

Lincoln's Faith in American Principles

Never Lost Sight of Truth in Declaration of Independence.

Lincoln invoked the Declaration of Independence in his efforts to check the spread of slavery, but just as these who framed it uttered a manifesto intended for all time, when merely seeking separation from Britain, so Lincoln reiterated an eternal and universal truth, and believed in it as such. Judge Charles C. Simons writes, in the Detroit News.

"I had thought the Declaration contemplated the progressive improvement in the condition of all men everywhere," he said. And he knew that it would outlive the death of slavery, just as the framers intended it should outlive their successful separation from Britain.

He cited his Springfield speech with this stirring appeal, after reading the Declaration with the Douglas interpolation: "Are you willing that the Declaration should thus be frittered away—thus left no more, at most, than an interesting memento of the dead past—thus shorn of its vitality and practical value, and left without the aura or even the suggestion of the individual rights of man in it?"

Three years later, on Washington's birthday, Lincoln, President-elect, stood in Independence hall, Philadelphia, on his way to the inauguration at Washington. Doesn't it, somehow, stir the blood and fire the imagination to think of Lincoln on the spot where the immortal Declaration was given to the world? "I have often inquired of myself," he said there, "what great principle or idea it was that kept this Confederacy so long together. It was not the mere matter of separation of the colonies from the motherland, but that sentiment in the Declaration of Independence which gave liberty not alone to the people of this country, but hope to all the world, for all future time."

Faith Again Voiced.
Speaking to the soldiers of an Ohio

regiment toward the close of the war, Lincoln again voiced his faith in the American principle. "It is in order that each of you may have, through this free government which we have enjoyed, an open field and a fair chance for your industry, enterprise and intelligence, that you may all have equal privileges in the race of life, with all its desirable human aspirations. It is for this the struggle should be maintained, that we may not lose our birthright."

The world is full of strange contrasts and anomalies. It was a curious thing that the gentle, kindly, humane Lincoln should be called on to lead the nation in the greatest fratricidal war of history. It is a curious thing that today when passion, and prejudice and hate seem to rule humanity, there should be a worldwide revival of interest in Lincoln.

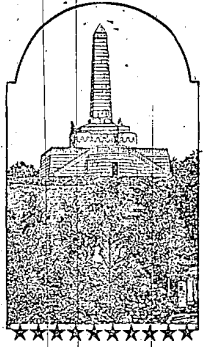
But there is hope in it. It may yet be that human nature will vibrate to the music of that passage which closes the first inaugural. "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

Difficult to Recognize.
It is only when we understand the true character of our government, and why it was so organized and so established that we are able to recognize those projects which, in themselves seemingly wise, may when fairly considered be seen to destroy the harmony and threaten the integrity of the whole fabric. We sometimes fail to recognize in those things which seem to promise enlargement of liberty, things which in reality must result in curtailment of liberty. I have myself on occasion failed to recognize them, and so perhaps you may.

Not wholly has the original scheme of limitations, checks and balances been preserved. The electoral college in its original form was early swept

aside. Perhaps wisely so. The differentiation between the two houses of congress by which they were to act as checks, one upon the other, has been partially obliterated by the popular election of senators. The representative organization of political parties, which while not created by the Constitution, owes its development to the representative system of the Constitution, has been almost wholly destroyed. I am not suggesting that any one of these basic changes is in itself vital, and besides they involve political controversies into which I do not care to enter—but I am indicating a tendency in respect to the checks and limitations of the Constitution which it is well for us to consider, especially when self-interest and patriotism so happily combine to urge on us the perpetuation of the Constitution in the spirit of its founders.

LINCOLN'S TOMB



Burial place of the great President, in Oak Ridge cemetery, Springfield, Ill.

Advertise in the columns of the Enterprise.



I always thought, before, a valentine was paper-faced, held with a sorry heart.
A suggested message: "Dear one, I am heart."
A rotund Cupid, with his gilded dart.
I pictured some coquettish Columbine, Who snared poor Panchinello, with high art.
Till he—great clumsy, lost—could not depart.
And for his clowning, could but weep and pine!

But now—I know, O little love of mine,
Why men would hide them back of paper-haze
And rosy garlands, where pale ribands twine!
I, too, am dumb, when gazing on thy face—
And glad enough to say, "Dear, I am thine!"
In any fashion, by the good Saint's grace.
—THELMA KENTON in Everybody's Magazine.



