

U.S. Gent

Addison Nov 9th/68

Friend

Gewis I received your most welcome letter but two days since and will try to answer it as best I can as I am feeling well I suppose you are election day is past and Grant is President but I fear for his life I do not expect that he will ever be permitted to take his seat the 4th of March for the Copper heads will use the ^{most} desperate means to take his life but I hope and trust they will not succeed for if they should woe be unto this nation war and blood shed throughout land

but we must hope for the
better and ask the God of
Mercy to lend a helping hand
and protect his life so that
the nation may have four
years of peace and prosperity

I guess that will stop this
kind of writing for you may
be led to think that I have
become a political writer
writer or speaker therefore
do not labor under any such
mistake and I will merely
say that the people both on
~~and~~ and all are well in this
vicinity except Uncle Eli N.
He is very so and most
likely will not live many days
as to day the Doctors ~~doctors~~
& Dowd say that he cannot

as there is nothing of
interest write about I shall soon
have to close every thing is
so dull the women are
mourning over their sad fate
going down to grave old maids
and so it may be expected
while you and remain old
bachelors but when you get
home we will try and stir
them up a little if we can
I hope to get done threshing
this week so good by

Yours Truly
C. H. Sp. Boston