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Business letters :

Thomas & Anna letters —
Also children's letters

Father Ubach leaves for Spain

Need for Lighthouse Keeper

Immigrant Train

Letter :- Whaley from Thompson,
R.R. business.

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Mrs Frank Staley
North San Diego
California

New York, Jany 22nd 1879.

My Dear Mac,

I have just returned from Ohio, where I have been spending a few days, trying to forget my disappointment in not having received my money, as promised by Grant on the 10th of this month. But I cannot say that I am feeling much better in mind, notwithstanding the diversion afforded me by numerous sleigh rides &c. I am far from being happy, as I must assure you, expecting by this time to be far on my journey towards home. The weather has been extremely cold and I have no comfortable place to write in without intruding upon others, therefore extend my writing in pencil whilst sitting in the waiting room of Richter & Pugh in the old post office building, where I generally make my head quarters when I have

nothing to do or now here in particular to go. I am fortunate indeed to have some place to be in where I may be at least sheltered from the inclemency of the weather. better than walking the streets all day with nothing to do to divert my mind. I often think, when we this end of ever, and I shall be again free from the thraldom which binds me here, leading an almost inert life, when, if again in California, I might be doing something useful to myself and daughters & those dependant upon me! God knows I have suffered enough, and how I maintained myself in the face of all I have to bear, is really wonderful. but I endeavor to keep up heart and strength, with my usual indifference regarding losses and circumstances. Penny, a quizzical old fuma friend, whose acquaintance I have made whilst in the employ of Bancroft & Co and Auction & Lots as auctioneer, often says to me, How smiling you look, Mr Tracey, nothing apparently seems to ripple your in the least. Still Run the face is no index of the reality of the heart — that I have gone through as much misfortune, that I have learned to look upon things philosophically — to take the world as it goes and not to fret uselessly over what I cannot control without being elated or cast down by losses. Penny is verging towards seventy. He has had his troubles, but of an genial disposition, with a smiling countenance, and ever ready to crack a joke. He is an actor and besides an artist of considerable merit. Sometimes he appears in public, and is always well received. — He and I often have long talks together and I know of no one whose conversation delights me more.

I went this morning to see my lawyer who informed me that Conant has not paid anything additional during

my absence, but promised that he would do so as soon as he can. He has not thought it advisable to have execution issued or even to threaten him, believing that he would get the balance of the money from him sooner than though he did. Thus you will see that I am almost without means, when I should have an abundance. I have some little remains of the $80. which I made one night at detector cards, and of which I sent you $10. out of 6th of this mo. I have made nothing since and see no prospect of doing so at present. Consequently I can send you very little at this time. I know how greatly you are in need of money and this disappointment will be felt when you receive this containing only $2. but what can I do, my dear wife in the face of destiny which appears so much against me at the

present time? I assure you it grieves me as much as it can you. And we must hope that something favorable will turn up to relieve the distress in which we both find ourselves in consequence. We do not despair and neither must you. Let us put our trust in God, and hope for better times and that they are not far off.

I have an appointment with Young, through his lawyer, for tomorrow at 2 pm, and should he pay me $50 as promised, I shall not lose a moment in making you a further and more liberal remittance.

Conant went on to Washington yesterday, to get an extension of the lease of the old Post Office, and will not return till on Friday. So I have nothing to expect from that quarter till after that time.

I paid some little bills out of the $30, so that I am almost without funds and shall have to live very economically, more so than ever, till I can again get funds.

I received before going to Sellers your letter enclosing the amount of

City and State taxes and - which though trifling I might have made a saving as in case of the property being advertised as delinquent, the amount will be materially increased - but such appears to be my luck. I would liked to have paid at least all except on the home, as then the extra amount to be paid would have been but trifling.

I received to day by your long letter of the 10th January enclosing one from my old friend Andrew. — I am glad that all money sent have gone safely to hand - You acknowledge that sent December 7th. I have since sent $10 January 5th - I will write to Andy. I hope Frank & George will be able to earn something, even over a little it will help materially these hard times. I think with you that they should be at work doing something though in San Diego they cannot possibly be expected to do much, still they must not let any opportunity of getting employment pass them. It will not always be thus, times will certainly improve, and if we can get them away from San Diego, their chances of success will be materially enhanced. You speak of Los Angeles in preference to San Francisco, but I do not agree with you believing that our chances, without means will be a thousand times better in a large city than a small town like Los Angeles - besides we have some acquaintance in San Francisco and none whatever in Los Angeles. But we will determine upon nothing till my return home and after further discussing matters.

At the present time things in Angeles look more favorable than they yet have for Son Oscar and to Andrew, and there is a chance for the Vegas Property and there may be such a thing that there will be a necessity of our leaving San Diego at once. How glad I shall be for you! Then you might remain in the enjoyment of your orchard fruit trees. But nothing short of the passage of the bill would induce me to keep you and the children longer in S. D. when they are neither learning or earning anything.

Mother is better, indeed I may say quite well again and has gone to Pasadena to live - I hear through Lehr that she received a letter from George, but thought he might have written about other things than lecturing his uncle, in which she took no interest. But George need not be discouraged. Let him

write again to her and upon general topics, which may interest her more also I hope the others will write to her. They must remember that their grandmother is old and peculiar in her ways. Should she not reply to their letters that need not discourage them from writing again to her, as I understand she writes but seldom now a days to her most intimate friends.

Mary Russell has given two of her children for adoption to parties who will probably do well by them and she hopes to dispose of her baby in the same way. I tell her if she gets rid of all her children I shall fear she will be in the market for another husband. She says then it will be to a man who has money enough to support her.

Mary Kent has her baby — making three. Annie has a beau, but will not get married before Aug. Dora also has a fellow, but as she is only 17, her mother says it will be some years before she gets married.

John wanted, like to go to California but the trouble will be to dispose of his farm which cost him about $10.000 but he would gladly sell for one half.

I must now close my dear wife, hoping you will improve in health and with the assurance that Dora write again soon and send you some money if I can — With love to you and the children I remain your affectionate husband,

Theo. Frelinghuysen

added to what I send you would enable us all to live more comfortable than we do now — therefore my anxiety to return home and to take you all to Day Mancies, where I hope to get some thing to do and give you the full benefit of whatever I may earn —

I am sorry to inform you that C. Mant has paid only $6. more since last writing to you — making $200 in all.

I saw him to day. He said he would pay $25. more this afternoon and hopes to be able to pay all before the 10th Jany and do so in case he gets out the money. I trust he will to save an trouble and expense of getting out an execution and enquiry and to remain perhaps two months longer here — God knows I have had a hard time of it and how anxious I am to return home. It seems that there is no end to my trouble. I advise to keep up a good heart and look forward to more prosperous days for all of us — I hope dear mamma that you will not distain thoughts you do so it would but be the signal to dim my hopes.

The country has passed through a crisis lying empty but the times look more prosperous than at any time during

New York, January 6th 1879.

My Dear Mrs.

I wrote you Monday last, December 30th enclosing $10. and to Willie December 14th enclosing $10. which amounts those you have received.

I promised in my last to send you more money to day, in case I should go on detective work Saturday. Fortunately I was employed, and I made $20. for the night's work! Money well earned, however as the night, though cold was exceedingly pleasant. I was in a closed carriage, with a detective & had only to get out at the wharves to question the watchmen of the elevators. We visited thirteen of them. One on the East River. Five on the North River, three at Atlantic Docks, Brooklyn and four at Jersey City wharves — Though we had to cross Hoboken four times and the sweep coughed

of floating in, yet we met with no serious detention always finding a boat in the slip ready for us. We got through at 2 o'clock and coming up with a good supper before going to bed. Sunday I had an opportunity to recuperate from the fatigue, and today I made my exposition to the Company which was satisfactory to them.

I enclose you $10. The balance will enable me to pay some bills in arrears.

I hope you live very economically so as to be able to procure such articles as you and the children most require & possible to save a little ahead in case I should not be fortunate to get money to send you at any time. $5. or $10 per week I know is very little for the support of our family at home, but if we have not got the $5. or $10. we must get along on even less. My expenses are from $5. to $6 per week and impossible almost to get along on less though I do when compelled to do so. I certainly eat and do as much as the family at home per week having just to pay quite much to procure which must be paid for in cash. If I were at home, the money I expend added to what I send you would enable us all to live more comfortably than we do now. Therefore my anxiety to return home and to take you all to Say Francisco, where I hope to get some thing to do and give you the full benefit of whatever I may earn.

I am sorry to inform you that Company has paid only $5. more since last writing to you, making $200 in all.

I said then to Say I hoped he would pay $25. more this afternoon and hope to be able to pay all before the 10th but will do so in case he gets with money. I trust he will to save an trouble and expense of getting out an execution and requisition and to remain perhaps two months longer time. God knows I have had a hard time of it and how anxious I am to return home. It seems that there is no end to my trouble. I advise to keep up a good heart and look forward to more prosperous days for all of us. I hope dear Nannie that you will not despair. Should you do so it would but be the signal to all my hopes.

