Lincoln and Colfax.

Franz Mueller of Spokane Wash., spent his youth in Bloomington, Ill., where he graduated at Wesleyan university and where he was organist at the First M. E. church. He relates the following: Miss Mary Hanna one day came running out of her house on Grove street in Bloomington and asked me to play for Hon. Schuyler Colfax who was in the house waiting for me while he was to lecture on Abraham Lincoln at Durley theatre. The Hanna frame house was old fashioned, set far back in the capacious ~~sized~~ sized lot. It had a front porch running ~~in front~~ along the entire length, old fashioned windows and a wide, outside chimney, "old Virginnie" style. I then met Mr. Colfax, wife and two children. After playing on the piano for Mr. Colfax I asked him to tell me something new of Lincoln. "When the war was at fever heat", said he, "Mr. Lincoln and I often went to Ford's opera house to regale ourselves of an evening, for we felt the strain on mind and body was often intolerable. It was real relaxation to see those Southern girls with their well rounded forms, lustrous hair and sparkling eyes. We thus had a veritable treat to see them dance and hear their rich voices in song." "Yes," continued Mr. Colfax, "just before the battle of Bull Run, which up to that time the President told me he considered of the highest importance to the Union cause, I heard him walk up and down in his chamber for three days and nights; I don't believe he scarcely touched a morsel of food in that time." Mr. Colfax was wont to stop at the home of Mrs. Hanna who was an old sweetheart of his, the widow of a distinguished lawyer and an acquaintance of Lincoln's. He was then on his lecturing tour which took him to Wisconsin where he soon afterward contracted a heavy cold from which he died. A singular coincidence is that the Methodist church, the Hanna home and that of General Asahel Gridley all stand in a row on East Grove street in Bloomington. General Grant on his return from Europe stopped over on his way from St. Louis to Chicago and worshipped in the church, Lincoln's vice-president, Colfax, often visited at the Hanna home and Gridley was associated with Lincoln in legal cases, tried before Judge David Davis. The latter rose to the supreme bench of the U. S. and was for a short time vice-pres. to, [illegible] occurred in Bl. In fact the four men who perhaps had more to do with Lincoln's nomination at Chicago were then all residents of Bloomington. They were: David Davis, "Long John" Wentworth (of the famous nine long ones, over 6 feet in stature and one of which was Lincoln), Jesse Fell and Leonard Swett. Two of these Wentworth and Swett, became well known and indeed famous in the history of Chicago's subsequently.

TESTIMONIALS

BISHOP J. H. VINCENT.

"I heard Professor Frank Mueller manipulate the great Bloomington organ a few years ago, and cheerfully bear testimony that he is a gifted musician." Truly yours,

J. H. VINCENT.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 9, 1883.

VICE PRESIDENT HON. A. E. STEVENSON.

"I have known Professor F. Mueller, of Spokane Falls, for many years. He was formerly a resident of Bloomington, Illinois. He is a gentleman of high personal character and an excellent and accomplished musician. He stood in the front ranks of his profession while in Bloomington. I take pleasure in commending him to the public."

A. E. STEVENSON.

Washington, D. C., July 12, 1892.

GOVERNOR J. W. FIFER.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"This is to certify that I have known Professor Francis Mueller, Jr., of this city, for the past 20 years intimately and well. It is with pleasure that I recommend him as one having a thorough knowledge of music and a most successful teacher of that art. He is one of our very best citizens, thoroughly honest, honorable and conscientious and has the respect and confidence of all good people." Respectfully,

JOSEPH W. FIFER.

Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 31, 1888.

J. L. PITNER, D. D.

"It affords me pleasure to say Professor Mueller as a musician has few equals. As an organist I regard him the most finished I have ever met." J. L. PITNER, D. D.,
Former Pastor of Hennepin Avenue Church, Minneapolis.
Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 29, 1888.

H. C. DE MOTTE, PH. D.

"I have been personally acquainted with Prof. F. Mueller for a number of years, and I know him to be a superior musician, a successful music teacher, and one of the best piano tuners I ever employed. His tuning of our Steinway Grand in the Illinois Soldiers' Orphans Home was in every way satisfactory. Added to all his musical qualifications he is a thoroughly educated Christian gentleman. He graduated from the Illinois Wesleyan University while I was its Vice President. Hence I know whereof I affirm. He has my hearty endorsement." H. C. DEMOTTE, Ph. D.,

Superintendent Illinois Soldiers' Orphans Home.
Normal, Ill., Aug. 9, 1889.

OVIDE MUSIN.

"Mr. Mueller is a musician by the grace of God. He is one of the best pianists I have had in all my travels."

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MARIE LITTA, PRIMA DONNA.

"Professor Franz Mueller traveled with our opera troupe for years, and he always was well received—he always showed himself as a most finished pianist and musician."

MARIE LITTA.

PRESS NOTICES.

"No ordinary pianist."—*Chicago Tribune.*

"A prince among pianists."—*Boston Transcript.*

"His rendition of the masters on the pipe organ is unsurpassed. Mr. Mueller is undaunted by technical difficulties."—*Boston Home Journal.*

"One of the finest pianists and organists in the State."—*Danville Post.*

"His own 'Sweet By and By,' showed him to be a prince among pianists."—*Decatur (Ill.) Review.*

"Professor Mueller's piano solo was certainly the finest we have as yet heard in Bloomington. The applause was fairly thundering."—*Sunday Eye*, 1887.

"Professor Mueller, the widely known musician and composer, is eminently master of the honored profession he has chosen."—*Springfield (Ill.) Journal.*

F. MUELLER,

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