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Winter 2022: January, February, March

Meeting Schedule: All program meetings are at 6:30 pm. The speakers are first on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you. Please call, Vice-President and Program Chairperson, with suggestions for programs at 217-732-3200.

January 17: Genealogical Research Part I. The American Legion is the site of this program, in the Mary Pat room.

February 21: Genealogical Research Part II. American Legion is the site of this program, in the Mary Pat room.

March 21: **Bill Donath** will present local research sources not available anywhere else. Possibly at LCGHS.

Call for Article Submissions

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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Holiday Closings

The Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society research center will be closed for the following holidays: **New Year's Day**, **Good Friday**, **Memorial Day**, **4th of July**, **Labor Day**, **Veteran's Day**, **Thanksgiving** and the day after, **Christmas Eve Day**, and **Christmas Day**.

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

Dues for 2022 are Due.

Fire at Our Neighboring Building Disrupts LCGHS Reopening.

So, LCGHS was working to get back on an open schedule again after the COVID 19 shut down. We had a program in September with **Rev. John Johnson**, another program in October when **Diane Osborn** and **Gary Freese** gave a program on **Rankin's Mill** and we were looking forward to the program in November by **David Doolin** on old photo collections he has been digitizing. Then on the evening of October 25, 2021, the building adjoining LCGHS had a fire. Fortunately, the fire did not spread to LCGHS but we did experience heavy smoke damage and a destroyed front door. We are extremely thankful that the Lincoln Fire Department personnel made sure that no fire had migrated to LCGHS. Our November meeting was held at the American Legion. Everyone enjoyed David's presentation. Looking at old photographs never gets boring.

It has taken two months of working with State Farm Insurance and a restoration company, Menold, of Normal, IL, to determine what is to be done to get LCGHS back to normal. The scope of the work is much greater than we expected. A dumpster will be placed in our back parking area. Plywood will be placed on the asphalt to keep the dumpster from damaging it. Inside, plastic sheeting will be placed over everything below the ceiling. Menold can then bring in their demolition crew to take out and discard the ceiling tile and insulation throughout the building, which cannot be cleaned. Once that is removed the cleaning team can come in to clean all the surfaces above the ceiling. There are many rafters, roof surfaces and mechanical surfaces from which soot, etc. needs to be removed. The duct work, ceiling fans, and light fixtures will be cleaned at the same time. The brick wall between the buildings will be sealed to help keep the smoke smell from continuing to enter our building. Once that work is done and the ceiling and insulation have been replaced, the stuff, and we have lots of stuff, below the ceiling can be cleaned. The estimated time will be eight weeks. That means we may be able to resume operation by the end of February 2022.

Since we are an Historical Society too. We will document the events of October 25, 2021. The following photos show what was happening that night and documents the first responders who answered the call that night. I thought it quite appropriate, since we represent the entire county, that so many communities outside of Lincoln also helped keep our building safe

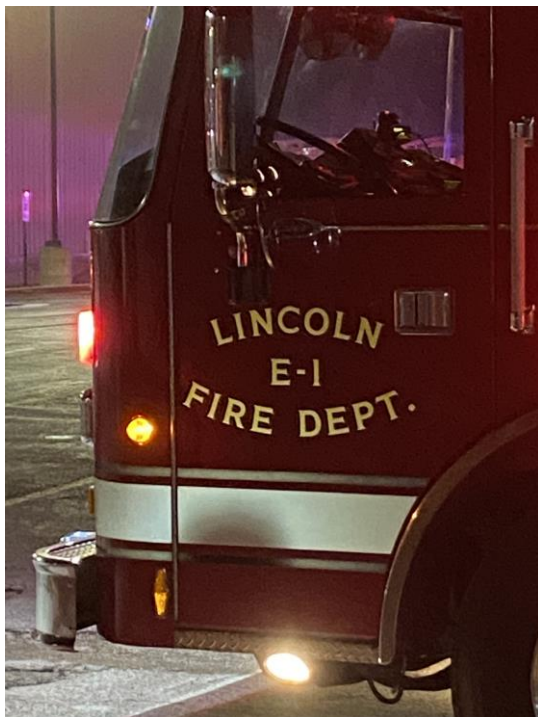




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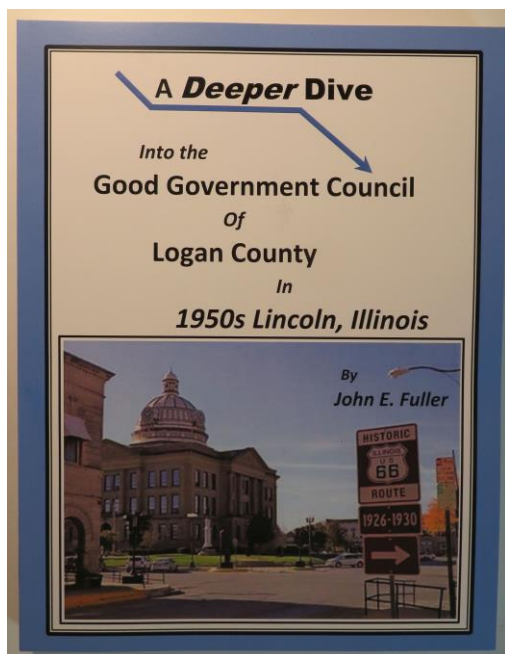
These photos were taken by an LCGHS member who has requested to stay anonymous.

