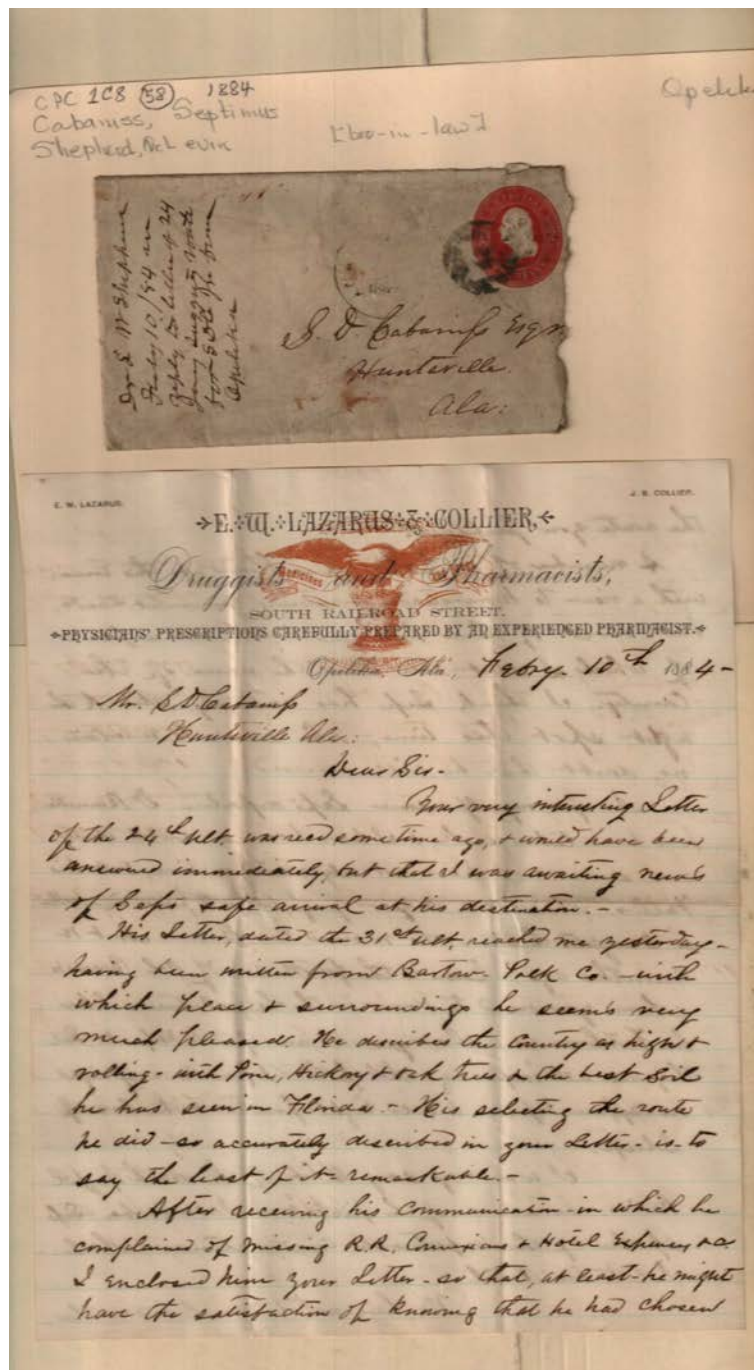


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Cabaniss, Sep

Cabaniss, Septimus
D.

Shepherd, Levin W.,
Dr.

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the route you preferred.

A number of our people are in Florida, at this time, with a view to homesteading & entering government lands, but most of them have gone to Okallat - a place of which I don't even know the name of the County. I think Sep. has certainly struck the right spot this time, & he seems to entertain no doubt that he will succeed.

As for myself - since Sep's departure - Dr. Barnette has been taken sick, & I have been on double duty ever since. - I have not only waited on him, but his Father - who is over 80 years of age, but well preserved, - brother & Daughter Lillie - who married Gus. Barnes about 12 months ago. - Gus. is the fourth son of Col. Barnes whom you used to know in the Legislature, & like his Father - is a Lawyer. I am glad to report that they are all improving. - the Dr. - I fear is very much unimpaired exposure to cold - night - frosts & the loss of sleep.

I was very sorry to hear of the death of J. L. Fariss. - he was one of the first men I remember, - Sep spoke of the unfortunate circumstances which led to his death.

We have not had much hard weather

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Barnes, Gus
Barnes, Lillie

Barnette, Dr.
Cabaniss, Sep

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this winter, with the exception of a small snow, & some
sleet for two or three days. In fact I believe that
we have got the best climate in the State - tho. the
farmers are some what inclined to abuse the cool
spell that cut down their oat crop & caused them
to replant. - This is the first time such an incident
has occurred since I have been living here. -

Our usually peaceful town was the scene of an unfortunate
affray, one day last week. which resulted in the killing
of our town Marshall - Henry Hart - by a young man -
James Abercrombie - who had lately returned from a
residence of some years in Florida. -

It seems that the young man had become enraged with a
negro R.R. Porter - at the Ticket Office & had pursued him with a
knife in his hand. - The Marshall, coming up at the time,
told the young man to consider himself under arrest. When
he turned upon him & stabbed him over the right collar
bone, dividing the sub-clavian artery, & resulting in death
from Hemorrhage, in the course of an hour.

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I did not reach the wounded man until within 5 minutes of his death. - If I had seen him soon enough - there was a chance for him, by tying the wounded vessel. I had cut a bullet out for this same man Hart, at the time of the Opelika riots when he was shot in the right hip & the ball ranged around - so that I extracted it on the opposite side. - Young Abercrombie is a nephew of ex Gov. Smith of Ala. - who came over to represent him at the preliminary trial. - He was committed without bail to the Spring term of the Circuit Court. I fear that it will go hard with the young man - tho. I have no doubt that the plea of insanity will be urged in his behalf. -

I am writing this at 11 o'clock P.M. - have had no fire for several days & the windows are up & the door open - so that you may judge of the present winter spell. -

Hoping this may find you all well, with best love to all - I am
Yours & Truly
L. W. Shepherd

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