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Lincoln assassination attempt **failed**, doctors call his condition to be minor.

JOHN WILKES BOOTH CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES

SWEET NIGHT GONE SOUR

President Lincoln is living proof that there is such a thing called luck. On April 15th the President joined Henry Rathbone, Clara Harris, and Mary Todd Lincoln at the Ford's Theatre for what they thought to be a fun evening out to view the play *Our American Cousin*, little did they know they were in for a rude awakening.

Booth sat in a box located directly across from Lincoln's state box, waited for the perfect shot to hit Lincoln in the chest and fired his gun at 10:13pm. However, Lincoln had turned to his friend Henry Rathbone to confirm their dinner reservations after the play and Booth missed his shot, the bullet went into President Lincoln's shoulder.

Army Surgeon, Charles Leale assessed President Lincoln's wounds as he was rushed to Colonial Hospital he called the wound "minor" and noted that all vital organs were missed and there was nothing to worry about. Lincoln went into surgery that night and went home to the White House the very next morning.

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"The president is very lucky, had he not turned his body and leaned over the bullet probably would have went into his head." -Army Surgeon, Charles Leale



Friends and Family surround Lincoln's hospital bed



John Wilkes Booth



*The Philadelphia Derringer
used to shoot President Lincoln*

President Lincoln's speech regarding the *Freedman's Bureau*

Hello my fellow Americans, Today I come before you ready to mold a new nation, close wide gaps, mend broken bridges in hopes that you will be willing to help me. I think we all know what the center of this speech will be, some of us will be very excited to hear what I have in mind and others... Not so much. We are all people that deserve equal opportunities, we should all be able to call each other brother and help each other in a time of need and my plan will help us become that way.

The Freedman's Bureau will ensure equality and a sense of solidarity. I know you're all wondering what this is exactly, The Freedman's Bureau is a plan to give all freed African Americans 40 acres and a mule to help them get back on their feet. I know there are a lot of you who disagree with my decision but if you will trust me and know that I have never lead you wrong before I promise to make this plan worth the while of everyone included.

Each and every white man that joins me here today has had his opportunity to make something out of himself, build a family have a nice place to lay his head and call his own without any struggle, sacrifice or hassle. Now let us share that feeling with our brothers of the African American decent, let us dine together in happiness and live across from one another in prosperity, let us bask and rejoice in one another's happiness, pride and glory. And finally, let us call each other brother and share all the equal opportunities this country has to offer. So I ask for nothing else on today except for your support and understanding as I try to mend our broken bridges.

Thank You and God Bless.

Abraham Lincoln

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July 30, 1865

Lincoln wakes up to vicious riot!

“No harm can
come from
trying..”
-President Lincoln.

MORE THAN 20 PEOPLE INJURED IN VIOLENT RIOT

On July 27, 1865 President Lincoln wakes up to a vicious riot outside of The White House. Fellow white Americans showed just how unhappy they were with the idea of The Freedman's Bureau by protesting outside of The White House, they marched around the lawn of The White House with their signs and blow horns yelling “The Freedmen are cavemen!”.

More than 20 people were injured when this “protest” got out of control and turned for the worse. A few blacks tried to stop the protest and convince the whites that they could live together as one, the whites did not take to kindly to the idea and quickly this day went sour.

President Lincoln commented on the situation saying “If the people would peacefully give the idea a chance they would recognize it can only help the place we are in as a people, no harm can come from trying..”



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