Programs for January and February will be held at the American Legion in Lincoln.

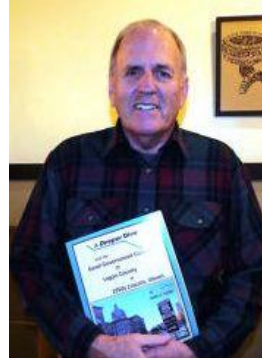
**Remember to Pay Your Dues for 2022.
Dues now are \$20 Single and \$25 Dual.**

A Deeper Dive Into the Better Government Council of Logan County, Illinois,

John Fuller, 2021



A new book is available at LCGHS. John Fuller has written this book with the subject matter from the early 1950's in Logan County. The Better Government Council of Logan County, Illinois, was a group of citizens of Logan County, including John's father Ken Fuller, who came together to ask the county government to bring its practices in line with state requirements. The Council learned that there was more to the need to reform Logan County practices than they at first thought. John has the archive of the Council proceedings as his resource information with audio recordings of meetings that took place during that period. The history in this book is very interesting and it is possible to contact John to get copies of the audio portion of the archive. John has very generously donated all copies of the book to LCGHS to sell as a fund raiser for the Society. The book sells for \$35.00 + \$5 S/H.



Work Begins to Clean Up Smoke Damage at LCGHS

Work was begun on December 17, 2021 to clean up the smoke damage from the fire in the adjoining building. The scope of the work started with bringing in four large hepa-filters the week following the fire on October 25. Those filters have been running 24/7 since. The Menold Restoration and Construction company of Normal has been contracted to do the cleaning. On the 17th of December, three workers were in the building to drape everything below the ceiling level. They began removing the ceiling tile and insulation and discarding them since they cannot be cleaned. They will be replaced with new tiles and insulation after everything above the ceiling is cleaned and sealed. Light fixtures, ceiling fans and all the HVAC lines will be cleaned. Once the ceiling is restored, everything below the ceiling will be thoroughly cleaned. That is why the project is estimated to take eight weeks to complete. The photos show what the interior of LCGHS looked like on Monday afternoon December 20, when I stopped in to check the progress. The new door should be installed the week after Christmas.



Gillett's Hall - Lincoln's Entertainment Center



Photo: Bill Donath

Lincoln is fortunate to still have one of its historic buildings as it was in 1868. That is the earliest date mention of Gillett's Hall is found in the Lincoln Herald. Prior to that time the entertainment for Lincoln took place at Brewer's Hall which was on Pulaski Street in the block west of the courthouse. In the early days of Lincoln many of the buildings down-town were wood frame buildings. Fire generally destroyed those buildings, and they were replaced with brick structures like the one you see above. Fire, before the days of a fire department, changed the landscape of much of the city and the other towns in Logan County. The block where LCGHS is located had such wood buildings that predated the building we now occupy. Those buildings burned in the late 1880's making room for the structure we are in to be built in the early 1890's. As we can attest, the brick buildings confine fire to the structure in which it started.

The clippings from the Lincoln Herald presented on the next few pages is a sampling of the entertainments available throughout the year at Gillett's Hall.

The Hall was generally leased from Gillett by an individual with an interest in the musical and theatrical arts. Money was to be made if the manager could book entertainments of interest to the residents of Lincoln. You will see that many events were successful, but a few were stinkers. Earlier in the 1870's Peter Cartwright's 50th anniversary of his ministry was held at Gillett's Hall during a convention of the Methodist Churches of Illinois.

Many local people were involved in the productions if there were parts to be played and the company did not have enough actors to fill the roles. In addition to what you see listed, political meetings and various conventions were held at Gillett's Hall.

Amusements.

GILLETT'S HALL.
 Engagement for positively one night only, MON-
 DAY, OCTOBER 1, 1877, the Great Actress, Miss

Jane Coombs,

In her World Renowned Character of JULIET,
 in Shakespeare's Sublime Love Tragedy of

ROMEO AND JULIET,
 Supported by her SUPERB COMPANY.

Reserved Seats \$1.00, for sale at FISHER
 & CO.'S Jewelry Store, under Lincoln House, on
 and after Monday, September 24th.
 General Admittance 75 and 50 Cents.

1877 0927 P1 Lincoln Herald

Mother Goose.

