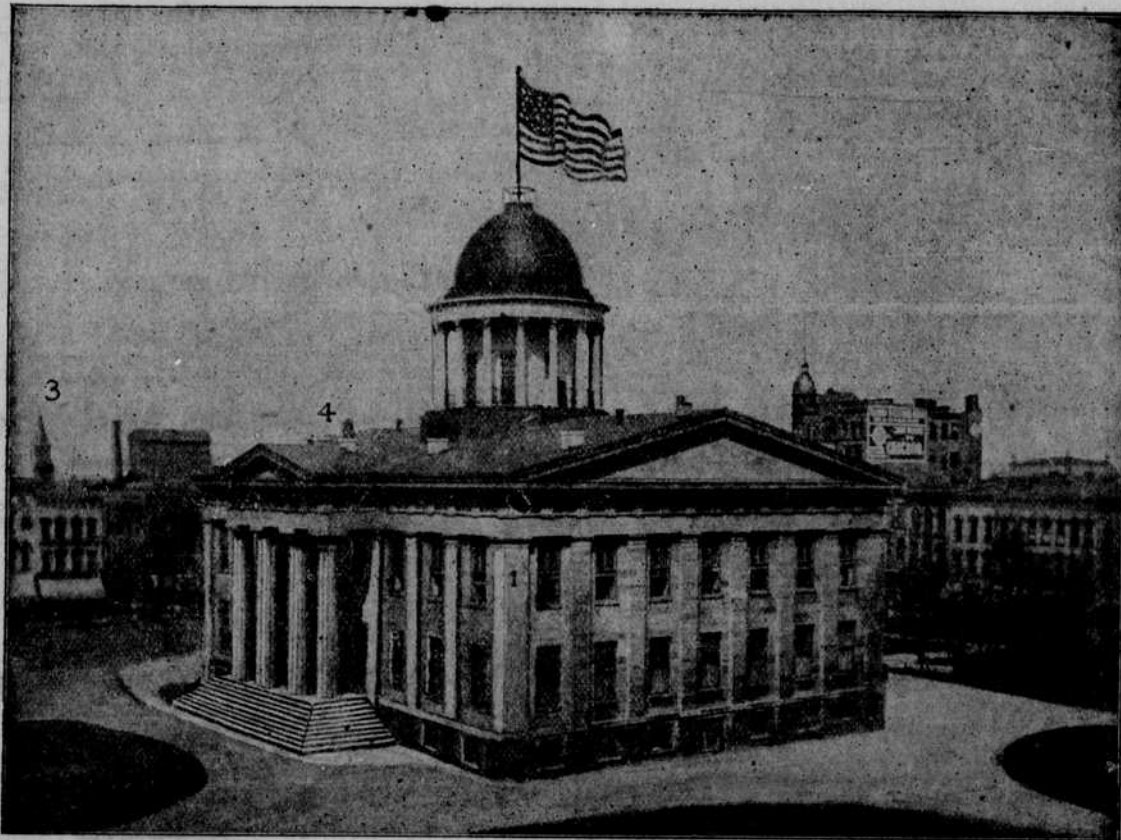


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Sangamon County's Historic Court House. (First State Capitol at Springfield.)

No. 1—Political Headquarters of Abraham Lincoln during campaign of 1860.
No. 3—Old First Presbyterian (now St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.) in which the Lincoln family had pew, now marked by a silver plate
No. 4—Old hall of House of Representatives in which Lincoln's body lay in state upon arrival from Washington after assassination.

The Woman's Club Notes.

The members of the Juvenile section will please take notice and not meet tomorrow, (Saturday, the 10.) as Mrs. Cottman is still confined to her bed with sickness and desires that you meet the following Saturday, Nov. 17. The section is requested to bring the pennies they have gathered on the outside for the work.

The Mothers' section will meet at the residence of Mrs. Julia Duncan on Monday the 19. All mothers are invited to attend these meetings. They will be welcomed by the chairman, Mrs. Duncan.

We desire to say that each male citizen of the colored race should try and give something toward the aid of our colored Home.

The business meeting of the Club was held at the residence of the president, Mrs. C. H. Morgan. Reports from the various sections show unusual interest in the work.

The Home Culture Section will meet Monday, Nov. 12, at the residence of Mrs. Daisy Higginbotham, 1143 N. Walnut street.

Mrs. Young, chairman of the Philanthropic Section, wishes every one to donate something toward the Thanksgiving shower which will be held at the Home on Monday, Nov. 26. Anything to make up a good Thanksgiving

dinner, will be greatly appreciated.—Clara Blackwell, reporter.

News From Petersburg.

Archie and Alfred Vaughn of Lanesville, visited relatives here Saturday.

Alex Wade of Springfield, visited relatives here Sunday.

The Baptist church held a covenant meeting last Sunday.

Landon Davis has returned from his visit in Kansas City.

Chas. Robinson was slightly injured Wednesday, but will probably recover in a few days.

Mrs. Sarah Vaughn has returned from Indianapolis.

Notwithstanding the fact that Gov. Vardaman of Mississippi, made an attack on the Negro race in Chicago a few days ago, the Republican party has elected Negroes to the office of judge, commissioner and representative. There is also an assistant states attorney in Chicago who is a Negro. We truly hope that the time will come when a Negro will hold elective offices of importance in the down state districts.

Cases Were Dismissed.

Thomas R. Thompson was arrested yesterday on complaint of his wife, who preferred two charges against him, one for as-

sault and battery and the other a peace warrant. The case was called for trial before Police Magistrate Shipp, and on motion of the state's attorney, the case against the man was dismissed. The case looks very much like malicious prosecution.—Thursday's Register.

Birthday Anniversary.

In memory of the 74th birthday of their mother, J. Edward Thompson, Thos. R. Thompson, Mesdames A. V. Smith and C. H. Barton served luncheon at the Elk Cafe last Sunday at 7 o'clock. This aged lady though three score years and fourteen, is hale and hearty. The affair was private and the only invited guests were Mrs. Craddock and E. L. Rogers.

Polluted Society.

Springfield is a metropolitan city in many respects and especially along the lines of its human make-up. This city is the dumping place of the United States at large. Women come here from the east, pose as society leaders, etc., and for a time, maintain a dignified state of respectability. But the atmosphere seems to be impregnated with a stench so offensive that even had their intentions been to reform, they could not do so. The fact is they

have never mingled in any save the demi-monde society. Some of the young men of this city have been duped by these siren-voiced adventuresses. After breaking the ties that made them one, the lowest depths of depravity are indulged in to exist, thus trying to trail in the dirt the name of some honest man. And society smiles on them with a lavishness that is ridiculous. The same is true of the men. Society should be purged. The pimp and the rounder should be made to go, and likewise the would-be adventuress. There are many other things that are being carried on that will be aired in the nearfuture.

The Trouble at the Leland.

Most unfortunate indeed was the cutting affray, which took place at the Leland hotel this week, between cooks and waiters all colored. Richard Ross, head cook and Mr. Francis, headwaiter, were the principals, re-inforced by their respective subordinates. As a result, Ross badly cut Francis and Francis is at the hospital, the Ross brothers in jail, charged with assault with murderous intent. The young colored man must look futher in the future and not become over-balanced so easily. We are not concerned as to who are the aggressors.

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