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My Dear Mrs Boonley

Your splendid word from Mrs Gross - written on Monday-came yesterday - Wednesday-- but as yet - Thursday P.M.- not a letter from Mrs Gross - appears-- It - will surely come in the tomorrow mornings delivery - It is indeed splendid of Mrs Gross - and still more splendid of her good husband - not only to second her proposal to help along our good - but to increase it twice over - I didn't meet - him - but I feel just as grateful - ever more grateful - than if I had begged him to thus help us women - I was delightful of you to cheer my heart-with the good news thus promptly too -

The weather is very hot here -- we had a short-but-good shower

yesterday - and it - is not promising one this P.M.

I have just read aloud to my California brother in-law Mr M. Lean -the clipping your precious mother sent - Judge Fourgee surely settles Mr Inzalls & Murat Halsteds wead-kneed-mess!! on the 12th & 15th amendments - and that the protection of the Negro- is a principle - while Prohibition is a method - a plan of dealing with the liquor question - hence that there is no parallel between the two questions - this I have always tried to state - but Fourgee does it so strongly & clearly - he says "Prohibition is a restrictive method; citizenship an enabling right."

I hope "A Bystander's Notes"- will continue to notw all derelictions among our so called 'statesmen'- "politicians"

I fear - most-of them-

So thank your dear Mother for her thought of me - and with my dearest-love to each & all of your loving & loved household of faith- believe me ever & always

Sincerely & Gratefully yours