Convention.

Mr Tom Hubbard took me today Hall- ~~with~~ at the Convention I met his mother & certain ladies with Mrs Judd Mrs ordered to have hand-kerchief whenever L's name was mentioned & this was done.

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and it exaggerated this impression

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~~One~~ of the enduring relics of the presidential campaign of ~~the~~ 1860 ~~is the popular impression that Abraham Lincoln's personal appearance bordered on the grotesque.~~ The feeling over the issues at stake in that campaign was ~~year were~~ intensely bitter. Long before the nominations were made it was clear that whoever the candidates, a free exchange of damaging personalities was inevitable. When it was known that the Republican party had nominated a Westerner of obscure birth and narrow experience with neither the training of the scholar nor the polish of the man of the world the opposition ~~seized~~ 2400 its ~~opportunity~~ chance. Paragraphs deriding Lincoln's manners and appearance were published almost daily in the newspapers. The most extravagant caricatures were scattered in every town. "Uncouth," "ill-clad," "shambling," "grotesque" were the adjectives commonly used to describe him. The popular imagination was quick to lay hold of these details and an impression was formed of Lincoln as something monstrous and ridiculous ~~shapes~~.

But it was evident even in 1860 to those who understand the methods of political campaigns that these descriptions of L. were written by ~~those~~ persons who never had seen him & that they were inspired by malice.

The republicans did their utmost to eradicate the notion but they never succeeded in a somewhat modified form to this day.

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The vote had a terrible potency that fall. It was ~~before~~ applying a fuse to a charge of dynamite. Many men dropped dead & ~~been~~ covered ~~the~~ entire east the detonation stuck him deaf. There was a prodigious solemnity in many a heart - as with Francis Parker: "I have decided to vote for Lincoln. --- As to the threat of dissolution of the Union should Mr Lincoln be elected, I do not reply to it: let us act, on the contrary, I believe the threat is made in good earnest, & that it is quite possible to carry it into execution. What I say is this, that if the Union depends upon such conditions it is virtually dissolved, that some just & wise & other must come and tear down the rotten tree.

Life & Letters. p. 314

Whittier made Lucy Larcom "agree with me that Hallelujah is pretty near Amen" [illegible]

Pickard's Whittier. V. 2. p. 482.

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There was unanimity prevailed even in the crowd. The Lt Gov remained as in Loca. Ala 208 to 89 – Miss. 84 to 15 – Fla 62 to 7 – Ga 113 to 17 – Ala – 69 to 39 – Tex – 166 to 7.

Delegates to Va Convention Agst secession – Penn refuses to leave room. Seward at W, p. 502

Members of this House refusing to take part in voting declare their determination to abide the result: can pay no attention to any action taken by the body. p417. V. 2 of N. & H.

Resigned N. H. 2 de congressmen declaring that they would not act in the body N. 2 H. p 416. Richeo.

Dec 17. address of Southern members p. 436. N. 2 H. 2.

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silence he had adopted at the outset. The very night of his nomination ~~a party of~~ his townspeople in serenading him had called for a speech. Standing in the door-way of his house he said, "Fellow citizens and friends: The time comes upon every public man, when it is best for him to keep his lips closed. That time has come upon me," * ~~and turning around he went in.~~

In August ~~a~~ monster ~~ratification meeting~~ mass meeting was held in Springfield. Every effort was made to persuade Mr. Lincoln to speak. All he would consent to do was to appear and in a few words excuse himself. Up to the time he left for Washington to be inaugurated, he kept his resolve.

to show that he did not suppose the honor ends a man when intended particularly in himself as a private citizen, but rather as the representative of a great party that to him position on the political questions of the day he could only refer to his previous speeches & he