Fine story to add to the lot on reception of death of Lincoln. Stopping in front of Burnham's house in carriage with Dr Nakefield and Mrs Abby they talk of Lincoln. Mrs Abby tells that she was out walking (& all the bells began to toll - fire bell - aunt house etc) and [illegible] her flowers when Mr Abby went by - not manifest then - I ~~some~~ shot ~~called to him I is assassinated~~ Mr Burnham was in Chicago - came down to breakfast & saw something was matter by the expression of everybody's faces - thought something terrible had happened in the house - asked what the matter was - L. is dead - ordered breakfast - ran for a paper - prepared a dispatch & after eating went to telegraph office to which the operator had not come yet and sent 60 miles - went by first train home - see story of man in Bloomington who said he was glad - in Burnham's book - B arrived & everybody anxious for his paper - to calm crowd he gave his copy to Judge Reeves who mounted a post on the Square and read the report to the crowd. Awful tension of crowd - minister preached in their chamber but only after a general meeting at which ~~everybody~~ all the minister spoke was the tension of people broken. Very dramatic story.

Mr Bancroft told me how he a little boy was ~~being~~ ~~[illegible]~~ helping his mother plant pans. They had gone up one row & down another & suddenly some came up & told the news - the mother said nothing but walked to the fence & called a neighbor & told her & the two women stood side by side sobbing.

understand the humble - all the people began to run out & ask what the humble could be ~~what~~ has ~~some one~~ time a fire - no - the bells tolled.

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