

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 29, 1900.

My Dear Miss Tarbell:

I send you a list of errors in your Lincoln. Most of these you probably have already detected, and only a few, I think, are of sufficient importance to be included in a slip of errata.

Very sincerely yours,

J. M. Can Davis.

LIFE OF LINCOLN.

Errors to be corrected in Second Edition.

General Criticism.

The statement in Vol. I, p. 168, that Lincoln "was not prominent at this period (1840) as a legislator" is not justified by the fact that "few bills originated with him". His candidacy for the Speakership is proof of his prominence. The number of bills introduced is not the proper measure of the ability, standing or influence of a legislator. It has been the general rule in the Illinois legislature in more recent times--as it was no doubt in Lincoln's day--that the members of longest experience and greatest prominence introduce but few bills. The introduction of bills is distinctively the delight and occupation of the new member. The old member devotes much of his time to killing measures presented by his new associates.

"Sangamon Journal" appears frequently in both volumes. The name should be "Sangamo Journal". The paper was never known as the "Sangamon Journal".

Errors in Volume I.

Pg. 8x 9. In map of New Salem, the words "or Rock Creek" should be omitted. Rock Creek was several miles from New Salem. Green's Rocky Branch was never known by that name. Also change "J. McCann Davis" to "J. McCan Davis".

Pg.20. A line is omitted at bottom of page; after "roughly" ✓
insert "tanned deer-skin; his foot-covering a home-made moccasin;"

Pg.22. Line at bottom of page is repeated at beginning of ✓
page 25.

Pg.87. Lack of uniformity in spelling "Bad Axe"; on page
90 it is spelled "Bad Ax".

Pg.109. Lack of uniformity in spelling of "practice" (see
"practiced", third line from bottom; also "practice" on page 155, fourth
line from top, and probably in other places). ~~spelling~~ "Practise"
seems to be spelling adopted ~~in~~ generally in the work.

Pg.113. In the sentence, "the court-house, in good old
Colonial style," etc., "court-house" should be "state house".

Pg.113. "Theodore Ford" should be "Thomas Ford".

Pg.114. In the sentence, "Lincoln met him (Douglas) first
in the halls of the old court house", "court house" should be "state
house".

Pg.130. "Arthur Herndon" should be "Archer Herndon".

Pg.143. In the resolution on slavery, in the sentence, "That
the right of property in slaves is sacred to the slave-holding states⁺
by the Federal Constitution", etc., "sacred" should be "secured".

Pg.147. In the chapter-heading, "Lincoln begins to study
law", should not "practise" be substituted for "study"? This chapter
relates to the first years of practise in Springfield after his ad-
mission to the bar. See also page-headings to page 169.

Pg.169. Insert comma after "schools" in last line.

Pg.206. "In 1840, when he (Peter Cartwright) was the Demo-
cratic nominee for Congress against Lincoln, he was badly beaten".
Substitute "the legislature" for "Congress".

Pg.274. "General A.McClernand" should be "General John A. McClernand".

Pg.283. "Appeal of the Missouri Compromise" should be "Repeal of", etc.

Pg.292. At bottom of page: "The convention felt the need of some powerful amalgamating force which would wield its discordant elements". Change "wield" to "weld".

Pg.353. Near bottom of page it is stated that "early Thursday morning", etc., Lincoln's friends were packed into the Wigwam. Should not "Thursday" be changed to "Friday", which was the day of the nomination?

Pg.367. Seward's statement to disappointed Republicans: "No, gentlemen, the Republican party was not made for William H.Seward, but Mr.Seward, if he is worth anything for the Republican party, and I believe I have still work to do, I must therefore decline to accept your advice." This sentence is not altogether clear. It probably needs a comma after "anything" and a period after "do".

Pg.401. "Illinois Journal" should be "Illinois State Journal."

Pg.403. Illinois "State Journal" should be "Illinois State Journal". (Mere change of quotation marks.)

Errors in Volume 2.

Pg.13. "And ex-President Taylor complained to Francis Lieber of its grammar"—relating to first inaugural. It was Samuel Tyler who made this complaint.

Pg.65. "George F.Leighton" should be "George E.Leighton".

Pg.286. "But suppose you could affect your whole purpose".
Change "affect" to "effect".

Pg.306. "William C.Whitney" should be "H.C.Whitney". (In
connection with "lost speech".)

Pg.334. "C.F.Gunther, Springfield, Ill." should be "Chicago",

Pg.336. "L.A.Enos" should be "Z.A.Enos".

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