LINCOLN'S LIFE AS A LAWYER

Teatures of Old Aby's Career Reviewed by a Member of the Profession.

CHARACTERISTICS AS AN ATTORNEY

Disliked and Avoided the Wrong Side of a Case-Leaves from His Fee Book-Clear and Convineing in Argument.

of Chicago, in an address delivered re-

"Abraham Lincoln was, I think, the great est man of his century, and one of the States court for the northern district of had not appeared upon the scene as his asgreatest of all centuries. But it is not as a tawyer that he will be remembered. If his in the respect and affection of all, is perhaps and I need not repeat how Stanton treated life had been given only to his practice in as capable of expressing a just opinion of him with brutal rudeness, and how Lincoln, Sangamon and the neighboring counties, with Lincoln's professional characteristics as any chagrined and mortified, submitted and did an occasional professional journey to some one living. I asked him only a few weeks not even get a chance to argue the case. But not far distant place, he would now be for- ago to tell me something about him as a his chance came later, when he made Stangotten by all except the legal profession, and remembered by few of them. It is not careful and very successful lawyer, whose better if we have to wait for them. a pleasant thought, but we may as well arguments were models of clear and con- "He had some other noticeable cases recognize the palpable truth, that lawyers vincing reasoning.' I inquired: 'What are Among them the most romantic was are not the men who are kept in mind after the elements which were most prominent in his defense of Jack Armstrong, whose the kind that is told in fireside stories or 'His great success was the result, first, of his youth, and he paid the debt that is sung in the ballads of the people his unrivaled clearness of statement, and, by saving her son from the gallows, from generation to generation. Even great secondly, of his absolute fairness and without fee or reward. He won a case of farjudges are soon forgotten. We have all candor.' He added that whatever Lincoln reaching importance for the Illinois Central read 'Campbell's Lives of the Lord Chan-stated to be the law and the facts no court Railroad company and had his bill for \$5,000 cellors, but not one of us, I venture to say, ever doubted that he honestly believed them disputed and he collected it only after a law can name them. It would trouble any of to be so. Herndon says that Lincoln was a suit. But that was not the Illinois Central us to repeat the short list of chief justices good lawyer in a good case and a poor of today, which has for its president Stuyof the United States in their chronological lawyer in a bad case. I wish there were vesant Fish, a just man and a true represenorder, and give the length of their respective more such lawyers. The concurrent testi- tative of American patriotism. terms of service. Abraham Lincoln, as a mony of his contemporaries is that it was "His last case, only a month before his lawyer, was eminently respectable, and hard to get him to take a case in which he nomination for president, was tried in Chimight have been in the first rank if only did not believe his side to be the right one cago. The prairies were already affame and he was called. Some men are only fit to be and if he ever yielded to importunities to do Illinois was getting ready for the battle in one tool—a thing that looked about like lawyers, but there never was a man of the first class who could not be more if the op-bis utter failure to make wrong seem right. This party's flag in the coming campaign. This was, in the opinion of some, an inhe stepped from his law office into the world's history.

"How it all came about, why it was he and not another, what strange combination of opportunity and will made him the central figure of an era, we cannot fathom. Plato, who saw with such clear eyes into the depths of human phenomena, said in one of those sentences which are the delight of scholars, and the inspiration of thinkers: 'The differences of men and actions and the endless irregular movements of human things do not admit of any uni-

versal and simple rule." Astonishing Transformation.

