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We had a little leeway yesterday, when we did not go to Lake Mohonk, as we had expected. It poured so the night before, that they thought the horses could not pull us uphill, so they put off our trip till next Saturday. I am afraid it will be pretty cold riding all day so late in the season, and I am afraid too, that the leaves will all be gone so that Mohonk will not be so beautiful as it is earlier in the fall. But I would rather go then than not at all.

There is to be a political debate that evening, between Ray and another Republican against two Free Silverites, so Ray will have to stay home from Mohonk to get ready for her debate.

Friday evening there will be the Halloween parties, one given by the Juniors to the Sophomores, the other given by our class to the Freshmen-- Ours is to be a masked affair, a "Masquerade Ball". I think I shall not go to it, for we would be -up" getting tired that evening, and then

have to get up at half past five the next morning to go off early on that long drive. It is very hard to find time for so many things. The week after next will be the Senior Parlor Opening. In the afternoon we have a reception there to the Sophomores, and in the evening to the Faculty. That means a little business for me, because as Secretary I have to write an invitation to each of the Faculty and Post-graduates--about sixty-five in all.

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Yesterday afternoon we had a bicycle parade by Republicans, and afterward a race on bicycles, by two girls representing McKinley and Bryan. They rode from the lodge up to the front door, where "Uncle Sam" stood on a bench holding a paper representation of the White House, Of course McKinley beat, and seized the White House from Uncle Sam's hands.

A big bunch of Ed's letters came this week, for which I was extremely obliged. I really had not known very much about how he was situated, for he supposed that I knew, I guess.

I hope you had a nice time at Northfield. I am ever so much obliged for the McKinley picture, which came very promptly. Love to all, Adelaide. jClaflin,