The operetta of Mother Goose as given on Tuesday night at Gillett's Hall, under the management of the ladies of the Episcopal church, was a complete success. Some sixty characters were represented in appropriate costume, and their successive entrances upon the stage kept up the interest without a break. The frequent comical passages and the singing, aided by a good chorus, gave variety and interest to the entertainment. It is impossible to mention the actors in detail, but a number of them represented their parts with great spirit, and the operetta was given with a smoothness not often witnessed at an amateur performance. The leading parts of Mother Goose, Jack Goose, Mother Hubbard and Jack Spratt were excellently done. Following is a list of the more important characters: Mother Goose, Miss Lillie Chamberlin; Jack Goose, L. P. Marshall; Old Mother Hubbard, Miss Tunnell; Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Lynn; Cinderella, Miss Annie Miller; Prince, L. B. Davis; Old Man, Mr. Pierron; Dame Trot, Miss Blair; Mary, Miss Mary Wyatt; King of Clubs, Edward Maltby; King of Spades, Charles Kirkpatrick; Queen of Hearts, Miss Pattie Pegram; King of Hearts, E. I. Lowrey; Queen of Clubs, Miss Wyatt; Simple Simon and Peter the Pumpkin Eater, George Congdon; Jack Spratt, J. S. Haller; Mrs. Jack Spratt, Miss Addie Lowrey; Fatima, Mrs. J. E. Hill; Annie, Miss Miss Bertie Latham; Robinson Crusoe, Joseph Hudson; his man Friday, E. G. Copeland; Beauty, Miss Jessie Gillett, the Beast, W. W. Stokes; Queen of Spades, Miss Julia Orton; King of Spades, John Scully; Old Grimes, H. W. Dana; Bachelor, Edward Niles; Old King Cole, J. W. Hutchinson, his fiddlers three, A. R. Cribfield, Wm. Lowrance, Mark Clements; Flying Dutchman, Edward Hicks; Whittington, Mayor of London, Dr. A. M. Miller; Blue Beard, C. H. McDonald; The Man in the Moon, Charles Regner; The Old Woman who lived under the Hill, Jennie Elliott. The chorus was composed as follows: Jas. H. Danley, leader, Miss May Latham, pianist; Misses Belle Taylor, Sallie Taylor, Mary Pettus and Lady Poindexter, sopranos, Misses Mamie Lowrance, Mary Kirkpatrick and Lucy Beers, altos; Thomas Bone, M. B. Ross, Wm. Prince and J. W. Gregory, tenors; Parker Beers and L. Forsyth, basses.

The operetta was so well received by the large audience present that it was decided to repeat it to-night, the 18th. The gross receipts were nearly two hundred dollars.

1877 1018 p5 Lincoln Herald

Connell Notes.

At the regular meeting on Monday night the mayor and all the aldermen except Mayfield were present.

Aside from the reading of the minutes, the only business transacted was the referring of a petition to the committee on police. The petition was from Capt. F. Flak who recited the fact that audiences in Gillett's Hall were disturbed by the unruly and requested that the hall be licensed by the year at a rate that would allow managers to pay for their own police or that the city furnish the proper protection.

1877 1018 p5 Lincoln Herald

Amusements.

GILLETT'S HALL,
TWO NIGHTS ONLY,
Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 5 and 6, 1877,
 The Beautiful and Romantic Fairy Drama of

CINDERELLA;

Or, The Little Glass Slipper,
 PRODUCED WITH ALL THE ORIGINAL
 PROPERTIES, GORGEOUS SCENERY,
 BEAUTIFUL COSTUMES, MAGIC
 FOUNTAIN, AND FAIRY CAR-
 RIAGES THAT CONSTITUTE IT ONE
 OF THE MOST INTERESTING AND EN-
 JOYABLE PERFORMANCES TO BE SEEN.

*A Most Dazzlingly Bewildering
 Transformation Scene terminates
 the Performance, which begins
 with a Laughable Farce.*

PRICES:
 Reserved Seats 75 Cents, to be had at Fisher &
 Co's, Jewelry Store. General admission 50 cents.

1877 1101 p4 Lincoln Herald

The friends of Miss Clara Reinmann in this city have united in requesting her to give a concert, the date of which has been fixed for next Saturday evening. Miss Reinmann, who has received many flattering notices from the Springfield papers, will be assisted by Miss Kate Ritebey, Mr. Pres. Osborn, and Miss Clara Stern. Mr. Furman Thorn will appear in a series of tableaux. The concert cannot fail of being a very enjoyable one.

1877 1206 p5 Lincoln Herald

A Prospective Concert,
LINCOLN, Nov. 30, 1877.

