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The following newspaper story was the original account of the event, which appeared in the Birmingham News on April 15, 1865:

**Proclamation by the Mayor**

BIRMINGHAM, April 15. — A proclamation addressed to the citizens of the city of Birmingham, by the Mayor, after the assassination of the President, was read in the market place. The Mayor exhorted the citizens to a proper regard for the order and safety of the public, and to a due sense of the importance of the event. He stated that the President had been assassinated, and that the country was plunged into deep mourning. He called upon the people to be united in their mourning, and to manifest their grief by a proper observance of the day of mourning.

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