'Abraham Lincoln and his marvelous life illustrate this great truth. Simple rules cannot explain him, nor explain the transformation from his birth in a Kentucky cabin to the White House, and from friendless poverty to the highest station in the world. Considering what we know of him. we are forced back to what we do not know, to the mysterious realm of uncertainty and doubt. He was what he was, and the analysis ends there. In all his great career there was little that was dazzling and nothing that was meteoric. He began at the lowest and ended at the highest, and yet, his ascent was by the slow and patient steps of a man content to wait for rewards time. He was a practicing lawyer for to others, but there could be seen in such when he was licensed, to sometime in the spring of 1860, when he tried his last case. But there were many interruptions. For two years he was in congress, and in the early part of his professional life he served three terms in the Illinois legislature. There were other interruptions, not periodical, but constant, for he was always a politician. Year after year, when the bugle sounded, he was out in the fight, dealing hard blows for his party and for his party's gospel. We are accustomed to believe that a lawyer can only be successful by giving to his profession his deepest fealty. But no one can read the story of Abraham Lincoln's life without seeing that with him the law was never his first love. I do not believe he ever studied it as a scientific system, or felt the exquisite pleasure which comes to some men when they are touched by what Lord Coke called 'the gladsome light of jurisprudence.' Doubtless he liked the law, and enjoyed its contests and its triumphs, but he was far happier when pointing out the advantages of a protective tariff, or denouncing the repeal of the Missouri compromise, or sounding in the ears of his countrymen that dread note of alarm, 'a

house divided against itself cannot stand. "His biographers tell us how frequently he utilized his spare time when out on the circuit by addressing his fellow citizens 'on the political lesues of the day.' If it seems strange to us that he could so blend law and politics without detriment to his professional work it must be remembered, first, that he was a very different man from the average lawyer, and, secondly, that practicing law at that time and in that locality was very different from what it is now in any locality. He had followed the



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those six long dreary, miserable years. Think of the distress of a refined, modest woman during the uscless examinations and treatment of four different doctors who each and all failed to give her any comfort.
Think of all this and then think that she was finally cured—completely, wholly, per-manently cured right in the privacy of her

medicine made for just one purpose—to cure disorders or diseases of the feminine organism. It is the only preparation of its kind introduced by a regularly graduated physican—a skilled specialist in the dis-cases of women, whose thirty years of successful practice are a guarantee of health to all sufferers who consult him.

Every woman may write fully and confidentially to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and may be sure that her case will receive careful, conscientious, confidential consideration, and that the best medical advice in the world will be given

frontier from Kentucky by way of Indiana railroad, or, which was the same thing, the to Illinois and in the prime of his manhood bridge. With him were Judge Blodgett, was still an inhabitant of a comparatively Burton C. Cook, Joseph Knox and Norman sparsely settled region. He never outgrew B. Judd. One of the traditions of the litigathe rustic simplicity that comes from con- tion is that Mr. Miller, who was afterward tact with nature and never lost the rugged the great Justice Miller of the supreme strength that early toil puts into the brain court, by appointment of President Lincoln, and bone of him who has had its beneficent made a powerful argument against the discipline. And this was surely a great bridge, in which he repeated many times, advantage in a practice which consisted with great carnestness. The river is naalmost exclusively of jury trials. He knew ture's channel; it is the highway of comfar better than any of his rivals how to merce; no man and no corporation may obreach the hearts of the average juror and struct it." how to reach the mind and reason of the were much cast dewn until Lincoln srose

jurer who was above the average. Homely Common Sense.

