

### Cares of State Forgotten



Abraham Lincoln reading to his son Thomas (Tad).

### "Little Tad" Father's Pet

"Whatever became of Little Tad?" is the question I have been asked oftenest in my work of bringing forth new stories about the greatest of all Americans. Even those whose memories cover the two generations from the time Abraham Lincoln was living in the White House seem confused about the identity of "the Child of the Nation." In Tad's day he was more widely known than Robert.

Tad, on account of the strange pet name his father had given him, has been confused with Willie, who died in the White House in February, 1862, or with Robert, who survived his father more than sixty years, to be secretary of war and United States ambassador to the court of Great Britain, as well as highly prominent in big business as president of the Pullman Palace Car company.

But the Lincolns' youngest son always will remain, "Little Tad" in the minds of the American people, though he grew to be a stalwart youth and lived a while in Germany, where, as has been related, he won the childish devotion of the little girl who was afterward married to the last of the czars of Russia and who heroically met the tragic fate of the Romanoff dynasty there.

In preparing this series of "New Lights" it has been necessary to review the many sources of light on Abraham Lincoln and his family. In this process of research for "things new and old" I have been surprised to find how many of the best Lincoln stories were started on their cheering way by the artist Frank B. Carpenter, who wrote "Six Months in the White House" after spending the first half year of 1864 there for the purpose of painting the now famous picture of "Abraham Lincoln Reading the Emancipation Proclamation to His Cabinet."

Near the President. Carpenter wished to live near the President in order to catch his natural expression as well as to be at hand to arrange a sitting for the picture whenever possible. In that half year the painter saw and heard the best stories about Lincoln, which fact shows there were many times more stories which might have been related from and about Lincoln if some one had only been on hand to jot them down as Frank Carpenter was inspired to do; for Abraham Lincoln was himself a master story teller.

As one story suggests another, since I have been relating the new stories picked up in the course of twenty years writing for newspapers, books, magazines and moving pictures. I have received letters with stories from eye and ear witnesses

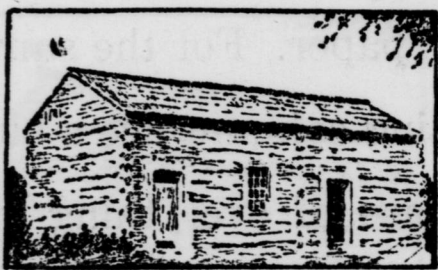


Abraham Lincoln when he was practicing law in Springfield, Ill. The majority of his portraits at that time show him with his hair carefully parted at the side, combed and plastered down. He did that especially to sit for his photograph, but the most of the time his hair was uncombed and tousled, as it is shown in this picture.

from all parts of the country, even dating back as far as Lincoln's young manhood. Since the appearance of this series of "New Lights" I have received word from Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Washington (state), Oregon and California, offering fresh anecdotes which have never been published about Lincoln, who became the source of more stories than any other human being in history.

Naturally Carpenter's little old book could not have been true to the life if he had not related a number of tales about "Little Tad," to the first of which I now refer in order to make these stories more intelligible to the present-day reader. Here is the great portrait painter's introduction of Tad Lincoln:

"Some photographers from Brady's gallery came up to the White House to make some stereoscopic studies for me of the President's office. They re-



The Rutledge tavern where Lincoln came to know Ann Rutledge.

quested a dark closet in which to develop the pictures and, without a thought that I was infringing upon anybody's rights, I took them to an unoccupied room of which 'Little Tad' had taken possession a few days before, and with the aid of a couple of servants, had it fitted up as a miniature theater with stage, curtains, orchestra, stalls, parquet and all. Knowing that the use required would not interfere with his arrangements, I led the way to this apartment.

Tad Asserts Rights. "Everything went on well and one or two of the pictures had been taken, when suddenly there was an uproar! The operator came back to the office and said that Tad had taken great offense at the occupation of his room without his consent and had locked the door, refusing all admission. The chemicals had been taken inside and there was no way to get at them, he having carried off the key. In the midst of this conversation Tad burst in, in a earful passion! He laid all the blame upon me—said that I had no right to use his room, and that the men should not go in even to get their things, for they had no business in his room!