MISS CLARA REIMANN.—Middle:—Being apprized of your presence in Lincoln, we respectfully solicit you to give a musical entertainment in our city at Gillett's Hall, on some evening next week to be selected by you. A native of our neighboring city of Springfield and of our own great Commonwealth, we feel a just pride in the success which you have attained in the musical centres of the world, in your profession. In making this request we are not unmindful of the long and arduous training which has so well fitted you for a promising future. Your reputation for great musical talent and learning has preceded you from the capitol of Germany, even to this far-off and humble place. Hoping to receive a favorable response to our request and that we, in common with the people of Lincoln, may have the pleasure of hearing you, we are, your obedient servants,

Foley, Stephen A.	Ream, Joseph
Fisk, Frank	Lutz, John A.
Houser, W. W.	Hoblit, Jas. T.
Henrichsen, M.	Markworth, Wm
Koehnle, F. C. W.	Danley, Jas. H.
McDonald, C. H.	Harts, D. H.
James, J. T.	Latham, R. B.
Beason, Silas	Stokes, W. W.
Toomey, William	Harris, D. M.

LINCOLN, Dec. 3, 1877.

Messrs. Stephen A. Foley, Frank Fisk, James T. Hoblit, W. W. Houser, John A. Lutz and others:

Gentlemen:—Your esteemed favor of the 30th ultimo is received, and I feel greatly flattered by your request to give a musical entertainment in Lincoln. I fear you have placed too high an estimate on my musical abilities, but shall strive to merit your good opinions. It affords me pleasure to say that I shall comply with your request, and I will name Saturday evening, December 8th, at Gillett's Hall, as the time and place for the concert. Hoping that you, in common with the people of Lincoln, will aid me to make the entertainment both a pleasure and a success, I subscribe myself very respectfully yours,
CLARA REIMANN.

1877 1206 p5 Lincoln Herald

The Stetson Dramatic Company is announced to be at Gillett's Hall on next Saturday evening. The play is "Neck and Neck."

1877 1220 p5 Lincoln Herald

The employes and assistants about Gillett's Hall have lately been furnished with appropriate badges made of black satin and lettered with gold leaf.

1878 0418 p5 Lincoln Herald

Lecture.

Henry Watterson!

The Well-Known Editor of
"THE LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL,"
And one of the Most Entertaining Lecturers on
the American Platform, will Lecture at
GILLETT'S HALL,
In this city, on
Tuesday, Jan. 15.

LINCOLN, ILL., Jan. 2, 1878. Jan 2

1878 0103 p1 Lincoln Herald

Amusements.

GILLETT'S HALL.

THE FASHIONABLE EVENT,
Wednesday Eve., March 13th, 1878,
The Distinguished Actress, Miss
CHARLOTTE THOMPSON,
Supported by the Famous
Wallack Combination,
Will appear in Charlotte Bronte's
Jane Eyre

As played by Miss Thompson 130 nights at the
Union Square Theatre, New York.

ADMISSION 75 AND 50 CENTS.
Reserved Seats no Extra Charge,
NOW ON SALE AT JAS. H. DANLEY'S.

1878 0307 p1 Lincoln Herald

The Emma Abbott Concert Company.

The musical event of the season in Lincoln will be the appearance of Miss Emma Abbott, the great prima donna, and her company on Wednesday, March 20. With her are Stanley, a favorite English tenor; Ferranti, the great baritone; Robyn, the pianist, and Arbuckle, the noted cornet player of Gilmore's band. Mr. Danley, of this city, who has been instrumental in procuring us several fine entertainments this winter, has been at work for two months trying to secure the Abbott company for a concert in Lincoln. He vouches for the high character of the music, though three at least of the company are so well known by reputation that they need no introduction to a Lincoln audience. Miss Abbott was formerly of Peoria and frequent mention has been made in the HERALD of her early struggle and great triumphs. When a little girl she sang in this city and also at Mt. Pleasant. *La Figaro*, published at Paris, says of Miss Abbott: "She possesses one of those rare voices that make the Pattis and the Nilssons." The *Chicago Tribune* says: "No singer in our recollection has ever received so cordial and enthusiastic a greeting." The *Cincinnati Enquirer* says: "The rare freshness, brightness and pathos of her voice is a dainty feast." The *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* says of Stanley: "Mr. Stanley is, beyond a doubt, the best oratorio tenor that has ever visited this city." The *Boston Herald* says: "Ferranti delighted all, and was encored again and again." The *New York Herald* says: "The cornet solo by Mr. Arbuckle was the musical event of the evening and won from the audience an enthusiastic recall."

Tickets may be procured to-day, Thursday, at Danley's. A little book containing a sketch of Emma Abbott's life will be given to those who desire it. No one in Logan county who appreciates good music should stay away.

1878 0314 p5 Lincoln Herald

The Uncle Tom's Cabin company played on Tuesday evening to a very fair house, and gave good satisfaction. Reserved seats were placed at the unusual figure (for this place) of one dollar which had the effect to keep a great many away.

1878 0328 p5 Lincoln Herald

The Swedish Lady Quartet and Allen the violinist whose playing when a member of the Mendelsohn Quintette Club is still pleasantly remembered by the people of Lincoln, are to be here April 4. The company is one of the best in the country and deserves a full house.