The country has passed through a most trying crisis but the times look more prosperous. There at any time during

the past five years — and if I can only get you all comfortably located in Southwestern, I think with the chance of being able to take advantage of the many opportunities which will naturally spring into existence with the revival of trade.

I know of no more favorable time in the history of our country than the present, such being foreshadowed, and only wish that I could a young man to take the full advantage of it. There is certainly a bright future for Frank and may be such to Charles for George when old enough — and I hope that they will be by habits of activity and attention to business be able to take advantage of the favorable times, and if they do, before they are thirty or thirty five years of age they will find themselves in very comfortable circumstances. Business from now forward will improve both in trade and manufacture and the idea of real estate for the benefit there will be no more hard times and no longer will be heard the desolate cry of "nothing to do."

Uncle and Cousin Morgan, Sterling & Addie go to Cliffen to drink tea with them in commemoration of the anniversary departure from N.Y. to California. Cousin with the Girls Mary and Lina — Thanksgiving day I spent

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City San Luis.
Feb. 2nd 1888.

Dear Father:

Your letter to Mamma of the 22nd of January received.

I am very sorry you have met with so many disappointments, were I in your place, I should have long ago squeezed the last one of them, have gotten my money and been home long before this; but you are doing the business, and I trust you will be successful.

Our situation looks very gloomy indeed; but you write that as far as you can see, matters are all right for us regarding our claims. I trust it is so.

Enclosed please find statement containing list of property belonging to

as advertising in "delinquent tax list" for sale. I think it better that it be sold, and in my opinion, at the time of sale, there will be no bidders for any property at all, therefore it will remain as it is, without further expense, except advertising, a charge against the property which at any time, when they justifiable, can be redeemed. The house has been painted on. Please print in this mail "The Union" containing said tax list.

I worked on the list, and may probably get a permanent position in the office. Isaac Kunkle=mann.

We have had an abundance of rain, everything is green and pretty, our farmers will reap good crops, and enough potatoes will be raised this year to satisfy the whole State

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should a drought take place in the upper counties, which is now in very sickly condition. We have had rather more rain in this county according to statistics than any other county in the State. We may therefore rejoice that the coming Summer, this will be one of an agricultural prosperity and triumph.

The Dodson matter is settled so far by the sale of Byrd and Ross property, subject to redemption will in six months from time of sale.

Some little building is continually going on here. two brick buildings and a complete frame are in course of erection in Van Pam. Dan Sligh is beginning to look very pretty from the numerous trees once shrubbery which adorn

on shrubs and gardens. An improvement in one respect at least.

Mamma and all hands have been laid up with the influenza which is now prevalent. All are doing well.

Remember me kindly to all relations and friends, tell them I am O.K.

Trusting you are well and the next letter will be one of more encouragement from you, I am

Very Sincerely
Your Son
Francis B. Whaley

I sent out of taxes some time ago in tabular form, did you get it?

F. B. W.

"Weary of thinking, thinking –
O soul wilt thou never cease?
Worn out and tired and weary,
Shall thou never more know peace?
Weary and tired, so tired –
All earth takes up the refrain:
Weary and tired, so tired,
Murmur the wind and rain."

– Claude de Haven.

New York February 3d 1879.

My Dear Wife,

The above extract from Saturday's "Evening Express", conveys exactly my feelings. "I am worn out and tired, weary of thinking." I try to find some consolation in the hope that there will soon be an end of my troubles, and it is this which sustains me.

I wrote you last on the 30th ult. enclosing $52.00 which was all the money I could then spare. I informed you of any lawyers intention of taking

some steps against Bailey & Conant. Saturday, on my affidavit, an order was issued by Court restraining B & C from collecting rents of the Old Post Office and the tenants from paying the same. The order had been served upon Conant, and while I was serving on upon the tenants. Conant went to see my lawyer, and finding me, they wished I would postpone serving the balance and hold a conference with them to see if some other arrangement for the payment of my judgment could not be made. (I had served nine of the thirteen orders.) We met in Conant's office when we had a long talk. The result of which was that the orders against Conant should stand, but those served on the tenants should be withdrawn. That Conant might go on in collecting the rents as usual and any excess above $416. (the amount of the monthly rent due the Government) he should hand over to my lawyer until I was fully paid. Conant to be at the expense in getting out the orders. I also stipulated that the $60.00, the balance of the $10, for services rendered since I left his employ. and about which there has been so much difficulty, should be immediately paid. He assented to this, gave me the money, and I receipted to him for it. I thought the arrangement made was an equitable one and therefore agreed to it. I had him in my power and he knew it. Still I did not wish to take the advantage which I might. It would have tied him up completely, he would not have been able to pay the Government and prevented him from obtaining an extension of the lease which he is at present expecting to get. Besides it would have been sixty days or more before I could have obtained my money. When now I shall probably get it soonest. He begged hard for me to consent the $50 which I had promised to discount had he paid the money as he promised to do the 10th day, but this I would not consent to owing to my detention and expense. I told him he should pay me at least

$50 per month for the time I was detained here on his account.

Under all circumstances I have done what is for the best and I hope it will insure in my getting my money.

As the present proceeding will no longer be available against Bailey, as was the intention when the orders were taken out, some other steps will have to be taken to reach him to obtain the $100.50 and costs which he owes. I told Conant when he had paid in full I would give him a chance of making the $50 discount by giving him an assignment of the judgment against Bailey rather than be detained here to collect it.

Conant can do this safely as Bailey has a half interest in the lease with him, and as the control and collection of rents are in his hands.

As regards settlement with Young yet, nothing done. I was to have met him Saturday, but owing to the Conant matter could

not do so, we now have to appoint another day. I do not despair of arranging with him.

I have given you an account of just how matters stand and am prejudicing. It may be interesting, but rather dry reading to you. I am sorry not to have more agreeable news to write about. But one is unhappy to tell of that which most secures the mind.

John was down last week to see mother, who is now at Harriets. Pays $14. per week board, besides $5.00 per week for her nurse. To whom she pays $8.00. So that her expenses exceed her income and she must draw on the principal from some fund. Mother not satisfied and will not remain there long. Her health is better and she may get live several years.

I was at Lily's the other evening with John. They are now expecting Hugh home, son, who has been very sick with pneumonia. She said he had sun-

the letters written by Frank George and Ted of the girls to mother, and thought they were very nice. So though mother may not have thought much of George's letter, yet Libby was pleased with it. I hope the children will write to mother again. It will do them no harm. They hardly need expect answers to their letters as mother is too old to write much now. This will reach you about St Valentine's day, so I enclose a souvenir for each of the girls which they doubtless will appreciate coming so far.

I think I shall be able to start for home soon, and will notify you of it in time so as not to direct any letters here which may be addressed to the care of your mother.

I shall go home as economically as possible having no money to throw away. I did think of going by the emigrant train, but as the weather will be very cold I shall not wish to be on the road longer than I can help.

I am sorry not to have money to pay taxes on the property, and if you can arrange in any way to pay city county & State taxes on all excepting the house before time of advertising I wish you would do so, as the additional costs will be considerable. On the house alone it will not be much.

I hope you are all well and that Frank and George are earning what they can till times get better.

We have a hard road before us, but with health and strength we need not despair of doing well. Aber hands and willing hearts will bring us cheer and comfort.

I enclose you $5.00 of the money received from Conant and will

certainly send you word as soon as I can —

John thinks very strongly of going to California and wishes me to wait his coming for him. I have been [illegible]

that I could be pleased to join his Company. He says I can easily obtain a leave without [illegible] a single day.

My health is good, though I have not yet gotten rid of my headache, and having the money to do so, but I shall before I leave, as well as have my teeth thoroughly [illegible] as prudent as possible. Nothing like making a good impression first.

