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F. Hanks, by Rev. Robert McIntyre of appeared in the Charleston Courier, will him do it often, be of great interest. Uncle Dennis, as "Was he a rel he is familiarly known, makes his home in Paris with his daughter, Mrs. James

Shoaff:
"I found him hale and erect, ready to account for the benefit of a younger generation, the incidents which marked the youth of the martyred President. His name is Dennis Hanks, and he is a cousin of Lincoln. Uncle Dennis, as he is called, is a typical Kentucklan, born in Hardin county, 1799 His face is sun-bronzed and plowed with furrows of time; a resolute mouth, with firm grip of the jaws, broad forehead above a grip of the jaws, broad forehead above a pair of unwestible eyes. The eyes seem out of place in the weary, faded face; they glow and flash like two diamond sparks set in ridges of dull gold. The face is a scrious one, but the play of light in the eyes, unquenchable by time, betray the nature full of sunshine and elate life. A sidewise glance at the profile shows a face strikingly Lincoln-like, prominent cheek bones, temple, nose and chin; but, best of all, that twink-ling drollery in the eye that flashed in place, all them years, and we were all the part of unwestible eyes. The eyes seem of pacification, the lot-tayer furnished the money which was liberally used to aid the MacVeigh commission in their labors.

The better sentiment of the state was, however, sgainst the scheme, and an effort was made in the constitutional convention of 1869 to suppress the lottery, whose evil doing was made apparent. By false pretenses, bribery, and coercion, however, the lottery managers succeeded. prominent cheek bones, temple, nose and chin; but, best of all, that twink-ling drollery in the eye that flashed in place, all them years, and we were althe White House during the dark days ways together.' of the civil war. To our query he replied cheerily:

first met him?"

coln moved first, and built a camp of bits. 'Hey?' I hollered, 'you're a pretty brush in Spencer county. We came out a year later, and he then had a cabin up said, 'Well, Dennis, is that you?' and

get thro' tellin' about it. The name as it. We talked an hour as friendly as

Drawn at Havana Cuba, spell, read and cipher. He knew his letters pretty well; but no more. His "Take these over to Stanton and he'll sided there during the winter months, mother taught him his letters. If ever fix it." I said, 'Abe, I don't know where

> "Is it possible that he also had no chooling?"
> I'd take Stanton over my knee and 'Only about one quarter, scarcely that. spank him.' He laughed and said. 'It is chooling I then set in to help him; I didn't know not easy to keep my cabinet all in good much, but then, I did the very best I humor. I left an came home an never

could. "What books did he read first?" "Webster's speller. When I got him through that, I only had a copy of In-diany statutes. Then he got hold of a Residence No. 1407 Jones St. Office, No. 1809 Far. ger or suthin' that sailed a flatboat up to so plain to-day." a rock, and the rock was msgnetized and drawed the nails out of his boat, an' he

got a duckin', or drowned, or suthin, I forgen now." "That is the story of Sinbad in the Arabian Nights."

"That's it, that's the book. Ab would lay on the floor with a chair under his head and laugh over them 'Rabian Nights by the hour. I told him it was ed to read right well in it."

"Had he any other books?" "Yes; I borrowed for him the 'Life of Washington' and the 'Speeches of Henry LOANS MADE ON REAL ESTAT ... Clay.' They had a powerful, influence but the other book did the most amezing work. He was a democrat, like his fath- daughter and two sons. er and all of us, when he began to read it. When he closed it he was a whig,

> until he became leader of the republicans "Will you describe him when a boy?"

"Will you describe him when a boy?"
"Well, he was at this time not grown, only 6 feet and 2 inches high. He was 6 feet 4½ when grown—tall, lathy and gangling—not much appearance, not handsome, not ugly, but peculiar. This kind of a follow: If a man rode up horseback, Abe would be the first one out, up on the fence and asking questions, till his father would give him a knock side o' the head; then he'd go throw at snowbirds or suthin', but ponderin' all the while.

