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Brother proposed to forward every 4 boxes if Wave & myself would go to Providence with her.

Wave asking driver, and
saying to leave your today.
but this clouds this morning
frightened her off, and have
had no news & could have
gone long walks, except by
train and we will have
it. Now Father said he
would put in 20 notes
but I think he is too
busy so I will send
off my letter without
it. With much love
from us all
Your devoted
Brother

Nov 6th 1895

Some of the 3rd was translated me this morning, I
enjoyed it very much, could not help wondering if you took a
bite for apples. I am pretty sure you enjoyed the walk & possibly
the Wa reel. I wish you could go to Atlantic, the having seen the
Worlds Fair you would not miss much by not going except the
recreation. Ralph Smith said it was the Worlds Fair in animation.
Mr Cluff Smith & Miss Butcher went yesterday on the 5 dollar
ticket, on the 15th there will be another 5 dollar ticket, I tried to
persuade Reuben to go, told him I would pay his expenses if he
would go but he does not seem to care about it, seems much
interested with the work on the Ducks place. I think he has
decided to remain there if Jory Lewis wants him. We are fearful
of the Lewises, have warned Reuben, so if they try to cheat him
out of his years work as they did Mr Stevenson it will be his own
fault. Wave & myself spent yesterday at Aunt Melville's found them
all well & hard at work as usual, they were banking their cases
for planting next year & watching for work on the kitchen, he has
been at it five weeks & if Mr Harris turns his back he has to
undo all he has done in that time, they have put the kitchen

only a few steps from the edge of the back porch & on a level
with it, will have a covered way from the porch to the kitchen porch,
it will be a great comfort & convenience to sister Sally. She made
me a present of a nice pair of ducks, raised from those I gave
her. We heard there that Mrs Robert Waller is very ill, and
expected to recover, a spell of fever. Bessie is having her house
covered, she will be much more comfortable for it, there were so
many leaks. Your Father is measuring corn sent from the Woody
Collins place for an old debt he owes him & which "Mr L W"
promised should be settled if he would attend him last summer.
100 bushels of corn & 100 of cotton seed for a 50 dollars old debt, that
is doing pretty well isn't it? Now if Mr. Charles will only settle up
his own account we will feel decidedly better.

I dream yesterday that Miss Ennis is to be married the 1st of
Dec at the Moscow baptist church, Mr Cunningham here, a widower with
2 children, is the fortunate man. I enclose Linn's last letter you
may not hear from him, certainly the Spragues are curious people, I
reckon Linn will be rather shy of their observations after this. Your
Father has begun fixing up some cotton & other little things to send you, as
the box is a green berry or something of the sort Wm found in the woods
we consider it a curiosity, do you know what it is? This anno to be
receiving day with us, a large load of fodder is being unloaded at the
Stables above, just in front of the window where I am writing. Miss Lou

Birmingham Nov 9th 1855-

Dear Miss Mary -

Your letter reached
me in New York, while
there with my sick boy.
I returned home two weeks
ago, and left him
with the doctor. Though
I have regretted doing
so every moment since
I take him goodbye.
Just ^{upon} my return, Robert
recieve a very strange
dictatorial letter from
Mr. Drugges.

Of - course Capt. White
replied to it, but in
a very different spirit.
Mr. Sengger takes things
for granted which have
no foundation, and
pretends to know a
great deal about things,
especially about the
disposition of the stamps,
which do not exist.

Every part of the
transaction has been
amplified with -

Some time after the
sale was made, the
stamps paid for, and
transaction closed,
I voluntarily said in

my letter to you that
Robert will pay some
on every stamp sold,
and so I say now,
and it does not re-
quire a Mr. Sengger
to get it.

These promises were
and are voluntarily
made by me, and
are no part of the
original transaction,
nor are they binding
upon anybody as claim-
ed by Mr. Sengger.
They were prompted by
friendship, old acquain-
tance, and kindly feeling
towards you all, and

for this reason I intend
to see that they are
performed.