"Abraham Lincoln never drifted away giving his case away, said: 'Yes, the from the moorings of a plain and homely river is nature's channel, it is the highway The cureer of Abraham Lincoln as a law- common sense. His messages, his state of commerce, but the railway is also the yer, his legal training, and his methods as papers, his speeches and his letters are all highway of commerce and traffic east and an attorney, were brought out in a clearer, laden with this great quality and no man, I west by rail is as much a subject of national if not a new light, by Mr. George R. Peck think, since Shakespeare, ever had the art, concern as is traffic north and south by or rather the nature, to say so much in a water." cently before the Wisconsin State Bar as single sentence. It is unfortunate that few, ultimately prevailed, partly because it was sociation. Mr. Peck reviewed the martyr if any, of his legal arguments, either to good law and partly because it was good president's record at the bar, and showed court or jury, have been preserved except sense, for generally the two go together. that, though overshadowed by his career as in fragments, resting mostly in the memory chief magistrate of the nation, there is in it of his neighbors and of his associates at the much to be admired and commended to the bar. A few-alas! a rapidly diminishing cause, the contest between the McCormick profession of today. Mr. Peck said in part: few-are left of those who knew him, and the Manny reaper-a patent case in Among them the venerable Henry W. which his inventive talent would have had Blodgett, for many years judge of the United a good deal of scope if Edwin M. Stanton Hiltnois, and now in his retirement, happy sociate counsel. The story is a familiar one lawyer and he said: 'He was a good, safe, ton secretary of war. Some revenges are cease to babble. Our work is not of his conduct of a lawsuit?" He answered: mother had befriended Lincoln so a bad matter generally became worse by which should name him the leader to carry a plow file with notches broke into it?" tellectual defect, but I think it was much down from Waukegan to ask him to epeak more a mark of his moral elevation, his there to a crowd of ardent supporters. He loved, both as a lawyer and as a man. finished left the court room and took the a powerful lot like 'im. Anyhow, I bought devotion to truth and justice, which he promised and as soon as his argument was Judge David Davis, who knew him so well, train for Waukegan. That was his last ap-'The framework of his mental and pearance in a court of justice. The case said: moral being was honesty and a wrong cause was one involving the rights of two opposwas poorly defended by him. The ability ing claimants to accretions on the lake shore which some eminent lawyers possess of ex- near the mouth of the Chicago river. It is plaining away the bad points of a cause by not material to know who they were, for no

ingenious sophistry was denied him." Right and Wrong Sides. "We have all known lawyers, and able nes, who seem to take personal satisfaction in arguing the wrong side, and one I knew -in days gone by-with a mind of such keenness and subtlety that it flashed like burnished steel-who used to say that he begins. We may try as we please to think preferred a cause which gave him the opportunity of advocating bad law, or of combating facts which were palpably against Surely it would be good for the profession him, for, he said, "It is no credit to a lawyer to win when he is on the right side; any fool can do that.' But Abraham Lincoln's mind and character were not of that order. Judge Drummond said of him: 'Such was duties that rested upon him." the transparent candor and integrity of his nature that he could not well or strongly argue a side of a cause that he thought wrong. Of course, he felt it his duty to say what could be said and to leave the decision Such praise as that is a thousand times better than the enconfums which are often bestowed on lawyers who have no 'inward struggles' so long as success and the fee Adam made a remark of like tenor. are in sight. Many instances are related by

Lincoln's biographers of his positive refusal to take a case when he thought the side tendered him was morally indefensible, or when he would be compelled to take a position as to the law which he knew was unsound. Nicolay and Hay declare that "On the wrong side he was always weak," and add, "He knew this himself and avoided such cases when he could consistently with the rules of his profession." "Was Abraham Lincoln a learned lawyer? I do not think he was. By this I mean that he was not a student of the law in its his-

torical and scientific aspects. It was his means of gaining a livelihood and he always tried to make it a means of vindicating right and establishing justice. But his tastes did not lead him into the realm of philosophical jurisprudence. He adored Henry Clay, but I do not think he cared for Austin or Bentham or Beccaria. His mind was unerringly logical and his faculties clear as ice. I imagine his forensic arguments were like his political ones-compact, convincing, inexorable. A pitiless analysis of his opponent's position was his favorite method of proving it to be wrong, and when the analysis was completed single sentence would be the thunderbolt which should end the discussion. In his great Springfield speech before the convention which nominated him for senator against that other great Illinoisan, Stephen A. Douglas, he summed up the doctrine of Squatter Sovereignty in these words: 'That if any man choose to enslave another, no third man shall be allowed to object.' It would have taken me or any other common man many pages to say that, and yet he said younger than I. Second, I never would with needle and thread. in sixteen simple words. That was his method; a method which no one taught him and which cannot be learned in books."