BIOS

Well you describe him when a boy?"
"Well, he was at this time not grown, only 6 feet and 2 inches high. He was feet and 2 inches high. He was a deared on in several of the southern dangles, and many lathy of damages which the court decreed as punishment for the whim. Howard, however, had a better aide, and without this it is doubtful whether he could have succeeded as well as he

bite into a sugar tree or sycamore, and chances of success. Two years later the down it would come. If you heard him effort was renewed, and by means of fallin' trees in a clearin' you would say there were three men at work by the way trees fell. But he never was sassy or quarrelsome. I've seen him walk into a crowd of sawin' rowdies and tell some droll yarn and burst them all up. It was the same when he was a lawyer; all was the same when he was a lawyer; all the scheme. After obtaining the legislative grant Howard thought it better to

peace of charcole or the p'int of a burnt stick on the fence or floor. We got a little paper at the country town, and I made ink cut of blackberry briar root, and a little corperas in it. It was black, but the corperas in it. It was black, but the corperas would get the paper at the country town, and I because of the gambling nature of the business, it being decided that they could business, it being decided that they could be a solution of the strikes degree the finds a gold valch on de sidevalk. but the corporas would eat the paper have no standing in court to enforce the after awhile. I made his first pen out of kind of contract they had entered a turkey buzzard feather, them's good a turkey buzzard feather, them's good for pens. We had no geese them days After he learned to write he was scrawin' formally organized on August 26, 1868 Howard made himself president of the When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, white sand down concern and his partners directors. They

lad, but the big world seemed far ahead of him. We were all slow goin' folks, but he had it in him, though we never suspected it.

"Did he take to books eagerly?"
"No; we had to hire him at first. But when he got a taste it was the old story good creols family, was put forward on -we had to pull the sow's ears to get her to the trough, and pull her tail to get her away. He read a great deal and had a Howard's employ, and worked along at wonderful memory—wonderful. Never his deak after his designation as president just as he had done before.

"What church did Abe attend?" The following interview, held in this the Baptist. I'll tell you a circumstry about two weeks since with Dennis stance about him. He would come home from church and put a box in the middle Charleston, regarding the early life of of the cabin floor, and repeat the ser-President Abraham Lincoln and which mint from text to doxology. I've heard

"Was he a religious man?" "Well, he wasn's in early life a reli--never went to frolics, never drank iquor, never used tobacco, never swore. But in after life he became more religious, joined any church or any secret order."

the famous rails were split that were

"Dld you ever visit him in Washing-

"Certainly, certainly, sir, I'il talk to you about Abe. I kin talk, too, bein' as I'm the only livin' man that knows all about him."

"How old was Mr. Lincoln when you and found the White House surrounded" first met him?"

"About twenty-four hours—hardly that. I rikkilect I run all the way, over two miles, to see Nancy Hanks' boy baby. 'Twas common then for connexion to gether in them days to see new bables. Her name was Nancy Hanks before she married Thomas Lincoln. I held the wee one a minut. I was 10 years old, and it tickled me to hold the pulpy, red little Lincoln.

"When did you move to Indiana?"

"When Abe was about 9. Mr. Lin"When Abe was about 9. Mr. Lin"About twenty-four hours—hardly get in, and a reporter (means porter) the door to get in, and a reporter (means porter) stopped me and said: 'Who do you want to see?' I said, 'Mr. Lincoln.' He said: 'You can't see him; it ain't the time of day yet.' I said: 'I'll show you if I can't; I hain't come here from Illinois tor nothin.' He grinned and showed me the door of his office. Outside was a heap of fellers waitin' to git to see the president. I opened the door kinder soft, and at the other end of a big room sat Abe at an old deak worth about six the effect that the new constitution had with soldiers. I went up to the door to "When Abe was about 9 Mr. Lin- sat Abe at an old deak worth about six and he gave us the shanty. On this spot made a run and just gathered me. Abs graw to manhood."

