Statement of Mrr Col.J.D.Roper,Springfield,Ill.
Oct.22, 1897.

I entered the "Illinois State Journal" office Feb.2, 1857. I was employed in the business department. My desk was in one end of a large room,and that of Mr.Baker,the editor,was in another. At the time I became connected with the paper,and up to the time of his departure from Springfield in 1861, Lincoln's rel ations with the paper were very intimate. He visited the office almost every day. He would come in and sit down and talk with Baker. Their conversation was generally about current political events. Very often Lincoln would tell a story. I do not recall that he wrote any of the "Journal's" editorials, though he might have done so; my work was outside of the editorial department entirely. Dr.Wallace,Lincoln's brother-in-law, W.H.Herndon,his law partner, and Judge Stephen T.Logan were also frequent visitors at the office.

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