With love to Father and the dear children and renewed assurances of my affection, believe me as ever

Your own dear Capitola

The Colonel

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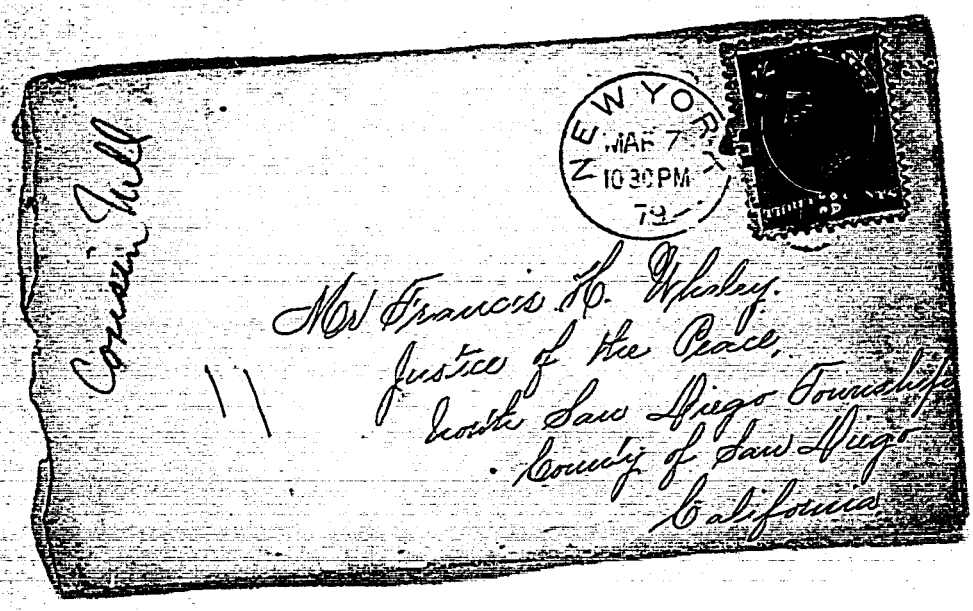
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Mr Francis H. Wheeley.
Justice of the Peace,
South San Diego Township
County of San Diego
California

O.L. Judge please don't pass to hard a sentence on my letter,

Nell

Write soon

Brooklyn Oct 12 1879

Dear Cousin Frank

I suppose you have given up in despair of ever hearing from me but it is better late than never, it has not been negligence on my part for I have, I don't know how many times commenced to write you. I would get four or five lines written but never succeed in get any farther, would be detained in some way or other. Frank you must not think because you are out of sight that you

are out of mind for that is
not the case, we often talk of the
good old times we used to have
when you were on East Miss
Snyder and I often laugh about
the Boy Wm. M. and Co. went accross
in the pain to get Panto stage
Mama would like to
know if the G'ers had any
affect as to raising you upon
such a high seat of Honor, if
so she has a few shotes
to send on to California,
I am very Proud to hear you
say that you are going to be
an old bach for that will most
do, I am not going to follow
your example in being an old
maid for I wear the Diamond
on the foe finger, tell the young
ladies that I don't know
what they can be thinking
of to let you remain single.
Now for Miss Snyder has
grown to be a fine looking
young lady just as full of
life as ever loving company
with a Dee Hoag (Yours truly)
with Dee Sharnpoor.
We have had
about two weeks sleighing, it is
just gay to see the nice
looking young ladies and gentlemen
with their outfits on the road
laughing and enjoying themselves
You know that Brooklyn is
noted for its pretty girls
that is the reason I like in it
I suppose you will say to
yourself, such ~~such~~ ~~self~~ Conceit
We have had a great deal
of skating all of which

Frank I am sorry to say
you miss now I am living
for it is delightful to have a
young gentleman leading you
around the ice and the band
playing the most delightful music
you ever heard, then again to
have a party of both sex on a
private pond and take sleighs
with you. Frank you would have
laughed had you seen Louise
Snyder get upset on the ice
they tried to do the same to me
but did not succeed for I held
on like sticking plaster, Aunt
Libbie now had been very
sick with pneumonia but is getting
along nicely now. All well and send
love and take a good share of it
for yourself from me. Ever your cousin Nell

pleased to hear of your good health, and hope it will continue so always.

Nem says she does not want to go to San Francisco to live, and she says he will take the first young man that offers. John Osburn aged 55 years will marry in a few days Cornelia Pond aged 18, horrible is it not? We have had two good rains this winter and it is cloudy now. Our cistern is full and a great comfort. The country around looks very green. I told Witherbee I would pay him when you send me the money $10.00. I have not seen him since. Violet has just received another beautiful Valentine which makes three to-day. I don't think

mean like that, she don't look as if she did. I did not tell them that Mr Paffer sent them the $6.00 for I needed it so much and they would not have been pleased if they knew that I kept it, that is the reason they have not written the Mr Paffer's daughters.

Do you think does Poppy that your lawyer is untrowthy and not in with Conant? is your money secure in his handy? he does not seem to advise you to your advantage it seems to me. Jonny ought certainly pay you your $60.00. make him come to letting him, and that Bailey, I suppose it is harder to do than I know of, but I would not [illegible]

me I suppose because I not tell others things I have got over my mistake [illegible] at Thanksgiving [illegible] away [illegible] the same hard duffer and so [illegible] then take up the Bank road bill again, but I [illegible] hope [illegible] care too easy for Conant [illegible] hard [illegible] lighty [illegible] why is the world that you do not follow [illegible] up he would have than [illegible] and carry it [illegible] money for you [illegible] than [illegible] please and send you [illegible] alone [illegible] you should [illegible] as you did [illegible] should not be talked [illegible]

and I bet you would have got your money in a very short time. I would also like to get my money from Bailey and Young before coming home. I can't see what you will do here, tell me write quick and by our luck. I am glad to hear John is coming to California, tell he bring his fiancé. We Los Angelos now you can buy a nice one story house large improved with orange trees or Mrs Dell Kitty sell for $1.000 write my love to John and the fellows Gibbs, Levings, and Dan Cassels.

I am sorry you have not got rid of your boarders yet. I can't see how you can feel good with those roosters in your chicken coop. Love Jonty". Ain't

so I make him feel easy
about staying at home as
he seems to be very sensitive
about depending on me now
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around the place, he has
planted potatoes, pumpkins
watermelons, and we intend
to put in some onions, he
also goes up on the hill
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I don't see how I could
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Witherbee to pay taxes on

Old Town
San Diego
Feby 14th 1879

My dear Husband.

I am in receipt of yours of Feb 6th enclosing a $1.00 bill, and a $5.00 bill for which I am very thankful. I also received in due time your letters of the 30th Jany containing $2.00, but the last three letters from you have reached me open one end, and this last containing the $6.00 the envelope was almost entirely off, I think your envelopes are not good as my letters receive rough usage, it is lucky that the money arrives safely

in the letters while open.
you will have to get bet-
ter envelopes or I may some
-day miss my money whe-
ch would not suit these
hard times. Enclosing in
two envelopes I think would
be safest. I did not give
the girls any of the one
dollar to waste on valen-
tines as I owed Mr 3,50 to
the Frenchman that being
as much as he will trust
me. I have a hard time
to get along, and it will
be a blessed relief if we
can have good luck some
time. Frank has jobs off
and on, but it takes all
mostly for his board in New
Town. George is willing to
work, but admits that
he cannot hold out to
work from 6 o'clock in
the morning till it rains

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property the little left go
as it is absolutely worth
less than nothing. We have
no property now, but my
property and a few lots of
Frank's left after the
Dodson settlement all of
which Frank wrote you
about. We have all been
sick with an epidemic call-
ed the Epizootic, George
in bed for three or four days
but the girls kept on their
feet, lastly I was taken
down could not stand on
my feet in bed five days,
running at the nose, pains all
over the body, fever, swollen
throat inside and out, and
loss of strength, and hard
cough, it went harder with

New York, Febry 10. 79

My Dear Wife.

Yours of 29th Jany, post marked the 31st has just come to hand. I hasten to answer it, to relieve your mind from anxiety, as I know you will be expecting to hear from me – I wrote you last on the 3d of the month enclosing $600 and previously on the 30th Jany enclosing $200. In my last I informed you of Louis Stifel being taken to prison my money from Conant & Bailey but must wait till tomorrow to know the result.

The committee of Mayo and Meyer has agreed to a bill transferring the Old Post Office N.Y. to the Chamber of Commerce for $250,000 Should this pass the present Session of Congress it will prevent Conant from getting a mortgage of his lease which expires May 1st, but as the hour is growing short, it is not probable that anything will be done this Session. Conant is very much worried about

the matter and has gone on to Washington and will not return before Friday night. I don't know that I shall be materially effected whether he gets married or not as the suits title may well probably be settled ~~to satisfy my friends~~ decided upon and I may not sell upon him or Bailey, now till I get my money or know that it is impossible to do so.

I shall see my lawyer this afternoon before closing this, and will inform you of anything material.

I am glad to hear from you and should be very much disappointed ~~were you not to write though you tell~~ will have very little to chronicle particularly the one received to day, when you inform me that the children are sick and that you expect to be soon without money to procure you medicine or comfort of any kind!

This is indeed too bad, makes me feel very sad, and the more so as I have no money to send you. The expect of my fund do being only $2.00. I hope soon

thing will turn up in a day or two to enable me to remit you a few dollars.

4½ pm. I have just seen my lawyer who informs me Quantz having gone to Washington he says if he does not at Court tomorrow, or some one there to represent him, he will have the default noted, and the order again issued restraining the tenants from paying more rents to appear to share the authorities which they owe him for the purpose of attaching.

