

# LINCOLN LORE

Bulletin of the Lincoln National Life Foundation - - - - - Dr. Louis A. Warren, Editor.  
Published each week by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

No. 300

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

January 7, 1935

## 1860 LINCOLN—SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO 1935

The year 1860 sealed the fate of Abraham Lincoln. His election to the presidency, at the time when the country was on the verge of a great civil war, made possible the place he now occupies among the immortals. The year 1935 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's year of destiny.

It is the purpose of this bulletin to compile incidents relating to Abraham Lincoln, which occurred during the eventful year of 1860. Not all of the items refer to events of importance but they contribute to the picture which shows the transition of Lincoln from a provincial to a national figure.

### January

Engaged for the entire month in law practice in United States Circuit Court and the Supreme Court in session at Springfield.

Solicited for a brief sketch of his history, he referred the correspondent to Jesse W. Fell of Bloomington, Illinois.

Supervised the publishing of the arguments in the Lincoln-Douglas debates.

Examined, with two other attorneys, the qualifications of Henry S. Green to practice law and recommended that he be granted a license.

### February

Engaged for first two weeks in the United States Court at Springfield.

Wrote important letter on interpretation of his "house divided" statement.

Tried to smooth out factional strife in the Republican party of Illinois.

Conferred with Browning about presidential nominees. Browning favored Bates.

Delivered address at Cooper Union, New York.

Spoke at Providence, Rhode Island.

### March

Visited with son, Robert, at Exeter, New Hampshire.

Made political speeches in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

Heard Henry Ward Beecher preach in New York.

Made it plain in a letter to Ohio friend that his name was new in the field of prospective candidates for the Republican nomination for the presidency.

Attended the funeral of Governor Bissell of Illinois.

Conducted important cases in United States Court at Chicago during last week of March.

Gave sittings at Chicago to sculptor Leonard W. Volk, who made a life mask of him.

### April

Won important legal case in United States Court at Chicago.

Delivered several informal political addresses in Illinois.

Continued his correspondence with Delahay of Kansas about the delegation to the Chicago Convention from that state.

Repeated at Springfield his lecture on Discoveries and Inventions.

### May

Entered definitely in the race by the first of May for the Republican nomination at Chicago.

Commented on the beauty of Halleck's poem on Robert Burns.

Received the endorsement of the Illinois Republican Convention as its choice for president.

Nominated as presidential nominee by the National Republican Convention meeting at Chicago.

Formally accepted the nomination.

Answered numerous congratulatory letters with respect to his nomination.

### June

Wrote an autobiographical sketch to be used in the campaign.

Photographed at Springfield by Hessler, the Chicago photographer.

Resumed his law practice in the United States Court.

Sat for a portrait at the request of Thomas Hicks and also gave him a brief autobiographical memorandum.

Denied that any campaign biography had been authorized by him.

### July

Took time to write a letter of encouragement to one of Robert Lincoln's boy friends.

Posed for portraits at the request of the artists, C. A. Barry and Thomas M. Johnston.

Serenaded at his home by Sanford's opera troupe.

Attended Republican meeting at Court House addressed by Carl Schurz.

Wrote many letters to leading political leaders of the country.

### August

Attended Republican rally at Fair Grounds in Springfield but refused to speak.

Interviewed by a correspondent of the New York Herald from which there developed an embarrassing news story.

Wrote to a friend that he had not started to prepare his inaugural address.

Received word from the South that there would probably be no very formidable effort to break up the Union.

Tried to smooth out factional political difficulties in Pennsylvania.

### September

Informed a correspondent that there had been no great pressure brought to bear on him by prospective office seekers.

Outlined the political situation for a friend and stated that everything looked "very favorable for our success."

Gave some political advice to one expecting to study law.

### October

Welcomed Seward to Springfield upon his visit there during tour of the West.

Answered numerous questions about his stand on the tariff by referring to the tariff plank in Republican platform.

Visited by a Wide-Awake parade celebrating political victories of Republicans in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Indiana.

Set forth his attitude towards the South.

Attended political meeting at the Springfield Wigwam and heard Corwin of Ohio speak.

Wrote letter to a small girl who had suggested that he let his beard grow.

Heard an unfavorable report about desertion of certain army officers in case of his election.

### November

Invited newspaper correspondents to a five o'clock tea at his home.

Spent election-day morning in his office at the State House and the evening at the telegraph office.

Elected President of the United States.

Received word from the South that he had been hanged in effigy at one point in Florida.

Beseiged by visitors who solicited patronage for their friends.

Refused to make any new statements for publication with reference to his policies.

Met Vice-President Hamlin in Chicago by appointment.

Attended church at Springfield on Thanksgiving Day.

### December

Surrounded by visitors continually, many of them from distant states.

Selected some of his cabinet members.

Advised Trumbull concerning slavery in these words, "Let there be no compromise on the extension of slavery."

Heard the news of the secession of South Carolina.

Sent word to General Scott to be ready for any emergency.

Concluded, towards the end of the year, that the Gulf States would secede.