Mr. Peck traced the struggles of Lincoln ourned the midnight candle poring over a his day." opy of Blackstone, borrowed from a friend; his removal from New Salem to Springfield. Ill., where he hung out his "shingle;" his partnership with Stuart, quoting from the fee book of the firm to show the meager inome of lawyers of that period-\$50 being rhyme. Some of the reasons were good and the highest fee in the record. Referring to the cases in which Lincoln appeared as nunsel, Mr. Peck said:

Cases in Court. "Lincoln appeared in few great causes. nean such causes as became precedents and fix the law for the future, but he tried all sorts of cases, civil and criminal-in the latter always for the defense. The great Rock sland bridge cases are yet remembered as hotly contested fights, involving issues which, if they had gone the other way. would have made history very different from what it has been. The first was an action for damages brought by the owners of the steamer "Effic Afton," which was injured by collision with the piers of the bridge erected by the Rock Island Railroad conpany across the Mississippi river. Eminent counsel were retained on both sides, for it was realized that it was to be, in the language of modern athletics, 'a fight to the inish' between the river and the bridge. On one side were the sacred rights of navigation, time-honored freedom of natural waterways, ancient customs and the traditions of many years. On the other, modern progress and modern science, the forces which were then, as now, pushing old methods and old theories aside to make way for better ones. Under the formal title of the case was the true title-"River against Railroad." Other cases, three or four in number, were brought, some at law, some in equity, but all involving the same ques-

SHORT STORIES OF THE DAY

Colonel Dolman, a Former Resident of Cmaha, Pays the City a Visit.

BEER CHIPS DON'T PAY STREET CAR FARE

Pension Stories Told by Special Examiner Morrow-Birth of a Tornado-Street Fakir Loses a Sale by Denying His Identity.

The lawyers for the railroad

This was the argument which

manner which always characterized

arguments, sometimes going to the verge of

Lincoln and Stanton.

"Lincoln was counsel in another important

one has treasured up their names or the

story of their contentions and their troubles.

Lincoln won the case, but whether he was

"And here his career as a lawyer ends and

of him as a lawyer, but always the image

of the Great Deliverer comes uppermost.

if there were more like him. When he was

president he showed in many a trying hour

that he had not forgotten his legal training

while performing the solemn, the fearful

CONNUBIALITIES.

convict and not the naval captain he repre-

Queen Victoria is said to be intensely in-

is a man half her age, is evidently of a

call their "beau ideal." Did you ever hap-

pen to hear what Mrs. Stephen A. Douglas

was credited with saying on this topic?

men I never could be induced to marry.

First, I never would marry a man who was

I nover would marry a politician., Well, I

kept my vow, except that in marrying Mr.

Douglas I married a man who was not quite

church. They gave the reasons why they

have not wedded and they gave them in

some of the rhymes were good, and some of

The Ruling Passion.

"How long did she sleen?"

'Six weeks at a stretch."

What did she say?"

" 'Is my hightcap on straight."

longest nap."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "They say that

the Canadian sleeping girl is awake now for

"I dunno. She only spoke once during her

Mrs. Calvin Zimmerman, Milesburg, Pa.,

man, on his part, ran some risk.

take the first chance that offered.

for the accretion or against it I am not able

to say.

with him.

The street fakir had gathered his crowd and was busily descanting on the virtues o a tissue-wrapped lozenge of light velloy substance that had been cut from a bar o laundry scap. He had borrowed the soiled hat from the audience, had removed the alleged grease spot and had reached that part of his harangue which declares that this remarkable eradicator is not obtainable on the general market," when he was approached from the southeast by a man in overalls, wearing a cap with ear-laps to it "I am not here to sell this eradicator,"

bawled the fakir. "You couldn't pile up gold enough on this buggy seat to tempt me to sell you an ounce of it! The man in overalls gazed wonderingly

into the face of the orator. "I don't dare to sell it. It would be an infringement on the copyright. There's only one way I can dispose of it, and that is to give it away!

