

LINCOLN UPHELD THE CONSTITUTION

IN THIS A CONSERVATIVE

Nothing Radical In His Support of the Fundamental Things in Government; Career Proves It

Lincoln was a conservative and not a radical, as is sometimes alleged, according to George B. Lockwood, who writes editorially on the subject in the September issue of the National Republic, under the caption "Lincoln, Conservative."

So far from being radical, Lincoln was essentially conservative. It was for that very reason that he was nominated for President by his party at Chicago in 1860 over the more radical leaders of what was then believed to be a radical party. Lincoln was not in sympathy with the radical foes who denounced the federal Constitution as "a league with death and a covenant with hell." He deprecated the John Brown raid. He was dissatisfied with the Dred Scott decision, but he blamed it upon the prejudices of judges, and would never have dreamed of proposing that because of his disappointment with certain decisions, the Constitution be in effect repealed by making Congress the final judge of the constitutionality of legislation.

No Other Sentiment Lincoln declared that he had no sentiment not derived from the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. He advocated reverence for the law and for the federal charter itself. His Cooper Union speech, and all his speeches during the great period of debate preceding his election as President were primarily appeals to the Constitution and the known sentiments of its authors.

In his Milwaukee speech he warned against the agitation of economic radicals with the statement that the worker should be slow to tear down the house of another, lest his own house be torn down. Judging by Lincoln's utterances, many of our modern approaches toward paternalism and state socialism would have been repugnant to him. He warned Congress against interfering with local control of matters naturally falling within the province of state governments. He believed in party governments; was willing to work with other men of his party even where this involved swallowing personal defeat and disappointment.

Put Constitution First "Lincoln was from early youth the foe of human slavery, but he outraged the feelings of radicals like Horace Greeley by saying that he would save the Constitution—he would save it with slavery, if necessary, or without it if he could. The radicals of his own party secretly or openly opposed him; they attempted to engineer a plot for his defeat for renomination in 1864. If Lincoln had lived to the end of his second administration he would have been at grips with the congressional radicals, but unlike Andrew Johnson, the triumph would have been with the executive and not with Congress.

Lincoln left behind him as his monument the Union he saved. He fought the Civil War not to uproot, but to preserve. He will be remembered when men who have been known in politics only as assailants, as attackers, as critics, will have been long forgotten. Critics serve their purpose as modifying influences, but mere critics leave nothing behind them which is long remembered. It is men who believe in something constructive; believe in something well enough to be willing to live and die for it, whose fame endures. Radicals can bring about French revolutions or Russian revolutions; but only men who have faith as well as doubt can write an American constitution or save a republic."

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RUSSIAN AGED 45 ENTERING COLLEGE

Married and Self-Supporting, He Wants Better Education in America

A Russian immigrant forty-five years of age has just registered for entrance to the College of Liberal Arts at Northwestern university. He is Abraham B. Kalom, a father of three children who supports himself and family by cultivating sugar beets. Mr. Kalom has done a great deal of experimenting in sugar beet growth and development but the urge for more knowledge on general topics persuaded him to seek a college where it could be obtained.

Mr. Kalom comes to Northwestern not entirely unprepared. He enrolled as a youngster in the public schools of Kiev, Russia, and later entered the Commercial Institute of Dvornar Zapskiy. Thus as a young man he was able to gather the rudiments of an education but his experience in America, and more recently, in the Chicago suburban districts kindled his ambition anew and now he aims to become a teacher. This is the first time that a Russian of that age has entered Northwestern in the freshman class, although it is not so unusual for older men and women to take work in the graduate school of any university.

ILLINOIS ARTISTS AIDED BY SOCIETY

In order that Illinois artists and their works may become better known, the All-Illinois Society of the Fine Arts has been organized. It is the signs of the times that the art interests are recognizing the fact that the fine arts are inseparable. The society is state-wide in its scope, unifying the existing art interests of the state and seeking to promote the production and sales of works of Illinois artists.

Mr. Colby "re-discovers Illinois" from an industrial and financial basis for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bennett of The Chicago Tribune is seeking for the historical and legendary stories of the state. The art extension committee under the leadership of Lorado Taft and R. E. Hieronymus of the University of Illinois has sought out the beauty spots of Illinois landscape. It remains for the All-Illinois Society of the Fine Arts to bring out the rich heritages of Illinois in the world of art. One of the most important activities of the society will be a series of art exhibitions held in the important art centers of the state.



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BICYCLE PASSING; FEWER MANUFACTURED

Bicycles have not yet gone the way of the Chariot of Jehu, but they seem to be on the way out. So implies a government report, showing that the numbers manufactured dwindled from 480,000 in 1923 to 287,400 in 1925, a decrease of 40.1 per cent in two years, though the number of factories remained stationary at 25. Workmen in those factories declined in number from 3,120 to 1,850, and the value of the products shrank from 16,708,208 to 11,281,314, a fall of 32.5 per cent.

