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## Letter to Cammie Williams

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L. A. PEASE,  
Superintendent.

CHICAGO July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1892

Dear Dan:

After re-reading your letter, which reached me yesterday in due time, I have concluded that it is deserving a prompt reply, hence I hasten to do so in a few lines tonight while in my room before retiring after a pretty hard days work. Though the same old story which has grown quite thread bare, "no news." But if you will kindly bear with me for a little while I will do the best I can then leave you for the fudge. To "begin with the beginning" I shall take your letter up by sections and review it from a social standpoint. First: I am very sorry to hear of Joe's illness and hope he will soon

2 have as tight a time as many  
such cases of flux brings on, I had  
not heard from home since, & of  
the course nothing was said of his  
sickness, I suppose he was taken  
afterwards. I can well imagine  
your business during the absence  
of all the boys from the Grove, I  
guess its pretty hard for you  
to interest yourself socially, I  
guess you have no spare time  
for amusement, having your  
crop to look after, no doubt occupies  
most of your time, by the way I  
am glad to know that you are  
progressing nicely with it and  
hope at the end that a rich harvest  
will be your reward. Our love  
sharp Aunt will, I expect be back  
on your land the first thing you  
know and if he does come. I'll  
warn you in time that it will  
take something more substantial

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Shan a wire fence to keep  
him out, so look out for him  
and prepare for his invasion  
I know him you know.  
And you have been exercising  
your limbs recently in the  
merry whirl of the faulstic waltz.  
Ah! you have struck a  
fascination, a charming emblem,  
a beauty of loolines, a something  
of peculiar charms. yet too deep  
and too superb in its line to be  
described by the dripping ink  
from a fock pen. certainly  
you have engaged in that sublime  
gaiety of mingled feast of love and  
amusement in which I, too, have  
indulged in quite frequently with  
a great deal of pleasure. But than  
as well as many other cyoymets  
have taken a back seat next

4 to my relay of past hopes, probably  
to never be riding again. I somehow  
do not regret it. I had here about  
concluded that there is no money  
in too much society, especially in  
a town and a city, but one thing  
I can say, I have had my share  
of pleasures for the last six or  
seven years, and it has convinced  
me that its time for me to quit  
to quit I did, when I left Crystal Springs,  
Miss. Can you seem to place  
more confidence in my letter and  
advice than I had expected, and  
you also trust me in the experience  
of contention with this world. I am  
ready to agree with you on the experience  
part, for I have fought my battle  
through to this day with a good deal  
of earnestness, and faithfulness,  
and what there is lacking for me  
yet to contend with, it may come  
any day, just so it all does not  
pile on me at one time, for I'll

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must all be done as they come  
and must to leave. Should my  
look be favorable I should be very  
happy. but should it be otherwise  
and prove unfortunate for me,  
I believe I would be the most miserable  
creature in the world. Some how, I  
have a good deal of pride, and I would  
have very much to humble myself  
to adversity, don't you quarrel  
with me? Now to the subject  
which we both have referred to. I'll  
just simply tell you what I would  
do if I were situated as yourself.

I would cast a prospective eye  
over the beautiful southern homes,  
and see what might attract my  
attention mostly, I expect it would  
be beautiful little queens of southern  
belle, arrayed in nature's purest  
gifts, attractive, energetic, and  
congenial, they added to this I think

6 I would find intelligence and  
personal sincerity in every thing.  
I think I would then prove myself  
ambitious and exceedingly anxious  
to join her affections and her heart,  
then to close a life's single blessedness  
I would propose to lead her to the  
high altar of bridal ceremony,  
and then I would be the  
happiest boy in all the world.

If you find a girl of your choice  
and one who deserves as true and  
noble a man as yourself, then  
I am sure you would not make  
a mistake. Don't you mind the  
small defects you claim to have,  
such as a neglectful education, poor  
for such as they don't cut any figure  
these days. You are the boy that any  
girl would do well to get, and I know  
you would take care of a wife as  
well as any man, but with all of  
this I would not care to see you  
marry a girl not deserving of your  
good qualities.

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Allow me to shake hands with  
you from a <sup>CHICAGO</sup> ~~Cleveland~~ Democratic  
stand point, I know you right now,  
and when the time comes "I don't  
know your Cleveland vote in and you  
will be doing just right, He is  
going to win, no doubt about  
it. He is not "in it" at all and  
he is not known in the race  
up here. "True blue" is my motto.  
I would not flinch away from  
the Democratic platform for any  
body, for she is the one our fore  
fathers supported, she is the one we  
all love, and she is a friend to  
the South every time. The farmers <sup>alliance</sup>  
don't seem to understand the step  
they are taking when they assert  
that they will make their platform  
by a certain pattern and say to all  
farmers "you've got to support it right



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or wrong. They don't know that  
 it is killing all feelings towards  
 Alliance principals, I wonder if  
 Uncle Tom knows what alliance  
 means? I'll bet he does, not think  
 of the real meaning, so he could not  
 and then turn around and let them  
 elect him president of a county  
 alliance. Can you have done  
 right in withdrawing from them.  
 It would be a good thing if all  
 Alliance farmers could band them  
 selves in such a way, to improve  
 their mode of farming, protect  
 their rights, indulge in farmers,  
 principals &c. But it looks bad,  
 when they attempt to say to a free  
 country that we the alliance will  
 make your laws, make you  
 live according to our by laws, &c,  
 don't you think so? I think the  
 principals than the farmer have

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adopted within the past year  
I have grown betterly opposed  
to them, simply on the grounds  
of what I have already seen,  
and I wrote a letter to the agent  
to Lucile Doer, who allowed  
Lucile Fook to read it and consequently  
I think Lucile Fook persuaded him  
to let it go unannounced. That is,  
I have not heard a word from  
Lucile Doer since. And if he  
wants to let Lucile Fook drag  
him into a plot that he would  
employ to a civil education and  
free people, I say, let him go too.  
But one thing sure, neither of  
them will prosper under its  
hazardous teaching. Ours  
I am no politician. But I love  
what is right. Now I shall  
soon close, but before I do

10 I want to say that when  
Grover Cleveland is nominated  
I shall be there to assist in  
applauding, and from that  
day on to the distant end I  
hope to see the 3<sup>rd</sup> or people's  
party fade forever from the  
world's surface, as a "club" or  
a "band" or a party, when this  
is done I am sure that the  
people who constituted this  
party will proceed to join the  
Democrats or Republicans.

With soon I am and tell  
me all the news just as much  
as you will and with much  
love to all our folks, Aunt  
Jennie and all the family,  
With best wishes I am

Yours truly  
Will  
Please excuse haste