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Members and readers who have a genealogical or historical story related to Logan County to tell can do so through the Roots & Branches. Stories can be submitted in writing or by email. These stories will provide a variety. **Bill Donath**, Editor

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In the event any of the holidays falls on a Friday, the center will also be closed the following Saturday.

PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBESHIP FOR 2021

The following articles from the Lincoln Herald give the reader some insight into the activities of our Logan County ancestors. There was a time when the creeks of the county were frozen for long periods of time. The ice was so thick that ice harvesters would cut the ice to be stored for summer use. Some articles told of ice cut from Salt creek being fourteen inches thick. Farm ponds and creeks were sources of ice for farmers to store for summer use to help preserve foods and keep foods fresh for longer periods of time during the warm month.

The following two articles about ice skating remind me of my high school years in Lincoln. The Lincoln Lakes use to freeze over so that I could skate nearly every area of the lakes. Pick up games of ice hockey often took place. During one, memorable to me anyway, I made a sharp turn, lost traction and my nose was the first part of me to hit the ice. I bled so much that if someone came along later, they would have thought it was a crime scene.

The Skating

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, January 10, 1895, p4

“Up to Saturday, when a drizzling rain set in, the skating was unusually good and the streetcar company carried many people to the cemetery bridge over Salt creek, Toward the last of the week the place was lit up at night with lamps and the locality presented a very animated appearance. There were some, also, who went to Kickapoo by Union street rout and some parties drove out to Salt creek. One very merry crowd of about twenty-five young people went in hacks to

Smith’s ford on Salt creek last Friday night and had a rare, good time. Realizing that the frosty air and the exercise of skating tend to create a good appetite, they took coffee, wienerwurst and other prosaic but hunger staying articles along, built up a big fire and had their own *al fresco* banquet, served with enough wood smoke to make the time romantic.”

Skated to Peoria

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, January 10, 1895, p2

“The skating on the Illinois River is remarkably fine at the present time. The river is entirely frozen over with good ice, as smooth a glass. Thousands are out daily, but the feature yesterday was a race from Lacon to this city, a

distance of thirty-one miles. It was between **Ben Smith** and **Minor Owens**, the latter winning by a half mile. The time was remarkably fast, 1:54.5 – Transcript.”

Of course, February is Mr. Lincoln’s month. With his birthday on the 12th, it is time to remember him as our predecessors knew him. The following articles from the Lincoln Herald share stories that I had not heard before. Have fun learning more about our favorite president.

An Incident of Lincoln

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, February 14, 1895, p2

“A story of that illustrious man showing the humane side of his nature.

“Mr. **J. B. Bates**, of the Pantagraph, relates the following characteristic story of **Abraham Lincoln** which was told him some years ago by **Mr. Gordon**, a venerable and highly respected citizen of Logan county, since dead. It was back in the fifties (forties?), when Mr. Gordon was

attending court at old Postville, then the county seat of Logan county. Mr. Lincoln, Judge **Samuel H. Treat**, **Richard Yates** and other prominent attorneys from Springfield and elsewhere in the circuit were present. It was late in the summer, or early autumn, and the weather was hot and the water at Postville hotel was bad. Mr. Lincoln one morning at the hotel commented on the poor water

and said he would not mind so much if he could only get watermelon to eat, but he had not been able to find one in town. He expressed surprise that some of the settlers in that community did not think to provide the people with a substitute for drinking water at such a season by raising a patch of melons. Mr. Gordon, who was present, told Mr. Lincoln that he had himself a fine patch of watermelons at home and if Mr. Lincoln would drive out with him he could have all he could eat and as many as he could bring back with him. The suggestion pleased Mr. Lincoln and he mentioned it to the other lawyers and the judge, who were at the hotel. The idea took and as Mr. Gordon extended the invitation to all they concluded to access them. There was an absent witness or an ailing juror and the judge adjourned court for the day.

“A few minutes later the judge and lawyers were loaded into four or five buggies and on their way to the Gordon homestead, some eighteen miles distant. The road led northeast, a good deal of the way across an open prairie. As they were driving merrily along they came to a pond through which the road led and which was passable in dry weather, but around which there was a longer route for use in wet weather. On this occasion the pond was covered with much mud and our company took the dry route around, but they discovered that some poor emigrant, going the other way, had been less discreet. Bound for the West with his wife and child and his earthly all in a wagon, with one yoke of oxen, he had taken the short cut and was mired down about midway of the pond. The poor fellow was out wading about in the mud and water and trying to urge his team on. But belabor and coax and threaten as he would, the oxen would not budge. The man’s unfortunate predicament was commented on by our company but, like the Levite, they were proceeding to pass by on the other side when Mr. Lincoln, whose buggy was somewhat in the rear,

called out: ‘Why, men, you are not going to leave the poor fellow in that fix, are you?’ ‘What can we do for him?’ came back the answer. ‘We cannot go there.’ ‘Well, I will do something for him,’ said Mr. Lincoln, as he stopped his buggy and alighted. He proceeded at once to take off his coat and vest and then his shoes and stockings. He then rolled up his pants above his knees and started into the slough of despond towards the objects of his sympathy. His tall, lank, ungainly form, divested of hat, coat and vest, barefooted with legs bare to the knees, presented a ludicrous spectacle, and shouts of laughter arose from the lawyers and court who were looking on. But Mr. Lincoln heeded it not, waded on till he reached the wagon. He took the whip from the hand of the driver and told him to go around on the other side and when he gave the word to yell as he never did before. Mr. Lincoln then raised the gad and as he brought it down on the oxen uttered a whoop like a Comanche Indian, in unison with the yell of the owner, the frightened animals sprang forward, nor did they halt until they had landed the wagon and its precious cargo on firm ground.