The Emma Abbott concert on the 20th drew out a good house and was one of the best entertainments we have ever had. Miss Abbott, Arbuckle and Ferranti were encored again and again and responded good-naturedly to the demand for "more of the same sort." The company went hence to Springfield.

1878 0328 p5 Lincoln Herald

The Original Swedish Lady Vocal Quartette Concert Party.

This company, announced to be at Gillett's Hall on the evening of next Thursday, the 4th of April, is composed of the quartette organized at Stockholm, Sweden in 1871: Hilda Widberg, first soprano; Amy Aberg, second soprano; Maria Pettersson, first alto; Wilhelmina Soderlund, second alto. With them are E. H. Allen, pianist and Charles E. Allen who is remembered by Lincoln people as a member of the Mendelsohn club and probably the finest violinist, except Camilla Urso, ever in the city. The *St. Petersburg Journal* says of this quartette: "They sing without accompaniment with surprising intonation. The most complicated harmonies and most difficult intervals are perfectly overcome." The *Musik Revue*, of Paris says: "The tones are soft and melting, and unanimously striking; it is one voice in four throats." The *London Standard* says: "The performances of these ladies is thoroughly unique and approaches as near perfection as the imagination can picture." The *Chicago Tribune* says: "From dress to music the harmony of this quartette is perfect." The *New York World* says: "They were repeatedly recalled and greeted so heartily that their success promises to be as great in America as it has been in Europe." The *Boston Transcript* speaks of C. E. Allen as "in the first rank of performers of classical music."

1878 0328 p5 Lincoln Herald

The Swedish Lady Quartette with Allen, the violinist, had only a moderate audience last Thursday evening. This organization has been pronounced by some superior to the quartette which preceded them at this place. They certainly are much better "matched," the four being nearly of a height, alike as to color of hair and eyes and dressed alike. The writer of this can not, however, concede that they were as musicians, superior to the others mentioned. They gave an excellent entertainment, however, all the singers and the blonde Allen being enthusiastically encored many times and with good reason. The Lincoln public seem to be a little too ready to call back a meritorious performer in order that they may have some more of the same kind, and, except when they run against a Ferranti, who "don't have to" get back and come again, they are apt to over-work their favorites. The "encore band" needs a little razzle.

1878 0411 p5 Lincoln Herald

The Boston Philharmonic Club, which is to be at Gillett's Hall to-night, is one of the very best musical organizations in the country. It has been some time since the people have heard a really good orchestra and for this reason, if no other, the club should have a large house.

1878 0418 p5 Lincoln Herald

A play called "The Drunkard's Home" is to be produced at Gillett's Hall on Saturday night in aid of the Temperance Union of this city. The play will be under the direction of Prof. Malmburg, assisted by home talent. All who wish to aid a worthy cause should attend.

1878 0418 p5 Lincoln Herald

LINCOLN ILL., April 22d, 1878.

ED. HERALD:—I wish to say a few words in commendation of the temperance drama, "The Drunkard's Home" which was rendered at Gillett's Hall last Saturday evening. In the first place it merited a much larger attendance; but it was very well received and our home talent did their part very well. The Professor and Lady showed themselves to be artists of considerable merit. In this connection it would be well to say that the management of the hall could be improved somewhat, as the room is kept too close and the noise made by parties in the rear part of the hall is also very unbecoming, and ladies complain of the rude and bolsterous manifestations which seem to get worse at each entertainment, and it seems too that the rent of the hall should be curtailed, as it is most exceedingly high at the present price. Let us have a little reform, for the Captain is well able to suit the wants of the public if his attention is simply called to the same. It is to be hoped the management will continue in their endeavors to suit all and make the changes needed.

A WELL WISHER OF ALL PARTIES.

1878 0425 p13.1 Lincoln Herald

The concert of the Boston Philharmonic Club, on last Thursday evening, was attended by a small but enthusiastic audience, in fact a portion of those present rather overdid the business in the way of recalling the players who toward the close of the concert looked as if they hardly knew whether the encore was in earnest or in mere wantonness. The playing of the orchestra was as good as has ever been heard in this city, and, as the programme was a well selected one, the concert was a thoroughly enjoyable one. The "Andante from second concerto for two violins (spohr) by Messrs Bernard and Fritz Listman" was one of the best numbers, while Mendelssohn's quartette in E flat by the string quartette and Lumbye's "Vision in a Dream," with the peculiar but beautiful zither obligato, was almost as good. Should the club ever visit Lincoln again we believe they will have a house better worthy of their merits.

1878 0425 p13.2 Lincoln Herald

CONCERNING Miss Herndon, who appears at Gillett's Hall to-night, we are authorized to publish the following:

"I had the pleasure of hearing Miss Herndon and am glad to recommend her as an elocutionist and delineator of unquestioned talent.

MRS. R. B. LATHAM.

May 11, 1878.

1878 0516 p5 Lincoln Herald

Agnes Herndon.

