

The Illinois Journal of August 12, 1848, reproduced the following from the Baltimore American:

"A Humorous Speech.

"In the House of Representatives on the 27th ult., Mr. Lincoln made the 'crack speech' of the day. He is a very able, acute, ~~humant~~ uncouth, honest, upright man, and a tremendous wag withal.

~~(Here follows a good abstract of Lincoln's speech on the Presidential question, in which he ridicules Gen. Cass' pretensions as a soldier.)~~

"Mr. Lincoln's manner was so good-natured, and his style so peculiar, that he kept the House in a continuous ~~uproar~~ roar of merriment for the last half hour of his speech. He would commence a point in his speech far up one of the aisles and keep on talking, gesticulating and walking until he would find himself at the end of a paragraph, down in the center of the area in front of the clerk's desk. He would then go back and take another head and work down again. And so on, through his capital speech."