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My dear wife:

I got your letter this morning just in time to stop me. Somehow, I had got it in my head that I was to go this evening, though Heaven it was Thursday night. You see I got that idea before I learned I could go from here to Granville and the same day. I should have here tomorrow 10.30 and get to Granville 5.15.

I saw Mr Hanna yesterday and was treated like a dog — because I took ventured to "bring up the greenback issue". His wrath is very intense because people will talk about that question and he aims to hold me responsible for the fact. I stood it as long as I could and finally told him it was folly for a statesman to try and battle up conclusions and tendencies and that he should better study the subject and know what he was talking about rather than try to decide or decide without knowing the facts.

He finally grew more quiet: and he would read my article — but said he would not make any recommendation

tions on appointments, remarked Maj. McKinley asked him: "This is, of course, all 'bosh', for it is just what he is doing all the time. He says they are going to 'lick' a McKinley Administration," and that all appointments are going to be made in the light of what men had done for the campaign — and before for McKinley's election."

The simple fact is that he doesn't like me and is determined not to. They are going to make a fight on Reed and Reed republicans. He thinks tariff is the only thing that needs any legislation. I told him it would bring and revenue under a year, he said that was true but there were greenbacks and Treasury notes enough on hand to wipe out deficit and run the government.

When I told him that the greenbacks were not worth cents and were 50 percent legal tenders, he said the idea was absurd. But when I gave him the figures, he said — well I have never thought of it in that light.

If I get anything it will not be through him unless I get some other pull. He and McKinley think they have only to point their eyes to [illegible] obstruct anything they may wish not to see.

I have had — am having a very pleasant time here. Have a fine young fellow called on Mrs Cho[illegible] field yesterday. Had a very pleasant time. Mrs & Mrs Longstreet there — both looking very well. Every body kindly pleasant to me — queries about every one.

Am feeling very well,

Yours

Alvin.