The late arrival hitched the left leg of his veralls and stared more intently. "I give it away as a prize to every

purchaser of one of these jackknives. The fakir plunged his hand into a grip to produce the knives, and in the brief pause that ensued the man in overalls addressed

Say, mister, ain't you the party that was down to the Clay county fair a year ago last fall sellin' things?" The fakir scented danger ahead and an-

swered with a decided negative. "I never had the honor of mingling-'Wasn't you a sellin' a combination tack hammer, monkeywrench, nail-puller, scissors-sharpener, saw set, can opener, glass cutter, knife-sharpener and screwdriver, all The fakir was spreading the knives out

on a piece of red flannel. "I fear, my friend, you're laboring under

"Wa-a-1, mebby I'm wrong, but you look

Twenty-five cents for the knives, gentle-The eradicator costs you nothing. (Aside to farmer.) Well, what was the matter with it?

"Oh, nothin' at all; nothin' at all. I wuz the handiest little trick I ever see, and besides doin' all them things he said it would do, my boy, Sam, used it all last fall in the cornfield for a shuckin' peg. And I was goin' to say, mister, that if you was the man that sold me that dingus I'd take ye word 'bout this scap an' knives and lay i his career as a man of world-enduring fame a stock on 'em. 'nough to last a year. But guess you ain't him. And the man of the hoe shuffled sadly

Colonel P. R. Dolman of Butte, Mont., who has been in Omaha for a few days, thu guest of Captain E. H. Richardson, resided here in 1872. When the colonel left Omaha he went to Butte, where he engaged in handling grain. He is now a heavy operator in mines and water rights, being in partner-One of the worst features of single life for ship with a brother of Senator Clark, who men is that the bachelor hasn't any one to is having a hard time to prove his right to

blame it on when anything goes wrong the seat. The life of Colonel Dolman is one which W. L. Farnsworth of Chicago, who married contains much of the romantic. He is a a dozen or so women, asserts that it was all native of Missouri, and at the time of the the fault of the women. Why certainly, civil war resided near Brunswick, in that state. An ardent supporter of the union, Bachelors of Smyrna, Del., have formed a the majority of his influential neighbors Bachelors of Smyrna, Del., have formed a true in sympathy with the cause of the for one who has but little acquaintance with trust to enable its members to resist the west in the pension office showed that he had filed temptation of marrying the charming girls confederacy. Colonel Dolman raised a comtemptation of marrying the charming girls confederacy. Colonel Dolman raised a comtemptation of marrying the charming girls confederacy. Colonel Dolman raised a comtemptation of marrying the charming girls confederacy. of the town until able to keep a wife prop- pany of federal troops, and in spite of the esting. One day in the early '80s I was erly. This is not the outcome of what Prof. offorts of the home guard, a rebel organiza-Sumner has been saying, but it is clearly a tion, succeeded in getting his company into development that he would do well to in- the federal lines. He then began the work and as I could not reach my destination that An Ohio girl who was married to a man afterward chosen colonel of the organizaafter an acquaintance of three days complains now because he turns out to be a then came north and finally went to Mon- the horse sinking to the fetlock in the hot tana, where he is now regarded as one of sand of the first mesa. sented himself to be. While she undoubtedly the influential men of the state. He has has cause to mourn, it is hardly right that been a member of the territorial and state a small whirlwind, or borer, as it is called she should receive all the sympathy. The legislatures, and is taking quite an interest in the pending bribery investigation, but holes in the sand. The wind ran northwhen questioned on the subject refused to easterly for a little distance and was then be interviewed, saying: "Each is my friend dissipated. A few minutes later another dignant over the marriage of the widow of her husband's tragic death at the battle of and I will say nothing of the merits of the General Penn Symons within six weeks after

Glencoe. The woman, whose second husband practical mind. Men, always at a premium meetings and an improvement club a certain lifting a column of sand 200 feet into the air in the English matrimonial market, will be scarcer than ever now and Mrs. Symons man living in the vicinity of the old expoprobably considered that it was wise to sition grounds began to consider himself it entered about a quarter of a mile from one of the orbs in the political heavens.

