

Ostendorf collection O-108

As Lincoln speaks, the sun breaks out. Photograph, probably by Alexander Gardner, east front of Capitol Building, Washington, D. C., Saturday, March 4, 1865. Neither Gardner nor Brady copyrighted any pictures of the inauguration, but this and other views are usually considered Gardner's work.

The newly found photograph opposite (O-109) was taken at the same time by an unknown cameraman. The detail enlargement reveals John Wilkes Booth, who was to kill Lincoln ten days later.

