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My Dear Mary Ann

The Meeting that our folks appointed here last Wednesday, after which I expected to get away, has dragged along, the parties not getting here till yesterday, so the meeting will be held tomorrow =

Sibly is now here, also, Foxton & Walker of Utica, Cynost Field of N.Y. & Dr. Jew of N.Y. Barnum & others will be here tomorrow when we shall take up the subject of the California Tel, and discuss it pro & con and decide whether or no to change the program. As the bill now stands, we ask the Gov. to contract with the Tel Cos for the use of a Cal Tel for Gov bus, paying \$50.000 per an for 10 years, with right of way, use of land for stations, with right to buy the same 10 years hence to the extent of 44 Section at each station at 1.25 per acre =

I therefore expect to get away by Wednesday for N.Y. when I shall stop to see Milcox and get home by Saturday, if nothing happens.

I have got quite tired of staying here, not because the objects of interest are exhausted but because I am unexpectedly detained and had

other plans for the employment of my  
time.

I could spend and shall spend at least  
a month here seeing the objects of in-  
terest but I want you with me so that  
you too can enjoy the same opportunity  
and I can avail myself of the advantage  
of having a Lady with me which  
secures a fellow many advantages, that  
Masculine humanity, is deprived of  
or secures by stealth,

Though I have devoted as much time  
as possible in pressing the Telegraph upon  
the attention of Members, still I have  
had some time to spare and have im-  
proved it in dropping around among the  
current amusements of the Capital,

Last Tuesday being the President's reception  
night (which occurs once a fortnight), I called  
up at the White house, shook hands with  
"James the Usurper", circulated through the  
gandy apartments, and gay throng until  
the crowd became so dense to be pleasant  
when I returned to my hotel,

Every body goes to the President's levee and  
it is quite common for the crowds to  
be so great as to render it extremely  
unpleasant, especially for Ladies who trail

a yard of rich damask silk, behind them that gets thoroughly trampled underfoot, and every now & then anchors the wears, till the obstructions of a huge pair of boots can be removed.

Thursday I went to Mt Vernon with Mr Foxton leaving here at 11. Arr + returning at 3 P.M., giving us 1 1/4 hours there.

It was 17 years since my former visit to the tomb of Washington, and delapidation and decay, had wrought a change, in that period, the house very much decayed, so much so that rough posts had to be got up, to support the piazza, from falling. The same universal destroyer had made sad havoc with furnis, out building and every thing perishable. It seems that the late owner, though a direct descendant of the Good & Great Washington, and a bearer of his name, had done nothing to preserve the estate from the most galloping consumption, and but for the Ladies Monument a few years would have obliterated the last traces of the residence of the father of his country.

In the vicinity of the tomb a few monuments has been erected to the memory of other members of the family, which is the only change noticeable.

Friday evening I again called on Job Seward  
at being his reception night, this was the  
third time I have been at Seward's, and  
each of the occasions has displayed the  
same pleasantness in the company, the  
reception, and its social greetings, and  
treatings - A short time since, after  
The Penn Republicans held their convention  
and recommended Cameron as the choice  
of Penn, some of the Delegates were here  
and attended one of Seward's receptions, - While  
circulating through the crowd, eating ice cream  
& drinking champagne, Seward came up  
to them, and said goodnaturedly, "that he  
thought it was too bad that they should  
recommend Cameron for the Presidency and  
then come here to drink his wine" -

The other night, I mentioned to him the result of  
Ithaca election, he said, "O! yes, it is but  
a little while since I could dine all the  
Republicans on four plates, but now it would  
take more than six months sitting all  
the plates he could muster each day"

He is full of pleasant jokes of that kind  
and seems a confident and happy as a man  
well can be -

Yours Affectionately

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Mary Ann