"Pride gooth before a fall" is an old adage, When school girls grow confidential with and it proved its meaning to one man at lift the water and then the column changed one another they sometimes describe the least. It so happened that in coming home its color from the yellow of the sand to the sort of a man who corresponds to what they from one of these meetings he discovered blackness of the water. At the same time a a hole in one of his trousers pockets, small thunder cap, which had been floating through which his earnings would have no lazily upon the quiet air, was suddenly trouble in changing ownership, and con- affected and rushed to the top of the column 'When I was at school," she remarked, "I sidering that "A stitch in time saves nine," of air, where it seemed to be drawn down to used to yow that there were three kinds of he transferred his available cash to his meet the water. Where I was standing hip pocket and let his wife close the hole there was no evidence of disturbance, but

On taking the Park line car the next marry a man who was shorter than I. Third, morning for his place of business he met the wind sprang up and began to blow one of his political enemies and they at once stiffly in the direction of what might at that started a spirited argument on the merits time be termed the waterspout. secure a legal education, the paucity of as old as I, who was not as tall as I and who and demerits of their respective parties, and text-books at his command and how he was one of the most prominent politicians of without much prompting our hero launched lightning flashed from the mass. The torforth his stale bit of choice oratory, which nado passed off to the northeast and I went

A novel entertainment was that furnished dictionary. by a number of the unmarried young men While he was soaring around imperialism and women of a New Brunswick (N. J.) and the White House the conductor came Animas, which, I think, is about thirty in and commenced taking toll, and by the time he lit on the municipal ownership of the water works the conductor rang up his neighbor's fare.

the reasons were as bad as the rhymes-"The water works should be the property which is saying a good deal. But both of the city, and I am in favor of givingrhymes and reasons evoked much laughter "Fare, please," said the conductor as he from the audience, even if they didn't throw stood on one leg and balanced himself by any valuable light on the growing prefer-

a strap. ence for single blessedness. One young "I am in favor of giving the-" But he woman frankly said she remained single because you can't count on the men. A young man said he was averse to matrimony betwo of his pockets were not charitably incause he was the only brother of several clined that morning and that the third busy sisters. Young Mr. Quackenboss showed the

promised no better results. faint heart by declaring that he didn't dare By the time the street car representative to brave her father's wrath. Miss Jackson had changed legs and repeated his request, said she'd never had a chance and Mr. at the same time making aundry remarks Strohauer said he'd been in love with lots about the weather and walking, our crestof girls and had no difficulty in making a fallen municipal ownership champlon fished choice-but wasn't appreciated. In short, the explanations averaged up in about the a promise to pay out of his vest pocket and tendered the liquid souvenir for payment. way they would in any civilized community.

remind him he had passed her street. "I beg-I-I-er, forgot." he stammered,

as he went through the door and landed on his back in the center of the street. He borrowed the necessary capital to get home that night, and when his wife asked him for money to attend the bargain counter sales next day, it seemed to irritate him, and he accused her of throttling his pocket

while Morpheus held him in thralldom. "Henry, you know better than that, says, "As a speedy cure for coughs, colds, Samuel F. Miller, then an eminent croup and sore throat One Minute Cough never did such a thing but ones in my life,

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French Tapestries, in verdure and

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lection now \$1.56-Decorated Bowl and Globe Lamps, complete, with chimneys. These are fancy rich decorations in Delft designs, etc.—sale price 95c. \$2.00-Lamps, with decorated bowl and globe to match, odd shapes and designs, complete—sale price \$1.49.

bowls, complete-go at \$1.55 \$4.00 and \$5.00-Fancy Decorated Lamps, complete, globe and bowl decorated to match-sale price \$2.10. \$8.00-Lamps, handsome decorations,

\$2.50-Decorated Lamps, globes and

novel designs go at \$4.75. \$10.00-Fancy Lamp, elegant pat-

tern-sale price \$4.95. \$14.00-Louncisa Lamp, very choice decorations-sale price \$11.00 \$17.00-Lounelsa Decorated Lamps,

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14 Smyrna Rugs-7-6x10-6-sell at \$20.00-sale price \$17.00.

