

Thursday the 23rd.

Dear Julia.

Your letter just received. I think that you should act at once on the suggestion from Mc Nalley that you have a guardian appointed for Etoile. He says that is the common and frequent action in case of similar nature. You do not have to have the person adjudged to be of unsound mind, but simply have them found to be incompetent to longer safeguard their own affairs, health, person etc. According to him it will be a comparatively simply matter.

It seems to me that the longer such action is delayed the worse it will be for all parties concerned, excepting perhaps Joe Maslanka, who doubtless would let the county care for the expense, if she should pass away while with him.

When I asked about the keepsakes, Mac said to have some one appointed guardian who would give attention to assorting these small things, to be given where they really belonged. I went over this quite fully in my letter of yesterday or the day before, which you have doubtless received by this time.

The letter which I saw was on the face of it kindly and helpful in asking that she mind the Doctor and Nurse and spend her time in bed. The invitation to come to California, to me, seemed none too urgent. It was just about what one would write who did not care particularly whether one came or not.

It seems to me that you being on the ground and the one who has given, and will continue to give personal attention to Etoile, should be the one to begin the legal action. It would be the natural thing to do, but I will be glad to assist liberally in caring for the expense, which should not be large. Do not permit some lawyer to think that he was performing a service for which a large fee would be warranted. A discussion with the Probate Judge, or whoever it may be in Chicago, who adjusts the matter of estates, would doubtless be enlightening.

The sooner this is done the better it will be for you, as you will then be in charge of her finances, and would be in a position to prevent the purchase of tickets, or journeys that she is incapable of making, under her present condition.

Nothing specially new here. Marier to rid herself of a roaring in her head that she has been having for nearly two weeks, had a wisdom tooth dissected out yesterday. Her face is swollen and she is naturally uncomfortable, but everything seems to be as it should. Gertie improves as might be expected, but will be more comfortable when rid of the heavy cast which hampers her in so many ways in wearing a more comfortable position in chair, or in bed. No other news.

Love of Love.

Collie