“After they were safely out Mr. Lincoln remarked to those present: ‘There is a poor mover on his way to the West to take up a home. If in the future I should ever happen his way in hunger and distress I have no doubt he would take me in and divide the last loaf with me.’ ‘Yes,’ said the wife who now poked her head out of the covered wagon, ‘God bless you. We would give it all to you.’ Mr. Lincoln washed the mud from his legs and feet, reinvested himself with his clothing and the party went on their way. There was a great feast of watermelons at Farmer Gordon’s that day, but the incident, above all others, that made the trip memorable was the humane set of the man who was destined to undying fame as one of the earth’s greatest rulers toward a poor emigrant and his family.”

Lincoln’s Modest Fees

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, November 28, 1895, p6

“**M. D. Hardin**, one of the oldest Illinois lawyers, tells of an instance where **Mr. Lincoln** was retained to assist two other lawyers in the

conduct of a case of the greatest importance. ‘I will not say now what the case was,’ said Mr. Hardin, ‘but it was one of greatest moment to the

state and of importance to the nation. The decision arrived at grows more stupendous in its results every day. Even at the time of its settlement those connected with it knew it meant a great deal, and the two men who had been his colleagues consulted together after the trial as to the amount of the fee to be charged. They decided that \$5,000 was the least they could take and concluded to

send their bill for that amount. But they waited for Mr. Lincoln and laid the case before him. They asked him what he thought they ought to charge. He pondered over the matter for a time and finally said he thought his share ought to be about \$50. That was, he thought, pretty good pay, considering that he had only given a little over a day to the case' – Chicago Times-Herald.”

Lincoln Property

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, February 14, 1895, p5

“The old wooden buildings on the south side of the square, occupying the lots that belonged to **Abraham Lincoln**, are being demolished.”

Vital Statistics from the Lincoln Herald

The list printed on the following pages is an excerpt from the Index of the Lincoln Herald issues of January 1877. There were four issues of the paper that January: Jan. 04, Jan. 11, Jan. 18 and Jan. 25. The marriages and marriage license notifications are usually listed in a formal article, generally page five of each issue. Paternity is important in closing of estates so establishing marriage documents is important legally. It is rare to find articles about specific weddings. They do occur but mostly for marriages of people with social status.

The births and deaths are scattered throughout the pages of the Herald. They can usually be found in the lines of the reports from the various communities of the county. Finding them can be laborious for any researcher. Reading entire papers is tedious when a researcher is looking for just one bit of information.

So where and how were these other bits of vital statistics found? Any time there is a large collection of paper sources and no index for that collection, there might as well not be a large collection of paper sources. However, indexes can be produced. It takes time, but doing so helps genealogical researchers save time. They appreciate the effort of volunteers who do this work.

In the case of the Lincoln Herald, only the Logan County articles and advertising need be indexed. Every name indexes can be produced for

the entire paper, but with greater effort and with diminishing value to local researchers. Therefore, articles about activities in the towns of the county are the focus of the indexes. For example: The Lincoln Herald index for January 1877 contains 1,349 lines. The vital statistics list below has 92 of those lines. The full index of this month contains names of people, schools, businesses, towns, townships, etc. Of course, the source is listed in the index so that if a researcher wants a copy of the original article it can be obtained. These references are important to people trying to go beyond Genealogy to produce a Family History. Finding little bits of a person's normal life is like finding puzzle pieces to help us understand who they were and how they lived their lives.

If you have ever used a microfilm machine to read the old papers you know that it is a strain, even for people with good eyesight. These machines enlarge the image only so much. It is now not enough for these old eyes. So how does an old man with limited eyesight manage to do this kind of work? - Digitization.

A little prep work with large collections of paper makes the indexing process possible. In the case of collections of 8.5"x11" pages, using a scanner can make jpg copies of the pages. These, in turn, saved to a computer, can be enlarged a big as you need them. In the case of newspapers, such as the Lincoln Herald, photographing the pages gives an image that can be enlarged the same way.

Technology can be used to assist old eyes to see what has become unseeable. Large scale scanners are available for these larger items, but much too expensive for LCGHS to consider as an option.

To see an example of a completed project, visit our website, logancoil-genhist.org. On the home page click on Research. Scroll to find Roots & Branches. The complete index from 1979 to 2019 is there and the images of the issues are also there. Once a reference is found in the Index a researcher can open the image to see the entire article.

The Lincoln Herald index project is still in progress. Digitization of the Shew Collection will be completed this winter.

Future digitization projects may well include sending our microfilm collection to have it digitized. Services like that are available but the cost has not yet been researched. Digital microfilm machines are now available to do that kind of work in house, but, again, the cost to LCGHS would include the machine, a computer powerful enough to do the work and the software necessary to convert the microfilm image to a digital image. The cost of this, too, is prohibitive at this time.

