Springfield, Ill., Aug.5, 1898.

My Dear Miss Tarbell:

I send you another batch of stuff today. I have ransacked the files pretty thoroughly, and send you such things as I find. You will see that the Springfield "Journal", Lincoln's "organ", paid very little attention to his personal movements. Occasionally something slipped in, seemingly by accident.

I send you a few interviews, but I fear there is not much im them that will be of service to you. I will get one or two others soon.

There is no photograph of the crowd at the train Feb.11, 1861, nor of the street parade of August 8, so far as I am able to ascertain. I have failed to unearth any new photographs of Lincoln, but send you a list of those mentioned in the "Journal" between the momination and departure. Possibly this may prove useful in connection with those we do find.

I find no picture of Springfield in 1860. At the St.Nicholas Hotel there are faded oil paintings showing the four sides of the public suare at an earlier date--perhaps 1855. A Mr.Read of this city has recently made pen and ink spetches of these paintings, and these sketches could be photographed. Mr.Read would expect some compensation for this use of his spetches. Let me know if you wish any of them photographed. The "Journal" of Sept.10, 1860, speaks of a lithographic picture of the town by H.K.Harting, but I have been unable to get track of a copy of it.

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I will write you again within a few days.

Very sincerely,

J. McCandless.

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Lincoln and the Office-Seekers.

"State Journal", Nov. 26, 1860:

"Arrivals in the City.--The number of 'distinguished visitors interested in the welfare of Springfield' has lessened considerably during the late sojourn of Mr. Lincoln in the city of Chicago. The President-elect has been greatly annoyed by impertinent office-seekers; who, notwithstanding his unvarying assertion that he will make no promises until after the 4th of March next, continue to persist in approaching him on the subject of appointments, both by letters and verbally."

Lincoln's Whiskers.

From the "State Journal", Dec. 17, 1860:

"Mr. Lincoln Putting on 'airs.

"Our English friends say that President Lincoln is putting on 'airs. They think so, we suppose, because Mr. Lincoln is raising a pair of whiskers."

Lincoln at Senator Trumbull's Re-election.

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1861, Lincoln witnessed the re-election of Lyman Trumbull to the United States Senate. The "Journal" of the 10th says: "The galleries and lobby of the Hall of Representatives were densely crowded with deeply interested spectators. Hon. Abraham Lincoln, Gov. Wood, the state officers, the Supreme Judges and many other distinguished persons had seats within the bar."

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Visit of the Mexican Minister.

The "Journal" of Jan.25,1861,contains an extract from the Springfield correspondence of the St.Louis "Republican":

"Mr.Romero,the Mexican minister to this government,now in this city on a visit to Mr.Lincoln,brought with him a letter from Gen.Juarez,congratulating him upon his election to the Presidency of the United States and assuring him that the most amicable relations should exist between the two governments. . . . "

Visit of Edward Bates.

From the "Journal" of Jan.31,1861:

"Judge Bates of St.Louis arrived in this city on Tuesday evening and remained here during yesterday. He went back on last night's train."

Last Week in Springfield.

The "Journal" of Feb.4,1861,published the following announcement at the head of its editorial page:

" ☞ The present week being the last that Mr.Lincoln remains at Springfield,and it being indispensable that he should have a portion of his time to himself, he will see visitors only at his office,No.4 Johnson's building,from 3 1/2 to 5 o'clock p.m.each day."

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