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to tell you a story
about the
story and
historic

He called out "come in a sit-down
you're a story

of the exact appearance
of the exact appearance
of the exact appearance

Dr Bateman of Penn college has lec-
ture in Lincoln. He first met L. in read
this to me Aug 2nd 1894. He
first met L. in 1842. In 1858 he
was made state superintendent of schools
and had office in old State House -
(see hist. of Springfield) off the Court
Room was a small room in which
the lawyers often congregated. Here
B. heard L. tell many stories. It was
here that coming home from a circuit
trip one day ^{heard him} related the story
of the go-down who in this trip near
Pikeville. "Shangos have a drink" - "a
"a smoke" - "a chair". L. refused all
these. "Shangos house me, in
afraid for you - actually afraid.
When a man aint no small vice
he's sure to be some damed by me.
Dr B. was in court when Mr L.

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turned the joke on Mr Logan who had put his collar on every side before and had the points sticking out behind.

He was also present in the murder trial when after eloquent speech by Mr L. his opponent rose & said

"I suppose you believe he has told you the truth - he has such simple unsophisticated air, honest about it but he has not - he is playing role - he doesn't believe what he says"

Mr L. arose and said in an appealing upraising tone - "Mr Fields (?) you must have known me for years and you know there is not a word of truth in that language which can apply to me".

Mr F. hesitated a moment & then said with an effort. "Mr L. I do know you & I take it all back."

Lincoln Addresses

Bateman - Ex-pres. of Knox College
was with Lincoln at Springfield
address given by Robert Findley.

53, E. 29th St. Mr Gilmore

Edmund Birke.

Saw him in M.C.'s office in New York. told
me excellent story of going to see Davis to
offer him peace in 1862. I also of interviewed
Wm Greeley who was disgusted with
Lincoln's delays & thought of Rosecrans
for president. G. went to R's army in
 guise of librarian man, and lived 6 weeks
there he met & became familiar with
Garfield. At last he told R his
business in army & R refused flatly
telling Gilmore that Lincoln was
doing all that it was possible to
do under the circumstances.
He was sent by Greeley & Co to see if
R was "down on the goose".

and they secured him a room in the old State House - this room opened into Dr B's and by Sam L's request the door was kept open. Mr B remarked to him that he feared his noise would disturb him but he said - "if you can stand my noise, I can yours."

As the situation became grave men of all parties flocked to Springfield to consult L. & Mr B. saw & heard much of what went on. Mr L. frequently ^{went} into his office chatting with him of the persons who came - then he introduced him as "my little friend, the very superintendent of State Education" & this is similar to his description of Col. Ellsworth. "he is the greatest little man I ever met." (see Vol 6)

Many people ^{came} with prejudice against L. but ~~one~~ ^{was} ~~not~~ - one day a splendid looking Missouri colonel came into the office of Dr B. & said "Why L

expected to find a crazy fanatic
 but to find a ~~nice~~ gentleman -
~~man~~, with the wisdom & caution
 of a statesman.

During all this period Dr. B was
 much impressed by ^{the} simplicity of
 his manners. He saw the greatest
 men of the times without embarrassment
 & he turned from these distinguished
 men to shake hands with old
friends with joyful sincerity. -
 one day ^{an} old lady with red face -
 big sunbonnet & short skirt came
 in. she had big package tied
 with white string. Mr. L. was
 talking with a group of great men but
 when he saw her he left them but
 at once & shook hands at once
 she called him Mr 'Linkin' &
 answered his questions about 'his
 folks' with quaint & lively words. Mr
 L. listened to her with quiet
 civility and - never turned away

to his guests to see if they noticed her
grandmother - finally she unrolled
her package & took out pair of
coarse grey socks.

"I wanted to give you something for
dinner, to take to Mr. & Mrs. all I
could give. I hope that you myself
& Aunt-Ann."

Mr. & Mrs. were thanking her
warmly & held them up by the
waist in each hand & for
well said one of the prisoners, the lady
got your latitude & longitude about
right Mrs. (socks were very long &
narrow)

one day old man came in & said
"Will Mr. President"

not yet, not yet. We must wait count
our chickens before they are hatched:

"Maybe you're kind quite hatched yet
but they are pupin' sure"

all sorts of articles sent here - each
received with a special story - see
paper of this day.