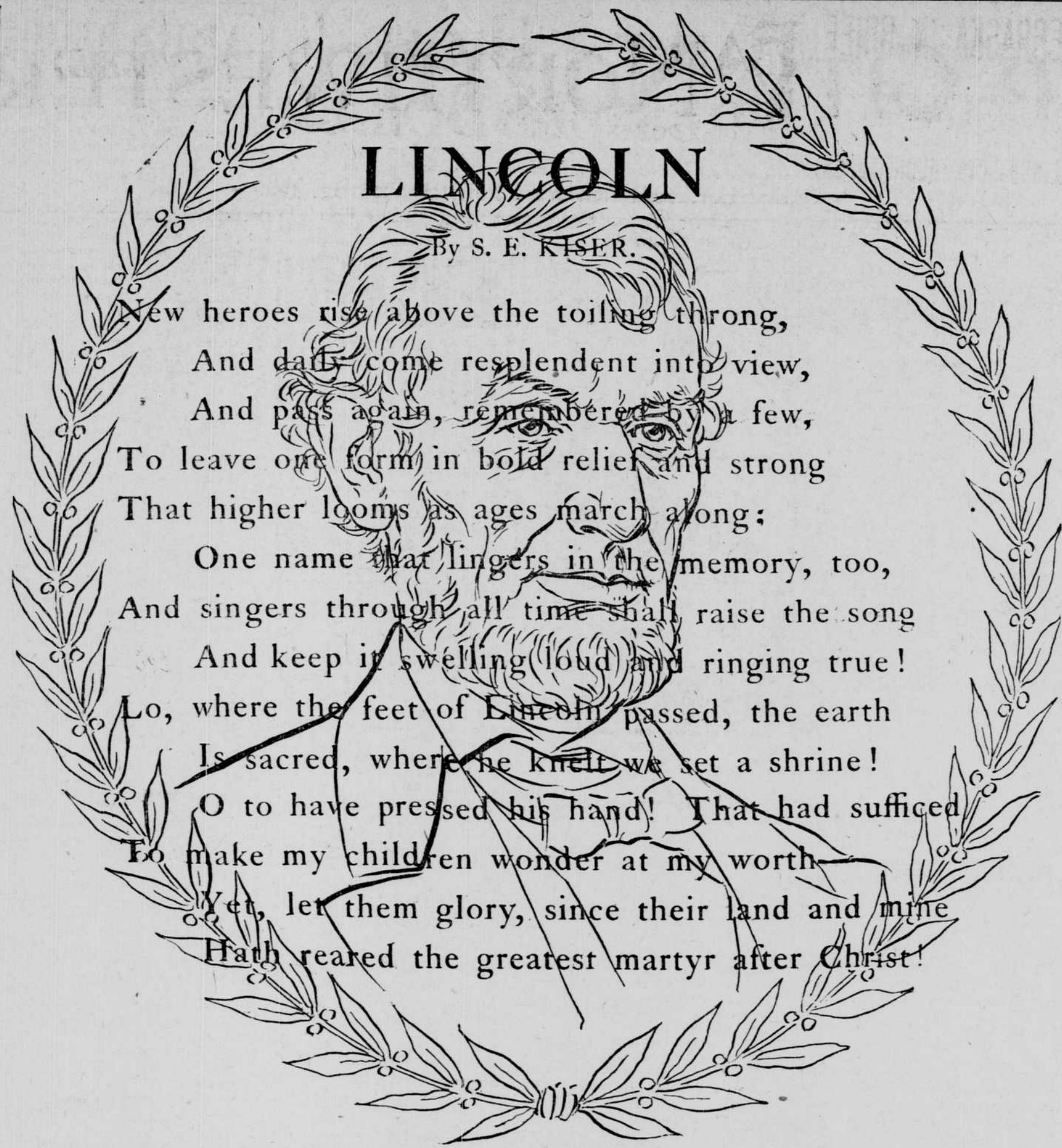
It makes a lot of difference where you're born. A theatrical manager was looking for a Cinderella with a foot tiny enough to fit the slipper.

In Spain about the only kind of plow in use is a primitive wooden affair with one handle and a tongue. To this is hitched a pair of small oxen or mules yoked up like oxen.

One out of every three girls in Minnesota is a wage-earner. By the way, what is the fare to Minnesota?

The cost of a reservoir system adequate to regulate the streams in the Ohio basin is estimated at \$125,000,000. This estimate is based on a supposed necessity for the building of 100 reservoirs at an average cost of \$1,250,000 each.

In sleeping out of doors during the winter season it is permissible for bald-headed gentlemen to wear stocking caps.



LINCOLN

By S. E. KISER.

New heroes rise above the toiling throng, And daily come resplendent into view, And pass again, remembered by a few, To leave one form in bold relief and strong That higher looms as ages march along;

WRITTEN BY LINCOLN IN 1841

Letter Reveals Sense of Humor of Which This Great Man Was Possessed---"Tragedy" That Culminated in Joke on Springfield Citizens

Among legal records in the possession of Mr. John F. Geeting, prominent Chicago attorney and editor of American Criminal Reports, is the following letter written by Abraham Lincoln in 1841.

Springfield, June 19, 1841.—Dear Speed: We have had the highest state of excitement here for a week past that our community has ever witnessed.

