

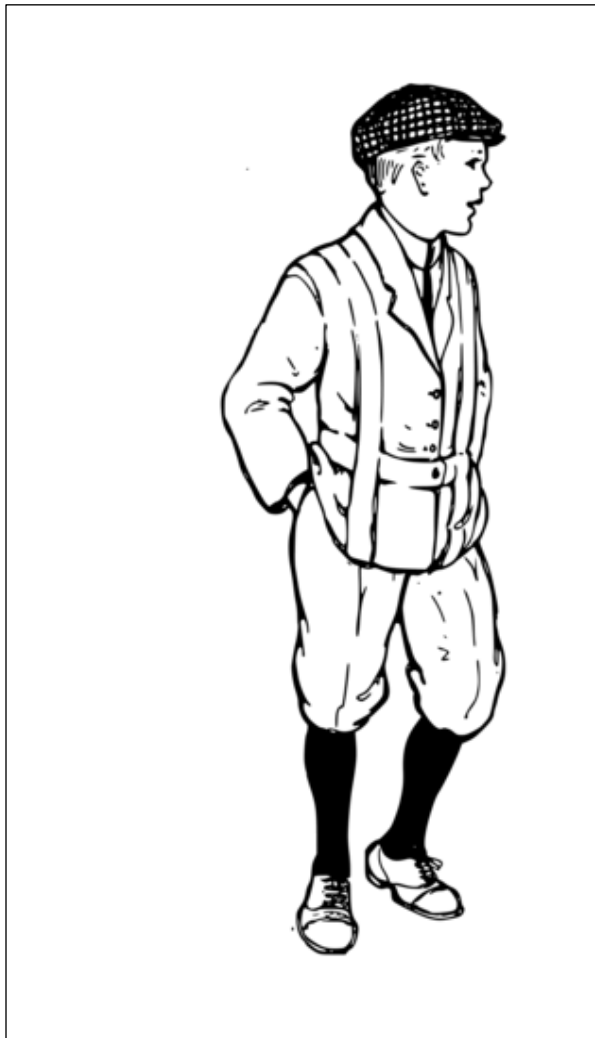
Hands on History



A Birthday Present for President Lincoln

Sam wiggled and wagged his tongue at me,
“Carrie, girls are so stupid and silly,

You're my sister but it's still evident,
A birthday present for our president?!
He's just passing through Conneaut on a special
train,
Meeting us folks and trying to explain,



All the trouble with the Southern states,
That working together is what it takes,

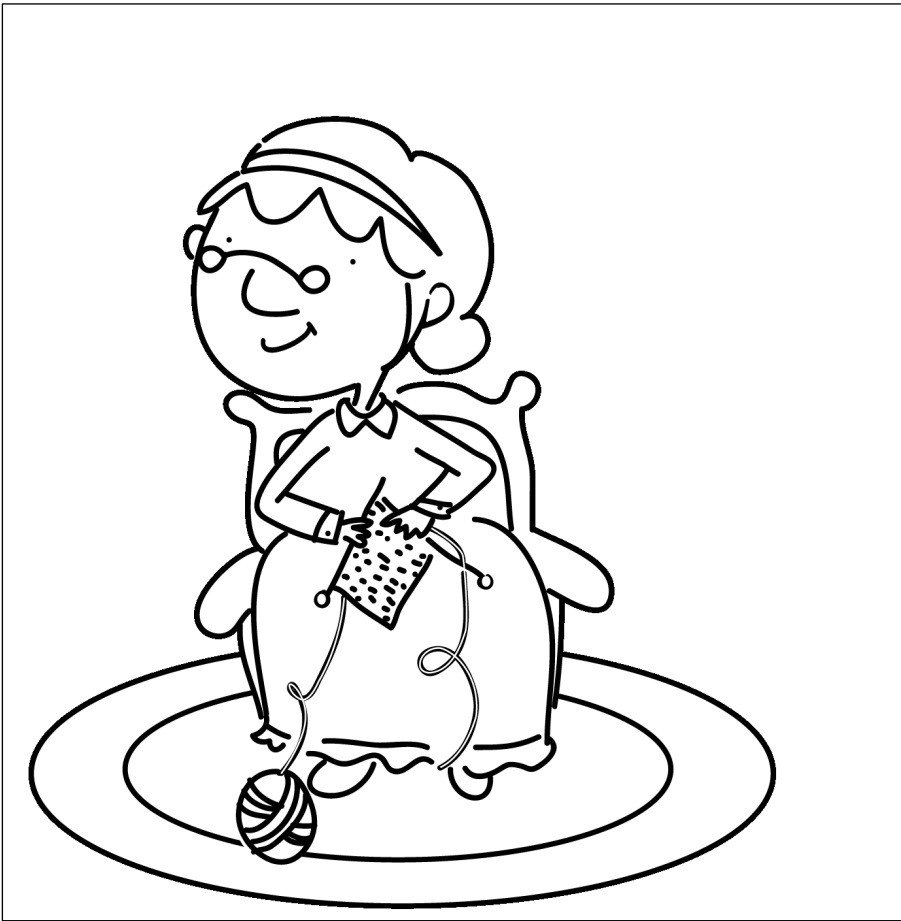
To keep our country growing and strong,
It's a whistle stop; he's not staying long."



