Was a Day of Great Sorrow

The Assassination of President Lincoln Thirty-Four Years Ago Still Fresh in the Mind of the People—How the News of the Tragedy Was Received in Grand Rapids, April 15, 1865.

It was a day 34 years ago yesterday that the news of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln was received by a shocked world. In the United States and the rest of the world, the news of the death of the beloved leader of the nation was received with shock and grief. The president had just returned from a meeting with the cabinet when he was shot by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre, Washington, D.C. The news spread quickly, and people in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and across the nation mourned the loss of this great leader.

Big Rapids Merchant Talks of the National Horror Enraged 34 Years Ago at Washington.

J. Wilkes Booth.

J. Wilkes Booth, who shot President Lincoln, was a well-known actor in the United States. He was born in Maryland in 1839 and began his acting career at an early age. He was known for his roles in popular plays and was a member of the Booth family, a prominent acting family.

The assassination of President Lincoln was a shock to the nation, and the country mourned the loss of this great leader. The news spread quickly, and people in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and across the nation reflected on the tragic events of that day and the impact of this great leader on American history.