To that lean estate the bicycle has been pedaled in twenty-five years, for at the turn of the century wheelmen and wheelmen's clubs were everywhere. Wheeling was a national sport, and the bicycle was a usual accessory to the world's work and play. But if the bicycle has had its day, that day was lively and memorable. Here and there the embers of its pride still glow ardently—the six-day races continue to draw profitable clots of customers, and the acrobatic bicycle act is among vaudeville's most staple numbers.

For the motorcycle the report also goes down grade. The number of machines was reduced from 41,894 in 1923 to 39,340 in 1925, their value fell from 10,024 to 8,873, 917, the workmen decreased from 3,454 to 2,302, and the number of plants declined from 14 to 10.

To explain the situation of these two industries is to take notice of the availability of other forms of transportation at an attractive cheapness—the street railway, the motor car, the motor cab, and the motor bus all have contributed a progressive competition in accomplishing the amazing mobility of the American people.

Stolen fruit is said to be sweetest, but it produces a stomach-ache that promotes a healthy feeling of remorse.

The fall of the franc was considered alarming in France, but it is not so rapid as the disappearance of the dollar in this country.

Many people who pride themselves on their will power, lack and equal amount of bill power when the collector comes around.

WALTON LEAGUE IS BUSY ORGANIZATION

Broadcasts from Chicago Station Once Week; Charles Folds Is Head

In line with its national campaign for conservation of the natural resources of the great outdoors, the Izaak Walton League of America broadcasts every Thursday evening from station WBBM, the Stewart-Warner air theatre, Chicago, at 10:15 o'clock, central daylight saving time. The league's message is presented in the form of ten minutes playlet, featuring "Uncle Ike," a veteran of field and stream, who acts as the "air representative" of the great organization. These playlets, written in a humorous vein, have been on the air every Thursday this summer and will be a weekly feature throughout the months to come.

Charles W. Folds, president of the Izaak Walton League of America, and one of Chicago's most prominent men, is an ardent fisherman. Mr. Folds, through his love for the great outdoors and anything pertaining to it, is the most popular president that league has had. Besides being interested in many civic and personal projects, Mr. Folds manages to find time to visit numerous Izaak Walton chapters to address the Waltonian members.

Outdoor America, the official publication of the Izaak Walton League of America, is a magazine devoted to the interests of the league. Featuring short articles on all forms of game, fish and wild-life, Outdoor America is one of the few outdoor magazines devoted to conversation of the natural resources of the great outdoors. Its editor, Ewart H. Ross, himself famed as an outdoorsman, is considered one of the cleverest yachtsmen in the Chicago district.

Too many crackmen working on the office safes, and not enough of them cracking stone on the roads.

The boys will probably consent to learn arithmetic enough to figure up the baseball percentages.

The people urged to "snap into" their work, but many think they can nap into it.

MOTORIST SHOULD BE JUDGE OF DISTANCE

"Ordinary care requires that the motorist be a good judge of distance, yet the excuse, 'I misjudged my distance; I thought I could make it,' is heard every day," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

"The prudent driver who thinks he is a good judge of distance should check up and see if his ability is real or imaginary. A simple and effective way to settle all doubts is to measure 25, 50, or 100 feet with the eye; then apply a measure and see how nearly correct the eye has judged the distance.

"The logical result of such a check should be to make the driver who finds that he does not judge distance accurately, more cautious. On a country road the driver who knows he lacks ability to judge distance will make certain that he has plenty of room to pass a car before he attempts this maneuver.

"It is well-known that most Americans believe that they are natural born rifle shots. American boys have become imbued with this idea from the tales of the frontier. The fact is, however, that most of us are by no means natural born rifle shots. We seem also to have a universal pride in our ability to judge distance, which, like our ideas concerning our ability as rifle shots, is without much foundation. A man owns a car but a short time before he becomes convinced that he is a great judge of distance.

Most of us pass through this stage, and most of us recover. "The prudent driver, the man who exercises ordinary care, will ascertain whether he is an excellent judge of distance, a mediocre judge of a poor judge, and he will regulate his driving accordingly. When we learn that we are poor judges of distance, we can go about correcting this defect."

SAYS CONSERVATION MOVEMENT WINNING

After visiting the principal parts of the West Dr. George Otis Smith, director of the Geological Survey, declares that "practical conservation is winning out and industrial leaders are utilizing new methods in the development of the country's natural resources." Dr. Smith gave particular attention during his western trip to the leasing activities of the Geological Survey that pertain to coal mining in Montana and Wyoming and oil operations on government lands in Montana and California. "Any one who feels concern about the present status of the oil industry," he remarks, "can find in certain oil fields abundant cause for 'viewing with alarm,' and in others gratifying reason for an optimistic outlook." The economic errors of the past are still present in too many fields but Dr. Smith says that in other fields the progress in technique is so rapid as to promise immediate betterment.



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