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MEMORY OF LINCOLN HONORED MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED

Impressive Program at Liliuokalani School on One of Nation's Anniversaries

The memory of President Lincoln was honored in Honolulu today as a memorial tablet to his life and work was unveiled at Liliuokalani school, Kaimuki. The unveiling was the occasion for a total of 1000 persons, including many of the city's citizens, to participate in the ceremony.



Abraham Lincoln, regarded as one of his best photographs.

pressive. Of those who took active part, two had lively personal recollections of Lincoln and Lincoln's time. George W. R. King, who made the presentation address, was a youngster visiting in Washington when Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth. The boy and his father had called on the great president two days before the sad event. Hon. C. H. Ingersoll, who made the principal address this afternoon, served one year in the Union army as a private and bugler and two and one-half years as a lieutenant. After the fall of Vicksburg he was made an adjutant to Gen. Grant's bodyguard and met the immortal Lincoln on many occasions. Furthermore, his family and the Lincolns were friends and his father's professional work brought him into touch with Mr. Lincoln.

All of the local military organizations, such as the Grand Army veterans, Spanish War veterans, Boy Scouts, and others observed the day in one form or another.

One of the features at the exercise this afternoon was the exhibition of a commission bearing Lincoln's signature. This commission was the property of the late Dr. J. K. McGrew who made a fine war record with the Union army. Dr. McGrew was the father-in-law of Dr. C. B. "owner of this city."

Senator Dickey said in part:
Abraham Lincoln.

I consider it a great honor to be asked to speak to you today on the occasion of the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of one of our greatest men who ever lived upon the earth. I suppose that the reason why I was selected was that I had a personal acquaintance with that great man. I feel sure that you know more about the life of Lincoln than I do. It was an honor to know him and I am proud that I did. I propose to speak more of my personal memories of the life of the great achievements which are familiar to you all.

I do not know when I first saw Mr. Lincoln. He was an intimate friend of my father, both of them being pioneer lawyers in Illinois, and both of them members of the "Old Line White Party" which had Henry Clay for its leader and "Gradual Emancipation" as one of its principles.

When my father was circuit judge for the northern half of Illinois which included all the state between Springfield and the Wisconsin line, Abraham Lincoln and he who was afterward his principal competitor, Stephen A. Bourne, practiced law together in Ottawa, Illinois, where we lived was one of the points where court was held and it was the habit of Mr. Lincoln to stay with us when court was in session. I was a very small boy in those days, but among my earliest recollection is that of the tall, kindly, jovial man who used to come to our house and take turns with my father telling stories. If I could remember these, they would make a very valuable book, but I do not remember a single one.

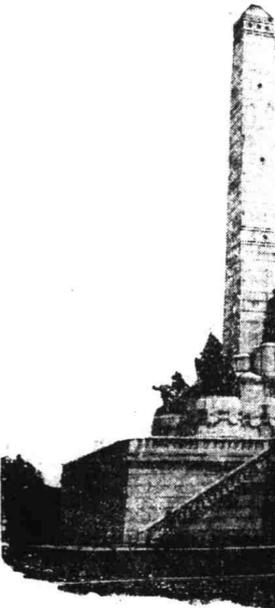
When I was about fourteen years old my mother died and our family was temporarily broken up as I remember I came near having a three-

month stay in the hands of friendship between them. One of my earliest memories of Mr. Lincoln was a visit he made to Ottawa to attend court some weeks after he was defeated by Judge Douglas for the Senate. As usual he came over to our land stopped while in town I remember his telling my father that he would be back soon making speeches in the northern and southern Illinois. The evening was what had departed him. He bore no grudge on that account and we spent the evening while he was there in social pleasures such as storytelling, playing chess, etc. He was not a very good chess player and both our housekeeper and I beat him. I remember Mr. Lincoln at that time was enjoying a book of the first of American humorists, Captain Derby. No one bears his name nowadays, but he was the forerunner of Artemus Ward, Mark Twain and Perrine V. Nasby. He had Derby's book "John Phoenix" and read us quotations from it laughing very heartily at every line. One that specially impressed him was a life of George Washington in which the writer said that Washington was a very ignorant man; that he never saw a steamboat or a railroad locomotive, never used a friction match or sent a telegraph message; that a man like that could not be elected president of the United States in these days. Mr. Lincoln little thought that in less than four years he himself would be president of the United States and that future generations would couple his name with that of the father of his country.

