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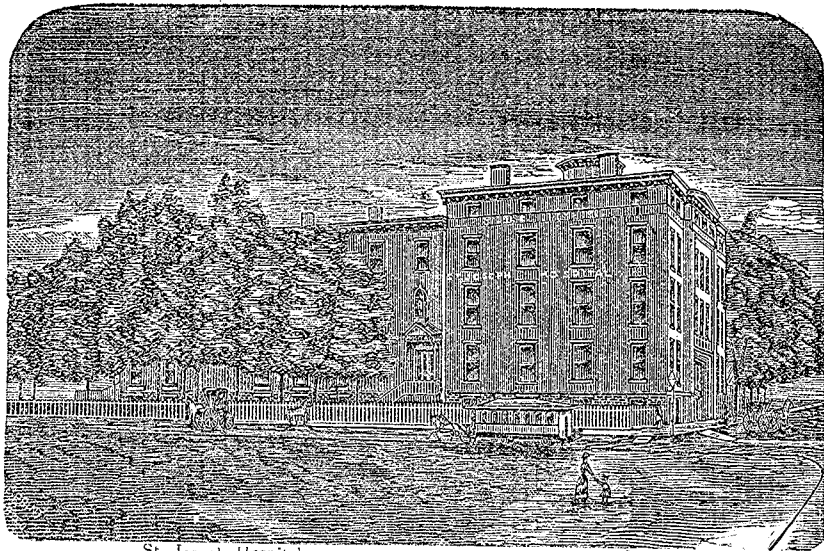
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Dear Sir

Yours of the 14th inst. just received. I am unable to recognize, the "photograph" sent me, a "likeness" of the person examined in the prison office by Doctors Thomas B. Hood N.H. Graham and William Grinstead on April 30th 1881 and at which examination I was present but only as a spectator although I assisted in the examination and was present during the ^{entire} "time" of the examination. I do not remember the name he gave. but I learned on the 4th day of July from Dr Hood that the man who shot the President was the same man examined, in his office on the 30th of April 1881 in my presence ~~in~~ I thought from the description given of the Assassin in the paper that it must be the same individual and I sent a telegram to Dr Hood on the 3rd of July and he answered me on the 4th as above stated, but he wrote to me some time afterwards that he was mistaken that it was not the same individual. I think I would recognize the individual examined on the 30th



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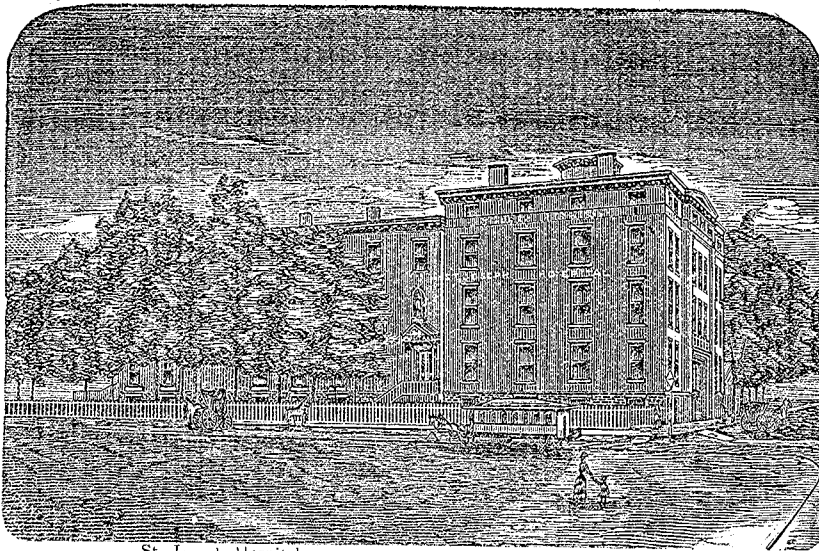
of April 1881 in the Pension Office showed I see him, and there is some resemblance of him in the "photo," but I could not state positively that it is the same.

I was present at "an examination in the Pension Office on the 30th day of April 1881 in Washington City D. C."

As I understood the "examination was ~~for~~ made on application for pension"

I do not remember the "name of the party examined at that time"

He stated that he was from "Chicago" but that he had been in the city for some time, was trying to get something to do. I think he wanted a position on the Engineer Corps. thought he could reclaim the flats along the "Potomac River." he also stated that he was a "theologian" a "Republican" and a great friend of Gen. Grant and that he had been doing some good work for the "Republican Party" also stated that his friends thought that he was "insane" but he was not and if they would give him a chance he would show them that he was not, He also read a



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letter which he claimed he had received from his wife but it was thought by the physicians that it was written by himself I do not know ~~what~~ what endorsement was made on the papers of the claimant, but it was thought I think by all who were present that he was "insane"

I send you with this letter a statement published in the Chicago Tribune of July 7th 1881 from Dr. Howell; two mistakes occur in this statement one as to the date it is the 3rd of April when it should be the 30th the other mistake is in my name Doctor Steiner should be Doctor Stemen. I have given you honestly all the facts I know about this infamous case and I think I have answered all of your questions

Yours Respectfully,
 C. B. Stemen