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Friday Nov. 13th - Oct. Party stiff frost last night. Log up the bayon as far as
Mrs M. Callaway's to Bay all well - M. Kelly.

night at Elodis, as the yellow fever is still rather dangerous in N.D. and I should feel panicky there. In the day time there is no danger of contracting it. The deaths range from 5 to 15 per day. The weather is quite cool and it will disappear with the first frost. We have fires now regularly every morning and evening and are wearing winter clothes and sleep under as many blankets as we can get. You made a pretty clean sweep in locking up things and I haven't let any one suppose I have the key. In a pinch it will have to be produced.

Pai's trip did him a great deal of good - especially spiritually. He says he feels like a new man, and as you predicted, his sight has wonderfully improved with the advent of cool weather.

I am suffering with a cold, but shall be well in a few days I hope.

Our new servants are still satisfactory. Levid is fiddling away at the garden & Robert goes to Greenwood Monday - reluctantly.

How shall I write to Lucy? or shall I write at all. I want to consult your wishes.

My best love to all - especially to Sally & Joe

With much love & many kisses, Your devoted brother
William L. Giltmore

this time a year, exposing herself to colds, coughs and all the other ills of old age. Is it "matrimonial money, murder, furniture, clothes or what?"

It will be a very pleasant trip for them and I am particularly glad for Louisa's sake, for it is time she should enjoy herself.

And Hart has started a paper in Lexington! To day I saw a notice of the Daily Post in the "Gazette" as belonging to Hart & Henry Deane.

I had no idea he had any such project on hand, but as he has launched out in this line I tender him my warmest wishes for entire success - and in the mean time wish some of you would send me a copy of the paper to gratify our curiosity. Does Hart talk of coming down this winter? We have not had a line from him in six months. What do you expect to do? Since the secret came out I am as I said before, lost in amazement.

Everything is very busy here now. On Monday the 17th of Oct. came planting begun in all three places and things are being pushed to their point

We here shall get 100 acres planted before Christmas and they may get nearly as much more at Greenwood, but Bannou is so timid and timid that it is only his fear of Pa that makes him do any thing at all. Pa counts on starting the mill on the 1st of Nov and grinding the two crops jointly - that is by uniting all hands. We are now busy at the hay but finish tomorrow & the next day, and in the mean time the plows have been running at all three places. We have not had a rain for level two months and of course the soil has become a stonewall. Dust, dust every where and the grass dried up. All estimates must fail in such a season, but we shall most probably fall below our past figures, and shall make I hope as much as 175-llrs though we may not get over 150. We shall probably grind 140 acres of cane - 50 of which is good for 1 1/2 llrs per acre making 75 and the balance good for a hoghead any how making 90 - in all 165-llrs, but we may make 20 llrs more or less. In any case we shall pay expenses - accumulating on the years work five thousand worth of property

and 4000, worth of seed. This extending in planting takes up all the profits, besides you know we left off last year several thousand behind. We are getting into a fix to make handsome incomes despite all odds. No hands are all well satisfied and I don't believe a single one will quit us next year and possibly several old ones may return. I can never feel easy until little Claude's place is secured to him for as long as that matter is unsettled, our whole settlement here is liable to be entirely upset. Not one of us is secure until Hart makes him or Elodie a title to Ridge land and I have done all I could to get Hart to move - in vain. How little things like this often break up whole families and ruin them in the courts! One hours attention to the matter would settle it beyond a question and do justice to all parties, and our all is at stake - and a pretty big all at that. A share in either of these places is a fortune.

On Tuesday I take the "R. E. Lee" from N.O. for Vicksburg in my way to Ridgeland to collect the rent and lease the place for the coming year. I shall get off the car at Gretna and stay all

I have actually determined while in a philanthropic
state of mind, to study medicine and if I can
practise it some where - in Honma or Thibodaux
It will take me two years to get a license but better
be independent two years hence than next.

If I go to N.Y. there will be no necessity
for you to come here. The work of the summer is
over and I will be back before the Fall work
begins. Therefore your movements must in
any way depend upon mine. Lee will stop on
the plantation until October. We want Pa
to go to N.Y. but as yet he will not think of it.

He seems to incline to the opinion that Sister
of Ann should come over here in the Fall
if everything is quiet. As to her living in N.O.

our living ^{there} it is altogether impossible. So
we must not think of that any more. If she
had an income of ten thousand dollars she might
think of it.

By the way I hear the streams are deep and
strong and I advise you to be careful how you
ford them. I hear there is a dangerous one down
towards Louisville where many people have been
drowned. Be careful therefore.

Love to all
Write long letters when you do write
Your devoted brother
Wm. Wiley

disposition favourable to the interests of the Blacks.
Put them on an equal with the whites and then
let them alone and in five years the negroes would
sink down again to his natural level - slavery.
The white man would in the course of events naturally
occupy a superior position. To prevent this natural
evolution of the two races and to keep them on
a level, there must be a watchful despotism to
keep down the whites and elevate the negroes and
there must always be an armed force in the country
to prevent a conflict of races in which nature
would assert her rights and wipe out or degrade
the Blacks. So you see if the negroes must be
made equals, we must have some sort of artificial
strong power to maintain the equality.

Whether the President's Bureau will answer all these
purposes is yet to be seen. If men of integrity,
thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the Yankee
doctrine, can always be found to occupy all the
offices under the Bureau, then it may do. But
practically it will be found that all connected with
it - high or low - will be corruptible rascals - the
plan may succeed for a few years. The whites of
the present generation may be crushed but eventually
the whole scheme must of itself go under. And
then the two races will, in a short time, be up

their natural relation towards each other.

Many of our negroes have left us and I am glad of it. For my part I would rather depend upon strangers than our old hands. They are like spoiled children, impatient & quarrelsome. They work little and expect much. They look more to former habits than to the stipulations of the agreement.

On 31st of July we had a large meeting at Warrina of which I was secretary - to express our opinions in regard to the constitution of affairs. I enclose you a copy and I want you & Hart to read over the resolutions carefully - to annualize them & especially the first & second art. Of course there is much in them which we mean only as flattery & to put on the blind side of the yarders. Let us not go up.

I am glad to hear that Emily has arrived & I expect great improvement in every way from her European trip. I should like to talk over her trip with her. I can scarcely realize that she is now a young young lady of 17 years and ready to go into wedlock.

Does it seem to you sixteen years ago since she was born? How well I remember it. And still I don't call either of us very old men. But we are getting on, and some of these narrow we will always and find ourselves on the down hill side of life. Well in these dark times it

seems to me of small importance whether one be dead or alive - like the man with only half a dollar who wanted to cross the Mississippi river. The ferry man refused to cross him because he said what difference does it make on which side of the river a man is who only has fifty cents. Mr S^r Morrison thanks God that all but one of his children are dead and says "The God, he wishes he was dead too." If a man has but little in this World to make life pleasant and good on earth better to waste his life daily, it seems to me that it would be a matter of little importance to him personally whether he were on this or the other side of the grave.

For the fiftieth time we have been talking over my trip to Ky and are just about as near a decision as we were four weeks ago. The great obstacle in the way is the expense. I have calculated that \$1000 would be sufficient until October when I would return. But even two hundred dollars are not found every day. When you see me there you may know I bear some of that sort.

Lee continues to visit me his love has been and some times entertains us with long passages from Blackstone when he cannot restrain himself. He still hangs out the sign of practicing law but for some time politics have been running in his head. If you may catch it but