"Mr. Lincoln had been sitting for a photograph and was still in the chair. He said very mildly: 'Tad, go and unlock the door.' Tad went off, muttering, into his mother's room, refusing to obey. I followed him, but no coaxing would pacify him. On my return to the President, I found him sitting patiently in the chair, from which he had not risen. He said: 'Hasn't the boy opened that door?' I replied that I could do nothing with him—he had gone off in a great pet. "Mr. Lincoln's lips came together firmly. Suddenly rising, he strode across the passage with the air of one bent on punishment and disappeared in the domestic apartments.

"Directly the President returned with the key to the theater, which he unlocked himself. 'There,' he said, 'go ahead; it is all right now.' "He then went back to his office, followed by myself, and resumed his seat.

"Tad," said he, half apologetically, 'is a peculiar child. He was violently excited when I went to him. I said: 'Tad, do you know you are making your father a great deal of trouble?' He burst into tears, instantly giving me the key.'—Wayne Whiffle, in the New York World.

The true rule in determining to embrace or reject anything is not whether it have any evil in it, but whether it have more of evil than of good. There are few things wholly evil or wholly good.—Lincoln.

### WHOLESALE



"See that man. He's one of the famous motion picture stars and one of our best customers." "You don't say!" "Yes, he has a standing order for one dozen engagement rings per month."

### MODERN



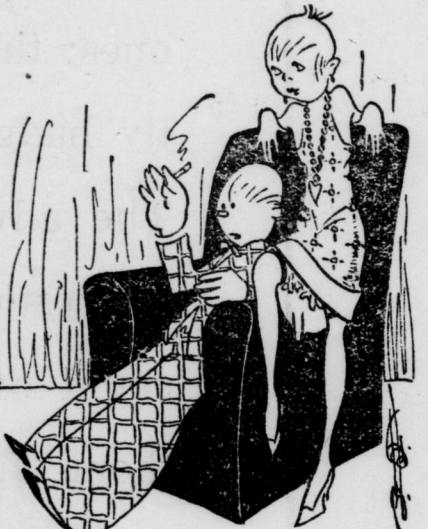
Indian Squaw—Say, old mudface, we need some new blankets. Mudface—Well git one of them mail-order catalogues outa the wigwam and we'll order about a dozen from New York.

### HOLE IN ONE



He—Well, I made a hole in one today. She—Bring it to me, I'll darn it.

### NEW HOOK-UP NEEDED



He—My radio needs a new hook-up. She—So do I. My divorce was granted only yesterday.

### WOULD SCRATCH IT



Fisherman—Whee! I gotta bite. Disinterested Wife—Why tell me about it—scratch it!

### ONE-TRACK MIND



Angeline—"What's wrong with Algy? Why these mental explosions of his?" Arabella—"He has a one-track mind and there are frequent collisions between his trains of thought, no doubt."

### WHO WON THE SUGAR WAR?

(From The Hamlet News-Messenger) It is very enlightening some times to read newspapers and magazines published out of the State to get their slant upon matters. The United States Senate recently voted down a proposal to increase tariff on sugar. Both North Carolina senators voted for the present low rate, as did every Southern senator except the two from Louisiana whose constituency was vitally affected because of the cane sugar production there. But because Senator Simmons is a candidate for renomination many of the Washington correspondents of state papers played up his vote big. Some North Carolina politicians wired him thanking him for his great fight in the matter, and that also got front page in the North Carolina dailies.

But The Pathfinder, weekly news magazine published at Washington and not interested in the political welfare of any particular senator gives a summary of the whole sugar tariff fight in the senate—and Senator Simmons is not mentioned. The amendment which was voted upon was offered by Senator Harrison of Mississippi who engineered it through the senate. Perhaps the chief supporter besides Harrison was Senator Borah of Idaho. However, many North Carolinians honestly believe that but for the valiant fight made by Mr. Simmons the sugar rate would have been doubled. That is one advantage "standing in" with Washington correspondents.