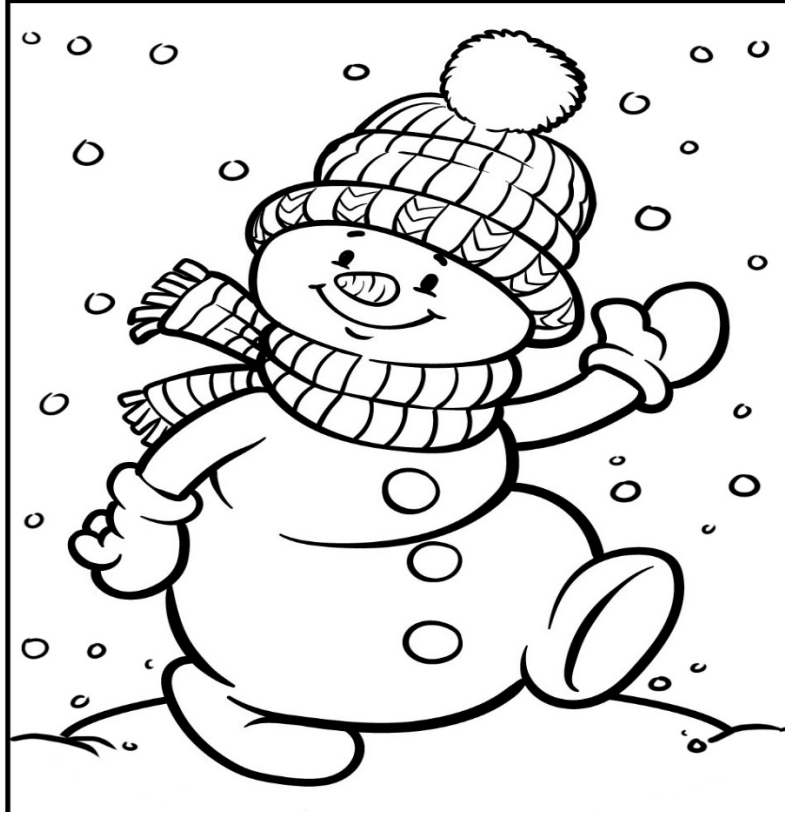


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I sighed and put my whole heart in it,
“I don’t care if he stops for a minute,
I have something I want to explain,
Our February 12 birthdays are the same!



I'll wrap the birthday pie I made for
President Lincoln,
In my birthday scarf Mama knitted with
flag trim."



Sam sighed like me and said, “You beat all,”