The chief personages in the drama are Archibald Fisher, supposed to be murdered, and Archibald Traylor, Henry Traylor and William Traylor, supposed to have murdered him.

LINCOLN AS A POET. "Tried His Hand" at it, But Was Hardly Successful.

That Abraham Lincoln wrote poetry, or at least verses, in his earlier days is news, but there is nothing at all surprising in it.

Tuesday, at 1 o'clock p. m., William and Henry started home without him. In a day or two Henry and one or two of his Clary Grove neighbors came back for him again, and advertised his disappearance in the papers.

An old man from Warren, called Dr. Gilmore, was then introduced on the part of the defense. He swore that he had known Fisher for several years; that Fisher had resided at his house a long time at each of the different spells.

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Archibald and Henry were both present. Lamborn prosecuted, and Logan, Baker and your humble servant defended. A great many witnesses were introduced and examined, but I shall only mention those whose testimony seemed most important.

Henry was then introduced by the prosecution. He swore that, when they started for home, they went out north, as Ramsdell stated, and turned down west by the brick-yard into the woods, and there met Archibald; that they proceeded a small distance further, when he was placed as a sentinel to watch for and announce the approach of anyone that might happen that way.

When the doctor's story was first made public, it was amusing to scan and contemplate the countenances, and hear the remarks of those who had been actively engaged in the search for the dead body.

Lincoln's Gethsemane. I would willingly take out of my life a period in years equal to the two months which intervene between now and my inauguration.

His Hard Task. It is true that while I hold myself, without mock modesty, the humblest of all individuals who have ever been elected president of the United States, I yet have a more difficult task to perform than any one of them has ever yet encountered.

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on his return, about 11 o'clock, found Fisher at his house in bed, and apparently very unwell; that he asked him how he had come from Springfield; that Fisher said he had come by Peoria, which showed that he at the time of speaking did not know where he had been wandering about in a state of derangement.

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THEY KNEW HOW TO WORK BUT DON'T NEED TO WORK NOW SO HARD.

The experience of the Bissier Bros. in Western Canada is similar to that reported to every agent of the Canadian Government, whose advertisement appears elsewhere:

"Wheatwyn, Sask., Nov. 6th, 1908. "To the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba.—Dear Sir: I, in company with my brother and other relations, arrived in this country in the spring of 1893.

"Our success in farming in this country also enabled us to get rid of a number of horses of less value, and instead we bought 10 pure-bred mares, representing a value in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

"I, for myself, feel compelled to say that our Great West is the land where a person who is willing to work and turn his hands to anything, can make a fortune, and a comfortable living.

"LORENS BISSIER. "P. O. Wheatwyn, Sask."

HE ALMOST REMEMBERED IT. Boy at Least Had Combination Somewhere Near Right.

Donald had returned from a visit to the country, and was full of reminiscences of persons and things that had interested him.

"Well, but—oh, I remember now!" exclaimed Donald. "It was Bildad!"—Youth's Companion.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness.

"Come, don't be foolish," said the pretty young wife, "he's merely an old flame of mine."

The chronic borrower depends for spending money on his friends, and says: "Why if they didn't lend it, the chumps would only go and spend it."

Occasionally a woman goes to church for the purpose of ascertaining how many of her neighbors don't.

The first time a girl is engaged she imagines that she is as important as the heroine in a novel.

The highwayman has a low way of doing things.

ONLY GOT BACK HIS OWN. Umbrella Had Long Been Absent from Its Proper Hall Tree.

"Stories about umbrellas," said a New York physician, when that useful article was the subject of discussion, "are as numerous as fish stories, and often test just as severely the credulity of those who listen to them.

INAPPROPRIATE.



"I am glad that Washington's birthday is a holiday; it gives me chance to lie in bed in the morning."

MIX FOR RHEUMATISM

The following is a never failing recipe for rheumatism. To one-half pint of good whiskey add one ounce syrup sarsaparilla and one ounce Toris compound, which can be procured of any druggist.

Boston Profanity. Katy, aged five, and a resident of America's seat of culture, ran to her father one morning, exclaiming: "Father, brother George swore."

Try Murine Eye Remedy For Red, Weak, Watery Eyes. Compounded by Experienced Physicians. Conforms to the Pure Food and Drugs Law. Murine Does Not Stun the Eyes. Pain. Try Murine for Your Eyes.

A good son is a good brother, good husband, good father, good kinsman, good friend, good neighbor and good citizen.—Chinese proverb.

Asthmatics, Read This. If you are afflicted with Asthma write me at once and learn of something for which you will be grateful the rest of your life.

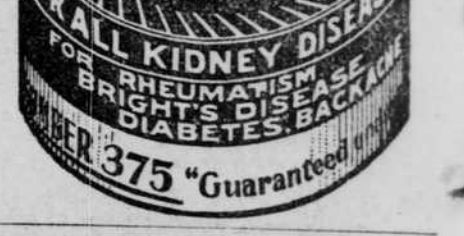
On the spot where the first white settlers of Seattle first set foot, Alki Point, has been built the South Alki Congregational church.

A good honest remedy for Rheumatism, Neuralgia and Sore Throat is Hamlin's Wizard Oil. Nothing will so quickly drive out all pain and inflammation.

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Even a girl has no use for the other side of a mirror.



WANTED AGENTS to handle stocks of high grade corporations under a guaranteed plan. Every share insured and guaranteed against loss.

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