### NO RELIGIOUS TEST

(From The Hamlet News-Messenger) Something has got to be done about enforcement of the prohibition laws under the eighteenth amendment. There must either be an honest effort at enforcement or in common decency the laws should be repealed. That the former course of an honest effort is to be given a trial is indicated in recent pronouncement from the office of Attorney General Mitchell, who declares that hereafter only persons who do not drink and who conscientiously believe in prohibition need apply for positions as enforcement officers. That is an eminently sound basis upon which to operate.

There are thousands of people in the United States who are conscientious in support of the eighteenth amendment and its supporting laws. There are thousands of others who are inconsistent in that they publicly profess to support it but privately defy and scoff at its provisions. On the other hand there are thousands who sincerely and honestly oppose national prohibition and work through legal channels for its repeal. Then there are others who simply do not care either way but take the opposing view for a little temporary political or social advantage. Any honest opinion is entitled to respect; no other kind is.

And here is where some of the opponents of prohibition enforcement are being inconsistent and absurd in their positions. Practically all opponents of prohibition have resented the efforts of its sponsors to make a religious issue out of a question that is evidently only social and economic. We have never been able to see any religious import in the question, and we have been among those who resented bringing in that issue to support national prohibition. But now some of the opponents of the Volstead and other supporting laws are saying that Attorney General Mitchell's ruling imposes a religious qualification for public office in violation of the constitution.

Goodness knows the old constitution, almost every article of it, has been ignored in the fanatical attempts to enforce some of the anti-liquor laws, but for those who have always violently condemned making a religious issue out of prohibition to come along and plead religion against an honest and constitutional attempt to enforce a law is ridiculous.

"Now the New Year, Reviving Old Desires," let us desire more of the old time live-at-home farming.

### EX-GOVERNORS PAIRED

(From The Hamlet News-Messenger)

The expected has happened in the announcement of where the two former governors of North Carolina will stand in the coming senatorial primary. Morrison is for Bailey and McLean is for Simmons. Perhaps their influence will about balance each other. Both have lost much in popularity since they last appeared before the electorate as candidates and how many votes either can influence is problematical. As a stump speaker and barnstormer Cam Morrison far excels the Robeson Scotchman; but ways that are devious—but effective—in politics, McLean is a recognized authority. Real interest centers in another phase of the matter.

Both former governors have been regarded as probable candidates for the senate, Morrison from the west and McLean from the east. Mr. Morrison practically eliminated himself some weeks ago. Mr. McLean in his announcement of support for Simmons says that in supporting the senator he is impelled only by motives of party welfare and that it was necessary for him to submerge his own ambition to go to the senate. A little analysis of the situation hardly bears that out. McLean figures that Simmons will win, both in June and in November. Senator Simmons has passed his 76th birthday. He admits that his physical condition is such that he can not make a campaign for re-nomination. It is likely that increasing age will force him to resign; in fact many observers believe that he is making the present race for no other purpose than to vindicate his 1928 position, and that he does not expect to serve out his term. If he should resign before Novem-

ber, 1932, a successor would have to be elected at that time. Then Angus Wilton McLean would be in position to claim his reward and could virtually demand support of the Simmons faction in the party. While one must admire Mr. McLean for standing by the old friend who has so faithfully stood by him through many years, one may be permitted to question whether or not Mr. McLean is foregoing any ambition to go to the senate himself. On the other hand, it looks more like he was just strengthening his forces against the time when he will enter the race.

### Made-in-Carolinas Sales Exposition to Held in Charlotte

The announcement of the State's first made-in-Carolinas selling exposition to be fostered by a Carolina department store, attracts the interest of a large number of manufacturers as well as the public at large.

For this selling exposition which opens in Charlotte February 20th and continues throughout the month will feature attractive displays of some of the State's largest industrial concerns.

According to the announcement made by Efrid's Department Store, the purpose of the event is to bring home to the people of the two Carolinas the true value of Carolina products. The displays are to be arranged in such a way as to not only prove meritorious from an education standpoint but should stimulate business interest on the part of all who see them.

Manufacturers who are taking part in this exposition express much enthusiasm over the plans. A large number of people are expected to attend, for in addition to displays, other industrial attractions have been planned, which will be announced at an early date.

### INCOME TAX BLANKS

If one couple out of 10 get a divorce, and one out of every three people gets an auto, and four out of five get pyorrhea, what do the rest of us get?—The Pathfinder.

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