I kindly suggest that
I do not see the necessity
for putting the matter
into the hands of a
third party, whose ef-
forts cannot result
in anything but annoy-
ance to all concerned.

I wish that I could
write you fully about
them. But in the end
hope to do so.

Until I know how
you feel differently, I cannot
in my letters to you,
refrain from mention-
ing family affairs.

I am sorry that you
do not keep well -
How is Miss Patsey?
Very love to all.
Sincerely, Your friend
J. A. Davis

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WHITE & HOWZE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.OFFICE,
ROOMS 4 AND 5 STEINER BUILDING.

Birmingham, Ala. Oct 18 1895

Mr B. W. Suggs

Oklahoma City

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 13th sent to me by Mr Nelson has been referred to me for answer. Its contents and tone are indeed surprising. You have been misinformed as to the transaction about which you write, and to this fact is attributed the gross errors into which you have fallen and the threatening tone of your letter. Nevertheless, Mr A is disposed to respond in a very different spirit. While denying responsibility of any sort to any one, he is ready to meet the claimants (if not misinformed as to their identity) on the kindest manner. I am not prepared to go into the details of your letter and therefore desire to say that this must not be taken as an admissions express or implied of any statement or claim made in it - Your letter is dated Oklahoma

WHITE & HOWZE
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Birmingham, Ala. ————— 189—

and post marked to Birmingham Ala. I there-
fore send a duplicate of this to the ^{later} ~~former~~
place

Yours very truly
John White

WHITE & HOWZE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.OFFICE,
ROOMS 4 AND 5 STEINER BUILDING.Birmingham, Ala. Nov^r 11th 1895

Mr B. L. Suggs

Urbana Ill.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 30th ult was
recd and should have been answered sooner.
I ask pardon for not having done so.
You are misinformed as to what oc-
cured at the time of the sale. There was
no "provision" or understanding ~~that~~
that any thing more would be paid under
any circumstances. The sale was absolute
and unqualified. Whatever may have been
afterwards written or said through Messrs
White was done gratefully and from
kindness for the parties, and was in
no way connected with the original
contract. It is legally binding upon no
one and never was intended to be
so. So that any thing that may be
hereafter paid or conceded, will not
be ^{done} on account of any legal obligation
but from like motives.

WHITE & HOWZE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.OFFICE,
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Birmingham, Ala. ————— 189 ————

As to the value of these stamps here it is wholly at sea. If it is to be tested by his success in trying to sell them, it is most uncertain, if indeed they now have any more than a nominal salable value. The value you put upon them is entirely impracticable and out of the question, so far as he has been able to ascertain or believes. The

nature of such property as to its value is so peculiar that it is most difficult to determine, what ought to be done, or what can be done or how to move in attempting to do any thing. One indirect step might ruin things. As there are only two of your brown stamps known, the sale of it is no first criterion of the value of a different stamp of which there are many in existence, ~~for~~ the value of such things depends entirely on their scarcity.

Yours very truly

John White

— I have just received from you
your paper of the 15th Nov 1893
— I have just received from you
your paper of the 15th Nov 1893

Dear Ben —

Your letter came to hand
this morning & also the paper containing
your piece or essay on "Sunset of Wheat."
I am glad to see you are practicing
in writing articles of value for the
paper; this I think highly improving
& proper & would advise you to continue
& write articles whenever you think
you have something new or that w^d
be interesting to others. If only one
idea & it is interesting to yourself — you
may be sure some one else will ap-
preciate or be instructed by it. The
article alluded to was commended
by the paper publishing it & very
deserving as too I think.

The earth quake was not severely felt here, but the noise of it was heard by me, and I inquired at the Station next day where it was that the "Canon was fired" and for what purpose. You must have been quite disturbed by it, and felt it very severely, as you were not very far from where the worst shock was experienced.

