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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 none
would go on purpose -
word having gone out that
Abram Lincoln would speak
at 4 o'clock, that hour found
an eager crowd assembled
which continued to swell to

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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 + 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 - men of Illinois, choose ye this day whom ye will serve!" As he closed the deep, loud

response which rang through
that gallery of hills, showed
what choice these Illinoisians
had made."

No Signature
appears.

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