When I could get able to talk, I said: 'I don't want no offis, Abe.' He said 'most of 'em do, Dennis,' and smiled kinder

> armload of indictments, and he said: Ifra'd: "Abe, if I was as big as you are,

saw him again. The next spring he was killed. "When did you hear of his death?" "The day after he was shot. I could not believe it. I went about saying book; I can't rekkelect the name; maybe surely it ain't so. I mind it all like it

A NOTED LOTTERY MAN DEAD,

Career of Charles T. Howard, of the Louisiana Company,

Charles T. Howard, of New Orleans, the well-known chief of the Louisiana Lottery Company, died at Ingleside, Dobbs Ferry, in this state, yesterday. While out driving on Wednesday he was thrown from his carriage and severely injured. He suffered much pain during the ensuing three days and never railled on him. He told me afterwards, in the from the shock of the accident. The ar-White House, he wanted to live like rangements for his funeral have not been Washington. His speeches show that; perfected, but his interment will be in New Orleans. He leaves a wife, a

Howard was born in Baltimore in 1832 and was graduated from a local college in heart and soul, and he went step by step that city. He speedily drifted further until he became leader of the republicans "down south, and, after a brief career as a newadealer, took up the occupation of a

"Was he active and strong?"

"He was that. I was ten years older but I couldn't rassle him down. His legs was too long for me to throw him. He would fling one foot upon my shoulder and make me swing corners swift, and his arms so long and strong! My! how he would chop! His axe would flash and bite into a sugar tree or sycamore, and chances of success. Two years later the bless why they never celebrated St. Jacob's why they never celebrate it with a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil. This pacified him.

eyes, whenever he riz, were on him; there was somethin' peculiarsome about him."
"What did you teach him to write with?"
"Sometimes he would write with a "Sometimes he would write with a control of the control of the

would write it on the white sand down concern and his partners directors. They Hereford and Jersey Cattle, fresh would blot it out."

"Did you have any idea of his future formed a considerable part. Business

"No; it was a new country, and he was begun in January, 1869. At first was a raw boy; rather a bright and likely Howard's name appeared as president of the company, but it was subsequently withdrawn in deference to the popular feeling, which ran very strongly against Howard because of his methods of controlling the legislature. Then a Mr. M.

A. Dauphin, the representative of a the bills and circulars as president. Dauphin, however, was merely a clerk fu

The nominal capital of the concern was \$1,000,000. Actually, however, it began without a dollar of capital. Re liance was had on the dupes of the coun try, and they responded very liberally from the outset. In less than a year th company was enabled to put under Its control the legislature and the politics of "Well, he wasn't in early life a reli-gious man. He was a moral man, strict on the floor of the legislature not only as lobbyists, but as members of both houses. More than one governor of the state acknowledged its sway, and the but the Bible puzzled him, especially mayor of the capital city of Baton the miracles. He often asked me in the Rouge was one of its regular agents for timber, or sittin' around the fireplace the sale of tickets. Its sway was open nights, to explain scripture. He never and notorlous, and legislators, especially but by no means exclusively, among the "Did you move with him to Illinois?"
"Yes; I bought a little improvement near him, six miles from Decatur. Here When it became necessary to disband the Packard legislature to get a quorum

> however, the lottery managers succeeded in forcing the convention to the position where they had either to give up all hope of a new constitution or else to adopt the instrument with a clause declaring that the lottery had a legal existence. With this alternative the convention, with numerous protests, adopted the constitution with the lottery clause.

the effect that the new constitution had legalized the Louisiana lottery. No appeal was taken from this decision, Howard taking good care to see that none was. On this slender foundation, the other dictum of a judge of an inferior court, the company went ferward on its career of swindling. It divided among "About fifteen rods. Abe killed a tired. I told my errand, and he said to its stockholders nearly \$2,000,000 per turkey the day we got there and couldn't come up next morning and he would fix year, despite the large outlays it had to meet for preventing legislative and judi-

pronounced Linkhorn by the folks then. ever, about long-gone times, then cial inquiries into its methods. We was all unedducated. After a spell he told me to go down to the The income from this company We was all unedducated. After a spell we learned better."

