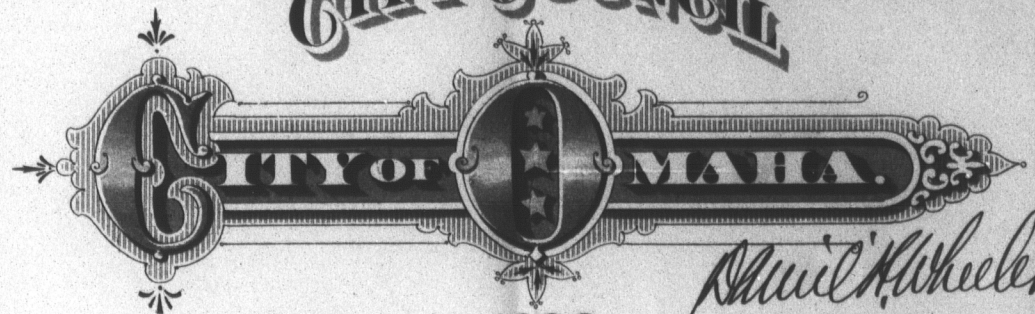




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*In reading your article "Lincoln's Important Law Cases" in August McClure, under the head of "The Illinois Central Case," I recall a conversation had with my father (Wm Wheeler) who was then a member of the Michigan Legislature, in 1860-61, I was then as now a resident of Nebraska, and having been a clerk in the Legislature of Nebraska, had after its adjournment gone to Michigan on a visit to my parents, and to return with my wife who had spent the winter with our respective parents. My father was in attendance upon the Legislature, and I went there and spent the closing days of the session with him and*



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our mutual friends there, Mr Lincoln had been inaugurated, the war had commenced and many speculations were had as to the ability and capacity of Abraham Lincoln, in whom my father had unbounded faith. (My father was an original abolitionist) he said in speaking of Mr Lincoln that the people of the United States would learn that there was more in the man than showed upon the surface. He said, "James F. Joy" (also a member of the Legislature & an official of the Michigan Central Rail Road and other western Rail Roads) had employed Mr Lincoln to conduct some case in Illinois for the Rail Road, Mr Lincoln won the case, sent his bill to Mr Joy, and he refused to pay the bill, saying that he did not propose to pay a country lawyer such an amount as was demanded by the



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bill presented, that "Old Abe" went into Couch and collected two or three times as much as he had first offered to accept for his services"

I understood at the time that Mr Jory had given this information to my father.

I am not sure, but believe that Mr Jory is still alive, and makes his home in Detroit Michigan. Of course this is not very important, except as history is made and recorded for time to come

You will pardon me for calling attention to this matter, but believing that you would like to correct any error in making this history, is my only excuse for troubling you.

*I am Very Respectfully  
Amiel H. Wheeler*