By this date I suppose you have received a package I mailed you - containing quite a variety & mixed assortment of collections. - Herbs - acorns - grass - insects &c. - The cotton balls I put in to fill up space, thinking some of your Northern or Western friends might appreciate a view of our staple in its raw state.

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The pecans were from our own trees,
growing in our yard.

We have nothing definite from
Fred yet; I wrote to Genl. Lane,
who was very kind in replying
to my inquiries as to any
house for rent, which Fred may
get the use of from Jan'y 1st to
July - . Can you find out any
thing from the Kansas Exp't Sta,
as regards Prof. Shillor's
movements, as you know Fred
was promised the place if he
declined to come to Chaburn.
It would make a considerable dif-
ference in Fred's prospects in
various ways & save him
renting a house at all -

provided Prof B. ⁴ should leave promptly
on time. Dr Brown you know selected his
men almost from the Antipodes - from Aus-
tralia to Texas - a gentleman in the Texas
College - Prof Soule - was a favorable Candidate
in Dr. Brown estimation for the assistant's place,
the position given Fred. So if Fred could
reasonably expect to get the upper place,
then Dr. Brown could get Prof Soule in
at Auburn, perhaps. - Prof Soule is highly
recommended & a young man (not married).

Nothing specially new or interesting
in the immediate neighborhood. On
Monday Will Brooder & I went up to Greenough

Nov 12, 1876

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to hear Genl Morgan & Senator
Pugh speak on the Silver
question - Some statements
were made as facts which
if so & they truly believe themselves
right, they are justified in ex-
pressing themselves so fully & freely;
next Saturday I hope to hear them
again in Demopolis. I could
listen to Genl Morgan all day
altho I am opposed to his present
views - he is such an elegant
speaker, everything comes from
him so naturally & with such an
easy & Eloquent style one can't
but admire him. Senator Pugh is
brusque in manner, & his words

body chosen, and ^{the} sentences short, which
renders him hard to understand & keep up
with - He reminds me of a White owl. I hope
to have the pleasure of seeing Genl Morgan
when he is in Demopolis - he has frequently
forwarded me papers & volumes from
Washington & so perhaps I may be able
to obtain some which you desire. I may
also get some thro my position as Statis-
tical agent here. You said me the list &
I will try to obtain them.

To day I have been ordering some boxes
of wine I ordered thro a Salesman, from a
Wine firm at Los Angeles Cal. - 4 cases - one
of Port - one of Mincatel, two of Sherry (Vandercook Co)

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To my surprise, I find that it
has been tapped - in transit -
& five bottles destroyed, I think
I know where it was opened. The
boxes show plainly that they were
opened.

Could you give me any thing
special on "Yellow Jackets" they
are quite numerous here, a large
"squad" of them have settled in
one of the large cedar logs near
the cow lot pool. & whilst we
have Kieffer pears in the house
they make themselves very
familiar, if we had a few
"bee-mortars" I believe they
would help destroy them, but

Every bird of that Class³ has departed &
chiefly the English Sparrows are seen.
I want to know particularly about the habits &
conformation of the Yellow Jacket. — I sent
some specimens.

Ware has been hunting the partridges &
killed some, which we enjoyed very much.
The next crop hickabouts is wonderfully abundant,
& every where you chance to go — you will find
the people croaking sea-borks. When you
find something interesting, write to your
Grand Mother. Green & Sister Sally are building
new & neat houses in Greensboro, very much like
Mother's in Demopolis. — Can't write more
to night — Your affect Father. R. H. Duggins.