"In the 'Life of Lincoln.' published after his nomination, it is stated that you taught him to read."

"Yes, sir, I did. I taught him to Next morning I went up and Abe had an "Yes, sir, I did. I taught him to read."

The income from this company that the utmost, and to accumulate a fortune. He built a large and handsome residence on St. Charles street, New Orleans, and "Yes, sir, I did. I taught him to Next morning I went up and Abe had an surrounded it with a garden, which is, and to accumulate a fortune. He built a large and handsome residence on St. Charles street, New Orleans, and the street is the finantial tree for the utmost, and to accumulate a fortune. He built a large and handsome residence on St. Charles street, New Orleans, and the street is the finantial tree for the utmost and the street is the utmost, and to accumulate a fortune. He built a large and handsome residence on St. Charles street, New Orleans, and the finantial tree for the utmost, and to accumulate a fortune. He built a large and handsome residence on St. Charles street, New Orleans, and the finantial tree for the utmost and the street is the utmost and the utmost perhaps, the finest in the city. He remother taught him his letters. If ever there was a good woman on earth she was the plagueoned place is. So he called a reporter standin' by and said, "Take one, a true christian of the Baptist reporter standin' by and said, "Take there was a good woman on earth she was one, a true christian of the Baptist reporter standin' by and said, "Take church; but she died soon after we arrived, and left him without a teacher; his father, you know, couldn't read a word."

Eastered there was a good woman on earth she was the plagueoned place is. So he called a reporter standin' by and said, "Take these to Mr. Stanton.' Pretty soon Mr. Stanton in a bob-tail coat come in. He was exceedingly liberal in spending money where he had an object in view."

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rebuffs. The most notable of these were in a social way. He aspired to be a leader of society, but, was repeatedly folied. The old Creole families refused to receive him, and this rankled in his mind. He was black-balled at a fashionyou kin if I tell you somethin et was in was yesterday. Twenty years did you able club to which he sought entrance, it. It told a yarn about a feller, a nig. say? Twenty years! It all comes back and he took pains to repay this insult by selling out the club when it got into difficulties. A noted instance of the manner in which he "got even" with those who refused to associate with him was shown in his treatment of the Metairie Jockey club. He sought an entrance in the company of this association, whose race course was the most noted in the south. The club, however, refused to admit him, and he swore that he would buy out their course and turn it into a graveyard. He bided his time, and when the opportunity came he did according to his cath. The beautiful Metairie cemetery took the place of the Metafrie race course, and a new course was established

by Howard in its stead. He was also blackmailed as a candidate for the La Varietes club. This society owned the theatre of the same name. Howard, in reverge, bought up the establishment privately and obtained con-trol. He was fond of going behind the scenes, and when his lessee denied him this privilege he turned her and her com pany out of doors and gladly paid the penalty of damages which the court de-

The Luckiest man He Ever Met, "All dat you hat to do, Herman," said his employes, Hoffenstein, "vas to stay mit your pisiness and trust to luck. I dell you dis, Herman, because I dink dot luck runs mit your family, und dot von of dese days you vill pe de president uf a bank or de head uf a great corporation. Your uncle, Ike Rosenfield, Herman, vos de lucklest man dot efer I met, und I remembers dot vonce he fall from de top vindow uf a hotel in Vickeburg." "Vas he killed?" inquired Herman,

anxiously. "No, my boy, he vas not silled pecaus he vos a lusky man' und he vos so lucky dot ven he falls from de vindow he vas not hurt, und ven he strikes de ground

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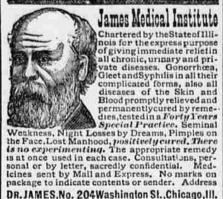
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