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With no handbills put up by the Republicans and no announcement by the press that there would be an afternoon meeting, and though the place was on a back street where non-eager crowds were not likely to hear going on, it was not until 4 o'clock that hour, four o'clock, that the crowd assembled. It continued to swell to
to the very moment of adjournment. Your correspondent made a brief opening speech, when Mr. Lincoln came forward amid a storm of applause, and made one of his clear, compact, earnest speeches which move to their object, "with the force and precision of a steam engine," concluding with these words, uttered with the solemn, commanding air of an inspired prophet:

"This is no time for casting holiday votes for fancy candidates. He that is not for us is against us. Let all Illinois choose this day whom ye will serve."

As he closed the deep, loud
response which rang through
that gallery of hills! showed
that choice these Illinois
had made.

No signature appears.
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