

# IN COMMEMORATION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, AMERICA'S GREAT PRESIDENT

Superintendent Abbott of the Plattsmouth Schools, Delivers Fine Address at the Methodist Church Last Evening in Honor of the Great Patriot, Abraham Lincoln.

Superintendent N. C. Abbott delivered an address last evening at the Epworth League meeting at the Methodist church upon "Abraham Lincoln," which was one of the best efforts to foster patriotism ever delivered in the city. After the usual song service and routine order of service, Superintendent Abbott was introduced and spoke in part as follows:

### Abraham Lincoln.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I feel that I cannot in any wise do justice to my theme tonight. The character of Abraham Lincoln is one of the half dozen dominant, vitalizing influences of our age.

### An American's Duty.

I admit then, to begin with, that the task is beyond me; but I also feel that he is no true American who fails to respond in such way as he is able, when asked for a word or two regarding the pre-eminent figure in our sanguinary civil war.

### Opportunity and Capacity.

What, then, may I say were the sources of his power? What did Lincoln have that has placed him far above the ordinary man? I answer that he was offered the opportunity and he was fitted to seize it. Two elements were joined—Opportunity and Capacity. And these two essentials must ever meet together, if a man would write his name in bold and blazing letters on the scroll of history.

### Opportunity.

During his life came the final struggle between titanic forces. Narrow and inconsiderate indeed are we, if we lay the entire responsibility for the struggle over negro slavery upon our southern brethren. The seeds of that dissection were planted generations before and were watered and tended by men in both the north and in the south. The first boatload of negroes landed on our coast was the first seed. Up north and down south slavery was an honored institution. But up north it died out, because it was unprofitable; while down south it prospered, because Eli Whitney invented the cotton-gin. Then came the period of awakened conscience, the south crying for more land to keep up its peculiar institution. There were bickerings and revilings and jealousies. The immortal Daniel Webster was forced into retirement because he failed to see that the storm could not be quelled; Charles Sumner was all but murdered; Kansas and Nebraska became blood territory; Lovejoy was murdered; John Brown was hanged.

### Civil War Opens.

Then came the firing upon Sumter. The opportunity was at hand. Says Henry Watterson: "Amid the noise and confusion, the

clashing of intellects like sabers bright, and the booming of the big oratorical guns of the north and south, now definitely arrayed, there came one day into the northern camp one of the oddest figures imaginable; the figure of a man who, in spite of an appearance somewhat at odds with Hogarth's line of beauty, wore a serious aspect, if not an air of command, and pausing to utter a single sentence that might be heard above the din, passed on and for a moment disappeared. The sentence was pregnant with meaning. The man bore a commission from God on high! He said: 'A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half free and half slave. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved; I do not expect the house to fall; but I do expect it will cease to be divided.' He was Abraham Lincoln."

### Capacity.

But opportunity alone will not make a world-character. Some place there must be a man fitted to seize opportunity. Some place there must be a man of capacity. The sad and mournful Lincoln was that man. And what is it that spells capacity? I answer without hesitation that there must be at least three qualities:

### First—Ambition.

### Second—Brains.

### Third—Character.

**Ambition.** If the lank, ungainly boy had not possessed ambition he would have passed his life as a rail splitter or employed about a tow boat, and would have gone down to his grave unwept, unhonored and unsung. It was the spur of ambition that kept him awake half the night, after a hard day's labor, reading the "Life of Washington," Aesop's "Fables," Shakespeare or the bible. He was not satisfied with what he was. He wanted to be something more, something better, and this ideal which he cherished had the warm and sympathetic approval of his foster-mother.

And what splendid tools for ambition to be sharpened on those books were! If more of our young boys and girls would read Shakespeare and the Bible, how much better it would be for them! They might never acquire the literary style of Abraham Lincoln, it is true, but they certainly would not secure the false and silly conceptions of life that are usually set forth in the average popular novel of the day.

### Intellect.

Intellect had he, too—brains, the capacity to reason. No man of this generation, I might say of any generation, could think with more deadly logic from premise to conclusion. He was self-taught, he was the alumnus of the

University of Nature. But no bachelor of arts ever knew his Euclid better. And no finished scholar better than he could reason to the end of an action.

### Seward.

Seward, for instance, was a product of highest education and of the most finished culture of our schools; yet Seward would have plunged us into a fatal struggle with England if it had not been for the cool, restraining hand of his superior officer. I would not in any wise seem to disparage the great services of the able secretary of state. In time of storm, when waves are beating high, it is surprising if anyone remains calm. Seward lost his balance just as all of the other statesmen of the time lost theirs—all save Lincoln alone.