Vital Statistics from the Lincoln Herald

Name:	Issue:	Page:	Col:	Event:
Albright, Irvin & Downey, Miss	1877 0125	8	2	Married: Jan 1877
Beaucamp, Joseph & Conners, Bridget	1877 0125	8	1	Marriage License - Tazwell
Bell, William & Copeland, Laura	1877 0125	5	2	Marriage License
Bennett, Jenty & Von, Mary	1877 0118	8	2	Married: 04 Jan 1877
Bennett, Jonathan & Vaughn, Mary	1877 0125	8	1	Marriage License - Tazwell
Bever, Samuel & Burton, Ella	1877 0111	5	5	Married: 29 Dec 1876
Bishop, Benjamin & Leach, Abbie	1877 0118	5	5	Married: 04 Jan 1877
Bishop, Benjamin & Leach, Abbie	1877 0111	5	3	Marriage License
Brandau, John & Peddicord, Valette	1877 0125	5	5	Married: 10 Jan 1877
Burus, John & McGrath, Catharine	1877 0104	5	2	Marriage License
Cobb, Clarence & Newman, Harriet	1877 0104	5	2	Marriage License
Coddington, Ed & White, Fannie	1877 0118	5	3	Married: 14 Jan 1867
Coffman, Sam & Weggener, Caroline	1877 0104	1	5	Married: 28 Dec 1876
Coffman, Samuel & Wagner, Carrie	1877 0104	5	5	Married: 28 Dec 1876
Corthon, Joseph & Shuley, Hettie	1877 0111	5	3	Marriage License

Corthon, Joseph & Sheeley, Miss	1877 0111	1	4	Married: 04 Jan 1877
Crawford, Lot & Mason, Mary	1877 0104	5	5	Married: 25 Dec 1876
Dixon, E J & McManama, Mary	1877 0118	5	5	Married: 11 Jan 1877
Dixon, R J & McManama, Mary	1877 0118	8	2	Marriage License
Earhart, Charles & Primm, Ruth	1877 0111	5	3	Marriage License
Earhart, Charles & Primm, Ruth	1877 0111	5	5	Married: 04 Jan 1877
Edwards, Lucian & Doty, Nannie	1877 0104	5	2	Marriage License
Edwards, Lucian & Doty, Nannie	1877 0104	5	5	Married: 28 Dec 1876
Eichberg Bros	1877 0111	1	4	Died: Dau 03 Jan 1877
Ewing, Preston	1877 0125	5	2	Died; 13 Jan 1876
Galloway, Anthony	1877 0111	8	2	Died: Dau 08 Jan 1877
Galloway, Carrie	1877 0118	1	3	Died: 08 Jan 1877
Galloway, Ellen	1877 0111	8	2	Died: Dau 08 Jan 1877
Goff, Robert Mrs	1877 0118	1	3	Died: 11 Jan 1877
Goldsmith, Charles & Eisiminger, Perry	1877 0125	5	2	Marriage License
Harron, Frank & Smith, Catherine	1877 0125	5	5	Married: 28 Dec 1876
Hartman, Charles & Hawkins, Lizzie	1877 0104	5	5	Married: 21 Dec 1876
Hartsock, Emerson & Mitchell, Laura	1877 0111	5	5	Married: 25 Dec 1876
Haven, Arthur & Douglass, Johanna	1877 0104	5	2	Marriage License
Hess, Levi M/M	1877 0104	1	4	Born: Son Dec 1876
Hines, Christian & Scheflenacker, Louisa	1877 0104	1	2	Married: 02 Jan 1877
Hoagdom, Abram & Garrett, Fannie	1877 0125	8	1	Marriage License - Tazwell
Hoblit, George & Saulsbury, Sindora	1877 0125	5	2	Marriage License
Hoblit, George & Saulsbury, Lindora	1877 0118	5	5	Married: 16 Jan 1877
Jones, J E & Higgin, Laura	1877 0125	1	4	Married: 23 Jan 1877
Lanterman, Peter	1877 0104	1	4	Died: Nov 1876
Lemaster, Warren	1877 0104	1	2	Died: 29 Dec 1876
Lentz, E H & Lindsay, Sophia	1877 0104	5	5	Married: 27 Dec 1876
Lentz, Erastus & Lindsay, Sophia	1877 0104	5	2	Marriage License