I am tired and disgusted with the whole matter and believe that I shall leave for home over when I have funds sufficient with which to pay to get all that is due to me. Our lives are too precious to waste more time. I am certain almost if I am home with you in San Francisco I shall be able to make as light a living at any rate we shall all be together and happier than by living the way we are.

The best I can do with young is to take his note for $250.00 at 2 years — but I have not consented to this besides there is no agreement as to when he will pay me the $50 promised before Christmas!

This improper he has had with him as he will not much mind his lawyers or confer with me personally. I met him one day last week on the street. He soon not stopped talk said he had told his lawyer what he was willing to do and if I was not willing to accept I might do as I pleased.

He made my very thankfully appreciate I have done for him — but his manner I detest. I have told him that I require no money except the $50 — only a settlement on paper which he can pay or not as he may be able.

No doubt he means no great deal

for money, but that is no excuse for delaying our a settlement. Thus I have had a very hard time of it generally treated, the way I am by everybody and my heart should become callous and stand against ever doing any one further favors of any kind. though it is not my nature and I presume if I had money now I should be as generously disposed as ever.

I know nothing of the movements or whereabouts of Mrs Young at the present time not being upon friendly terms with her husband. Sometimes I think I could write to her, not perhaps it would be of any use. I am certain that she would not approve of his conduct towards me, and if in her power she would remunerate me the money loaned, or insist upon his doing so.

I doubt if she ever returns to this country or again lives with her husband, unless some change for the better takes place in his affairs.

You say that you and Frank have more than once sent your mother address and the amount of taxes due upon the property, and in fact that my memory is failing me. Certainly I have trouble enough to impair not over my memory but all my other faculties, but in regard to the matter of your mother's address and the amount of taxes, I am positively certain that you have written only once the address and twice but once in regard to the amount of taxes. You attempted to convey the latter but failed to do so. I hardly

think any of your letters have failed to reach me, but if I have acknowledged all received you will be best able to judge.

I am sorry the taxes are not likely to be paid without incurring the additional cost of advertising & but as every thing seems to go wrong with us, it will be only one more to the great accumulation of wrongs which oppress us. Let us hope that there will be a change of fortune soon. A long lane down life we have been pursuing. But there will be a turn to affairs when we reach the bottom. I do not despair. I have seen as hard times as are the present. All I ask is to retain my health and to be once more at home. The much good fortune which has attended me when things looked most gloomy, certainly has not all gone. And though I am enough older yet this little rugged frame of the old oak in me enough I hope to become as sound within the next five or ten years.

So dear Nan be of good cheer. Regain your health and strength that you may enjoy the many days of happiness which I believe are in store for both of us.

I am in a quite pretty good. which I can get out. I hope to be able to make some money yet. But there are other things worth living for besides merely making money. I do use money that is solely for accumulation. I can find only as the means of enabling us to live comfortably and doing all the good we can with it.

I see by the papers that not only have you had dry a plentiful of rain, but that the weather has been extremely cold in the Southern part of the State, the thermometer being as low as 32° at San Diego. You

have not noted this cold weather in any of your letters. I say this thing that it would do great injury to the fruit trees, but as you write that our fig and peach trees promise an abundant crop and that even the lemon trees are in blossom, I do not think that the weather at least at San Diego could have been as severe as stated. May you live long enough to see Com and you live to pluck the fruit from them to regale us and our children —

Then to come talk of the consolidation of the Southern and Texas Pacific Rail Roads, and the probability is that a bill harmonizing bill of this kind will be introduced before Congress and that it will pass this Session. Of the merits of the bill as benefitting San Diego I am unable to speak. I hardly think however any bill could pass without a favorable consideration of S.D. going direct communication with Fort Yuma, and if so I hardly see that our proper could object to the consolidation. It may not be exactly what we want but a part of a loaf is better than none. We have waited too long to be captious so that we get a Rail Road and San Diego is benefitted thereby, why need we care whether Scott or Stanford has the control — whether it be strictly a competing road or not? But from my being so very particular we might have had a railroad years ago and many of us would not be eating humble pie now.

The Session is rather short now — though there is a chance of it being prolonged. Let us hope that some thing will be done which will relieve the people of San Diego and once more carry them to Sunday —

I shall probably be detained here long enough to know if any thing is done by Congress, and as it decides, so shall I decide respecting my future movements.

With the stability of a railroad it would be unwise for us to pull up our stakes, but should no action be taken in the matter before the adjournment of Congress, I am of the conviction that the best thing we can do is to go bag and baggage to San Francisco and there repair our losses as far as we can and, should at any future time the long talked of railroad become a reality it will be time enough to trade for ourselves to the best of our situations.

I will try not to forget the waterproof cloak for you, but would it not be better to get it enough to make several and then we can be accommodated with a pattern and the number of making. Perhaps the dress do not rush or require waterproof. You will please inform me in your next.

George's case is a serious one, and as I am not at home, my mind not from motives of delicacy allow him to be neglected. ~~[illegible]~~ talk to him and insist that he shall take without delay proper medical advice and take proper care of himself before the disease has become so seated as to be of permanent injury to him.

I suppose the reason Morse does not come to see you is because I am unable to pay him — but he should remember that I have done all that was in my power and think for you and my family am deserving of commendation and not to be allowed to suffer or want if in his power to render the assistance — I think I will write to him — not to ask him for anything but to explain a little of my present position. He may perhaps think that I have means and abundantly able to pay him — I think he is hurt because I have not written to him of late — Well I am not had the heart to write to anyone —

I do not suppose you are to be influenced by what "some folks" often regard to my prolonged absence and having "other attachments" here.

You have too much good sense and know my regard and affection for you too well to believe there is the least probability of truth in any surmises of this kind.

You are right I am to believe what I say and you can bet your bottom dollar that you were you to imagine you would learn nothing to the contrary.

I have loved you too long and too well ever to exchange your affection for that of any other mortal, let who or where the woman may be found in poverty or wealth. The strength of my love like that of Lizzie increases with years. And I look forward to the time when again I may clasp you in my arms and quaff the accumulated nectar of the long years from your willing lips.

God bless our dear children — inspire their hearts with love and devotion for all that is pure, holy and good, may they be improved by knowing that they are because worthy guardians of society. Believe me your ever devoted & loving husband who always thinks of you and ever remains

Thos O'Kelly.

Mr. Y. Febry 11. 79. Receive favorable article from the "Sun" of this date, relating to Railroads. Concerto name was called three times in court this morning. No appearance by counsel or otherwise. He is in contempt of Court. May be lodged in Bridge St. and keep. Pay the fine & costs to paid. Could action not be taken on his return from Washington to enforce the money money. (over) (Thew)

— over —

Febry 12. 79. Proposition made by Young's lawyer
to give my $750. at two years & my expenses,
and one for $5,50 at bank for the money borrowed.
I have accepted. He notes are drawn, and day to
the lawyer again at 4. Should Y. sign this
matter will be settled.
5½ p.m. Young has signed the notes.
with no lawyer — we consider arrangement with him binding — Corey & Kittredge
be very sick, may not recover.
My lawyer wife takes down a deposition against
Conant. Thursday Chauncey & Bloodgood
are to send you God bless you my
dear wife & children. Pray with
and for me and I shall be home
soon.
The Husband

the additional cost only on our plots. But the thing is done now, and we will have to pay the taxes with the costs when we are able. I think however as you are taxed for prior, it will be better to pay at least the 1st and as the property assessed in your name is liable for it. You will do this if you think it is for the best. As there is so much property advertised to delinquent, and as times are so hard and everybody have all the property they want the probability is that there will be but little of the property sold for taxes, unless there is a certainty of better prospects for a good road than at present. Our property may not be sold, but in case it is we shall have considerable more to pay to redeem it. All the property is not advertised - around of the Playa lots or the hole lands - and may be several other plots besides the lot and a half at Red Rock. I have no list of what was my property and therefore cannot

New York Feby 19th 1869.

My Dear Son Frank.

Your of the 2nd not came to hand yesterday only, owing to my not having been to Office for several days. I was pleased to hear from you, that the folks are better from their colds and that you have a prospect of getting employment in the Union Office. I also received the paper containing the advertisement of tax sales of property on the 24th of the month. Now say that tax on the house have been paid. It would have been better to have paid the tax on the other property and have saved the additional expense of advertising so, as this about 75¢ on each plot for city and the same for State and County, in the aggregate more than the whole amounts of the taxes. In paying on the house you have saved

MAR
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Brooklyn March 3d 1879

My dear Wife and Children.

Thank Heaven, the great danger is past and I am no longer suffering as I was!

Sunday, 23d Feby, at 9½ in the evening, whilst at the house of Mary Bissell I was suddenly and severely attacked with Erysipelas. My head commenced aching violently and then my nose and other parts of my face commenced swelling, and continued till I looked like a most frightful object — and both eyes were closed.