### Knew He Was Right.

Not only could he reason, but when he had gone from step to step in his argument and reached a conclusion, he knew that conclusion was correct. The years spent in study of geometry had taught him the meaning of the word "demonstrate." It is related that he once called his cabinet to council and put to them a difficult problem as to what action should be taken in a certain matter. After a long discussion he turned to the secretary of state and said: "No we will take the vote. As many as favor this action say yes; contrary, no. What say you, Mr. Seward?" The answer was, "No." So was the reply of every other member of the cabinet. After the six votes were taken, Lincoln straightened up in his chair. Said he: "The president votes yes. There are six no's and one yes. The yes has it. Action will be taken accordingly." He knew he was right and the judgment of all six of his advisors did not change his determination.

### Character.

Yes, he had ambition and he had intellect. But way beyond these he had the indefinable something without which no one can be called great—the indefinable something denominated character.

### His Goodness.

The stories of him that are the common property of Americans, explain what I mean by character better than any definition, no matter how long, I might give. Foremost stands out his goodness. He knew the Bible and he shaped his life as best he understood according to the Golden Rule. You know these stories as well as I; how he carried for miles into the country a few cents which he had overcharged a customer; how he rode back through a blinding rain storm, when he was on the circuit, to release a pig mired in the mud; how he refused to confirm the sentence of federal soldier boys who were found sleeping on post; how he aided his ne'er-do-well half-brother with money and advice; how, with sincerest love, he sought to save the south from itself; and how, in sympathy, he wrote the Gettysburg address and the second inaugural. I suppose that ninety-nine out of a hundred who hear the name of Lincoln unconsciously think first of his goodness.

### Other Elements of Character.

The other elements that made up his character are as well known to you as to me. Lack of time must prevent my development of them. For instance, his wit and humor; his eloquence; his patience and long-suffering, though between the fire of abolitionist on one side and Greeleyite on the other; his love of the best in literature; his solace in the poem, "Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud?"; his forgiveness of the south and sorrow over their broken fortunes; his capacity for growth. We sum it all up in saying, "Here was a man."

### A World Character.

What Hampton is to England; what LaFayette is to France; what Bolivar is to the South Americans and Gustavus Adolphus is to the Scandinavian countries; what Aristides represented to the ancient Greek; and what William of Orange stood for in the mind of the Dutch burgher—all that and more is Abraham Lincoln to us. More, I say, because he rose from the lowest round of the ladder and stood triumphantly upon the highest pinnacle; more, I say, because the glory of his place never turned his head and he remained, even to the end, a simple, homespun man—a brother to us all.

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## ENCAMPMENT OF THE STATE CADETS

People of Plattsmouth Can Secure Encampment if They Will Do Some Hustling.

The question of selecting the place for the annual spring encampment of two regiments—one of cadets of the Nebraska university and the other from the Agricultural college—has been engaging the attention of both student cadets and the officers in charge. The encampment was held last year at Beatrice, and the students were treated so well that many of them have become so much attached to the place that some inducements will have to be extended to them before they will be willing to go elsewhere.

Three places are being considered, according to the Daily Nebraskan, namely: Beatrice, the state fair grounds at Lincoln and the Plattsmouth rifle range. This location has the advantage of a target practice ground which the other points mentioned have not. According to the Nebraskan, various rumors have been afloat among the cadets to the effect that the state fair ground would be the place of encampment for various reasons. The rumor was denied by both Captain Yates and Colonel Smith, as they stated that no place had been decided upon.

The Nebraskan further says: "As to the report that the camp might be held at Plattsmouth, the same denials by the commandant and Colonel Smith hold good. No place has been considered further than others. Some of the cadets are pleased with the idea of camping at the range. It has recently been located there, having been moved from Ashland, and is up-to-date in every respect. The one objection to the camp at Beatrice would be overcome there, for at Beatrice there is no range. However, less is known of the camping grounds and facilities offered as compared with those of Beatrice. It lies between the novelty of the Plattsmouth camp and the good treatment at Beatrice, as the cadets see it."

It would appear that a little missionary work by the Commercial club or some other organization along the line of advertising the good points and desirable features of the Plattsmouth range would have a good effect. If the cadets were assured that they would meet with just as much consideration in this community as they did last year at Beatrice, this added to the desirableness of having a range at their disposal, would undoubtedly have considerable weight in locating the place for holding the encampment.

### Goes to Kansas City.

D. L. Amick departed this morning for Kansas City to see Dr. Miner in regard to his stomach trouble. Mr. Amick has been feeling badly for some time, and tried the baths at Hot Springs Ark., which he was not physically able to stand. Some years ago when he had a similar attack, Dr. Miner relieved him very soon, and he being an old friend of Mr. Amick, he decided to consult him again.

