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looking at the parade – the day is cold and overcoat suiting the occasion but making us a little anxious for Aunt Pattie lest she should take cold on her trip – and ~~the~~ and that my letters had caused you to abandon the hope of her getting to Troy that she may not have found any conveyance at the landing. However that may have been it is all over now, and we must comfort ourselves with the hope that she got safely and comfortably to her journeys end. We shall look for the return of the young man on Monday with some anxiety.

I have been looking about carriages and that the description of James corresponds exactly with that of Mr Jones – One will be finished at Watsons in about a week, or two from now. They have one there just finished which is exactly what you need – like the other only that it has doors. Tell James & Harry that the chief difference between the one which is now finished and the other is that it has a pole which is moveable (like the carriage you have just sold) and a dashboard – that which is to be finished has the tongue fastened to the axle tree – ask them to decide whether that mode of attachment will answer for your roads – I presume they will understand – I am not sure but that the carriage you are now driving has the pole fastened to the axle – I shall not be hasty about the purchase but would be glad to know about this point as it is a matter one in any carriage may be affected for sale – That which is now ready is exactly the thing you require light commodious and strong. I will go round to Dobbins in a few minutes and let Sally Chester have her mothers message. Word was sent by the McGinnis's of the expectation that Anne Reid would leave – yet it was so uncertain to the very last that, as you know I mentioned my letter that morning lest she should be detained.

It is now 4½ P.M. The Japanese went to have arrived at the Depot at 3¼. I have just been round to Dobbins. There is no sign of the approach of the cortege. But such a crowd of dirty forlorn looking people as that the streets from wall to wall was never seen before. The strangers must form but a indifferent idea of the character of our people if they estimate it – or they certainly will be justified in doing by the appearance of the multitude thronging about them here. To-morrow will present a better dressed throng but not more respectable – I have Sally Chester at the front window and your message and will then watch