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Gent.

Permit me to call your attention to an inaccuracy in Miss Tarbell's life of Lincoln July 1876 p. 179 the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Neb. This gives 16 counties - Judge Beckwith who is given as authority here mixed up the Circuit. It was constituted in 1838. See Session laws 1838 p 155 with the following counties Sangamon, Macon, Whelan, Tazewell, Menard, Logan & Dane. 7 Counties.

In 1841 Session laws p 109 it was made to consist of Sangamon, Tazewell, Whelan, Woodford, Livingston, Bell Co, Macon, Shelby, Christian, Logan, Menard, Mason, Piatt & Champaign, 14 Counties.

In 1843. Session laws 192. it was changed to Sangamon, Tazewell, Woodford, Whelan, Livingston, Bell Co, Champaign, Piatt, Macon, Moultrie, Shelby, Christian, Logan, Menard, Mason.

In 1849 - it was changed to Sangamon, Tazewell, Woodford, Whelan, Logan, Bell Co, Piatt, Champaign, Vermillion, Edgar, Shelby, Moultrie, Macon, Christian.

This is what is commonly known as the 8th Circuit when used in speaking of Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln attended this Circuit until he was nominated for President.

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In 1853 Session laws p 63 this Circuit was named to Sangamon Logan McLean Woodford. Tazewell, De Witt Champaign & Vermillion.

In 1857 Session laws p 12 the 8th Circuit was named to Logan, McLean, De Witt & Champaign.

Even after his home County Sangamon, was dropped from the 8th Circuit he attended the Court of the 8th Circuit. He attended the April Term 1860 of the McLean Circuit Court, only a few weeks before his nomination.

Very respectfully

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