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LIGHTS AND SHADOWS OF THE ILLINOIS CANVASS.

The correspondent of the Chicago Tribune gives the following extracts from Abe Lincoln's speech at Havana, Illinois, on the 13th inst.

A QUESTION OF MUSCLE.

X "I am informed (said he) that my distinguished friend yesterday became a little excited---nervous perhaps---(Laughter)---and he said something about fighting, as though referring to a pugilistic encounter between him and myself. Did anybody in this audience hear him use such language? (Cries of yes). I am informed further that somebody in his audience, rather more excited and nervous than himself, took off his coat, and offered to take the job off Judge Douglas' hands, and fight Lincoln himself. Did anybody here witness that warlike proceeding? (Laughter and cries of yes). Well, I merely desire to say that I shall fight neither Judge Douglas or his second. (Great laughter). I shall not do this for two reasons, which I will now explain. In the first place, a fight would prove nothing which is in issue in this contest. It might establish that Judge Douglas is a more muscular man than myself, or it might demonstrate that I am a more muscular man than Judge Douglas. But this question is not referred to in the Cincinnati platform, nor in either of the Springfield platforms (Great laughter). Neither result would prove him right or me wrong and so of the gentleman who volunteered to do his fighting for him. If my fighting Judge Douglas would not prove anything, it would certainly prove nothing for me to fight his bottle-holder. (Continued laughter).

"My second reason for not having a personal encounter with the Judge is, that I don't believe he wants it himself. (Laughter). He and I are about the best friends in the world, and when we get together he would no more think of fighting me than of fighting his wife. Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, when the Judge talked about fighting, he was not giving vent to any ill-feeling of his own, but merely trying

to excite---well, enthusiasm against me on the part of his audience. And as I found he was tolerably successful, we will call it quits." (Cheers and laughter).

"TWO UPON ONE."

"One other matter of trifling consequence," continued Mr. Lincoln "and I will proceed." I understand that Judge Douglas yesterday referred to the fact that both Judge Trumbull and myself are making speeches throughout the state to beat him for the Senate, and that he tried to create a sympathy by the suggestion that this was playing two upon one against him. It is true that Judge Trumbull has made a speech in Chicago and I believe intends to cooperate with the Republican Central Committee in their arrangements for the campaign to the extent of making other speeches in different parts of the state. Judge Trumbull is a Republican, like myself, and he naturally feels a lively interest in the success of his party. Is there anything wrong about that? But I will show you how little Judge Douglas' appeal to your sympathies amounts to. At the next general election, two years from now, a Legislature will be elected which will have to choose a successor to Judge Trumbull. Of course there will be an effort to fill his place with a democrat. This person, whoever he may be, is probably out making stump speeches against me, just as Judge Douglas is. It may be one of the present member democratic members of the lower house of Congress--- but whoever he is, I can tell you he has got to make some stump speeches now, or his party will not nominate him for the seat occupied by Judge Trumbull. Well, are not Judge Douglas and this man playing two upon one against me, just as much as Judge Trumbull and I are playing two

upon one against Judge Douglas? (Laughter). And if it happens that there are two democratic aspirants for Judge Trumbull's place are they not playing three upon one against me, just as we are playing two upon one against Judge Douglas? (Renewed laughter).