Union Iron Works
Nov-11th 1895

Dear Ben

Your letter
was received Friday, the
one I enclose last night.
I think from Mrs White
letter, they evidently intend
to keep the advantage, they
obtained, through our confi-
dence in Mrs White, & igno-
rance of the true value
of the stamps. Mrs White
did say to us, before the
bargain was perfected, that
she was uncertain of the
real value of the stamps,
that if they were worth
more, they would give
more, & that by so was she

was sure they would send
some thing handsome
in this letter she she
speaks as if she wrote it after
the bargain was concluded
but she did both; of course
we have no legal claim
so I suppose our only hope
is to trust to their being
ashamed not to do some
thing, her husband is
an old shrewd Lawyer
very sharp & smart & seems
to intend taking the mat-
ter in hand as he repli-
es to your letter to Mr
Nelson, We have perfect
confidence in your judgment
& are sure you only wrote
what was proper, but we
would not have you
involved in any trouble

in any way. We had a
little visit from Sally &
Irmy last week & a note
Saturday, all well at y-
home, Mary has been
quite sick, as well as
myself, all unite with
me, in love to you,
again thanking you
for your kindness, I am
always your friend

207 Lawrence St
Mobile, Ala
Nov 17, 1896

My dear Mother,

Your letter of the
10th inst was received yester-
day evening and I was very
glad to receive the neighborhood
news that it contained.

This promises to be a good day
almost hot, but, as with you,
the several preceding ones
have been sultry. The pecul-
iarity is that the mornings and
evenings are cool and the
mid-day is quite warm. I
sometimes change my coat
about noon that may think
one may be perfectly com-
fortable on the decline of day.

was deferring it any longer
for tho' its cost ranges high.
Please remind father that I
would like to settle my board
bill for this month - till Dec 15th
and we should have fifteen
dollars (\$15.00).

It is time to post this
so goodbye,

Yours loving son,
Llewellyn.

Nov 17, 1895

I am glad to know that Aunt
Dessie is so well pleased with
her separate, but it will cer-
tainly require a great deal of
looking after, and the worry
of cleaning it. the amount of
dirt it will create will vex
her sorely.

I was sorry to learn of the
death of Mrs. Withers' child. You
spoke, also, I believe, of Misses Mabel
and Lizzie going off on a trip,
where is their destination? Atlanta?
Are there many people from
Loomis who anticipate visiting the
Exposition? I believe Mr. Smith
once spoke of doing so.

Well yes, I think it was quite
a "brassy" trick in some ones.

Edwin thinks so anywhere. To my
unshakable observation she
appears to attempt to "run things
with a high hand," as the boys
say.

And it has come to pass that
Ralph and his charming bride
have taken up their residence
in the City of Dinopolis, what
business is he to engage in
there?

One of the practicing physicians
of the city was the victim
of a serious accident a few
days ago, being thrown from
his buggy by a runaway pair.
He was at first thought unable
to live and his condition is
still precarious.

I find that I will necessarily
have to purchase a Gray's
Anatomist, and there is no

whatever it may be, to have
surprized father's box of pet
wines.

This week has passed in just
the same way as usual, and
as I may expect two more to pass.
There was a very pleasant little
break, however, in the regular
routine of duties on last Thurs-
day evening. Miss Susan Free, who
lives with her invalid aunt, Mrs.
Joel Jones, and whose brother is
a friend of mine, and a habitant
of this boarding place, invited
several of us, Charles and Syd. Haller
among the number, out to a little
dinner party on the shore named
evening. A narrow and most con-
venient house, we were invited

to depart at half-past five, and so
we did. The dinner, consisting
of five courses, was served in
nice style and Miss Geo. a wonder-
fully jolly and talkative woman,
presided very gracefully. You know
the Jones are very well-to-do and
as our hostess is a very good
housekeeper, there was a very fine
spread, which you may imagine
we enjoyed ^{it} exceedingly. Yesterday
evening we made a call on some
friends, and so ends the appro-
priate review of the week's
proceedings.