Linbarger, J R & Warne, Martha	1877 0125	8	1	Marriage License - Tazwell
Lindsay, Hallie	1877 0125	1	5	Died: 17 Jan 1877
Long, Harvey	1877 0111	1	5	Died: 03 Jan 1877
Lyon, Samuel & Fitzpatrick, Annie	1877 0118	5	5	Married: 08 Jan 1877
Mann, Smith & Lemaster, Angeline	1877 0104	1	2	Married: 1876
Martin, Charles & Morris, Emma	1877 0111	5	5	Married: 28 Dec 1876
McCauley, Mary	1877 0125	5	1	Died: 21 Jan 1877
McNabb, Isaac & Quinn, Lizzie	1877 0111	5	5	Married: 31 Dec 1876
McNabb, Isaac & Quinn, Lizzie	1877 0104	5	2	Marriage License
McQuilty, William & Reece, Sarah	1877 0111	5	3	Marriage License
McQuilty, William & Reece, Sarah	1877 0111	5	5	Married: 04 Jan 1877
Miller, Charlie	1877 0118	5	2	Died: 11 Jan 1877
Mills, A H & Bell, Lizzie	1877 0104	5	1	Married:
Mills, Andrew & Bell, Lizzie	1877 0104	5	5	Married; 02 Jan 1877
Moody, Wm	1877 0104	1	2	Died: 31 Dec 1876
Moore, John & Morris, Serrida	1877 0118	8	2	Marriage License
Myers, James & Miller, Margaret	1877 0125	8	1	Marriage License - Tazwell
O'Brien, William & Doyle, Jane	1877 0111	5	3	Marriage License
Purdom, LaFayette M/M	1877 0104	1	6	Died: Child 30 Dec 1876
Pridemore, John & Johnson, Nancy	1877 0125	5	5	Married: 13 Dec 1876
Ramsey, George & Wild, Maria	1877 0111	5	3	Marriage License
Ramsey, George & Wild, Maria	1877 0111	5	5	Married: 04 Jan 1877
Robbins, Frank & Randolph, Lura	1877 0111	5	5	Married: 25 Dec 1876
Rogers, L & Buzzard, Maggie	1877 0125	1	5	Married: 18 Jan 1877
Rogers, Melaethon & Bussard, Maggie	1877 0125	5	2	Marriage License
Rohon, Rave & Anderson, Lora	1877 0125	5	5	Married: 10 Jan 1877
Sams, John	1877 0104	1	2	Died: Dec 1876
Sams, Wiley	1877 0104	1	2	Died: 1875

Scroggin, Charles & Copeland, Rose	1877 0104	5	5	Married: 28 Dec 1876
Smallberger, E & Roth, Fannie	1877 0125	8	1	Marriage License - Tazwell
Smith, J Q A M/M	1877 0118	5	5	Born: Dau 05 Jan 1877
Smith, John & McDaniel, Mary	1877 0125	5	5	Married: 10 Jan 1877
Swisher, Daniel & Wilson, Sarah	1877 0104	5	2	Marriage License
Swisher, Daniel & Wilson, Sarah	1877 0104	5	5	Married: 04 Jan 1877
Taylor, Edward & King, Lizzie	1877 0118	5	5	Married: 03 Jan 1877
Trenarry, Hardin & Clury, Mary	1877 0118	5	5	Married: 04 Jan 1877
Werth, Frederick & Miller, Elizabeth	1877 0125	5	5	Married: 16 Jan 1877
Werth, Frederick & Miller, Elizabeth	1877 0118	8	2	Marriage License
Williams, Francis & Hall, Sarah	1877 0111	5	5	Married: 31 Dec 1876
Wilson, William & Ketcham, Maggie	1877 0125	8	1	Marriage License - Tazwell
Wyatt, John	1877 0125	5	5	Died: 22 Jan 1877
Young, Robert & Shumate, Mary	1877 0111	5	3	Marriage License
Young, Samuel & Dills, Mollie	1877 0125	5	2	Marriage License
Young, Samuel & Dills, Mollie	1877 0125	5	2	Married: 18 Jan 1877
Young, Samuel & Dills, Mollie	1877 0125	5	5	Married: 18 Jan 1877
Young, Samuel & Dills, Mellie	1877 0118	1	4	Married: Jan 1877

February is also Black History month. The following article tells of an Illinois G. A. R. post that was thirty-years late but seventy years ahead of its time when it included colored veterans of the Civil War in its membership.

G. A. R Allows Black Veterans

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, February 21, 1895, p2

“**William T. Sherman** post, No. 146, Grand Army of the Republic, Bloomington, has adopted a resolution admitting colored soldiers of the Union to full membership. The colored soldiers had taken preliminary steps to organize a post, having heretofore been denied admission to the existing post. This adds about twenty-five to the membership of William T. Sherman post.”

Earlier I referred to recurring features in the Lincoln Herald that shared news, both personal and impersonal, of the citizens of the various towns and townships within Logan County. These are history

books for those communities. The following articles contain a variety of news items from those correspondents in those communities.

A Chestnut Runaway.

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, January 11, 1877, p5

“Jan. 8. – Last Thursday evening a team belonging to **A. B. Dement**, Esq., which was attached to a lumber wagon, became frightened at the trains switching, broke out of the barn yard, in which they were tied, and were soon out on the public highway, starting westward in the direction of Yankeetown in their nocturnal flight. When passing through the lower edge of the latter place the hind wheels became detached from the remainder of the wagon, by the breaking of the coupling-pole, allowing the hind part of the bed to drag. They passed on through the timber where the road forms many crooks and turns and were soon going south in the direction of Latham, which place they passed about half a mile to the westward. From here they still kept on southward,

passing Niantic to the westward, and soon brought up in the Sangamon river timber, and to the halt by running astride of a tree with sufficient force to break the neck-yoke, the tongue in two places, the single-trees, and the king-bolt. From this it is evident that they were still under rapid headway. This occurred directly in front of the residence of a gentleman, who hearing the crash, rushed out and secured the horses which upon examination proved to have received no other injury than two slight scratches. The horses are small, and will probably weight eleven hundred pounds each, while the wagon is (or was) a very heavy one. The distance traveled cannot be less that twenty miles, which was made in the remarkable time of about two hours. Who can beat it?”

Beason is Thriving.

