Waters

Colonel Waters of K. C.

887 - short - wiry - only half gray - the outline of the G. H. in his coat - "don't mind shafts since the war" - full of good honest hates - he can't let lie - Don't seem quite honest to him indeedly - that - you should know the detestable T. R. - greatest demagogue since Douglas" - Brownsville affair finished him - distinguished - those nigger saved his life at San Juan Hill - That off his mind - he returns to A. L. (Wid begins with A. L. & the mention

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of Douglas drew out the T. R. opinion -

Same with England - hates her - all for Germany - wants her to lick England so shall have to begin all over again - "Squaring about Louisiana" Why in 1812 they burned Washington: Dolly Madison had to cart G. W's picture out to save it - Look at their treatment of us in C. W. - more our friends - That off his mind - his poisoning clean away he goes -

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Came to Illinois from Iowa
I was in Springfield in
legislature in 1837 - Law
L constantly there -
"after supper" when they all
gathered somewhere - to
talk.
Says they still gather so
in ~~country~~ country seats in
Mo. I often after supper
spend "an Hour or two on Abe
Lincoln"
Dickie his story of L's treatment
of him as counsel in ~~his~~ a
~~[illegible]~~ law suit - Defending a
murderer - stroke down a man
with a hoe for calling him a
foul name - ~~[illegible]~~ proceeding
had Browning them a big
lawyer - Big lawyer doubts all

4.

the jury - L made him
do the cross questioning - also
present points he (L) had
prepared -

Drollness in talk as
shown by pronuncia-
tion of San-gam'-on
River. amused him.

Power of statement - 2 clear ti-
ny dim - "the skimp speech
in the belly of the Bill" what
he called Douglas's
"Leave it free to regulate its
own affairs etc." W

Loved L as he was - Whiskers
- swapping stories

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More stories of L. as a
lawyer

The Lincoln & Shields duel -
as L. explained it - reason
for it -

Water has pneumonia -
visits of L. - W. had a
little pill doctor
Is the efficacy measured
by smallness of dose - L
asked him -

Speaks of Bloomington - Convention
is worst solemn gathering of
human beings I ever saw

Look up Waters letter -

Sincerely loyal -
Hatie Lee - see his
mss left with me

freshness of his impression
vivid - Rankin says after 65
a man remembers what
happened in youth & manhood
not what ~~is~~ happening 3 yrs
ago -

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