

A HAPPY DENOUEMENT.

Mrs. Abraham Lincoln Restored to Her Reason and Freedom.

June 16, 76
And by Action of Court Is Again Placed in Possession of Her Property.

Which amounts to the Sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents.

A year ago Mrs. Abraham Lincoln was adjudged insane by the county court of this county and sent to Batavia to a private asylum for care and treatment. After remaining there for a time, three physicians, one from Madison, Wis., another from Jacksonville, and the third from this city, called upon her by previous arrangement, with a view of ascertaining the advisability of allowing her to visit a sister at Springfield, in compliance with her urgent and repeated requests, and the result of their examination was a report that the journey and visit could be safely and beneficially made. Mrs. Lincoln at once joyfully gathered her baggage together, bid adieu to the institution, and sought Springfield, where she remained the guest of her sister, Mrs. N. W. Edwards. The kind care and

DEVOTED ATTENTION

shown to her there, seems to have had a very excellent effect upon her mind and spirits, and the improvement was very marked. Her friends were highly gratified over the indications of a restored mind, and resolved to secure from the county court an order to restore to her the control of her property, which was in the hands of her son as the conservator. Although at times she was somewhat eccentric, yet there was nothing to indicate a positive proof of insanity, and they determined to lose no time to again entrust her with the management of her own estate. So confident have her friends been of her sanity that they carried their proposition into practical effect on yesterday afternoon, and fully evinced their faith in her ability to wisely and judiciously handle the property. The form of the procedure was in the nature of a petition by herself, and the application of her warm friends to secure the discharge of the conservator. The property is quite large, when it is considered that generally the riches of the presidents of the United States are left only a small pension, and amply sufficient to enable her to live in an elegant and comfortable manner.

THE ESTATE

consists mostly of United States bonds, which yield a very handsome income and a quarterly pension from the government of \$750. According to the report of her conservator during the year of her interment, the estate amounts to \$81,330 35, and additions are being annually made in the shape of government bonds, which are purchased with the surplus of her income. This year over \$4,000 worth of bonds were added, and but for the great calamity, incident to the unfortunate position in which she has been placed, a large investment could have been made.

The gentlemen who appeared in court on yesterday afternoon were Hon. Leonard Sweet, counsel for the conservator, Mrs. Ninian W. Edwards, her brother-in-law, and her son, Mr. Robert T. Lincoln. Mrs. Lincoln remained at home in Springfield, and left the consummation of her desires to the above gentlemen.

After Judge Wallace had disposed of several small cases, he rested his eyes upon the gentlemen, who had a lion upon the clerk's desk, and awaited their pleasure.

Mr. Leonard Sweet said that if the court pleased, Mr. Edwards, of Springfield, desired to present a pension from Mrs. Mary Lincoln.

MR. EDWARDS

adjusted his eye glasses and proceeded to read the following:

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COOK COUNTY.—In the County Court—To the June term, A. D. 1876.—To the Hon. M. H. M. Wallace, Judge of the County Court of the County of Cook, State of Illinois—Your petitioner, Mary Lincoln, respectfully represents unto your honor that on the 14th day of June, at the June term of 1875 of the county court in and for said county that Robert Lincoln, whom your petitioner prays may be made defendant to this petition, was appointed under the provision of chapter 85 of revised statutes of said state as conservator, and your petitioner sheweth to your honor that she is a proper person to have the care and management of her own estate. Your petitioner therefore prays that her said conservator may be removed and that your honor may enter an order fully restoring her to all the rights and privileges enjoyed by her before her said conservator was appointed, and that her said conservator may be required to restore to her all the money, estate, title, and personal papers, United States bonds, leases, and all other effects with which he is chargeable as her conservator.

MARY LINCOLN.

Mr. Sweet then stated that the friends of the petitioner had been anxious to restore her to the management of her estate some time ago, but as that could not be done under the statute until the expiration of a year, they had deferred making the application until this time. Her friends had conferred together upon the matter, and now asked for a jury to pass upon the case.

A JURY

was accordingly selected and Mr. Edwards was sworn. He made a statement, which was short-handed by a reporter and subsequently put into the form of an affidavit.

The statement is as follows, and rather singularly contains a number of repetitions:

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COOK COUNTY.—In the County Court, June Term, A. D. 1876.—Mrs. Lincoln has been with me for nine or ten months, and her friends all think she is a proper person to take charge of her own affairs. She has been with me about nine months, and her friends all of them recognize that she is a fit person to take care of and manage her own affairs. That she is now in such condition that she can manage her own affairs. She has not spent all that she was allowed to spend during the last year, and we all think she is in a condition to take care of her own affairs. N. W. EDWARDS.

THE COURT

said that unless the conservator waived process, the discharge could not be made until the expiration of ten days.

Mr. Lincoln replied that he waived the service of the usual notice, and desired immediate action. To that end he had prepared his final report of the account of the estate, and therein asked to be relieved from further responsibility.

The jury then retired and returned shortly with the following

VERDICT:

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COOK COUNTY.—County court of Cook county.—We the undersigned jurors in the case wherein Mary Lincoln, who was heretofore found to be insane, and who is now alleged to be restored to reason having heard the evidence in said cause, find that the said Mary Lincoln is restored to reason and is capable to manage and control her estate.

The verdict was signed by H. H. Faldoek, M. D., D. J. Weatherhead, S. T. Knowles, W. H. Heron, D. Kimball, H. F. Wilds, W. G. Leon, C. H. Chapin, H. Dohi, W. S. Dusham, and W. W. Roberts.

Mr. Lincoln then filed his

ACCOUNT OF THE ESTATE

from the 12th day of May, 1875, to the 16th day of June, 1876. The receipts were \$11,143 35, and the disbursements \$5,875 97 for personal expenses of Mrs. Lincoln, and \$4,354 38 for investments in United States bonds. The inventory of the property of Mrs. Lincoln, when it was placed in his hands on the 14th of June, showed that in cash there was \$1,029 35; United States stocks and bonds, \$58,000; personal obligations of conservator, \$5,875; lace curtains, \$549 85; wearing apparel and personal jewelry, \$5,000; other items, \$7,856 17. Total, \$81,330 35.

THE ACCOUNT

was approved and an order was entered discharging him as conservator of the estate.

The parties then left the court-room, and immediately a dispatch was sent to Mrs. Lincoln by Mr. Edwards as follows: "All right. We will send them."

A few days ago a copy of the report of the conservator was sent to Mrs. Lincoln, and the following reply was received:

I have received the account forwarded by Robert T. Lincoln for the last year and subscribe my name to it as being perfectly correct. MRS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

ELECTED MAJOR.

[Special Telegram.]

NILES, Mich., June 15.—The election of Capt. Win-

ford Wood Millard, of this city, to the position of major of the 2d Regiment, state troops, at Grand Rapids, today, creates more enthusiasm here than the news from Cincinnati. Company F are preparing to give him a reception upon his return to-morrow.