

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHPLACE.



LUKE E. WRIGHT, Secretary of War.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. (Copyright photograph, by C. M. Bell.)

There have been other men as great and other men as good, but in all the history of mankind there are no other two great men as good as these, no other two good men as great.

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At the very time when one side was holding him up as the apostle of social revolution because he was too extreme, the other side was attacking him because of what they termed his extreme radicalism.

General James Grant Wilson, for the federal army, spoke in part as follows: Mr. Chairman and Fellow Citizens: With pride and admiration I regard as a distinguished and a noble man the representative of the survivors of the three millions of Lincoln's soldiers.

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Secretary Wright declared that Lincoln "believed that slavery was a curse and great moral wrong; and in believing this," he added, "he was right." Mr. Wright said that slavery "was not alone the sin of the South, although its expansion fell heaviest upon her people."

He attempted it, while it would surely have overwhelmed any man of judgment less serene.

Yet perhaps the most wonderful thing of all, and from the standpoint of the America of today and of the future, the most vitally important, was the extraordinary way in which Lincoln could fight valiantly against what he deemed wrong and yet preserve undiminished his love and respect for the brother from whom he differed.

He lived in days that were great and terrible, when brother fought against brother for what each sincerely deemed to be the right.

At the years' roll by, and as all of us, wherever we dwell, grow to feel an equal pride in the valor and self-devotion alike of the men who wore the blue and the men who wore the gray.

Governor Willson speaks. Governor Willson said, in part: To the President of the United States, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, one of the first twin daughters of the Union, and of all her people, give me this day the warmest and most affectionate greetings.

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The years of war and destruction during which he was President, whilst they ploughed deep lines

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of care and grief upon his rugged face and wrung terror from his lips, and at the disastrous consequences to themselves which they knew would ensue if the die were cast for reconstruction.

HONOR AT SPRINGFIELD. Ambassadors Bryce and Jusserand Among the Speakers. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12.—Amid a scene of brilliancy at the State Army to-night three nations paid tribute to Abraham Lincoln and to each other.

After having saved the honor of the nation's second trial, the edifice raised by Washington was trembling on its base, a catastrophe was impending.

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HOLIDAY IN WASHINGTON Lincoln Eulogized in House—Britain's Sympathy Expressed.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Feb. 12.—The capital paid high tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

The Senate had adjourned out of respect to the memory of Lincoln, and in the House the day was impressively commemorated.

His majesty's government has learned with interest the preparations which are being made by the President and people of the United States.

After protests by Grand Army of the Republic veterans a Confederate flag was removed from Tomlinson Hall, where a mass meeting was held to-day.

OAXACA COTTON CROP DAMAGED. Salsina Cruz, Mexico, Feb. 12.—Cold weather in the state of Oaxaca has greatly damaged the cotton crop.

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was an earnestness of expression, and it was evident that most of those there felt that they were engaged in paying a long deserved tribute to a national hero.

THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY ARRIVES. President Roosevelt and his immediate party arrived shortly before 1 o'clock, after a drive over a heavy red clay road from Hodgenville, and five minutes after Governor Wilson called the assemblage together and introduced the Rev. Dr. E. L. Powell, of the First Christian Church of Louisville, who delivered an extemporaneous prayer.

The President's party was small, and accommodated few except the participants in the exercises and the President's immediate party, including Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Roosevelt, Mrs. Augustus E. Wilson, Captain A. W. Butt, Rear Admiral Rixey and others.

The President was cordially and deferentially received. He was frequently interrupted by applause, but it was always well timed, and never boisterous enough to cause either annoyance or much delay.

PRESIDENT REPLIES TO FOLK. The extemporaneous part of the President's speech was as follows: "Before I begin my set speech I wish to say one word as to the composition of the people who address you to-day, and what that means.

"Now, Governor Folk, you have introduced me in a way that went to my heart, because the kind of things I have tried to stand for is the same kind of things that you have tried to stand for.

"And then, we are greeted by ex-Confederates and ex-Union men, and an ex-Confederate and an ex-Union soldier are to speak; and the ex-Confederate is in my Cabinet as Secretary of War. He does not belong to my political party, but he and I have stood for the same national principles of recent years, and, indeed, for the same Presidential candidates, and he is part of an entirely harmonious administration."

THE CORNERSTONE LAID. The cornerstone remained suspended in the air in the grasp of a big derrick erected beside the tent while the oratory was in progress, and immediately afterward was lowered into its place at a signal from the President, who applied the first trowelful of the mortar that will hold it in its place during the coming centuries.

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