

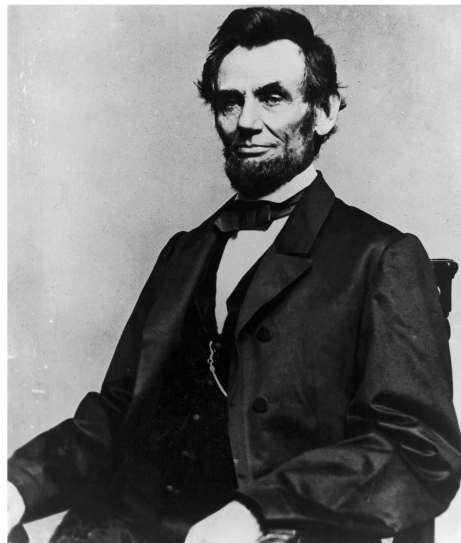
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WASHINGTON, TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 31, 1858.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN ASSASSINATED

President Lincoln has been assassinated! The president was attending the opening of the new 'Washington House for Spiritual Healing' and was shot by an unknown assassin during the visit. While those in attendance valiantly attempted to save the president's life he passed away on the steps of the House. The president's body has been interned in state at the White House awaiting a planned Funeral and day of national mourning to be announced later this week. Vice President Andrew Johnson is to be sworn in as President later today and will immediately take office. Some are calling for a snap election while others argue for a continuity of government.

The Metropolitan Police department with help from the Secret Service have begun a search of the City and all travel into and out of the City of Washington is restricted until the assassin is apprehended. Senior Investigator Linus Milligan has advised that additional service agents will be drafted to ensure no area of the city remains untouched by his investigation. Witnesses are reported seeing a woman appear as if from thin air within the crowd and drawing a weapon from within their coat taking several shots at the President and his attendant security guards. Descriptions for the woman vary but she is generally described as being of



medium height with dark hair wearing a dark coat and hat. Witnesses with further details are encouraged to let themselves be known to the investigation

Readers are advised to delay or cancel visits to the city for the foreseeable future and to report and suspicious behaviour to local constabulary.

MARKETS IN TURMOIL

In light of the recent events the financial markets of the Unified States have been thrown into turmoil. Many are speculating that with the Presidency of Andrew Johnson the long-resisted Homesteading Act will once again be raised in the senate. This act would allow the federal government to seize and redistribute lands currently unfederated and without democratic representation. This act has long been resisted within the Senate with many claiming these draconian actions are a

return to the time of Kings and Lords while others point to examples of tyranny and oppression being undertaken by unregulated land barons and false 'Mayors' that proliferate along the Western Frontier.

THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE

With the loss of contact with the recently departed great expedition into the Badlands of the Northern Dakotas there are more calls from the government to continue investment in extending the Northwest Pacific Railroad to allow for safer access to these unexploited lands.

Especially vocal are those families who still await news of their lost loved ones. Many are clamouring for a military expedition to find evidence of the whereabouts and fate of the expedition. These calls have been taken up by several senators and generals and also the owners and operators of the Northwest Pacific Railroad Company.

