

159

in their wife; & got off my Bystander
as well as I could. The anti-slavery men
offered to get some books to send me
and promised this and failed only because
they had a little money to give away
now and that is one trouble they have of giving away
so much. In San Fran there is no special paper yet but
as soon as you go to California you will be
to consult me about only I expect the blacks
to be about will soon be improvement
patching up their differences and I do not
see why it will cost nearer \$400 than \$100 to
fix up your house just as you like. I have not
the money or another. I think it doubtful about
the all summer and you may decide to do
just as I do. I have not had a chance to write to Blaine
will tell him to get one one of those tickets anywhere
he appears. If they get too high you can take his & go east
there is no doubt she would enjoy it better and you quite as
well and yourself bound to go with me. It will no doubt be
most likely a dull one.

I think you had better go down to Washington if you are going
to stay in. Of course, I cannot be there and I do not see what
to say about it except being bullet-proofed and kicked about
you have a fine opportunity, always. You will be able to say you were
there, and then may be some comfort to you in that. Of course, he
will get a glimpse of the ball - that is all the between time. If there
should be good the parades will be fine. Perhaps you might get a
ticket. I suppose the hotels are all full to overflowing long before this
is out as you think best about the matter.

The thing goes very well consider of Blaine goes into office
this is the last Republican inauguration that will be seen in a long time
what the rest will be known knows but no party can stand him
as Fremont. See and that a short time, depended on friends
one would put him beyond hope of earthly resurrection
you that we shall have him, but it requires too much to believe
to let Blaine ride him. There is one consolation about it that

as to the memory of Cleveland! I shall begin to have quite an
idea of the "Man of Destiny" yet! Well, I haven't lost faith in Harry
yet, though I am weakening greatly.

I am very glad you are happy — or very happy. It is all a mystery to me. There is no happiness for me except in doing — achieving & I cannot accomplish, I prefer not to be. So I have no pleasure in what is unconnected with an end. Of course a good play may rest me, because in that I see people doing, feeling, living. Indeed, I live out its lines, and it becomes life to me. Not so, however, with an opera. It is all fundamental to me — all with the ballet, that is apt to be a little too real. The music of a concert, particularly an oratorio is apt to be very impressive to me; but I would rather lie on the leaves in the spring and hear a bird sing and dream. I am glad you like it though and like to have you write about it. There must be a splendid companion for such a life. She has just enough cynicism and merriment to enjoy pretending to be happy. She is an art and I know of no one who has it in more perfection. She is eminently exactly right for the city. I do not know of any one who could make a city life so tolerable to me or tolerable for so long as she. I have always wondered how she would seem "Under Green Apple Boughs" like a gladiator without sword under his feet, I fear. Well remember me to the little wife.

I think it possible I may go by Phila. and spend a day or so — perhaps a day and a night with you next week. I must leave New York on Wednesday night in order to get to Woodstock in time. I think now of going to Phila on Monday night (arr. Tuesday morning) and going over to New York on Wednesday. Much will depend on my work.

I have been interrupted by people coming in and it is about eleven-thirty, time to bidie. Good Bye

" Arthur