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Dear Mother, Father, and Pete:

This is the last letter probably, that you will see until next Friday's, so appreciate it.

Debate Council is writing to Taft today. They thought it a good idea. Alos, listen to our take of woe. Messieurs James McDonald, Irving Fisher, and James Harvey Robinson have all expressed their regret at not being able to judge at Vassar. So Peggy has taken to State Commissioners of education. She is going to invite Finley, and if he regrets as he probably will, she will invite Dr. Finegan, Do you suppose he would possibly come? I wish you had a state Board meeting this week and could tell him to come--expenses paid! If he turns us down, i guess maybe I won't recommend anybody else.

We had a two and a half hour hash meeting this morning, to which we had Miss Gibson of the Ec department come and answer questions on economic matters. I fired about twenty different questions at her, and certainly from the viewpoint of ec, the affirmative has it all over us. Apparently none of our economic arguments will hold water. What I wouldn't give to be affirmative, but of course nobody will switch with me. I am not allowed to talk to any of the affirmative team for five days, until whatever negative ideas I can get into my head take firm root there! I think the best negative appeals are Irene Mott's stories of her visit there, but unfortunately anecdotes don't prove much. My slave is working hard--and so am I.

Jane came to get me at twelve-thirty to introduce me to the famous Howard Wasserman who expressed his desire to meet me. I doped it out thus, he knows I am Pete's brother and doesn't see how Jane could have as a good friend the sister of such a high-brow. I certainly was not impressed. He is homely as mud, but unusually agreeable. He told me the next time I came to Philly, to be sure to have Jane let him know. That's just why I go on expeditions to Philadelphia!

I put in an eight, rather nine, hour day yesterday and finished my history make-up. I still have J on my hands, and shall do as much as possible of that today.

Helen is going to Atlantic Wednesday to spend the week-end plus two days with her Mother. Hane's Mother is coming east for vacation, so I guess she won't come to Pittsburgh. I still think i shall have to put in a few days here, either at the beginning or at the end, but preferably at the beginning. Let me know whenever you come to any doctor conclusions.

When are you going to Boston, Father?

Love,

Fannie