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Judge Thomas Z. Morrow,  
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My dear Judge:-

It was very kind in you to send me a copy of your delightful "Recollections of an Old Time Democratic Mass Meeting." I received it on Saturday last, opened it after dark and was so fascinated with it that I could not lay it down until I had practically finished it. You have a wonderfully graphic way of hitting off personal characteristics. A sentence or two makes one quite well acquainted with the person described. You introduce a great many persons, some of whom I knew by reputation during the '50's, and others with whom I had the pleasure of a more or less intimate acquaintance, but all and sundry whoever they may be and whatever part they played in the great political drama which was then working the country up to a bloody solution of the slave question, each had a distinct and attractive personality of his own and is made to live again under your inspiration. I hope that the booklet will have a circulation commensurate with its deserts, and that you will enjoy to the full the address to which it is entitled.

I have not had the pleasure of so intimate an acquaintance with you as I desired, but all that I know of you and have heard of you has only served to stimulate the desire to know you better.

Thanking you again for the pamphlet and wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am  
With sincere regard,  
Your friend,