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Eagle Tavern

November 30th 1857

Dear Par,

John Horrell and myself reached home last Friday night, after being rained in all day. We were discharged soon after we reached par & Susan, what in the name of Common Sense they wanted with Skelton John Horrell myself and many others I am at a loss to imagine. After being paid off we waited some time for Larina expecting her to come along with us, but there being no prospect of her leaving at an early day and our funds were getting "short" we deemed it advisable to come home, we left Larina in care of Ashley Wright, who will accompany her home. She was at a comfortable boarding house and appeared to be in good spirits.

Laurea ~~will~~ ^{will} I am afraid, have to
go back to Van Buren next Spring.
Dr Lyons, in spite of the proof
got a hung jury ^{in his case} and it is confident-
ly believed by many of the know-
ing ones that he will eventually
be acquitted. It is a hard matter
to convict a horse thief at Van Buren.
The People at Washington have
but a faint idea of the villainy
or rascality that is carried on
in that infamous Court at Van
Buren. Old Singleton was convi-
cted of course, but ^{was} not senten-
ced when I left. The old man
looked badly, I saw Elzer House
who also was in jail, he sends
his best regards to you. The poor
old fellow was sick, and in low spirits.

Old Skilton says that Geo Hudson is the
greatest Angler that ever was at
Van Buren.

Sincerely Samuel
Gardner. See no. 1000 & 1001 on

last
Friday, of Typhoid fever, John
Wright, Ashley Wright's only brother
took a fit, fell in the fire and
was so badly burnt that he is
not expected to live.

I was at Anceles
to day, they were all well, Jane does
he was in one of his bad spells,

Emma
went to the Plantation, since you
left, and hunted all over the place
for you, asking my one where her
Grand Par was, my other little girl
is in fine health and growing
very fast, I was at the Planter
tion on yesterday, Peter and Card
line were well, Larin is chosen
was then, all well,

owing to the heavy
rains that we have had lately and
the consequent high waters we have
had no mail, for some time,

The latest
piece of scandal that is taking

"The Grounds" is a desperate fight that
occurred near Justice Wallis over
the river between Madam Sybany
McClure and Miss Christy, one
of old man Christy's daughters. The
Cause of the difficulty seem to
be this, Sybany McClure said
that Miss Christy (who by the by
is a very pretty and fine looking
girl) was not virtuous and intim-
ated that she (C) had been seduced,
Miss Christy heard what had been
said respecting her character, took
it upon herself to ride over the River
where Madam McClure was staying
and told the Madam to her face that
she was a slut, a slanderer, and a
liar, where upon the madam feeling
herself aggrieved by such insolent
language, and not having the fear of God
before her eyes, took up a big stick and not
only knocked Miss Christy senseless but
beat her most violently. The madam of
course was arrested, and the matter will
undergo judicial examination on Monday
next. Great excitement! Every body
amount is expected to attend Court on
Monday next - that resides in this county
I'll Peter to write to me, How is
Tommy. Write soon, your very
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