### Eagle Prizes on Exhibition.

The four prizes (two for ladies and two for men) to be given to the best costumes at the mask ball given by the Eagle lodge February 17, can be seen in Weyrich & Hadraba's store window. The first prize for ladies is a \$5 parasol of beautiful texture and ornamented handle; the second prize is a handsome cut-glass dish worth \$3.50. The gents' first prize is a \$5 silk umbrella, and the second a \$3.50 traveling set.

### Begin to Load Test Piers.

Major Creamer of Council Bluffs was in the city Saturday and began the loading of the big box on the three test piers placed on the government lot some time ago. The intention is to load the piers with sand and test the amount of weight the piers will carry. They will then know what to do to prevent further settling of the new building.

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## DEPUTY WARDEN DAVIS OF THE PENITENTIARY MURDERED

He Was Stabbed by Negro Convict at 10 A. M. and Died at 11:30 P. M.

Mont Robb called the Journal publisher up last evening from Lincoln and related the affair of the murder of Deputy Warden Ed D. Davis, by a negro convict named Prince, who is serving a twelve-year sentence for assault with intent to kill.

The tragedy occurred at the penitentiary at the chapel service yesterday morning, just at the close of the service. The negro made the deadly assault on Mr. Davis with a dirk knife which he had made out of a piece of old steel, and stabbed the deputy warden four times in the abdomen and once in the neck. The affair occurred at 10 o'clock a. m. and the victim lived until about 11:30 p. m. There was no motive for the crime other than that the negro had been reproved by Mr. Davis some days ago for not returning his fork promptly, which greatly angered the negro.

Prince committed an assault on a police officer in Omaha which nearly resulted in murder four years ago, for which he was convicted and given twelve years in the penitentiary, his victim at that time being City Detective Sullivan, who was laid up for nearly a year.

### Loyda Farm Sells.

J. M. Loyda of this city and his brothers, J. E. and Wilber of Falls City have just closed a deal whereby the R. K. Loyda farm, four miles northeast of Weeping Water, has been sold for a consideration of \$20,400, being a trifle over \$127 per acre. The purchasers are Peter and Andrew Anderson, who own an adjoining farm. A contract for the deal has been signed up and \$1,000 of the purchase money turned over, the deal to be completed on June 1st.

Joseph Mullen of Elmwood arrived from Omaha this morning, where he was called on business last week.

### Basket Ball Game.

The Plattsmouth High school basket ball team were victors in a match game played at Coates' hall in this city Saturday night with the Elmwood High school team. The Elmwood athletes seemed somewhat rough and this game for the first half, the score standing 11 to 7 in their favor. The second half of the game was more interesting, and a number of fouls were called on the visitors; their manner of playing seemed somewhat rough and this caused the referee to call fouls on the Elmwood boys. Their playing was good, but when it came to making the basket the Plattsmouth team outclassed them. The second half of the game the Plattsmouth players made 27 scores, while Elmwood had but 19 to their credit. The line-up was as follows:

Elmwood—Schneider, center; Dettmann, forward; Towle, forward; Clements, guard; Towle, guard.

Plattsmouth—Dalton, center; Arries, forward; Schlater, forward; Noble, guard; Arries, guard.

Referee, Principal O. Larson of Plattsmouth; timekeeper and scorekeepers, Hallstrom and R. Larson.

There will be a return game between the same teams some time about the last of this month.

### A New Bird in Town.

C. C. Wescott, the clothier, who is also a poultry fancier, has just received a fine cockerel of the Buff-Orpington species of fowl, which stands a little taller and weighs a little more than any chicken of his age and breed in the country. The cockerel is scarcely a year old, has all of the markings of a prize winner, is of the "granger gorgeous golden" color and tips the beam at fifteen pounds. The bird was bred and reared by the celebrated Buff-Orpington chicken fancier, Mr. Granger, of Sioux Falls, S. D., one of the most successful chicken raisers in the United States and one who has the purest strain of Buff-Orpingtons to be had anywhere. Mr. Wescott is much pleased with his purchase, and as he has had much experience with this popular breed of fowls himself, he knows a good one when he sees it.

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## WATER DAMAGE!

By the bursting of a water pipe on the floor above us last Saturday morning we suffered a slight damage by water to some of our goods. We offer at a discount as follows:

Stetson Hats.....	10% off
Manhattan Shirts.....	25 " "
Pleated Shirts (our own brand).....	30 " "
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