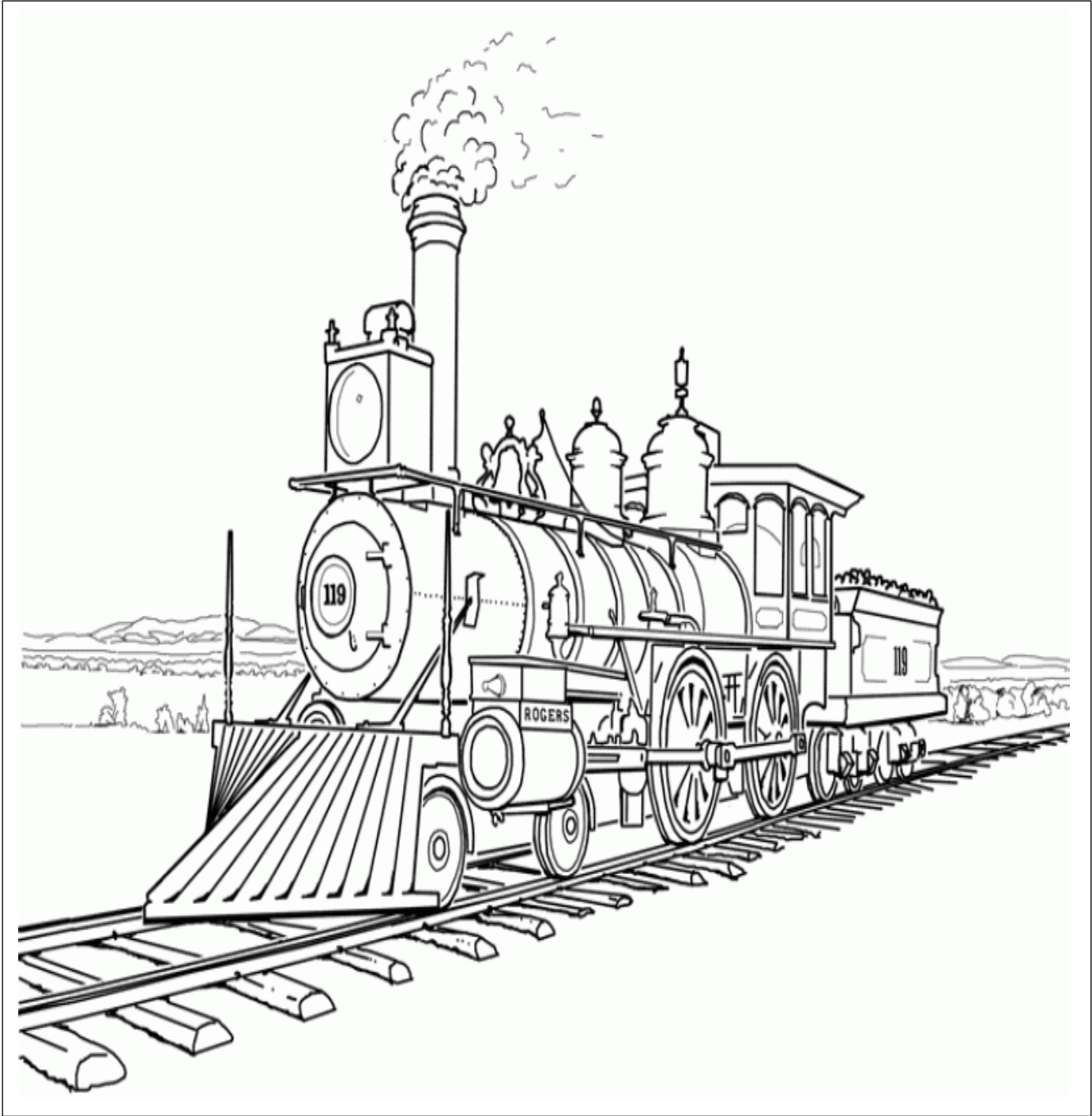
You can’t go alone, hurry and get your shawl,

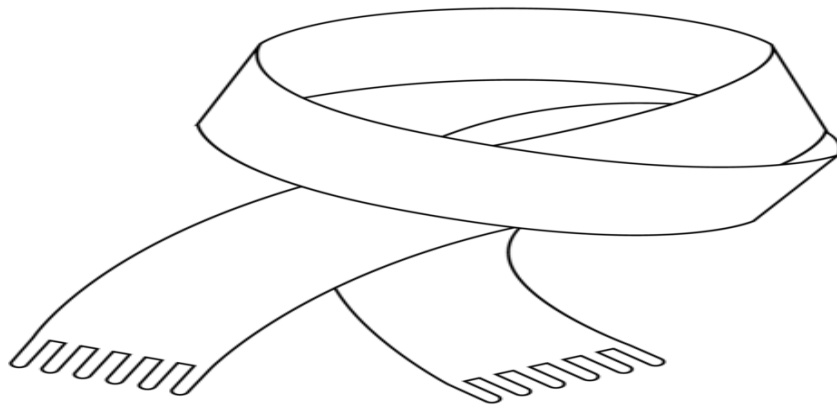
We can take a short cut through Farmer Jack’s,

His corn field is next to the railroad tracks.”

We got there through snow drifts hippity hop,

Just in time for the train whistle stop.





I hugged the scarf and wrapped pie close to
my chest,
President Lincoln deserves the very best,
We twisted and turned through all the people,
Then I saw him tall as a church steeple,

President Lincoln coughed and choked,
“I seem to have a frog caught in my
throat,
I want to thank you for all the warm
words you said,
We journey in hope for the uncertain
days ahead.”