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, March 29, 1894, p5

“The village of Beason is early beginning to show signs of spring improvements, notwithstanding the general scarcity of funds. The village is surrounded by one of the richest farming communities in the State, the majority of them owning their own farms. One of the most attractive buildings there is a handsome new modern school-house erected last year. It contains two rooms, both on the ground floor and is surmounted by a neat belfry. The arrangement is such that each of the rooms has a convenient lobby for general wardrobe purposes, and the facilities for lighting and heating are complimented by architects and acknowledged authorities. The excellent advantage is that all the rooms are on the ground floor, an advantage which will never be appreciated fully, unless fire should happen to break out in the building while school is in session. **Prof. Law** is the principal and **Miss Evans** is his assistant. The fire in Beason which ruined nearly half the business building in the town was really a good thing for the appearance of the town, for **Mr. J H. Hammerton** has replaced the principal building

with a fine new block, a part of which is occupied by the post office, **Dr. McClelland**'s drugstore and **Mr. Hammerton**'s hardware and general store and the remaining room will be occupied by **Mr. A. B. Dunseth**, who is fitting it up for a grocery store and will be in charge in a few days. The building is a handsome one and would be a credit to any village.

“Among the buildings in the 1894 list is the new grain office for **John T. Gelsthorp** who was obliged to get into larger quarters. Beason is a grain center and does a large business in that line, the buyers being **Johnston & Co.**, **Mr. Gelsthorp** and **Randolph & Co.** The two former have large elevators. **Mr. Gelsthorp**'s new office is divided into two apartments, one for the bookkeeper and for the general use of customers and the other is used as a private office and consultation room.

“**Mr. A. B. Dunseth** has the foundation laid for a fine, new residence which he will occupy as soon as it is completed. Beason has a number of handsome modern dwellings, most of which were erected within the last two years.

“One of the most prominent needs of the town is a bank. The volume of business is equally as great as in some towns where banks are successfully run. There are a number of new

residences and improvements promised for this year, and there are good prospects that the little town will materially increase in population.”

Elkhart Bridge

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, August 23, 1894, p8

“**Ex-Gov. Oglesby** has built a bridge across the embankment so they can go straight from their residence to the chapel and cemetery.”

Fire at Latham

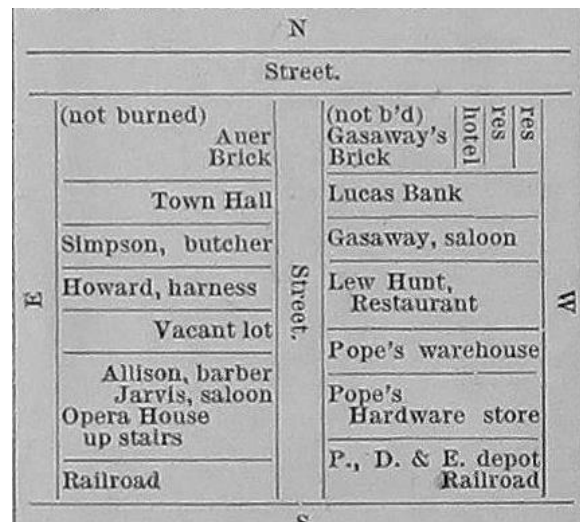
Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, October 25, 1894, p5

“Nearly All the Business Portion of the Unfortunate Town Burned – An Account of the Losses.

“On Wednesday night, the 17th, after the Herald had gone to press, the little town of Latham, in the southeast part of the county, was visited with a serious fire. This is the third time the village has suffered thus, and the business men and residents are deserving of the sympathy of all in their great misfortune. We quote the following from the Mt. Pulaski News:

‘At about 11 o’clock that night fire was discovered in **Charles R. Simpson’s** meat market. This stood in the middle of a row of frame buildings on the east side of the business street of the town, while the west side was lined with buildings of like character. All were occupied by well-stocked business concerns. Practically no water was available, nor was there fire-fighting machinery of any kind. Everything was dry as tinder, and the fire spread with fierce rapidity, sweeping the east side of the street clean from **J. J. Auer’s** brick south to the railroad. It also crossed the street and licked up everything from **T. A. Gasaway’s** brick south to and including the **P. D. & E. depot**. It swept around the rear of Gasaway’s brick and destroyed the **Cottage Hotel**, belonging to **Mrs. Lucas**. A few hours sufficed to complete the work of destruction. The following diagram gives an idea of the extent of the fire:

“**John J. Auer’s** brick building saved him: his stock of goods escaped harm, and his only loss is in damage to his building.



“The town hall, a two-story structure, **J. D. Simpson’s** meat market, L. Howard’s harness shop, **James Allison’s** barber shop, **Horace Jarvis’** saloon and Opera House, the P., D. & E. depot, **William G. Pope’s** hardware store and machinery warehouse adjoining, **L. Hunt’s** restaurant, **Barney Gasaway’s** saloon, **A. H. Lucas & Son’s** bank, the Cottage Hotel and residences west thereof, **Thomas Gasaway’s** fish market, **Frank Tribbett’s** saloon and building, all were reduced to ashes – practically a total loss, very little stock or fixtures being saved. **T. A. Gasaway’s** general store, like Auer’s, was saved by having a brick building. The bank building and fixtures were ruined, but the funds, books and papers were saved. We have been unable to secure definite figures as to the losses, but they will aggregate \$25,000 or more, less than one-fifth being covered by insurance.

