May 3, 1929

Mr. Paul Angle
Lincoln Centenary Association
Springfield, Ill.

Dear Mr. Angle:

Have you ever, in your study of Illinois newspapers in the 50's, come across any reference whatever to speeches made by Lincoln in connection with the campaign for Prohibition which was carried on in the State in 1855?

You probably know Charles White's book, published a few years ago, in which he quotes a Mr. Merwin who was in Illinois in the interest of the measure, as claiming that Lincoln campaigned regularly with him. I never found any reference to such activities in my examination of the Illinois papers.

I see that Mr. Beveridge denies that there was any such reference and claims positively that Lincoln had nothing to do with the Prohibition campaign at that time. I should like to know what you think about it.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours

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