Lincoln was elected the sixteenth president in 1860 while the Southern states were seceding from the Union.

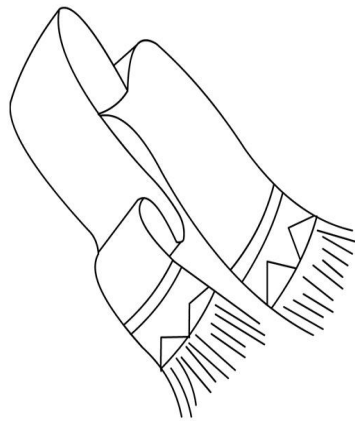
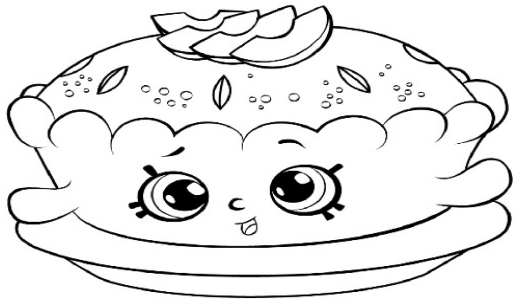
Captain Appleby cried, “Don’t give up the ship,

I ran forward and then the scarf made me trip.

The president said, “Not as long as I breathe.”

The train whistled and started to leave,
The pie landed at his feet with a splash,
I followed it with a mighty crash,





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I jumped to my feet, hurt knees and
pride too,

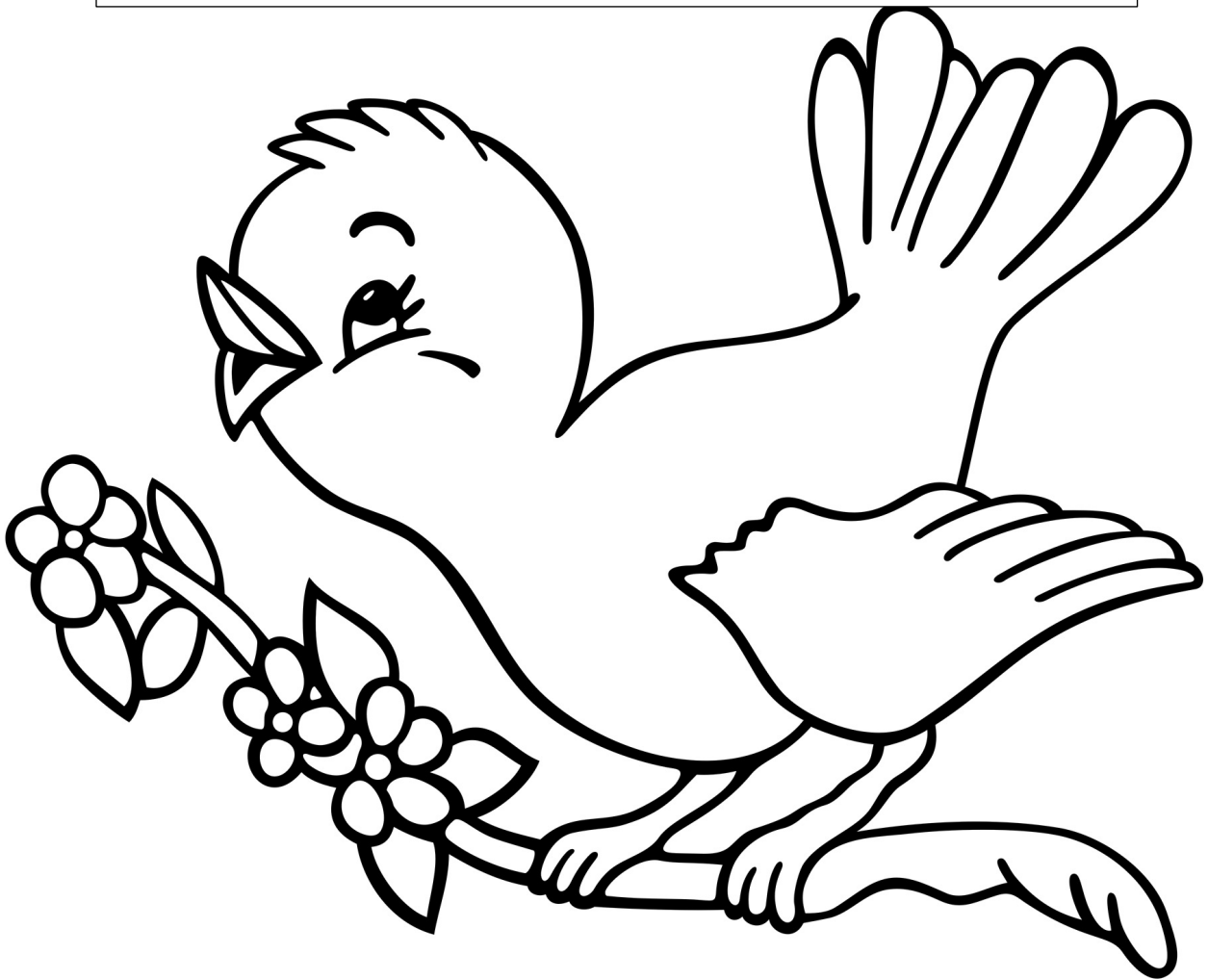
I threw him the scarf, that's all I
could do.