“It is a staggering blow, but Latham people are full of pluck, enterprise and faith in their good little town, and we predict that the burnt district will soon be occupied by substantial new buildings much better in every way than those destroyed. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The light was seen here by people before midnight, and several drove over, while others made their way over on the P., D., &

E. midnight freight. Telegraph poles were burned and the line broken. The P., D. & E. agent left his safe unlocked, it tumbled over, the door came open and the contents (including \$50 in cash) were destroyed. Two good sized shoats got mixed up in a wire clothesline and were roasted alive. **John Rice**, occupying one of the burned dwelling houses, lost all his household effects.”

Rebuilding at Latham

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, November 8, 1894, p3

“The new meat market is nearing completion.

“A new platform has been erected and a new depot will soon be constructed.

“Work will commence Monday on the **Pope block**, which will be an eighty-foot front and contain four store rooms.

“The west part of town will soon be up with the east side. Eight or ten new dwellings are to be erected in the spring.

“Workmen are at work on the **Gasaway** building and ere long it will be ready for the bank

to move their new fixtures into it. In the meantime they are doing business at the Mt. Pulaski Grain Company’ office.

“After the shock of the fire was over our town has again resumed its usual hustle and bustle, and by this time next year we will be far ahead of all our former booms. We can safely say that water works will be one of our many adventures. – Graphic.”

Mt. Pulaski Library Society

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, January 11, 1877, p1

“At a preliminary meeting for the organization of a library society, held at the schoolhouse Friday evening last, **Dr. F. D. Cass** was called to the chair, **A. G. Jones** secretary. After a general discussion of the necessities and good rising from such societies, A. G. Jones, **Col. Wm. M. Allen** and **W. P. Sawyer** were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and bylaws for the organization of the society to meet again this

Friday at the same place. It is hoped our citizens will take sufficient interest in the matter to make it a success. Had the society started here about sixteen years since been kept up, Mt. Pulaski could have boasted of as good a library as had in towns of larger growth – that is judging from the success of all enterprises heretofore undertaken by the citizens of Mt. Pulaski.”

Mt. Pulaski Library

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, January 18, 1877, p1

“At an adjourned meeting of the library society Friday evening last, it was resolved that a society should be organized by a charter of the State, and with that view **A. G. Jones**, Esq., **W. P. Sawyer** and **S. Linn Beidler** were appointed a committee to take subscriptions for stock. A very little effort on the part of our citizens would place

the library and reading room among the fixed institutions of the village. The new school question is not the only enterprise before our people. We hope to see many of the prospective improvements and private enterprises take definite shape ere long.”

Mark Twain Relic at Atlanta

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, February 2, 1895, p2

“Argus: **H. Moorehead** came into possession recently of a valuable relic which was sent to him by his son, **Warnie**, from Missouri. It is a cane made from a strip from a window in the house in which **Mark Twain** was born, and the head of

which is made from the handle of an umbrella carried by the midwife in attendance on the occasion. The cane is not so very pretty, but Mr. Moorehead prizes it highly nevertheless.”

Wrath on a Calf

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, January 11, 1894, p5

“There is nothing usually pugnacious about Mr. **A. A. Applegate**, but last week all the latent wrath of his meek corporeal was let loose on a calf that got into his corn crib. The story is too long to narrate. Suffice it to say that the calf got in while Mr. Applegate was scooping corn and for a whole day, he tried to scoop out the calf, but the corn

would continually roll down on the infant bovine and he would scoop the harder, At night when completely exhausted and finding that he'd have to knock out the side of the barn, he bowed his head and wept, but said out loud, ‘Darn the calf.’ Just think of it! Wasn’t he mad?”

Lincoln to Postville

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, November 1, 1894, p2

“**Congressman Springer** was in town on Tuesday. He remarked that when he lived in Lincoln there was a cow pasture between the old town and the new and in going to Postville they crossed the pasture.”

New Lincoln City Hall Offer

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, November 8, 1894, p4

“**Capt. Harts**’ proposition to build a city hall was to furnish a lot 60x150 feet at the northeast corner of Broadway and McLean streets and to furnish brick at \$6.25 with additional cash to equal \$10,000. He valued the two lots at \$3,200

and would take the calaboose lot at \$1,200. His proposition was for the city to pay \$120 per month for twelve years at the end of which time the building would belong to the city. Referred.”

Runaway Accident

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, October 4, 1894, p3

“Adam Denger’s Team Makes a Wreck and Hurts the Driver.

“While coming from the Central depot with goods one of **Adam Denger**’s teams took fright at a streetcar Friday, scattering candy and crackers profusely from the Park House to Broadway, and then stopping of their own accord at the store. Near the Park House the wagon collided with one driven by **Paul Leighton**, upsetting the latter. Mr. Denger’s driver, **William Lester**, was thrown out against a post, bruising so severely on the hip that he had to be taken home. The broken packages of candy attracted some of the spectators, who carried off probably a hundred pounds before it

could be secured by the owner. Some of these pirates, were people who no one would have thought capable of robbing a businessman who had just been the victim of misfortune, but they sneaked off around the electric light buildings with the large packages of the stolen property. They richly deserve punishment. Later came at least fifty small children from the First Ward school, who filled hats, bonnets, pockets and boxes with dusty candy, picked up where it had been trampled in the street.