I have seen Mrs Edwin McCarty
on several occasions, and of
course, with her usual para-
phernalia, she appears very
pretty, but I don't see how she
could be called the prettiest
woman in Mobile, I suppose

Nov 22th 1895

My dear Son

Your letter has not come for this week but I will begin mine for tomorrow the horses will be out as soon, Gertie is coming & when she is about I feel as if I am in a whirl wind. Wave & myself have not many minutes since, returned from Danopolis & I feel rather nervous as I drove all the way home, & there were so many obstacles to pass & always it seemed on the narrowest part of the road, I was very nervous about it having so little confidence in my skill as a driver. You will wonder why I drove, well Gertie asked Wave to go in town for her horse, I wanted to see the milliner so we decided to take the buggy & lead the horse out, as she is very spirited it took his strong arm to lead her & I had to drive, I think if I had known

the dinner would fall on me I would have
let him go in horseback, but "all's well that
ends well". Of course we spent the night
with Mother, Gertrude had promised to spend
the night with a friend so off she went, her
cook was paid up yesterday & as Gertrude was
to leave as soon Mother engaged one to come
this morning, we dressed & waited until after
7 o'clock, as cook came as I went out to make
the fire & get the breakfast, but finding no
wood cut I had to call on Wams to cut some
we then made the fire & soon sat down to
toast, butter cakes, stewed oysters & coffee which
we all enjoyed very much, Mother can just
creep around but will try to do things she
used to do & I expect will soon be in bed.
The mention of Gertrude reminds me, Madeline
Duncan had two beaux a southern man & a
yorker, she liked the yorker but her mother
objected to him, that led to a run away, she
called for one day in a hack, her Mother
thought when she said "good morning" that

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she was going out on the street for a little
while, the first thing she heard was that
she was married, they went over to Newark
N. J. & were married. That reminds me of
another run away match are the connections
James Weyghan's son Baseline came of with
a girl in Salem some time ago.

Friday, your Father, Gustave, Warren, Miss Lou
& myself are going to the "Chrysanthemum
Fair" in Cambridge, the exhibit of chrysanthemums
it is thought will be very fine, as far as your
Father saw some intended for it, they were
wonderful; they have a way now of cutting
the flowers
~~them~~ some times before hand, put them in
water & every morning change the water & cut
off a little piece off the stem, they seem to
grow under the process. Monday morning your
Father & myself took the train for Wintertown,
dined with Mrs Wren, he went out to see
Mr Benton a little while, was presented with
3 bottles of wine. Mr B- had 4 young lady
visitors, I saw Briggs among the number. Have
you heard that today week Mrs Schindlanger

Nov 20, 1875

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will be married to Miss Kate Cascoran, Mr
B- was buying a bridal present as he must
be one of the attendants. Oh! Bew, the whole
Werns family are completely carried away with
now, I am so glad you could help them as
much by selling the stamps, but you must
not get yourself into any trouble about the
others, Mrs W- told me of Mrs White's letter I
was amused at it & rather think she was
afraid of "a Mrs Daggan," by the way ~~should~~
we address you as Prof? the piece in the
Miller spoke of you as Prof - I enjoyed reading
the piece & the comments. Fred has not
said a word about his movements yet, wish
I could tell you of them I have heard that
the Atlanta Exposition will be open until
March, cant vouch for the truth of it.
The night we came down from Vermont
Mrs Stollenwerk & her two daughters were on

going to Texas, we heard all the family were
going but only three there went that night. I think
the old lady has us and living in Texas & she will
live with him. Waver & myself made Mrs Ralph
Smith a visit yesterday evening, they are nicely
fixed in Mrs Hatfield's house, she lives with them
of course. I needed the house here been painted, the
out buildings white washed & everything looks
clean & nice, both the Smiths have an interest
with Mrs Tom Horner, he keeps general merchan-
dise.