“It will Keep Washington winds
from blowing you harm.”

The President caught the scarf with his
arm.

Then he wrapped it around his neck
quite neatly,

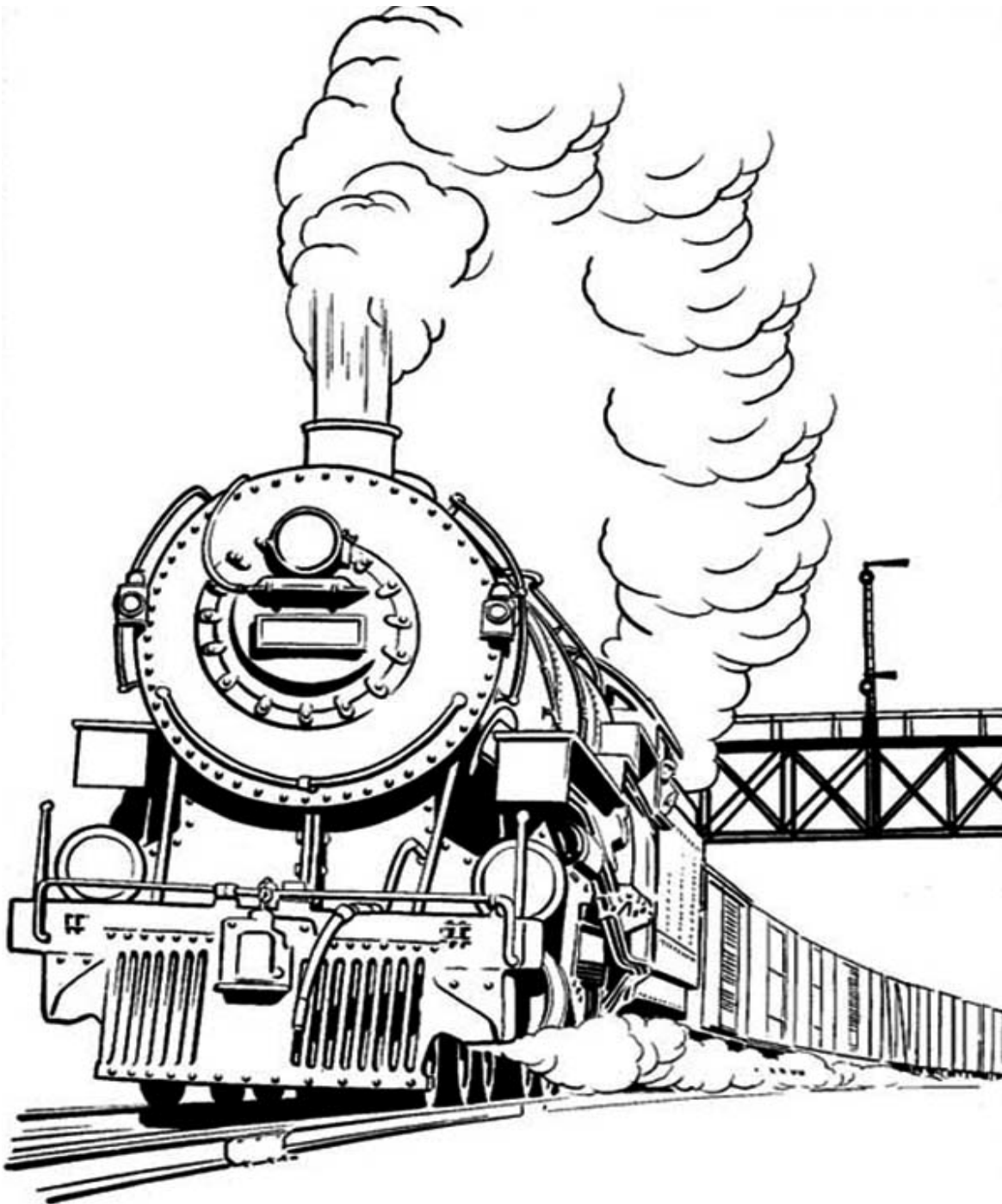
It nested like a bright bird in a tall tree.