Mary would not hear of my going over to New York, said I must remain and that she would do all

she owed to make me comfortable — and this she has done — I have been made as comfortable in every way as though I had been at home. Very fortunate indeed was it for me that I was taken sick at her house. I had been spending the day at Linas, and though I was not feeling very well, yet I was not complaining at all. I walked leisurely down from Linas to his, but had no sooner got into the house than the attack came on. It proceeded from a severe cold in the limbs, pains in the back from too much exposure to night air, and may be most of all to irregularity of living & want of proper nourishing food. All I had expended for living since the 10th till the time I was taken sick, was only two dollars, and from this should be deducted some car fare, postage stamps &c.

I was thrown upon my back with the terrible affliction with just one dollar and five cents in my pocket. Could a man be in apparently a more hopeless and forlorn condition.

It was decided that a Doctor must be sent for — In an hour he came Kruschphar & German extraction, with a pleasing face that prepossessed me in his favor —

He made a thorough investigation of my case — said that I was a very sick man — asked my age, habits &c — He prescribed tinct quinquina, iron and as my pulse was high, digitalis — teaspoon every 2 hours — and for outward application Quinine & Sugar of Lead in a quart of water. He desired to be wet and constantly applied to the face — He said I might get delirious in the night, and if so, for me not to mind it. I did not think I dozed, and even then did I though I had caught fever during most of the night.

I believe the Doctor really thought I was a very sick man, as he asked many if I could send for my wife — and when I said he said that was 5 days away.

I have been treated in this sickness the same as in previous ones — the doctors think I am sick and I am. but I always happen to know if they don't.

The Doctor called next day, and then

was a favorable change and continued for two days more, making 4 weeks when I told him of my position and that I could not afford to pay him a big bill. He said "You can pay up to this present time and I will come into see you every other day till I think you are well." Now wasn't this kind of a stranger doctor, a man who has quite a large practice and drives around in a coupé — He says those who can pay must, but if a man can't, he is willing to heal him for nothing. He also told Mary if she had sickness any time and not be able to see to him.

I have been three or four hours writing this much. I am tired and must defer finishing the remainder —

March 4th I got interested reading the closing debates of congress, and by the time I was through, did not feel like writing.

March 6, 79. I was not feeling very well yester-
day, therefore unable to write. I will now make a finish of this
letter, knowing the anxiety which the delay will cause you.
It happened that John came down the Wednesday after
I was taken sick. He went to see my lawyer, got $25, the
only money that had been paid in since the 10th of Febry,
then placed me above want. I handed the Dr $8.00, he kindly
returned me $3.00 of it. Said he would have no other charge
against me, and he would come as often as necessary till
I was well. Wasn't this kind of a strange Doctor? Emma
Lou Wood, Mary Gibbs, Frank & Amilia Rand, Simon
Pye, Jennie Mahany and my friend Brown have
been to see me, some oftener than once, so I have
not been quite forgotten. Mary & Lina have sent me
things. Mother often enquires about me, and seems
to be very much [illegible] on my account. Says
she is so sorry and hopes that I get good attention.
I repaid Mary for money advanced upon the return
I got $25.00 since then I have furnished her with the
money to buy what was necessary for me, and I
have not wanted for anything conducive to my
comfort. With exception of first two days, I have
been up from 8 A.M. till 10 P.M. – lying down once

when feeling tired. So that I have set up to a table partaking of any meals —

I wrote you, or rather Frank, Febry 19, enclosing $10.00. nothing since yours of 14th Febry. came to hand since I was taken sick. It was fortunate that the money was not lost from the letter. will use more precaution hereafter. I enclose you $5.00 which is all I can possibly spare in view of any sickness. You will take good care of it, money hard to get. Hope Frank and George will make something to keep along. I know nothing of any affairs, have written Mr Brown to see Bush and press the collection against Conant. Conant now get T.O. for another year — Tell mamma not to do any thing so rash as to take the first man that offers — unless every way worthy and with some prospects in life. I should think there might be some nice young man in N.O., but of them am not she can want. It almost seems as though I will never get my money and leave for home — If can by the time I get it there will be so little of it left — and not enough to get home with. I may have to stop repairing your anything in order to save enough to get away — I hope to be fully recovered in a week or two days from now — will write you soon soon. With love to you and all from your loving husband. M. Mallory.

[illegible]

in the [illegible] [illegible] curtailed in [illegible] blooms and [illegible] beautiful, [illegible] [illegible], only but two [illegible] to [illegible] left, everything looks nicely but they have to be taken care of. If the big Carrie was planted in potatoes we could sell them, all we want is a good couple of [illegible] chickens, and a horse and wagon to haul wood [illegible] keep it [illegible] but mighty [illegible] aged to get along. Mamie [illegible] wants [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and be [illegible] which here she is [illegible]ed upon the same [illegible] and [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The girls are terribly troubled about the [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] have [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] of Cups and saucers which could have saved [illegible] but I have been [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] at times do not feel [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] anything. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all right [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all the time [illegible] [illegible] be able to [illegible] [illegible] papers [illegible] you take good care of yourself [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thinks that it is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] you from coming, I tell them I cannot do that as you already think we do not want you to come home. Everything goes on about the same. The Carpet in my room and Parlor & Sewing room begin to show wear they have faded considerable, but in the other rooms look pretty well, they need turning, the Stair Carpet has troubled me very much having had to change it several times, patching it and putting pieces of oil cloth on the edges, still for three years they have done well for cheap Carpets. The Oil cloth [illegible] all cracked every which way and still stretching, I suppose when you return you will find some few things to employ you for a while till such time as you find employment outside which I hope will not be long. Amelia writes me that mother has fainting fits often and does not think she will live very much longer, I hope to able to see her once more again. I think you are having a great deal of trouble to get what is justly your own from Concert going, & Balle, I would not go home' till such' time as you get settlement some way, if they think

that you are [illegible] a hurry to get away
or [illegible] up, then they will keep you
on a string till they think or see
that you are old country aged and
that you don't care any more with
all they get settling - but you will
never get them to do what believe
in Country, they are as big cheats as
any body, and often are in league
with their confederates - look out for
your money, [illegible] he will get the
[illegible] of all. You have
Canada in a little palace with
[illegible] Remember how you getting his
[illegible] and should have. [illegible]
[illegible] - Here, you are too easy talk
ed into anything, then like that [illegible] crowd
[illegible] and they crowd you, as soon as you

Brooklyn, March 14. 79.

My dear Wife.

I sent you a letter on the 6th inst. enclosing $5.00, and informing you that I was attacked with Erysipelas on the 23d February. At the time I wrote I was in a fair way of recovery and continued to amend till the 10th, when the Doctor said there was no necessity of continuing his visit and that I might go out, take a little walk any fair day. The 11th was pleasant enough, but I hardly dared to venture out. The 12th was rather a cold and very windy day. I thought I might at least venture to go to the water closet which is located in the basement of the house. On opening the door the damp mouldy fungus smell seemed to strike right into every part of me. I thought of returning up stairs at once, but did not believing I might venture without

any serious consequence to me. I had not been up stairs more than ten minutes when I was seized with chills in the back and I was sure of a relapse. Before night my face was swollen almost as badly as when first attacked and I was forced to retire. I had considerable fever. I sent for the same medicines and pursued the same course as prescribed by the Doctor. On the morning of the 13th I was worse, and sent for the Doctor. He was not surprised at my relapse when told that I had been down in the basement, and said I must never go down there again, and as soon as I was able I must leave the house. He said I had a very high fever, prescribed 3 pills to operate upon my bowels, and that I must be very careful of the treatment of myself. I had eaten nothing the night previous and neither did I all day yesterday. I drank a part cup of tea in the morning and then I threw it up immediately. I was feeling too weak to get up and so kept in bed all day yesterday. I passed the night rather quietly, and was feeling so much better this morning as to be able to get up and have eaten 2 eggs, 2 slices of bread & butter, a cup of weak coffee, a tumbler of milk and 2 milk biscuits. I am feeling much better & believe I am in a fair way of recovery as ever a man was, but it will be some time before I can venture out.

Amongst the friends who have shown me kindness and attention, with the exception of Mary Brazil, none have done more for me than my old friend George D. Pfeffer. He has sent me chickens and delicacies of various kinds, besides coming himself to see me or sending his son, some once, sometimes twice a day.

Mary and her children (Clara & Mamie) have been very kind to me, and though poor their home on the 4th floor of a tenement

house, I feel that I am infinitely better off than I would be were I in a hospital. I know of no friend at whose house I would rather be than at hers.

You might write to her, and in your expression of gratitude you cannot use language too strong for her kindness and attention to your husband in his affliction.

It is with considerable effort I have succeeded in writing this letter, but as I promised in my last, to write soon again I thought I must do so —

You need have no concern as to my ultimate recovery as I have learned from sad experience to be more careful of myself.

