

## LINCOLN BEARD DUE TO GIRL

### Her Tip to Wear Whiskers to Look Better Heeded.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 11.—(A. P.)—How the suggestion of a little 11-year-old Westfield girl that Abraham Lincoln "might look nicer" if he wore whiskers led Lincoln to grow them was related today by Charles B. Stilson, a nephew of the now 79-year-old woman.

Stirred by attacks of his opponents about his appearance, Grace Bedell, now Mrs. George Newton Billings, of Delphos, Kansas, wrote "the honorable Abraham Lincoln, Esq.," and advised him to wear whiskers, promising that she would attempt to persuade her two Democratic brothers to vote for him. She received an acknowledgement of the letter and soon Lincoln raised the whiskers.

After his election and while on his way to Washington for his inauguration, Lincoln stopped at Westfield and made a short speech. He then asked for the girl, kissed her and said: "You see, Grace, I grew these whiskers for you."

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