Forbearance
Forbear to judge, for we are sinners all.—Shakespeare.

CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Walter Purkey entertained a number of Detroit friends Friday evening at a radio party.

Miss Ruth Burns of Detroit attended the Sewing club at Mrs. Walter Durhams Wednesday afternoon.

The Ladies of the G. F. C. A., have purchased a piano for the new community hall.

Mrs. Charles Rubert entertained Mr. and Mrs. Leitzen and son of Wayne, Sunday.

Mrs. Willard from Detroit visited with Mrs. Nelson Vanderburg, Thursday.

Mrs. Harry Mack attended the Blue Bird club meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Buckley of Fourteenth avenue, Detroit.

Miss Gladys Rubert has started teaching first grade of the Serveny School, Detroit.

Mrs. Roy Shaw entertained Mr. and Mrs. Batnour of Plymouth, this week.

The Glad Girls Class met at the home of Lillian Wilkerson Wednesday evening. They have taken in new members and elected new officers and have renamed the class "The Builders" as it is a class of girls and boys now.

Mrs. John Peterson of Wyandotte visited her brother, Charles Rubert this week. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs of Detroit visitors at the Rubert home, also.

The Ladies Aid met at the church Thursday noon for pot luck dinner. Next meeting will be at Mrs. Seates on February 11, Mrs. Meyers on February 17, and on February 25 at Mrs. Kaufman's home. The meetings will all be silver teas.

Miss Peggy Cavanaugh of Farmington Drive took part in the radio program, broadcasted Thursday evening, singing and playing her own accompaniment on the guitar. Miss Cavanaugh also took part in a Hawaiian concert in Dearborn recently. Peggy is just 13 and her many friends enjoyed hearing her.

Gladys Newman has been confined to her home with the measles.

Miss Bernice Fillard and Lyle Dahley, Miss Gladys Baker and Dale Meinzingen, attended the theatre in Detroit, Saturday evening.

Gerald Gregg and Harold Collier of Detroit, visited at the home of Miss Gladys Baker, Friday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Baker of Base Line road and Mrs. Eichelberger of Orchard Lake road, attended the theatre at Pontiac, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Travis attended the surprise party given on Wm. Reynolds, last week.

Mrs. H. A. Taylor entertained her nephew, Dr. P. J. Hopkins of Ann Arbor, last week.

Mrs. H. J. Gates of Montana is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. H. A. Taylor. Mr. Stonehouse of Plymouth was a guest Tuesday, also.

Mrs. A. Hallman, her niece, Mrs. Day, are just recovering from a week's illness.

Mr. A. Hallman and his sons attended the Father and Son entertainment at St. Mary's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hallman have seven sons.

Mrs. H. A. Taylor and son spent Sunday with the Glen Hopkins family of Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Linemeyer attended the I. O. O. F. dance at Livonia, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nacker attended the I. O. O. F. dance at Livonia, Saturday evening.

Everybody is looking forward to the opening of the new community hall. The men are working all night to get it finished for Monday night. All are welcome. There will be plenty of real old time music.

BIDS WANTED

For \$11,000 of School Bonds of Livonia Township, School District No. 2, Wayne County, Michigan.

The School Board of School District No. 2, Livonia Township, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive bids up to 4 o'clock p. m., Eastern Standard Time on February 19, 1926 for the sale of the School District in the sum of \$11,000. Bids will be received at the Pierson School House in said District. These bonds will be a direct obligation of the School District, will be dated about March 1, 1926, to bear interest at 5 per cent and will be payable as follows:

\$500 due July 1, 1927 to 1934 inclusive.
\$1,000 due July 1, 1935 to 1941 inclusive.

Bonds will be payable at any bank in Detroit, mutually agreeable. A certified check for \$330 must accompany each bid, payable to the Treasurer of the District to guarantee acceptance of the bonds, if awarded to bidder.

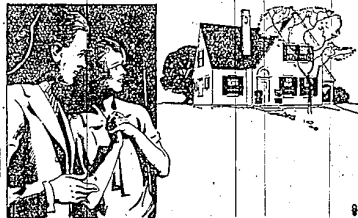
The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in favor of the District.

HARRY S. WOLFE,
Director.

It Always Happens

A Detroit woman married a man on a bet and now he's willing to admit she lost.—Indianapolis Star.

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