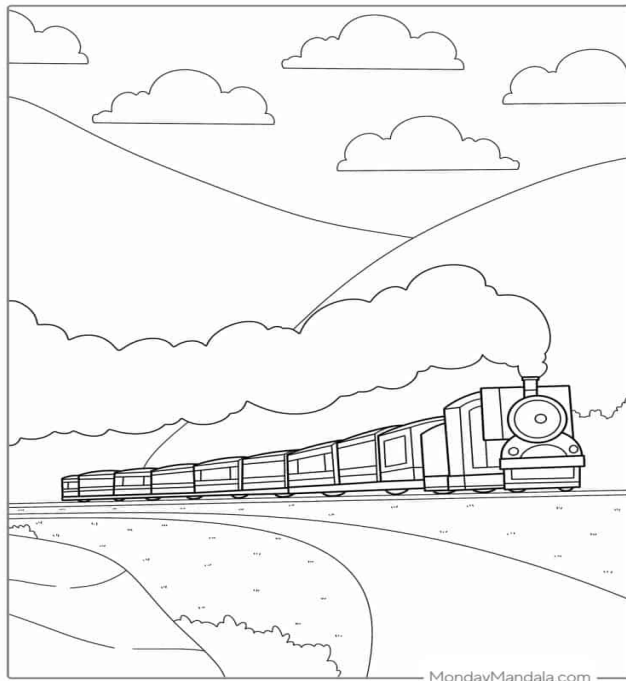
I watched the train chug the distance
away. I shouted, “Mr. President, Happy
Birthday!”

Sam and Carrie are children in a story, but President Lincoln did visit
Conneaut.



Facts about President Lincoln's visit to Conneaut

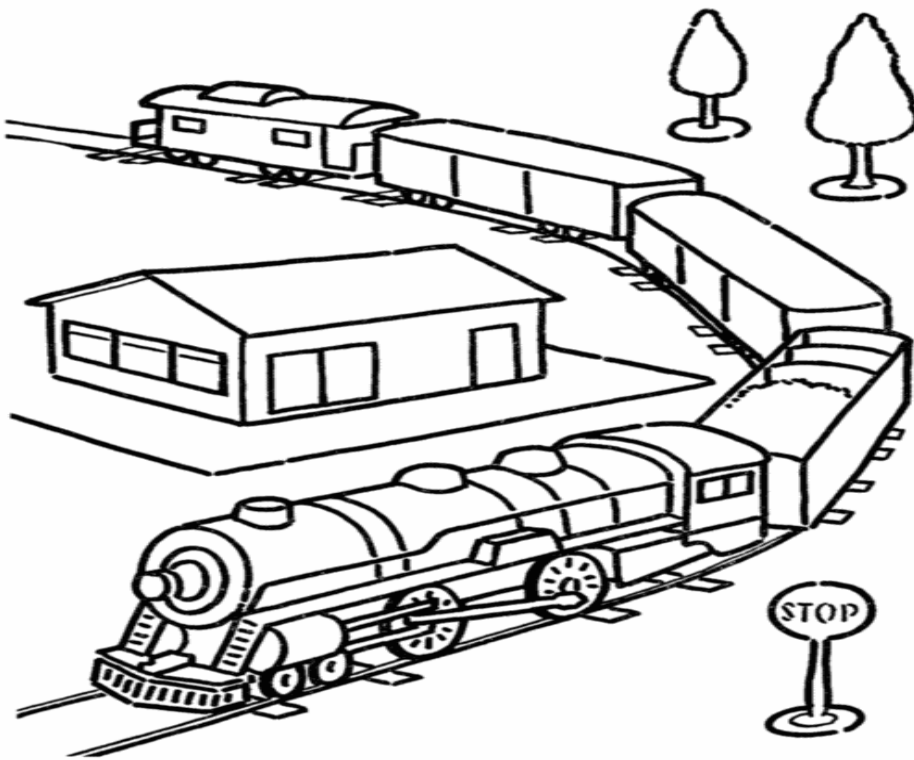
On Saturday, February 16, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln stopped in Conneaut on his way to his inauguration in Washington D.C.