The Library

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, November 1, 1894, p1

“Since the city does not pay \$200 a year for the use of the library by pupils of the high school, the library people find it had work to buy any new books. If something is not done soon, this excellent institution will be closed up next spring. There ought to be a general rally to its support. The other night a committee was appointed to

canvass the city for articles of fancy work, the plan being to hold a fair in aid of the library about the 13th or 15th of December. This ought to meet with a hearty response as the library is an educating force which we cannot afford to give up.”

Streetcar Line Sold

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, November 1, 1894, p1

“A Strong Company Gets It – They will Extend the Line and Improve Service

“On Tuesday Mr. **John F. Mundy** closed the sale of the streetcar line to **H. H. Patterson**, of Bloomington, for a consideration of \$75,000. The company of which Mr. Patterson is the head, are to get possession today. This is a strong organization which owns the lines at Bloomington and at Wilkesbarre, Pa., and other points, with a total of 180 miles of track. Their taking control of the line means an improvement to the service as soon as it can be done. They propose to make it a belt line with a fifteen-minute service. The plan is to leave Kickapoo street near the P. D. & E depot a follows:

“Davenport to Logan,
“Logan to Keokuk,
“Keokuk to Ottawa,
“Ottawa to Peoria,
“Peoria to Union.

“This service will be a great benefit to the line and also to the new **Industrialville suburb**. The cars are to be put in good condition and more will be added when needed. The company has also in contemplation an important extension which we are not a liberty to mention.”

The Naturalization

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, October 11, 1894, p5

“There were thirteen naturalized in 1891, in 1892 there were ninety-three, in 1893 there were ten, and thus far in 1894, eighteen. This refers to adults who take out two sets of papers, and to minors who take out but one. The following have taken out papers this year, the last seven being naturalized as minors:

George W. Mozer, of Germany,
Jacob Goeken, of Germany,
Maniel McAvor, of Great Britain,
William Foster, of Great Britain,
August Geiger, of Germany,
Thomas Piekan, of Great Britain,
John Wagenkecht, of Germany,
Roelf Coonts, of Germany,
Peter Cristiana, of Germany,

Gustav Boldt, of Germany,
John Paueratins, of Germany,
Joseph Kleinmoun, of Germany,
Onno R. Johnson, of Germany,
Frank Hendahl, of Germany,
Anton, Laskruski, of Germany,
Charles C. McKellar, of Scotland,
William Traub, of Germany
Michael Clifford, of Ireland.”

Thanksgiving Football 1894

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, December 6, 1894

“The game of football was called at 2:45 on some vacant lots at the corner of Peoria and Union streets. A slight rain was falling, the sidewalks were slippery with sleet and so only about five hundred people turned out. Some of these gathered round a fire while others stood under umbrellas and tried to look wise as to the merits of the game they did not understand. A great difficulty confronted the uninitiated at the start in the fact that two elevens were not in uniform. It was a guerilla campaign in which each man dressed to suit himself and the one who had come into the possession of a sweater thought himself highly favored.

“Football, as now played, has very little kicking in it, except of the metaphorical kind that comes after a rush in which somebody claims to have been badly treated, or as a protest from a decision of the umpire. What the crowd standing in the cold rain of Thursday saw was a cluster of twenty-two fellows stooping in professional attitudes of eager expectancy, in close proximity to the ball, which was laid on the ground. At the signal the ball was pushed to one of the club, who tossed it to another, and the latter ran with it, after the time-honored fashion of a dog with a bone, his plan being to run around the opposition eleven and place the ball behind its goal, or drive it

through over the bar. As the opposition had a less distance to run, this scheme rarely worked, for the man with the ball was almost invariably caught around the waist and thrown down, other players falling upon him till half of the contingent lay in a writhing mass of legs, arms and trunks, resembling nothing so much as a free for all dog fight. The whistle of the umpire was a signal to get up, go back to the proper chalk line and go through the performance again, with the running ad libitum, and tumbling ad nauseam.

“The only score made was by the City club which was achieved by **Will Dana**, a touch-down counts four points. The City players were generally older and heavier and had more experience than their opposition. The rain had been gradually growing heavier, to the discomfort of the players who stood a good chance of being thoroughly soaked, so at the end of the first half the game was discontinued. Those present took an active interest in the proceedings and it is easy to see how intense and eager the matches become between rival colleges. In the game played on Thursday there was no disposition shown to indulge in the brutality which has disgraced many of the games between college elevens. The eleven were as follows”

High School	Position	City
Maurice Altman	Left end	John Larison
Walter Atkins	Left tackle	H. Alexander
Albert Trapp	Left guard	Perry, Johnson
L. Thompson	Center push	James Garrett
Chas. Chowning	Right guard	Sam Hoblit
Harry, Trapp	Right tackle	F. Pierce
Clifford Wyatt	Right end	Will Dana
David Harts	Quarter back	L. Spellman
Clarence Pierce	Right half back	S. Clark
Charles Hoblit	Left half back	P. Record
Jordon Cottle	Full back	J. H. Dickey
Umpire: G. S. Wrightnour		
Referee: S P Smith		

Correspondence

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, January 4, 1877, p1

“Mt. Pulaski – Jan. 3. – **Wm. Moody**, of Poordo, aged about sixty years, was discovered dead in bed by his wife early Sunday morning. He had complained of being ill, but his death is attributed to destitution, they having lived in extreme poverty for some time. He was a Kentuckian and a Confederate soldier under

Morgan in his raid into Ohio, deserting the latter and with another settling in Lake Fork timber. His stepchildren, whose father served in the Union army, receive a small pension from the government, that pittance alone furnishing the family with what little they did have. Was buried at the expense of the county.”