Mr William Pitts says he saw in the papers, that at the Extra Session of Congress, the Texas & Pacific R.R. Bill would be taken up and passed, that every thing was cut & dried. I hope this may be so. I am unable to send you any money. With love to you and the children, I am as ever your ever dear Husband. Thos Whaley


BROOKLYN
MAR 14
2 PM
N.Y.
Mrs Thomas Whaley.
North San Diego -
California.

484 Adelphi St. Brooklyn.

March 21. 1849.
(3d anniversary of my leaving home.)

My Dear Wife,

I wrote you the 6th inst, giving a detailed account of an attack of Erysipelas from which I was recovering – then again on the 13th inst, that I had had a relapse of the disease and was once more in a fair way of getting well. I have since been mending slowly, all swelling having disappeared and with the exception of a fullness in the right side of my head, about the region of the ear, tending towards deafness, I have nothing in particular the matter with me, except being nervous and easily excited. My appetite is very fair and I indulge it in moderation, but my taste is not yet quite right. I have not yet been out of the house, the weather not being desirable enough. I am almost afraid to venture out, as, at this season of the year, they say I am liable to be attacked again, but shall do so the first nice pleasant day. I have some few visitors constantly. Every day Peffer calls to see me or sends his son William to inquire how I am. He has been very

kind. The last thing he sent me was a pair of squabs, which I relished very much. He wish me to go dine with him Sunday, the day being pleasant. His house is about ten minutes walk from where I am. Sunday next will be just four weeks since I was taken sick in this house, and a long four weeks it has been to me, time blotted out of existence so far as I am concerned. I have not attended myself to any matters, further than write to a friend by the name of Browne requesting him to see my lawyer and to report to me. Last time he was over he said my lawyer had received $100 from Conant and that the prospect was that all would be paid before April 1st and that summary steps would be taken to secure the amt. Said owed by attaching funds in Conant's hands, who has renewal of the lease of 210 F.S. for an 8 yr. term. I think all will be right, at least hope for the best. The most I have done is in having read the "Sun" newspaper, whenever I was able to do so, though with great difficulty, as it fatigued me and it was with an effort that I could keep my mind upon the items. I managed however during the course of the days to wade through them. I have also to a greater or lesser extent surprised my meals and when able get them entirely. I am feeling better during the past two or three days, read the paper more easily and prepare many little dainties for myself. I am fortunate to have been free during my sickness. Though humble the quarters, and with few conveniences of any kind, yet I know I am a thousand times better off than in a hospital, where I must undoubtedly have gone, had I returned to New York, that Sunday night, Feby 28th, and been taken sick there. Hospitals at best are uncomfortable places to be sick in, unless you have plenty of money and able to pay liberally for all you require.

Mary has been very kind to me. I have not wanted for any attention in her power to bestow. I have purchased all I required for myself, the best to be procured, and the family have had more or less the benefit of whatever I have had. They are entirely dependant upon charity, for everything they wear or eat, and are amply supplied with eatables through the planters kind.

Mary says the children are having a benefit
now, and will know the difference when I leave;
My sickness will not cost me much, having
paid but $50.00 to the Doctor. $15 & $18 will
pay for everything up to the present time, in-
cluding medicine. I shall have besides
to make Mary a present of something, but
think I can do that from things at my
room which I shall not wish to take home
Counterpanes, sheets &c —

It was my intention to have written
yesterday but was prevented from doing so.
It was fortunate, as this morning William
Duffer brought me your letter of the 9th, mailed
the 11th. I was very glad to hear from you
not having received a letter since the 25th feby
about the time I was just taken sick.

March 22nd. I could not possibly finish my
letter yesterday, Mary being out and I having
the supervision of the house and children. I ex-
pected to have gone out to day as far as Mrs
Gibbs, but it is cold and raining very hard,

cord I am affected by it, my head feeling uncomfortably thick. I think the trouble is in my ears, particularly the right one. I am not deaf, but have a dullness in my head in the region of the ears, which, if it were to clear away, I should feel better, perhaps all right. I have been busy fixing up my clothes a little to day, that I may look presentable in case the weather permits me to go to dine with Huff-fer tomorrow. I do not expect however to go. It is now nearly four o'clock, I must hurry up and finish this letter, or I shall not get it off to day. You will excuse my writing so much about my sickness and my self, knowing at the present time very little else to write about. I believe however that it will interest you. You need have no fears concerning me. I think I am in a fair way of recovery and as soon as the weather moderates so that I can venture to get around a little, I shall rapidly improve.

You appear to have your troubles, more or less constantly sick, if not one

thing, another to trouble you. You have suffered a great deal during the past five or six years, but having got so far along, probably, with your determination, you will in the end come out all right with a number of years on your life and perhaps make Eden Bower shine and. I hope the children are obedient and kind to you relieving you from hard work or doing anything more than you feel like doing.

Long for the time when we will again be united and I trust that under no circumstances will any necessity arise for an adventuring myself again from home.

We are sorry to hear of Frank's indisposition. I remember the circumstance of the grandson, years ago falling upon his bed through that may be sympathy in his bed arising from his present rheumatic attack, yet I do not believe he is in anyway affected with the gout, as I hardly suppose he is troubled with high living enough, which generally produces the gout. Frank, however is young and will outgrow this affection. I hope he was successful enough to get something permanent in the Union office. I should think he might find employment of some kind to George in Mexico where he might be earning and earning something. Our children are all suffering from the disadvantage of our position. I sight the expediency and hope on my return home to get into something whereby we shall see more advantages, which so long have been denied to us.

March 26. Still the letter remains unfinished and unsent. Sunday was too cold and raw to go out. So was disappointed in going to Pulsifers to dine, though I had a good dinner with Mary and the children. The Pulsifers say they hope to see me next Sunday, as well as some day this week.

Monday was a pleasant day, rather warm but a little too windy for me. I ventured out at 1 o'clock, walked to Gibbs and

remained thus till 3. They were glad to see me. Yesterday was a cold raw day and impossible for me to go out. I caught a little cold in my face from going out Monday, but this morning I am feeling all right again with the exception of a tendency to swelling under the eyes. The day, though cold, is pleasant and no wind blowing. I am hoping they and will go out about 1 O'clock for a walk — the only judicious thing to do which the Doctor says I must continue for some time to come. Owing to the amount of fever I had my face continues to come out in the sandrash in the morning but it effect it will soon in again in the course of time. I intended to have written to Nan this — I hope for the sake of manying the second many any one deemed herself with any family so low that she will be ashamed of the connection and who could not be induced above home and treated upon terms of equality with ourselves — the two young men of old Tarrytown, however attractive they may appear to be, to her eyes. She will find, when opportunity affords her, an fault from being compared to young gentlemen to be found elsewhere, who have had opportunities to learn, and belong to families with fine standing and position, connected with whom, she may be proud — I believe Nannie is desirous of some good young man of position and fortune of means enough to furnish her a comfortable home. We do not think she is one who would like to spend a lifetime in misery and shun the dirt & filth of compositors such as might be her lot if she to marry into any of the old Tarrytown families of greater prosperity. And I hope she has more hope than to think of doing so. So long as she desires she is welcome to make

in home with us and any indiscretion to make it as comfortable as circumstances will allow — My ankle down for the time being but not so very badly off — but what we may with attention and determination we may improve our condition, even though the Park Road Hotel never comes to make a change for the better quite certain, my intention is to return home as soon as I can positively leave, and when there, I shall set to at once to discuss with you what is best to be done to insure the comfort and happiness of all the family — I hope you will see them in view of these circumstances and the counsel which I have given that they ought be consistent in their action and do nothing which will cause regret to be on disappointment to ourselves. Let Maurice to "call a vice" — to be in no hurry, she is young yet — and not to give any particular encouragement to the suitor one comes along — She will certainly find some one of position and standing with whom she will feel be contented and happy. I am sorry I have no money to send you, though I understand there are funds in my lawyers hands — as soon as I can I will go over to Indy sit and hope soon to settle up our matters to enable me to leave for home soon — My intention was to have sent this on the 28th so as to have reached you on the anniversary of your birthday March 31. but as I had no money to enclose I was not very particular about it I hope you will have a good time of it and that your health will improve. "My love to the children" trusting that the Smiles of fortune will encircle us with flowery wreaths and that our courage we shall be united, never more to part, I remain your ever devoted and faithful husband who prays God to protect you — Yours truly —

[illegible] Papa all
I have write
soon again
Clayton
is dead died
[illegible] from
his [illegible]
My dear Husband. [illegible]
Dr. Kretzschmar's,
Carlton Ave near Fulton Ave Brooklyn
Am in receipt
of your letter of March 3.. in
which you inform me of
your severe illness, we were
all very much alarmed
when I read the heading
of your letter, and very much
grieved and alarmed on
your account, I thank God
too that you are better and
expect to get all right soon,
My sincere thanks to Mary
Bissell, and tell her that I
shall never forget her kind
ness to you so far away
from home, and that if it
is ever in my power to
show her my gratitude in
a substantial way I shall

to do. It was the return of your old sickness, or from what you write you were attacked in the same way. I hope you took advantage of that Doctor visit, to see about having that "Tape-worm" removed, I do not think you will ever enjoy good perfect health as long as you harbor such a reptile within you. You had better let him remove it at once. I hope that by the time you receive this you will be perfectly well and about again.