While Mr. Lincoln was a very great man he was a very democratic one. Though at that time he was one of the most prominent men in the west and one of the leaders of the bar, he played chess with our housekeeper as with an equal. He never took a law case unless he was satisfied that his client was in the right. At one time, a year or more later in Chicago, where I was an office boy in a law office, he and my father were on opposite sides in a case. They came together to the office where I was, with models of the reaper machines over which the case had arisen, and taking them into the back room they trundled them back and forth studying them together to see just what the truth of the matter was. About that time my father received an invitation to spend the evening in the room of John Lyle King to meet Lincoln and another old pioneer lawyer and talk over old times. My father took me along and I listened entranced till near midnight to the stories told by those master story tellers. I can remember but one of Mr. Lincoln's stories but I am not sure whether he told it that night or before. I have never seen it in print. He said that he went down to St. Louis on business and went to the Planters' Hotel. At that time St. Louis was largely composed of Frenchmen and the bill of fare being in French, Lincoln could not understand a word of it. A happy thought struck him and he pointed at the first item on the bill of fare. The

waiter brought him a plate of oxtail soup. After eating it he pointed to the next item and was brought a plate of mulligatawny soup. He ate that and pointed to the next item. The waiter, slightly surprised, brought him a dish of oyster soup. He thought he had had enough of soup so he pointed to the last item on the bill of fare and the waiter brought him a tumbler of toothpicks!

You all know how Mr. Lincoln was elected president of the United States and how the southerners, fearing for their pet slavery, rose in arms and tried to dismember the Union. My father, as did Judge Douglas, immediately offered his services to Mr. Lincoln. He had already seen service in the Mexican war and Lincoln gladly accepted his services and he raised a regiment of cavalry and served the first two years of the war, when ill health compelled him to resign. He had to go to Washington to settle his accounts as colonel and was made at home by Mr. Lincoln, who gave him the freedom of his reception room at all times. One day a deputation of officers from the Potomac army came to Mr. Lincoln requesting that one of the Potomac generals be put in General Grant's place in the west, where he was besieging Vicksburg. Grant, they said, was a drunkard and utterly unreliable; that he was drunk at the battle of Donaldson and at the battle of Shiloh, etc. Up to that time Grant was the only Union general who had



Tomb of Lincoln at Springfield, Ill.

would have made his presence of a fourteen year old boy anything but desirable.

When the White Party broke up about 1856 Mr. Lincoln and my father were at a loss of what to do. The Republican Party was formed, composed largely of abolitionists who believed in the immediate abolishment of slavery no matter how many were injured thereby. Both my father and Mr. Lincoln were strongly opposed to slavery, but believed that it should be done away with gradually so that the present innocent holders of slaves should be indemnified for the trouble by the new government. Although he did not agree with the abolitionists, Mr. Lincoln joined the Republican Party and supported Fremont in the campaign of 1856. My father could not bring himself to do this and did not join any party in that campaign.

In 1858 Stephen A. Douglas, who was an anti-slavery man and believed almost the same as I did, and my father on the great soldier took a party with the Democratic Party. It took a grand emancipation of the slaves and left it to the people of the territory to decide whether slavery should exist or not. While my father could not agree to that doctrine, the party in so many ways were similar that he did believe that he finally joined the "Douglas Democrats." This to his sorrow did not bring him any closer to his goal, but a month after the election of Lincoln he worked for Douglas. This, however,

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