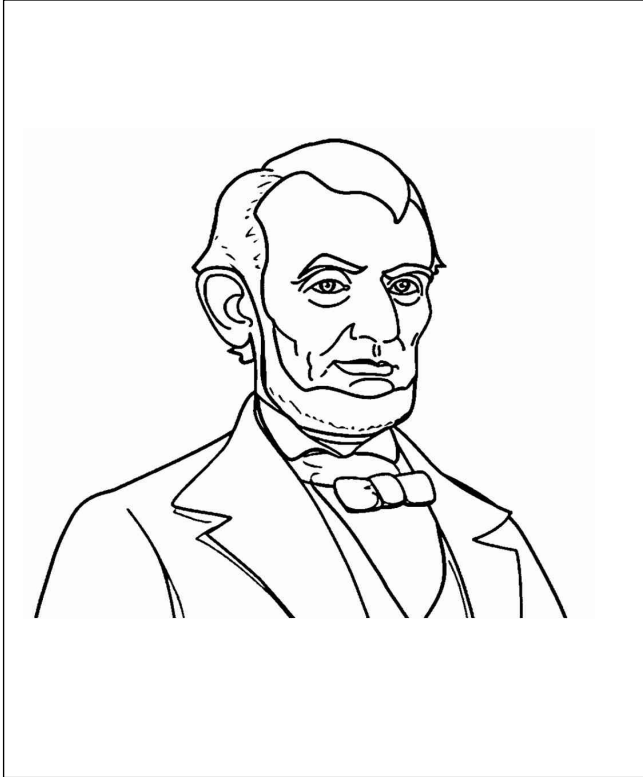


Inaugural Express Route
Cleveland, Painesville, and
Ashtabula Railroad (1848–1869)

Saturday, February 16, 1861

- Willoughby, Ohio
- Painesville, Ohio
- Madison, Ohio
- Geneva, Ohio
- Ashtabula, Ohio
- Conneaut, Ohio