The $5.00 on the letter came all right but this time both envelopes were open the outer one two sides open and the inner one one corner about an inch open, Frank says they are poor envelopes as the money never seems to be disturbed, little it is running a risk. We have been robbed of $5.00 money, as Frank

has not been able to work any having been laid up for two weeks as more with Rheumatic Gout in the big toe he hurt once with the Grindstone, his foot being very much swollen, and George is unable to stand work from the disease he has, he has had that disease lately one for eight months and the most dangerous kind, he has been taking medicine for some time, but not having any money, and not being able to work and Whitfield refusing to let him have any more medicine he has been obliged to let himself go, so I think the best thing you can do, is, when you get to

to San Francisco, is to send for him if you can and put him in a Hospital till he gets well, and stop his running around as he still does once in a while, Frank thinks he will not live two years if he does not get well soon, that is the only way that I see we can do anything with him, he work around the garden and that is about all the work he can do, he says he has great Rooty in his groins, Frank thinks it is getting into his system he was getting along well at one time, but started off again on his tour, and not having money to get his

[illegible]

[illegible]

9 for home, you must not get
sick on the way, take good
care of yourself my dear poppet
and do not go out too much
nights - or get your feet wet, for
then you take cold and a cold
is hard for you. You ought to
have good nourishing food, beef
tea and good substantial food
to bring you around all right, so
I say look out for yourself and
take the best of care of your health
for we all want to see our dear
suffering poppet once more. We
talk about you every day and
sympathize with you very much
and are sorry you have such
a hard time to get along, but
it cannot always be thus, the
sunshine will break through the
clouds soon, and then I hope

10

all truth be clear again. So be
good, chary, and get all you
more than I broke make I hope one
day and that not let them know
they for are 15 eggs to get home
to Indian that for will let
you are them and that is what
I am going let them think for
yourself hard and then perhaps
you will get job. At any rate by
and get a place to and write need
all fair open take and I crazy.
The children all send love to
you. and hope you are safe in
this time. My love to all those
friends who have been kind
to you. Do not come with
you? Now my dear husband
please for will entirely become
of my mind. Dear my dear Bob,

Mch 30th 79

Dear Wholy

We have moved from 47th St to 369 East 62nd St hope to see you here soon should have been over to see you but have been off so much from Work. And as No News is good news write Every should you want me Write and I will answer your Truly

Geo Browne

POSTAL CARD

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

BROOKLYN MAR 31 12 M

NEW YORK MAR 31 930 AM H

Thomas Whaley Esq
484 Adelphe Street
Brooklyn
N.Y.

NEW YORK
APR 2
3 PM
79

Mrs Thomas Whaley.
North San Diego.
California.

Norfolk, March 31st 1879.

My Dear Wife.

To day is somewhere between the 40th and 50th anniversary of your birth. (I am mindful of important events.) In honor of the occasion I am in receipt of your welcome letter, postmarked the 20th March, containing much that is agreeable to read, but that in argument to George very distressing to me, to which I will particularly refer before closing.

Yesterday, being an extremely pleasant day, I ventured out without fear, - dined with Hutter, and then walked to Lima's where I took tea, returning home at 8, feeling as well as ever. My intention was to have gone to N.Y. to day, but it blows a gale from 40 to 50 miles per hour. John came down Saturday, he has passed most of the day with me. He wants me to go up with him and I think I will do Wednesday.

April 2nd I went over to N.Y. yester-

day for the first time. Dick did not see my lawyer. I got somewhere, which enabled me to pay what I owe on account of my sickness and to send you a little. I am now at my lawyer's writing this; but as he is sick I may not see him, as I am going with John and shall remain there till next monday or longer. He I have quite a cough. I am all right on my feet but not quite right in the head. The day through (altho) windy is pleasant. I think I may not get in charge of quarters when the noise of the children attend annoyed me so much. I suppose the enclosures of the letter of mar 3 will come right. Am glad you got the money safely. Write you since on the 18th & 26th March, in the latter enclosing, of I remember right, $2.00. This time I send you $5.00. which is all I can spare.

I shall not be able to send you much if anymore if I am ever to get home as my resources are too limited. Though I be careful. I hope I may make something and assist you as I can. I have not yet got rid of the "reptile" but shall before I leave. Though I have doubted any, yet it may be the cause of occasional indisposition. Undoubtedly I shall feel better in Mexico. Dunn & Redmay is a humbug and no respectable community should tolerate. He is a low blackguard. I see he got some of his clients at San Luis Rey. I am surprised at the prospect of the failure of the crop after having such a abundant rain the first part of the season. Glad to hear you are raising something. Your idea of a horse, buggy & a pig chickens is a good one in case we remain in San Diego and they will contribute

Write clear with ink

Largely toward our support, and had
that land been carried out years
ago it would have been better for the fam-
ily, but better late than never.
~~I am glad the girls are well and happy~~
~~that, as her circumstances admit,~~
Violet should continue to go to
school long as she can, but
you can best judge whether it is
possible for her to acquire more
at school. She may however still
learn something at home, reading
such books as you may designate.
You must certainly have improved
in place very much, filling out
so many trees, and in case we
should have San Diego it would be
a great loss, but what matters a
few trees if we can get something to
eat bread and butter which
is the main thing. Congress is
in session but doubtful if any
is sent to benefit of San Diego

APR.
1879

April 28th 1879
Old Town
San Diego.

My dear Husband.

Your of April 2d containing $5.00 came to hand safely (envelope all right,) since which time I have not heard from you. I have not written lately, as you said you were going with John to his home in New Jersey. I hope the trip will fully restore your health, but you will never enjoy good health till such time as you get rid of that "Tape worm" we are all pretty well at present, but find it very hard to get along, Frank gives me a dollar or two when he can. I am very tired of this kind of life and it worries me very and prevents me from getting

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well and strong. This kind of
Life is very trying with so man-
my looking up to me for every-
thing. Now Lillie has to stay
at home, as she has no shoes
to go to school with, it is too
bad but I can not help it.
I do not wish to trouble you
dear poppet but I do not
feel like having the care of so
many on my mind. I hope
better times will come somehow
and soon as every one in
law (things) seems to be discour-
aged. I do not want you to
ever tele me to look to the
Morses for anything any more
they do not come here any
more to see me, and when
they have to pass through
Old Town they take the lower
road down by the brick-
yard, and avoid us as much
possible for fear we may
want something. I do not like

Mrs Morse she is too stinking
me for mean. I do not want
the Morses to know the fix George
is in, so do not tele them, as
they are so spiteful against George
about the few things Morse gets
him, so do not say anything to
either of them as they would
spread it around. George is
under the care of Dr McKindle
and continually taking care of
himself, he gets and easy job
once in a while just enough to
buy his medicine, he says it
takes sometime to get cured, he
has no one to blame but him-
self, as I hammered enough at
him whilst he was racing down
to New Town at those low
dirty holes, I told him how he
would come out, but he would
turn his back on me and
go away whistling, you seem
to think that it will be
casting reproach to me if

Carr was taken there last 5.
week, he became very violently
after arriving at the Asylum
and they put the straight jacket
on him, the Dr's say he
will not recover. I am sorry
for his wife and two children
both boys, she was a Miss Schilly
if you remember, and niece of
Schilles as Manager. So goes this
place nothing but trouble all
the time. Rose is postmaster
still and still looks for the
Rail Road. Our daughters growl
a great deal about not having
good company and wise young
men to go with, but I tell
them that is time enough
yet if we can only manage
to live along, and that perhaps
some day we may stick in the
Bonsat by a big bag of gold.
I hope you have entirely recovered
from your sickness and that
you will get along enough
after to winding up

affairs satisfactorily. I hope and pray that when you return you may be able to get into something so as to make a living at least, we are all willing to help.