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manner they came into the hands of the spe-

cial examiner at that place who remembered

that some time previous he had met a man

planation for his absence was that a day

or two before he left home he and his wife

grown and able to support their mother he

concluded that they would be happier apart.

"Another case that we had was where s

woman applied for a pension as the widow

of a soldier. The evidence showed that she

was the wife of a man who the day after

his honorable discharge from the service had

taken a horse to ride home on. He was

captured and sentenced to the penitentiary

for horsestealing. Friends of his wife in-

her husband divorced him from her, and un-

der this impression she married the soldier

as whose widow she was applying for a pen-

sion. Of course she could not get it, as she

was not legally the wife of the second sol-

of the same name. He looked the man up

not lost the money, at least. Still it did not dence of two of his former comrades; that panies to argange for a consolidation of the trips to the city, and has a dime in reserve where beer chips find no resting place.

"It was my fortune to be present at the thoroughly, substantiating the woman's birth of a tornado," said the traveler, "and further prosecuted his claim. How the papers riding from Pueblo to Trinidad, in the state got to Chicago I do not know, but in some of Colorado. The day was excessively warm of recruiting a regiment in the bitterest night I was riding slowly, looking at the secession counties of the state, and was country. The trail ran along a high wall separating the first table land or mesa of tion, serving until the end of the war. He the Purgatoire river from the second mesa,

"About 2 o'clock in the afternoon I noticed in that country, from the tendency to bore whirl started and followed the course of the former, a smaller whirl which formed at the same time being drawn into it. Then in the instant seven other whirls started and joined By making a few speeches at political the central whiri, which at that time was and moving rapidly toward the river, which where I was standing watching its movements. When it struck the river it began to when several smaller clouds came upon the horizon to be drawn into the whirling air

"Clouds continued to gather and soon included about everything in the political comy way. The next day at Trinidad heard a report from a tornado which had uprooted trees along the river and demolished houses in the little town of Las miles from the scene of the formation of the tornado.'

H. W. Morrow, special pension examiner with headquarters at Omaha, is one of the men whose work is never appreciated by the public until the newspapers tell of the arrest of some person for fraudulently getting on the pension rolls. He is one of the men who work in silence, with special instrucdid not finish or tell what he would give or tions to shun a newspaper reporter as the to whom, for he found to his surprise that devil is said to shun holy water, but though he makes little noise he is none the less

"There is a general impression," said Mr. Morrow the other day, "that the pension examiner is the fee of all pensioners, but such is not the case. Many times our investigations result in some person getting on the rolls who could never have done so without us. The greater part of the business of the examiner consists of what is known as 'merit "We don't accept beer checks on this work." This consists of examining into the car," said the irate conductor, as a woman condition of the pensioners and discovering poked him in the back with an umbrella to whether they are receiving a larger pension than they are entitled to. This has nothing to do with the criminal branch of the bust ne.s, but when some person finds out that his pension has been reduced or that he is

I in this district was that of a woman who ap- the largest in Omaha. plied for a pension as the widow of a soldier, Abraham Lincoln was on the side of the lung diseases. It will prevent consumption, your brains, if that was possible." He had home to visit an lowe town to get the evi-

take him long to find out what a fool he was by not taking more interest in private ownership than municipal. Also, it is noticeable that he takes the Sherman avenue car on him to take the last she heard from him. The matter Snuff company and Helme Snuff company. was taken up by the department and my predecessor at this point investigated the case **ABOLISHES CONTRACT SYSTEM** story in every particular. The records at

