

Washington May 13th/864

Dear Brother,

I received your letter of May 2nd on the 5th and I was glad to hear from you. The weather is not so very nice at the present time. for it is most to wet. Yesterday there was quite a hail storm, and it rained very hard, it is raining now & it is my opinion it will be a wet spell, but we were in need of rain so let it come. Last Saturday P. M. the Marine Band Played in the Park here, there was a great many People in attendance to witness the grand affair. during which the President made his appearance in the Portico when

he was seen the People made
a rush towards him. for a speech
the President said he supposed
they wanted so he proposed three
cheers for Gen. Grant and his
men under him and took his
seat last Monday night there
was a large number of Persons
assembled front of the White House
w. a Brass Band from one of the
western Regiment on their way
front. They played several
tunes, the President come out
on the Portico and was introduced
to the People By Senator Foster
he thanked them for the Honor
expended to him but said it was
not so much to him as on account
of the good news from the Army
so he went on telling how it
pleased him the way things
were going on & ended with cheers

For the President and
for Grant and the army.
There is no need of me writing
about the fight for you will hear
the news there as soon as we
do here. Capt Perkins told me
that Hanson Smith was killed
in the first days fight. There
is a great many wounded Come
to the City but those that are
seriously wounded are left in ^{Burg} Frederick.
You will hear of a great many
being killed in this battle Grant
says he will fight it out on this
line if it takes all Summer.
Buying & selling seems to be all
the go in old Meadville. I hope you
will do well and make ^{it} on
that barn. good luck to you
except ^{from me}
Cub is getting to be a fast young
man but go in Fritz and squeeze
the gals though and not be
afraid to go home with them