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This man whose homely face you look upon,
Was one of Nature's masterful, great men;
Born with strong arms, that unfought battles won,
Direct of speech, and cunning with the pen.
Chosen for large designs, he had the art
Of winning with his humor, and he went
Straight to his mark, which was the human heart;
Wise, too, for what he could not break he bent.
Upon his back a more than Atlas load,
The burden of the commonwealth, was laid;
He stooped, and rose up to it; though the road
Shot suddenly downward, not a whit dismayed.
Hold, warriors, councilors, kings! All now give place
To this dead Benefactor of the race!

—Richard Henry Stoddard.

a memorial structure which will be an exact reproduction of the White House at the time Lincoln lived there. Within its walls will be preserved all the available historical treasures associated with his name and fame.

The date chosen for the dedication of the Lincoln farm is especially ap-

proving, as it is the centennial anniversary of the birth of the martyred president. Prominent Americans from the north, south, east and west are expected to be present at the exercises. President Roosevelt has accepted the invitation to make the principal address of the day.

Had the farm not been purchased when it was for a national park, it might even now have been the site for a distillery. Because of a spring on the farm, famous throughout Kentucky for the purity of its waters, a wealthy Louisville whisky manufacturer had sought to buy the property that he might advertise his product in some such way as this:

LINCOLN RYE

Made from the PUREST MALT, combined with the crystal waters of the famous LINCOLN SPRING, which gushes out of the rock within a few feet of the place where Abraham Lincoln Was Born. Visit our distillery at Lincoln's birthplace and See and Taste for Yourself. (All genuine Lincoln whisky shows portrait of Lincoln drinking from the spring.)

As it happened, whisky helped defeat whisky. When it was publicly announced that the long drawn-out litigation in which the farm's title had become entangled was at last ended, and that it would be sold at auction on August 28, 1905, the Louisville distiller sent a representative "to bid it in," no matter what the figure. The agent got as far as Elizabethtown, Ky., some 12 miles from Hodgenville, where the auction was to take place, and, as it was Sunday and the sale was to be held in the afternoon of the following day, he put up at a hotel and "took things easy," intending to drive over to Hodgenville the next morning. But

although the trains do not run in that part of Kentucky on Sunday, the bottles do, and the whisky man drank long and often in the barroom. Here he made the acquaintance of a young man from New York, who had come to buy the farm for its preservation as a park, and who is now secretary

of the Lincoln farm. Learning the purpose of the man from Louisville and noticing that "the tide was coming in," the New Yorker got up at daybreak the next morning and hurried to Hodgenville in the fastest conveyance he could hire.

On reaching Hodgenville the New York man asked that the auction be held as early as possible, and he bought the farm for \$3,500 about a quarter of an hour before the whisky man arrived.

The restoration of the log cabin to its native state was a spectacle as imposing as its consignment to a cellar in New York was inglorious. It was placed on a special car and escorted back to Kentucky by a squad of Kentucky militiamen.

The cost of making a park of the Lincoln farm, of erecting the memorial hall and of carrying out other plans is being met by popular subscriptions sent to Clarence H. Mackay, treasurer of the Lincoln Farm association. Other officers of the association are Joseph W. Folk, president; William H. Taft, Cardinal Gibbons, Samuel L. Clemens, August Belmont and Lyman J. Gage.

The movement to preserve the scenes of the earliest years of Lincoln's life has revived unusual interest in all the associations of his youth. The graybeards of Hodgenville, the hamlet which is situated about two miles from the Lincoln farm, ever since they were aroused by its sale at auction, have been telling many a story about "Little Abe," when a lad; about "Tom," his father, and Nancy, his mother. "Abe" lived on the farm, they say, until he was four and a half years old, when, because of the scant produce of its 110 acres, the family was forced to move to a house in the village, where "Tom" Lincoln barely supported his family by working at odd jobs as a carpenter. There they lived until the boy was nearly ten, when the Lincolns moved to Indiana.