Miss Herndon had a very small audience at Gillett's Hall last Friday evening, owing to the bad weather and other causes, and it is a great pity it was not larger. A Lincoln audience has never yet listened to her superior as an elocutionist and as an actor. With a beautiful face and magnificent physique, she combines a musical, rich, full powerful voice under admirable control and her gestures and posturing show natural grace as well as the most thorough cultivation. In fact, those who heard her enjoyed and those who were absent missed such a pleasure as none of us here can enjoy again unless she should come to Lincoln again at some future time.

1878 0523 p5 Lincoln Herald

Uncle Tom's Cabin will be given at Gillett's Hall to-night.

1878 0620 p5 Lincoln Herald

There was a pretty full house—for Lincoln—to see Uncle Tom's Cabin last Thursday night, and it was the most disorderly audience that has met there for a long while. Several parties from whom the public have a right to expect better things acted in a very disgusting manner. The play was interesting as it always will be with passable acting. Several of the parts were well sustained, notably those of Topsy, Little Eva, Legree 'Marks' Immalawerehake." The noble part of Uncle Tom was played with the usual weakness that characterizes its presentation.

1878 0627 p5 Lincoln Herald

The play of Damon and Pythias will be presented at Gillett's Hall on Monday evening, August 19th, for the benefit of Glendower Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of this city. This is one of the old standard plays and as presented by the Richmond theatrical company, who play it here, it will deserve a full house.

1878 0808 p5 Lincoln Herald

Frazier's 5th Avenue Pantomime company at Gillett's Hall, Nov. 14th.

1878 0815 p5 Lincoln Herald

"My Awful Dad."

The play bearing this name was presented at Gillett's Hall on Monday evening and proved a failure and a disappointment. John Dillon is Lincoln's favorite, and, notwithstanding the somewhat high price of admission, (for the times,) he had a full house of admirers; many of them from Mt. Pulaski, Atlanta, Delavan and other suburbs, drawn together mainly to see John Dillon play, but partly also to see Boucicault's celebrated Irish comedy, "Colleen Bawn." It is a great pity that for this standard drama was substituted a low grade, farcical, variety play, like the above named. People went prepared for something good and they enjoyed what there was enjoyable in the entertainment all the more for that reason; but there was many a long drawn sigh of disappointment when the audience had waited in vain for the good part of the performance to appear. Louise Dillon was charming as usual and all the members of the combination did their parts as well as they could be done.

1878 0815 p5 Lincoln Herald

The Leonard Grover company is to be at Gillett's Hall, December 2, with "Our Boarding House."

Reunion of the Fourth Cavalry.

The reunion of the Fourth Illinois Cavalry, one of the best volunteer organizations in the late war, takes place at the Lincoln House in this city to-day. Forty or fifty men from this county are accredited to the organization, but many of them have removed from among us and others are dead. Captain Fisk, of this city, and Maj. Wemple, of Mt. Pulaski, are the only commissioned officers of the Fourth now in the county.

Hon. Leonard F. Swett, of Chicago, who at the outbreak of the war was a resident of Bloomington and helped organize the regiment, will be here and will speak to-night at Gillett's Hall. He is one of the finest speakers in the State and will give our people an intellectual treat. Let the hall be filled.

1878 0926 p5 Lincoln Herald

Amusements.

GILLETT'S OPERA HOUSE.

AUGUST 26 AND 28,
UNCLE TOM'S CABIN;
AUGUST 27 AND 29,
BLACK DIAMONDS.

Chas. Forbes' Dramatic Company,
SIXTEEN FIRST-CLASS ARTISTS.

The management takes pleasure in announcing that he will present, for the first time in this city, (new version) the new drama of UNCLE TOM'S CABIN, recently revised and played with unparalleled success in Booth's Theater, New York; Academy of Music, Philadelphia; Opera House, Baltimore; Ford's Theater, Washington; McVicker's Theater, Chicago, and many other large cities. Also, the highly interesting, amusing and original drama, in four acts, entitled BLACK DIAMONDS or the Heroine of "Hazelton," introducing a variety of laughable scenes and incidents which occurred during the great miners' strike in Pennsylvania, headed by that secret order, Molly Maguires.

General Admission 35c; reserved seats 50c; children 25c; children under ten, 10c. Reserved seats on sale at Danley's Temple of Music. Grand Uncle Tom Cabin matinee Wednesday at 2 p. m. Adults to all parts of house 25c; children under twelve years, 10c. aug22lt

1878 0822 p1 Lincoln Herald

Remember that Senator Oglesby speaks at Gillett's Hall on next Monday evening.

1878 0926 p5 Lincoln Herald

Senator Oglesby Coming.

Next Monday is the day for the county convention when it is hoped there will be a large attendance of Republican voters, aside from delegates. Senator Oglesby has consented to deliver an address on the great leading issues of the day, and Hon. Thos. F. Tipton will also be present. Senator Oglesby will speak at Gillett's Hall in the evening. We hope to see a number of Republicans from the surrounding towns.

