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My Friend Marsh.

I am expecting to go to Montpelier again on Tuesday next, to stay there till Friday. The finish is being put up about the dome, and it is important that some one besides Powers, be present. The Carpenter informs me that he is daily in want of information. There is nothing new in regard to the wooden stairs project, only, that he offers to make a contract with the men provided they will run all risks of getting their pay. He tells them he fears he may not get an appropriation. His fears are well grounded. He will never get an appropriation; any part of which is to be used for such an abomination as that. One already expended \$6,000 for fire proof work must not be jeopardized by any of his botchings now. The probabilities now are, that unless the legislature takes immediate action, and definite at that, the whole work will remain unfinished for another year. I shall try and go to