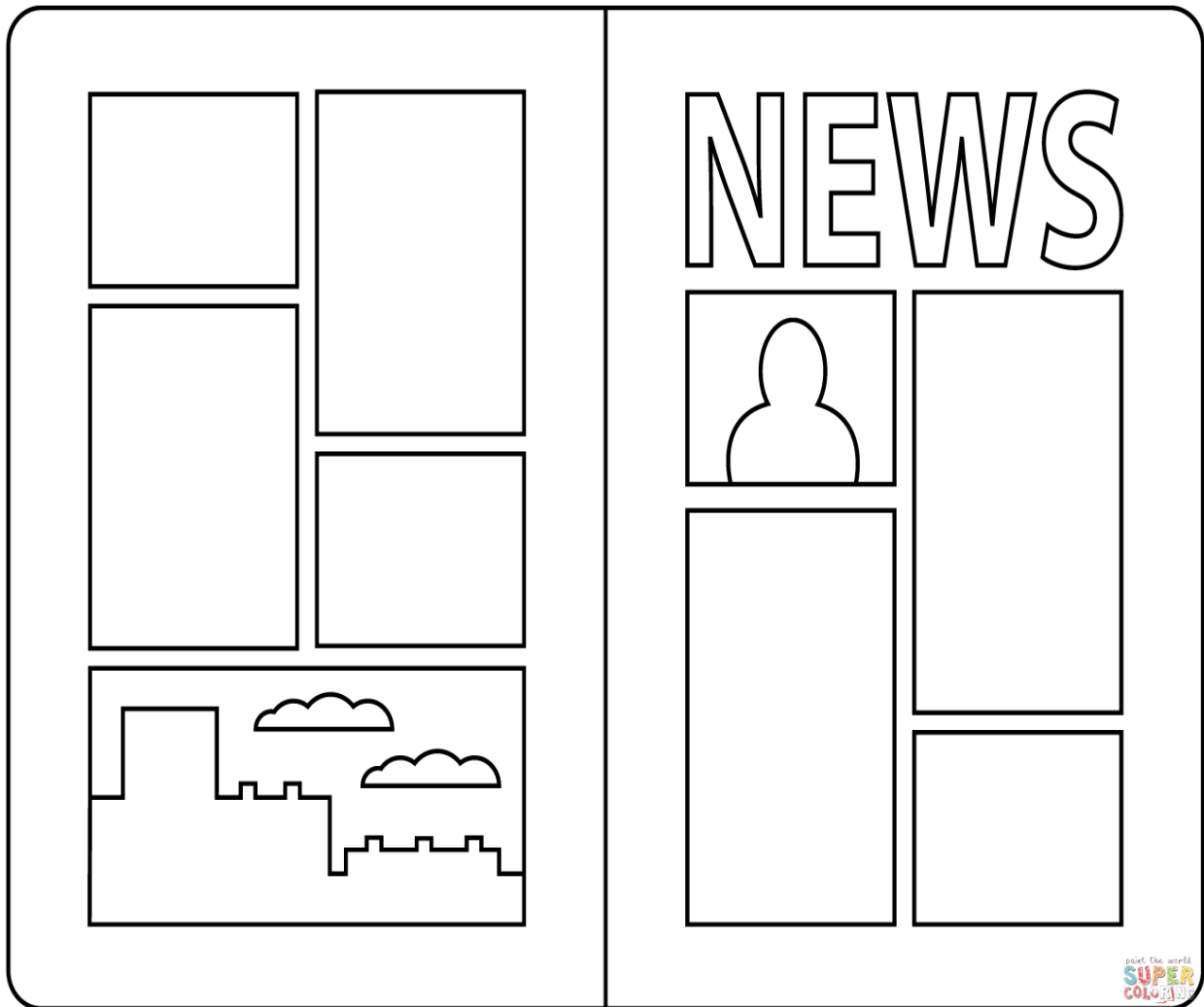
Conneaut, Ohio

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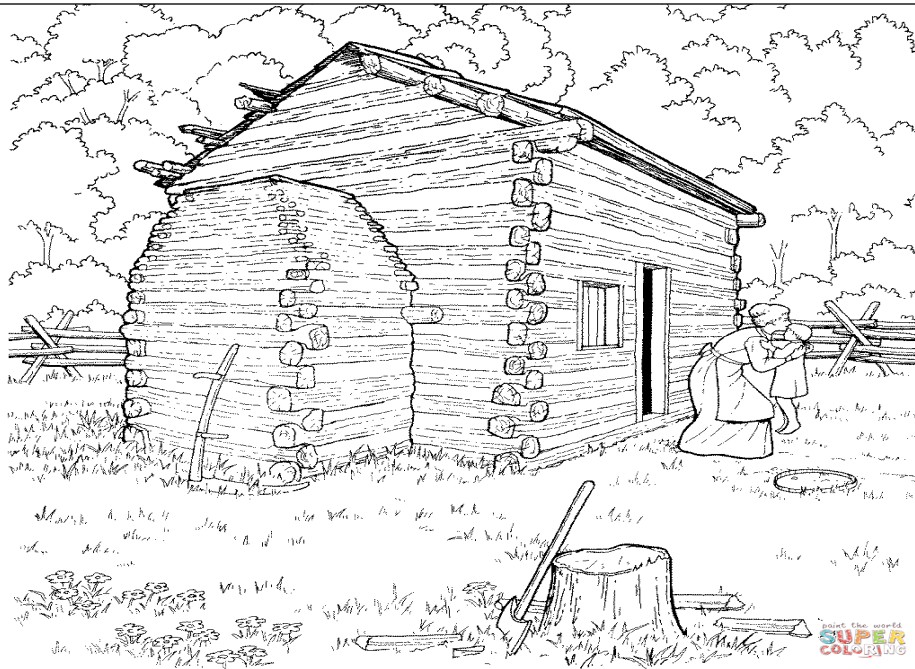
President-Elect Lincoln said:

“I have lost my voice and cannot make a speech, but my intentions are good.” He then thanked the people for the kindly demonstration,” and as the cars commenced to move slowly forward through the crowd which lined both sides of the track, Capt. Apple-by, our fellow-townsmen, called out to him, ``Don't give up the ship!'

To which Mr. Lincoln
responded “With your aid I
never will as long as life lasts.”
Conneaut Reporter, February
21, 1861.



President Lincoln and Carrie's Birthday: February 12, 1809



Abraham Lincoln is born in a cabin in Hodgenville,
Larue County, KY
In the story, Carrie is born in a farmhouse in
Conneaut.

John Wilkes Booth shot President Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theater on April 14, 1865 and he died on April 15th. His funeral train left Washington D.C. on April 21 carrying his body and friends, family, high ranking officials, and a military guard. The train was bound for Springfield, Illinois following the reverse route that his inaugural train had taken in February 1861.