While I was in the midst of my writing Miss
Lore Browder came in & sat until dark. The
weather changed very much but evening is
quite cold. I hope some of the chou chrysanthe
mums were sent. Mrs Reiffin's son was killed
on the R.R. his body was brought home &
buried yesterday. I must write to Lewis, will
say good night, with much love

Yours devoted

Mother

P.S. Your Father says did you ever see the name
Yellow Jacket in print, he has been trying to find it

and in the dictionary

Washington, D.C., Nov. 24, '95.
Dear Father;

I am acting Prof. of Agr. in Ala. I received a letter from Dr. Brown yesterday, running as follows:

"Prof. E. M. Shelton, now of Queensland, Australia, owing to propositions made to him, concluded to remain abroad longer, and has declined to accept the position in Ala. You will therefore be acting Prof. of Agriculture in charge until the next meeting of the Trustees.

It is expected that the Asst. Prof. of Horticulture will be here by Jan. 1. The residence of the Prof. of Agriculture will be assigned to you, and also

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temporarily to the Asst. Prof.
of Horticulture, recently elected
by the Committee, whose family
consists of himself and wife. "

I think this will undoubt-
edly result in my being given
the full chair when the Trustees
meet in June. This is certainly a
pleasant solution of the house
question, in so far as it saves
my renting one; it is not quite so
satisfactory to have another family
assigned to the same house, even
temporarily. I suppose it will pay
me to consider, after I get to Auburn,
the expediency of paying part of the
rent of Miss Carr's house till June
for the Asst. Prof. of Hort.; for once
established in the "Great House" the
Board may make the arrangement permanent
as to two families in one house. If only
one gets lodgment, they are less apt

to institute a change. But this is for later consideration. They do not know in Auburn how large my family is.

It is a relief to turn from preparation for teaching horticulture to writing lectures on the familiar subject of agriculture. Yet I do not regret the few months of study in horticulture, which has ^{been} beneficial to me.

I should like to know just what my position in the station is, whether acting agriculturist or acting director. From Dr. B's silence I presume the old station organization, with Dr. B. "president of the board of direction" continues for the present. Of course I shall not

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trouble either myself or Dr. B.
in regard to anything of this sort.

We expect to leave here about
Dec. 24, so as to be early on the ground
& to get settled by Jan. 1. It will be
necessary to ship the Washington
furniture about Dec. 15, and that
from Columbus a few days afterwards.
This requires boarding here & perhaps
also a few days in Auburn.

We are breaking both babies
of bottles today and have had a
time in inducing Frederic to accept
the cup; Frances took to it readily.
Frederic eats "wheatena", light bread,
Irish potatoes, baked apples, & milk,
but will not touch egg nor does
he seem to care for meat or gravy.

He is talking very freely and is
greatly pleased at the idea of having
a "park" in his own frontyard at Au-
burn.

I think I did not write you of going to an organ recital to hear several noted musicians on a \$6000 organ, nor of being a delegate to the interdenominational Sunday School Convention of the D.C.; ~~nor~~

Dalea crowded into hear Talmage last Sunday night and stood during the entire service. He has a magnificent delivery. This week we attended a large church wedding, the first we have seen in Washington. There were some features in it new to me, - for example the ushers in seating the congregation, offered their arms to all the ladies in turn, leaving the gentlemen, parted from their mates, - to stroll up the aisle alone. Fannie will

tell mother the other details
 when they meet, for mother will
 need such points in the next wed-
 ding she may be called on to
 "conduct" at Galhoin.

I hope Reuben has decided
 to go to the Exposition. I shall
 probably not see it, - it is just pos-
 sible that I may go ahead of my
 family, spend 2 days in Atlanta,
 and join my folks as they pass
 through. If so I should probably pass
 Wednesday & Thursday of Christmas Week
 there, provided the gates are open
 Christmas day.

I have not forgotten that I
 owe you for the shirts and preserves
 and will in time send the money.
 I saw a notice of the burning of a
 sash & blind factory in Meridian. If this is
 the one in which Mr. Pepper is employed
 I suppose it will throw him out of em-

Employment. With love to all, from aff. son Fred.