Superintendent of Grain Handling at the pension office showed that he had filed Buffalo Objectionable to the Men.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 10 .- The Express says: Thomas W. Kennedy, superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company, has been selected by the committee of the Lake Carriers' association and found in his chance acquaintance the for superintendent of the grain handling long missing husband. The husband's ex- | next senson. The prospect is now bright for the abolition of the entire contract system, which will mean, as an opponent of the had had a quarrel, and as their children were lake carriers' plan said, \$80,000 more in wages for the men than they would get under a contractor.

President McMahon of the local union is quoted as saying that Kennedy would not be acceptable to the International Longshoremen's union.

Evasion of Stamp Tax.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 10 .- A special to the Oregonian from Spokane, Wash., says: War tax revenues accruing from formed her that the fact of the sentence of says: stamps on deeds in Spokane county will be suddenly swelled when the evasions discovered by Special Agent Robert Towne of th Treasury department are made good. He has been quietly looking over the deeds in was not legally the wife of the second soldier. Then she interested the bureau by asking if she was not entitled to a pension as the wife of the first soldier, and so far as I know the question has not been answered yet."

Shuff Manufacturers Combine.

NEW YORK. March 19.—The Journal of Commerce says: The recent negotiations of the American and Continental Tobacco com-



November 17th, over thirteen years ago, the Continental Clothing Company began business at the corner of Fifteenth and Douglas, in what was then the most upto-date building of its kind in the west. Since then times and conditions have changed ordered to report for examination by the and Mr. Gamble, the manager, has found it necessary to make extensive alterations, board of surgeons, he may know that the particularly in the front of the building. The picture above only gives a general special examiner has been at work on his idea of how the building will look when the work is completed. In place of the dark Fifteenth street side wall, there will be a solid glass frontage of show windows one "Semetimes we have some very peculiar bundred and thirtytwo feet in length, with the entrance changed to the corner facing cuses for investigation. One that originated southwest, while the Douglas street side will be changed into two large lights of glass,

These improvements, while adding to the attractiveness of the building, will be practicing lawyer of lows, was one of the Cure is unequaled. It is pleasant for chit, and then I told you next day. You put the alleging in her affidavit that her husband far-reaching and benefit the entire retail trade of the city, and particularly that part counsel for the river in one or more cases dren to take. I heartly recommend it to money in your hip pocket last night when was presumed to be dead, for he had centering around Fifteenth and Douglas streets. The cost of these changes will be and during the litigation James O. Broad mothers." It is the only harmless remedy I sewed up that hole, and it is stated by Mr. Hart, the contractor, who is under head of St. Louis, T. D. Lincoln of Cin- that produces immediate results. It cures you have not lost it, which I am sure you said that her husband had made application bond to complete the work by May Ist, that when completed it will be the finest store cinnati and others appeared on that side, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and throat and did. You are so forgetful, you would lose for a pension, and that one day he had left front in Omaha, having, as he says, the benefit of the experience of others, all the

one-cent stamps to pay the cost of mailing. French cloth-binding, 31 stamps.

pain she en-dured - of the

home without the abhorrent "examina tions" and local treatment so uniformly insisted upon by home physicians—cured just as she might have been six years before. These are simply the facts in the case of Mrs. M. B. Wallace, of Muenster, Cook Mrs. M. B. Wallace, of Muenster, Cook
Co., Texas, who writes:

"I had been a great sufferer from female weakness. I tried four doctors and none did me any
good. I suffered six years, but at last I found
relief. I followed your advice, and took four
bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and eight
of the 'Favorite Prescription.' I now feel like a
new noman. I have gained eighteen pounds."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a
medicine made for just one purpose—to

to her, absolutely free.

In addition to this free advice Dr. Pierce will send a paper bound copy of his great 1,000-page book "The Common Sense Medical Adviser," to any one who will send at