1878 0926 p5 Lincoln Herald

Miss Emma Ryan, of this city, has announced a concert to be given at Gillett's Hall on the 24th. She will be assisted by her class and Miss Gray, of Alton. Miss Ryan is said to have a very fine voice and the entertainment should be liberally patronized.

1878 1017 p5 Lincoln Herald

Gillett's Hall probably never before had its capacity so thoroughly tested as on last Sunday night, when Allen delivered a temperance address. The reform movement in Logan county don't die worth a cent.

1878 1031 p5 Lincoln Herald

Campbell's speech on Monday night was the hit of the campaign. All who were present, and Gillett's Hall was crowded, went away in high good humor with the speaker. The singing of the glee club was a feature which added much to the enjoyment of the evening. The enthusiasm and good feeling of the audience found vent in hearty applause and frequent bursts of laughter. If Mr. Campbell ever comes to Lincoln again he may be sure of a crowded house.

1878 1107 p5 Lincoln Herald

AMUSEMENTS.—Frazier's Combination is to occupy Gillett's Hall on the 14th of this month. Ann Eliza Young will tell us about life in Brigham's harem on the 25th and the famous Wallace Sisters will amuse us on the 26th. We have been without amusements of any kind, except political, that they will doubtless be well patronized. In addition to these several of our young men are getting up a minstrel troupe.

1878 1107 p5 Lincoln Herald

The Wallace Sisters are to be at Gillett's Hall on the 26th inst.

1878 1114 p5 Lincoln Herald

The Wallace Sisters, one of the most popular combinations now on the boards, will give an entertainment at Gillett's Hall on next Tuesday evening.

1878 1121 p5 Lincoln Herald

Mr. Jas. E. Hill now has charge of Gillett's Hall as agent.

Emerson's minstrels are to be at Gillett's Hall, Dec. 9th.

1878 1128 p5 Lincoln Herald

The Pat. Rooney Combination will be at Gillett's Opera House, Dec. 3rd.

Grover's Boarding House Company will be at Gillett's Hall, December 2nd.

1878 1128 p5 Lincoln Herald

At Gillett's Hall Tuesday night, before the play opened, it was announced from the stage that a sum of money had been found at the door which the owner could have by proving property, and the way people dived in search of their pocket books was amusing to see.

1878 1128 p5 Lincoln Herald

MINNIE'S LUCK.—The Wallace Sisters played to a good house on Tuesday evening and they deserved it and as much better as could be got. The acting was good and the play entertaining throughout. The sisters are cute as kittens and their play is natural as life, while the enterprising reporter and the philanthropic Maggs are treasures untold. The author of the play has struck a new lead in causing luck to fall to the lot of a printer. He evidently realized the true value of the craft when he called printer's ink the "Archimedean lever that moves the world"; and in the fullness of his appreciation he gives "Inky Dick, the printer's devil," a "fat take."

1878 1128 p5 Lincoln Herald

AMUSEMENTS.—The great and only original North American demagogue, Brick Pomeroy, presented his unparalleled magic lantern show to an audience of about seventy-five persons at Gillett's Hall last Saturday night. Brick is a worn out blister; he doesn't draw well any more. The show was a bad venture for our home managers who brought him here; it didn't near pay expenses. The speech was dry, pointless and wearisome and was largely made up of railings at what he calls the moneyed aristocracy and of rantings in favor of repudiating the national debt. He also mourned piteously over the poor tax-ridden laborer. Brick is a laborer himself. His hands are dreadfully calloused and horny, and then he is so sympathetic. For the sake of the poor tax-payer, he is willing to show his miserable daubs of silly pictures, over the country at from \$75 to \$125 per night.

1878 1128 p5 Lincoln Herald

Zion's Evangelical church is to hold a fair at Gillett's Hall on the 26th and 27th inst.

1878 1205 p5 Lincoln Herald

Prof. Beuter's concert under the auspices of the Temple Band comes off to-night at Gillett's Hall. The Professor will be assisted by his wife and daughter and by several of our own musicians.

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1878 1212 p5 Lincoln Herald

Prof. Beuter's concert under the auspices of the Temple Band brought out a tolerably good house at Gillett's Hall on last Thursday night. Mrs. Beuter, Miss Emma Ryan, Prof. Beuter, Miss Miller and some of the others received an encore. Miss Beuter was suffering from a cold and did not appear. The members of the Temple Band acquitted themselves remarkably well, considering the time they have been in practice. Prof. Beuter's warm eulogy of the band was not felt to be beyond their merits. Following is the programme:

Aria for Baritone, "Heather Rose," (Webb) Temple Band; piano duett, "Sonatina," (Krollmann) Miss Susie Brown and Mr. A. Beuter; vocal solo, "I saw from the Beach," (Robyn) Miss Emma Ryan; piano solo, "Le Tarbillon—valse," (Goldbech) Mr. A. Beuter; song, "I Love My Love," (Pinsuti) Mrs. A. Beuter; piano solo, "Fantasia on Oberon," (Leybach) Miss Lulah Parks; vocal solo, "When the Tide comes in," (Millard) Miss Anna Miller; piano solo, "Sonata, Op. 26," (Beethoven) Miss May Latham; vocal solo, "Per Sempre"—valse, (Glorza) Mrs. A. Beuter; piano solo, "Fantasia on Fra Diavolo, (Smith) Miss Clara Stern; vocal solo, "Bird Carol," (Mrs. Knapp) Mrs. J. E. Hill; "Virgie Lee Quickstep," (F. R. Webb) Temple Band.

