Lincoln

Great Lincoln Day. (Dec 16) Met Col Wilson and Senator Dolliver at dinner at Mrs Hubbard's. Col Wilson told Wilson when he came to Washington for inauguration - impression of uncertainness which he made. Said Lincoln in receiving troops beside generals - with uniform & sword - Lincoln rode badly & made poor show beside the officers.

Gov Boutwell tells story of delegation of New York merchants coming to Washington at a time when it prevailed that the rebels bombard New York. They represented to Mr Lincoln the [illegible] of wealth they [illegible] and asked for boats to protect them. Lincoln told them he had no boats, that he needed all he had & added. "If I had as much money as you say you have, & was as skeered as you are I'd buy boats".

In talking of relative merits

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of two men he said as near as I can make it it is about 700 to 100 in favor of ——) Gov. Bartlett.

Report.
Secretary Hoar tells story of Lincoln (~~Grant~~ at ~~Appomattox~~) being invited to dinner at ~~Gov~~ Archdeacon Farrar's. Dinner at 8.30 fearfully afraid of being a moment too early. Lincoln late driven to Grant's Westminster Bridge & back. dinner - sees ~~Grant~~ Farrar walking on floor of hall & hesitates - asks if he eats - is told "only a breakfast" is sure his invitation is for 8.30 - looks & finds it - is.

Mr John Davis of Horace.

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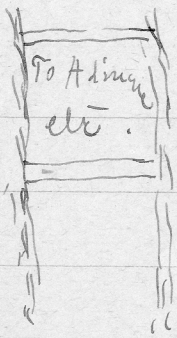
Mr Davis tells story of speculation in banner. made funds his rails etc



He was there - says story has always been misstold He took it up me- Nicolay do well to get an article from us the purest Christ he knew Lincoln -

He knew Lincoln's early life of ours well- is thoroughly trustworthy Talk Herndon's life of Lincoln spoke of book of personal reminiscences made up from men who knew him

Says Mr Lincoln was insane for six months & last start with a Mr Green outside of Springfield.

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