Wheat and Flour

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, January 17, 1895, p1

“The Lincoln Mills have had a great run of wheat during this month, with receipts since the 2nd inst., of nearly twenty-eight thousand bushels. This is almost like harvest time. The Mill now runs night and day, and ships largely to Glasgow and Liverpool. Nearly all the late shipments have

been by the P., D. & E. and the Cumberland Dispatch to Norfolk, Va., and thence by vessel. Much of the grinding now doing is of wheat for feed, and this goes at the rate of 600 bushels a day to Boston and other New England points. Two cars were shipped yesterday.”

Rate of Assessment

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, May 2, 1877, p1

“Last Saturday the assessors adopted the following rates:

Horses, four years old and over, \$20;
horses, three years old, \$15;
horses, two years old, \$8;
horses, one year old, \$5;
mules, three years old, \$20;
mules, two years old, \$10;
mules, one year old, \$5;
cattle, two years old, stall fed, \$20;
cattle, two years old, steers, \$10;
cattle, two years old, heifers, \$5;
cattle, one year old, \$3;

cows, \$7;
sheep, per head \$1;
hogs, per 100 pounds, \$1;
stallions and jacks, five times the insurance;
improved lands, per acre, \$13;
corn, per bushel, less delivery, 10 cents;
corn, per bushel, in hands of grain dealers, 10 cents;
wheat, per bushel, less delivery, 10 cents;
wheat, per bushel, less delivery, 8 cents;
All property at one-quarter value.

Winter Stock Water

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, February 14, 1895, p4

“In answer to a question as to stock water, Mr. **J. W. Quisenberry**, of the northern part of Eminence township, remarked that it was very scarce and the intense cold froze up the drinking troughs and made it difficult to keep stock

supplied. Some of his neighbors have been hauling water for a long time from a public well, many of them taking it for two miles or more. During the bitter cold weather this has been anything but a pleasant job.”

Request to Rename Union Cemetery

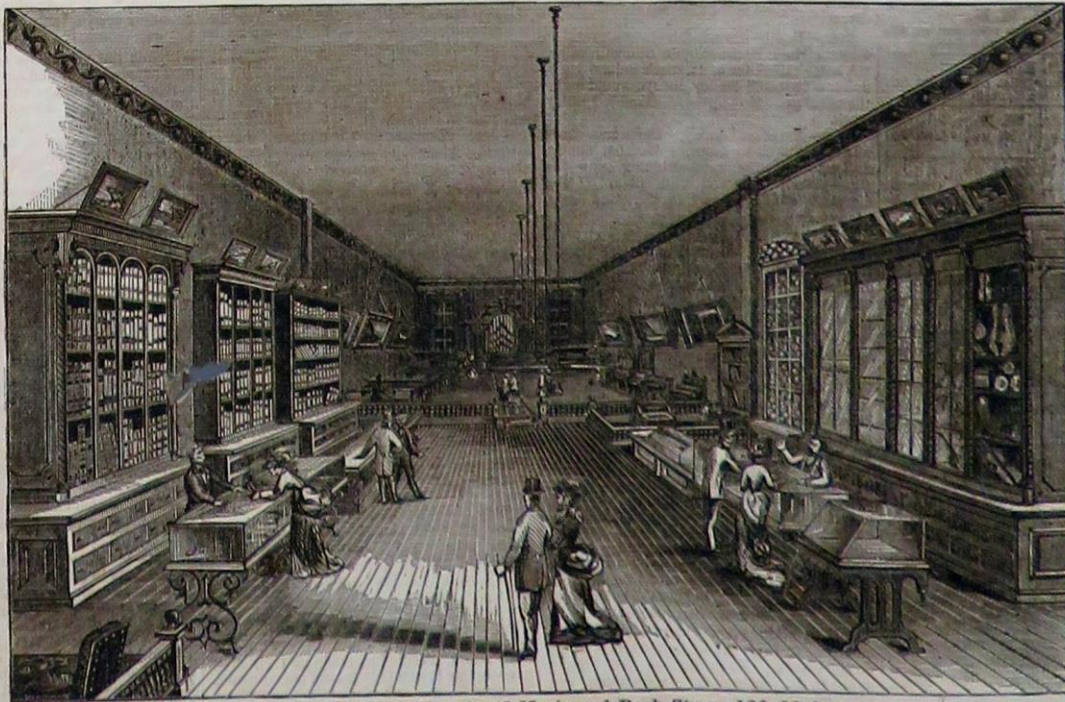
Herald Lincoln, Lincoln, IL, May 9, 1895, p1

“We could wish, too, for a name for our cemetery more suggestive and appropriate than the name ‘Union,’ which is an adjective too general and commonplace to mean much when applied to a cemetery, and is noticeably inapplicable in this case, since another cemetery used by the Catholics is just across the way. It compares unfavorably with names usually chosen, such as Oak Ridge, Greenwood, Rose Hill, Forest

Hill, etc. The name may express, happily, the physical features of the sacred purposes of the locality and by association may secure to itself a sentiment which is consoling and uplifting, but which would never gather about an adjective appropriated promiscuously by politics, labor organizations, railway stations, schools, streets, and underwear.”

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Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, December 12, 1878, p2

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