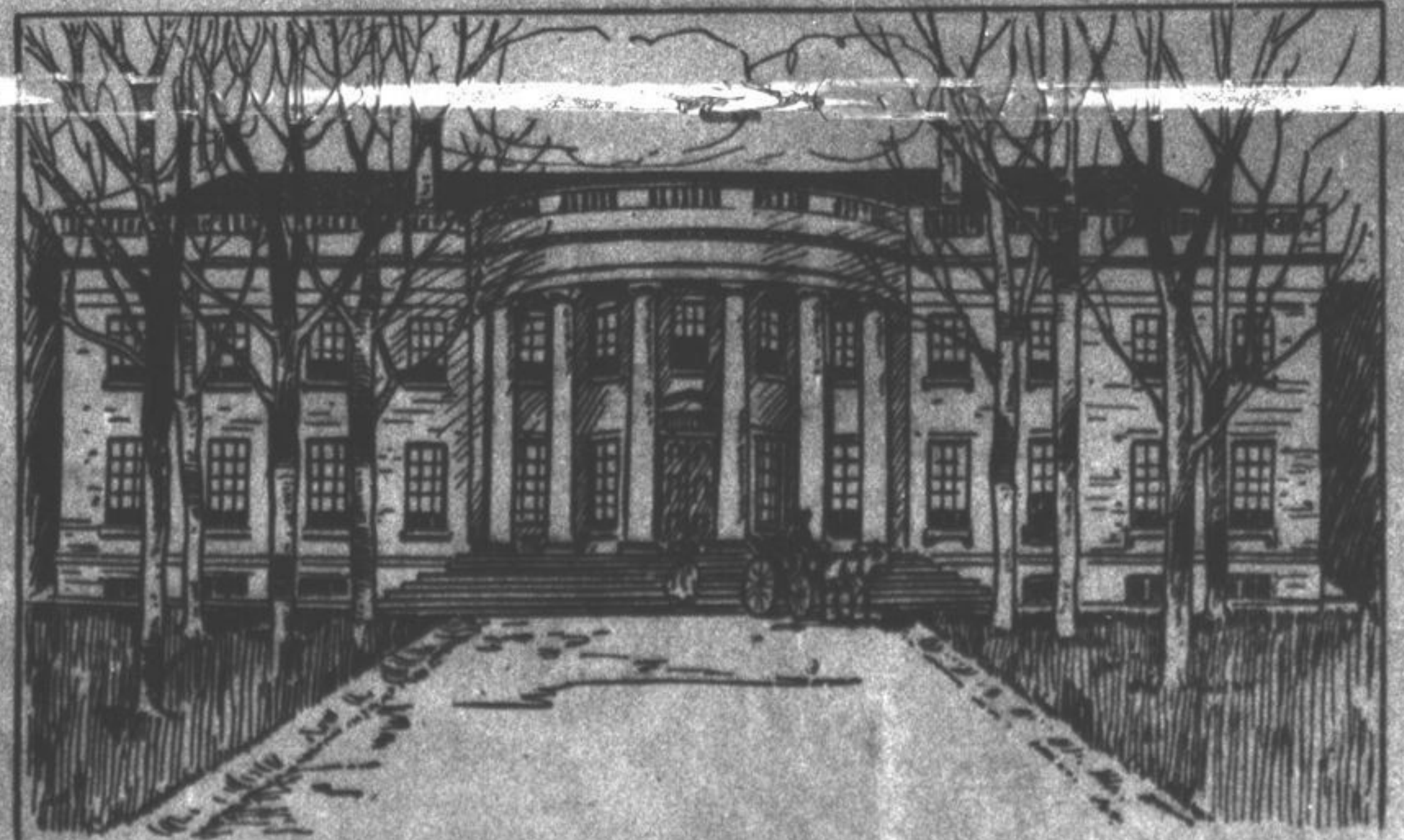
Birthplace of Great President to Be Converted Into Public Park



ON February 12, 1909, the Kentucky farm where Abraham Lincoln was born, will, if all goes well, be dedicated to the American people as a national park. Its 110 rocky acres in the heart of the Blue Grass state have been purchased, and an association has been organized to restore its many natural beauties.

The log cabin in which the future president was born was recently res-

cued from a cellar at College Point, Long Island, where it had been ignominiously dumped after traveling about the country as a show. With imposing ceremonies, it was carried back to its native soil, and restored to the very spot where "Tom" Lincoln, the father, put its rough timbers together. On another part of the farm, as an antithesis to the hut, and as illustrative of the height to which the son attained from such a humble origin, it is planned to erect



PROPOSED LINCOLN MEMORIAL BUILDING.

It is to be built on the Lincoln farm, and will be an exact reproduction of the White House at the time Lincoln lived there. It will contain all the available historical treasures associated with Lincoln's name and fame.