1878 1212 p5 Lincoln Herald

CHURCH FAIR.—The congregation of St. Patrick's church held a fair at Gillett's Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of last week. On account of the extremely bad condition of our sidewalks and the state of the weather, the attendance was not so good as could have been desired, but the indefatigable ladies who always do the work in matters of this kind made it a success anyway and a snug sum of money was netted. On Friday evening a concert was added to the other features, a pair of bracelets was voted to the most popular young lady, the various drawings took place, etc. There were two candidates for the bracelets Miss Cleo White, of this city, being the successful one. Considering the circumstances, the fair did as well as could be expected.

1878 1226 p5 Lincoln Herald

**Remember to Pay Your Dues for 2022.
Dues now are \$20 Single and \$25 Dual.**

Reminiscences of Lincoln

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, May 5, 1878, p4

“A writer in the Havana *Democrat* of the 19th, gives the following reminiscences, which will awaken a very many of our ‘grey-beards’ (Ex-President Lincoln’s old friends and neighbors) memories of the long, long ago. The writer says:

“Having been informed that Mr. **Jesse Baker**, of Crane Creek, lived near Old Salem, when our assassinated President ‘kept store’ in that ancient burg, I pilgrimated to Uncle Jesse’s commodious residence, some weeks ago, and found a rich mine of historical wealth. After stating my errand, the venerable octogenarian cast his eyes on a large portrait of Abraham Lincoln, which decorated the parlor, and proceeded to relate, among others, the following: When Lincoln first came to Salem, the people didn’t like him very well, for he was a terrible uncouth youngster, but they got to like him mightily shortly after. He was the honestest store-keeper they ever had on the Sangamon. He was a great fellow to joke and was eternally a-studying some book. My father and a few other old settlers made up some money to buy some law books for him. I often bet with young Lincoln on horse races and turkey shootings, but wherever he lost, I offered him the money, but he said: ‘No, no, Jess, you won the money honestly, and I don’t take it back.’ Lincoln was a great friend to the Rutledge family. He took a great liking to Annie, and she never kept company with anybody else. Abe and her were

engaged to the married but she died, and Lincoln took it so much to heart, that we thought he would go crazy. He wrote mournful verses from Burns’ poems with chalk on the fences and hummed sad songs for along while. He finally got married to Mary Todd, for whose father I run a whisky distillery for some time. Mary Todd was a nice girl, but she couldn’t hold a candle to Ann Rutledge. I helped Lincoln survey some land on Quiver. That stream used to be call ‘Little Mackinaw,’ until I named it Quiver, because it was so quivering. While Lincoln surveyed some government lands in Mason County, a constable levied on his compass and other instruments for debt, and he would have sold or taken ‘em along if I hadn’t advanced money enough to kill the debt. Abe paid me back the money as soon as he had it. The first plea that he made was for me, and it was in the Salem store. Some of us lively fellows had been on a spree to Springfield when I set one fellow’s new coat on fire. He had me arrested and tried, but Lincoln cleared me, but the burnt-coat fellow had to pay for the drinks for the crowd.

“After listening to Mr. Baker a few hours, I thankfully departed, after he informed me in a comical way, that he was the oldest man and the biggest snake-killer in Mason County and that he had slaughtered cart-loads of wolves.”

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, May 2, 1878, p5

“The resources of the small boy of the period are simply marvelous. Our city authorities having painted on the fence enclosing Latham Park the inscription ‘Hitch No Horses Here,’ what does the small boy do but scratch out the middle loop of the ‘N’ and thus convert what was intended to be a stern prohibition into the wildest license. The sentence now reads: ‘Hitch 110 Horses Here.’”

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, May 30, 1878, p1

“The lightning struck the flue on **Robt. Huffman**’s house last Saturday week, completely demoralizing it, went down the stove pipe, tore the top off the stove and scattered the soot profusely over the room. Mr. Huffman will perhaps never again feel the sudden nearness of death with realizing it. Fortunately, no one was hurt.”

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, July 18, 1878, p5

“The burning of **Miller’s brewery**, supplemented by the furnace-like heat of the past two weeks, has made lively work for our express men in handling beer kegs. The beer comes from St. Louis, East St. Louis, Springfield, Havana, and Bloomington and arrives at the rate of about thirty quarter barrels or sixty kegs per day. As the empty packages must be returned, this makes a considerable amount of extra work.”

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