Nov 27th 1895

My dear Son

This morning's mail brought
you very acceptable letter, also one from Linn.
last week your letter did not reach us until
Saturday & I could not help feeling a little
anxious about you, thought possibly you were
sick, felt very glad my fears were groundless.
Yes, Thanksgiving is near at hand, we certainly
-ly would be glad to have you with us,
have a nice gobble for the occasion, not
cuke, jilly, &c, you must tell me about
your western Thanksgiving dinner, I would
like to know how a lady manages to cook
& entertain a housefull of company, I think
it bad enough to be without a house
servant at such times, that is my present

condition, but I have the promise of one today, a green horn is not of much use around a table. I expect sister Sally's family & Remben tomorrow, wrote to ask Kitter to come over but have heard nothing from her. Well, I wrote this for this morning was interrupted & have been busy ever since, it is now about 6 o'clock. I think I wrote you Gertrude left her horse Annie here for Waver to sell for her, there is a dance at Farnsboro tonight so with my buggy & Annie, he has taken Lizzie Barber down, they will spend the night. Waver went on the creek this morning with his gun, returned with 3 wild ducks so we will have a feast sure enough tomorrow. I don't think I have written to you since the "Chrysanthemum Fair in Greensboro, Gertrude came out on the train Tuesday, spent the day & night with us, Friday, Miss Lon Brewster,

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Arrived by - Bertander & Warr, as drivers, went
in their survey & your Father & myself in the
buggy to see the "show", Gertrude & ourselves
stopped at Mrs Cobbs to dinner, went in
town afterwards, stopped to see your aunt Sally
& then took in the Fair, the flowers were
beautiful, some looked like large bulbs, not
flat like ordinary chrysanthemums, I saw a
"Good Gossamer" about the size of the top of a
mans hat, that was the only one on the
stems which were quite large, the stems were
large I mean - We returned home that night
left Gertrude to go from there to Selma. We
had a late ride reached here about 8 o'clock
Your aunt Sally's new house is very neat &
comfortable, she hopes to move in soon. I
did not go to Green's, had a little time, we

at first intended spending the night at Mr
Cobb's but found they were expecting a good
many others as we came home.

I wish you could take the trip to Chicago,
know you would enjoy the Opera.

We will inform you of Fred's plans as soon as
he writes us. A letter from Prof Bondurant to
your Father says "I suppose you have heard
that Prof Shelton will not take the place
at Auburn, the house I now occupy will
be turned over to your son Jan 1st,"
then he goes on to say that he would
like to make an arrangement with Fred
to keep the house until July 1st + board
Fred's family. From that we think the local
trustees + Dr Brown must have decided
to give Fred the first place, some of the
trustees said in Montgomery "if Mr Shelton
does not come we will put Mr Darggar
in his place" I hope we will hear soon of

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you can come at 12 noon, we will all be
mighty glad to see you. I saw yesterday
"Uncle's stamp news" in it was a photograph
of the envelope & stamps you sold for me,
also Mrs. Wren & sister Sally's stamps, the
pieces said they were all from the same
family & did not go into the hands of a
dealer, ^{and} directly to a collector, no names were
mentioned in the pieces, only mine on the
envelope, the paper was dated Nov 14th, it is
a weekly.

Reuben dropped in to breakfast yesterday
morning on his way to Dennapolis with some
cotton. He looks well, has made an arrangement
with Ivy yet, he thinks Uncle John wants
him to live with Wiley & head work at the
Dan Rose place but has made him no
definite proposition, I believe he had better stay
where he is & take his chances for pay than
to be with Wiley, Minge Selden is trying to

get the back with him.

We had a letter from Lewis today he says
he will write to you soon. I think I had
better bring this scratch to a close. I took
this paper & pencil because I was cold &
wanted to get near the fire, we had frost
like snow this morning & I think the ground
was frozen, know there was ice, we had no
rain Sunday but showers Monday & on the
night a hard rain since which times it
has been cold. Jane's Mother brought her
back & promised she would do better if we
would let her stay as she is our trial.
Good night, with much love

Yours devoted

Mother.