Does John still think of moving to California? do not let him think of locating in San Diego, let him look first and pick out a new place around Los Angelos. Land and houses are cheap so they tell me around Los Angelos. Give my love to John Mary and all friends. Your mother sent Frank two postal cards last mail, and wants both Frank and George to send this full name to put in an Autograph Album, they will do so. The garden looks nicely. we are using our potatoes, we have put in tomato plants they are growing nicely. my flowers are begining to look very well, but they annoy me sending for flowers for the Catholic church I think after a while I shall refuse. The weather has been quite cool for the season but gradually getting warmer. The children all send love to you and kisses. I hope when this reaches you that you will be entirely well for I do not like the idea of my dear old poppet being sick so far away from home. Give my love to Mary Bissell and say that I hope some day to meet her. My love to Mr. Ann Huffin's family and thank them for me for this kindness to you, and regards to all friends. I must close my dear poppet assuring you of my love and devotion. from your loving wife Anna E. Wheeler

Do not forget me if you happen to have a streak of good luck.

M June 4

The children say that they will write soon but they are very lazy about writing so I see.

Father Wach leaves for Spain

San Diego April 23/1879

Dear Father.

Having just finished writing to Grandma I thought I would write a few lines to you although there is not much to write about every thing is still quiet here. All pretty well at present I have had another heavy cold for two weeks and have not yet got rid of it but hope soon to. I am very sorry indeed to hear of your illness Dear Papa I have prayed for your recovery and hope by this time they have been answered. I am glad you are so well taken care of I do not think your coming to L. D. will benefit your health any more I write this because I do not wish to see you for

indeed I do also the next we speak
of you every day and long to see
you, I would much rather
stay in S. of them to go to S.F.
where we would be nobody, both
mama and I want to go to Los
Angeloo & think we could do well
there and Mama is well acq-
ainted there I do not dislike
S.F. but I do wish that we lived
in New York we could then
have a good time and get along
better but it is and this foolish
no to be in Old Frisco Mamas
garden is growing very nicely
trees full of fruit we have a
large lemon tree all in blosso-
ms and little lemons on it
we also have a large peach tree
full of peaches George raised a
large crop of potatoes, tomat-
oes pumpkins and corn we
can easily raise all our
vegetables and fruit, Violet
and I were invited by the
Misses to a friend to Lad for
we stay at three day head La
a good time we have been to
two dances you see one is a
great will you have a good time
but not often. Father Debach
leaves to-day for Chain to go
to see his Mother whom he has
not seen for fourteen years
he has leave of absence for a year
I doubt if he ever returns again
every body are is feeling very badly
about his going away. I hope
you will not find any fault
with this letter. I know it is
very faulty written but I paper
is so large I hope you will be
able to make it out next time
will do better dear pule tomorrow
your loving daughter Anna

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

North San Diego Township

SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CAL.

FRANCIS H. WHALEN JUSTICE

[illegible]

to work for any one as his sister
Gla gives out, but I am in hopes
soon that he will come out all
right and then he says he intends
to go to work and make money
so he takes care of the garden
and keeps things alive French
Poor fellow get a job every
once in awhile and give me
a dollar or two, but we find
it very hard indeed to get
along and it sickens me to
think of it all, I do not care
for myself so much, but such
a crowd around me and
all looking to me for something
to eat. I owe three or four dollars
and cannot get anything on
"tick" till that is paid again.
But I do not want to worry
you for I know that when
you can you will send me
some money. I feel as if I
did not want to see anything
bean as long as I live having
been obliged to live on them so
long and they do not agree
with me, being too heavy food

you are having my dear poppy
a very hard life one many
and [illegible] so are we
all [illegible] of all
comes [illegible] before you daily
do that [illegible] may relie-
e from [illegible] great [illegible] after that
it has been under for so long
a time, trouble will indulge
sickness [illegible]. I know
how it is with my self, if
things were easy with me
I should not look as I do,
and perhaps get over my tro-
ubly sooner which would be
a great blessing to me, I have
my visitor on me to-day afte
being without two months.
The children are all well
at present, Frank has re-
covered and George is in
the hands of old Dr McKinstry
here in town and doing well,
so we will not think of
the Hospital for him if
he continues to take care
of himself, he cannot go to

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FRANCIS H. WHALEY, JUSTICE.

2 Some one of the family with you, I am glad also to hear that your friends do not desert you in your sickness, and send you nice things to eat Mr Pay-fer especially, give the Paffers my kindest regards and tell them that I thank them from the bottom of my heart for all their attentions to you and hope some day to be able to thank them in person. Mary Birrell, (I am sure I cannot use strong enough language to express my feelings towards her for her extreme kindness and care of you) but tell her that I thank her, and feel that she will be repaid tenfold in some way, I shall never forget her, and often think of her now, although not knowing her except through you, but hope some day to see her and express my true delight in person —

Quite a fine heading for my letter it is not? considering times and place

OFFICE OF

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,

North San Diego Township,

SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CAL.

FRANCIS H. WHALEY, JUSTICE.

San Diego, Cal. April 8th 1879

My dear Husband —

Your of March 21st came safely to hand, and I am very glad to hear that you are recovering so fast from the relapse. You must take better care of yourself and not go where you will be inclined to relapse a while for that is very bad, I think the deafness will wear off and that you will entirely recover before you think of starting for home, as it would not do for you to get sick on the way, if John wants to come why not wait for him, so as to have

MAY
1879

New York, May 31st 1879

My Dear Wife.

I wrote you on the 22nd enclosing $10.00. Herewith please find enclosed $5.00. Draw

Conrath has paid up in full and I have had settlement with my lawyer. Balance coming to me $140.00, an amount barely sufficient to carry me home. I shall go in the emigrant train in order to have something left on my arrival. There is a probability of my being able to get a free pass, through Puffers influence, overland, and through Tom Warner by Steamer but I do not make any calculation upon this, but expect to have to purchase emigrant ticket overland. I shall forward

longer than the end of each week for a free pass, as I have little money and do not wish to remain here spending it on an uncertainty.

You need not write any more to me here. Direct future letters to care of your mother, San Francisco.

I think there is no doubt but what I shall leave here by Saturday next the 7th or by the 10th certain of each month, and arrive in San Francisco the 14th or 17th, if I go 1st class special, or the 17th or 20th, if I go emigrant.

I expect to be in San Francisco a week or ten days, and in San Diego certainly before the end of June or by the 4th July. Should I go via Southwick, I will of course be so much longer —

I get from Young to day two notes — one for $600.00 for 4 mos from May 29th and one for $350 for 2 mos from May 11th. and exchanged with him, and wife genial as ever. This is the best I could arrange with him and if the money is paid at the time it is to be I shall be satisfied.

No arrangement yet as to the settlement of the Bailey judgment though there is a disposition on the part of Conant to purchase it, he having been my lawyer upon the subject.

Nothing yet done with the Harrell matter. I take Riker again to day, but as he was about going out of town he desired me to come to see him Monday.

John Dow Hamet in reference to the matter with the view of his furnishing one hundred dollars that

the matter might be placed in Lawyer Wilson's hands. After considering it for one day she declined to do anything.

Any money he may owe to negotiate with Rikes and should I fare with him I shall not bother myself any more about it.

Yesterday was Decoration Day I saw a portion of the procession only. The day being warm and having to assort young's papers from my own I felt little disposed to follow the crowd to Greenwood Cemetery, and passed the rest of the day in my room.

I have some other matters to attend to — making the last dying effort as it were and should I succeed in one half of them I shall be satisfied. — The most important

tend myself with doing the best I can in San Diego and shall look forward through Irma Moore, who I hope you will cultivate with the in view. Unless my former good fortune has deserted me I shall not despair of doing well, though I do not expect to have the chances which formerly I had owing to the disponderancy of the times which are hard indeed, though generally improving. Have not time to say more than

"Hopeful, though sad, at last I homward turn,
And thou with gut one; and thine eyes soft glance
My longing heart with rapture will entrance,
For there, I seek the love for which I yearn."

With kisses to you and our dear children, hoping to see you all soon, I am as ever, my darling wife, your devoted husband

Thos Whaley

being to procure a free pass to Seattle and making some enquiries as to whom to apply for a vacancy of keeper of Light House, I shall through clerks of the officers at Head Quarters I may be able to [illegible] but the cruel and unfair work any of the [illegible] which you may solicit in San Diego. I have very little hope of getting the position, as invariably there are so many applicants, who somehow, by being timely applied, get the inside track, & is not a desirable position by any means or one I would seek were it not that I see the very hand of Providence pushing me to something more lucrative.

I do not despair of being able to get something to do at least enough to make a comfortable living. I shall try hard for something in San Francisco, and should I fail then I must con-

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This is the information obtained so far. Have not yet ascertained to whom to apply for the position.

N. Y. May 31. 1879. Thos Hulsey

Father Hatch
gone to Spain
(see P.S.)
Letter
Friday 7 - 1879
Emma E. to Sh. Whitney

[illegible] prolong action of life for
[illegible] but you must take care of
religion [illegible] have a check of passpe-
[illegible] might lead to another attack.
You [illegible] thankful for this care of you
While I was [illegible] house and all who were
[illegible] to young [illegible] love to [illegible] and tell
him [illegible] shall be very glad to see him
in Pasadena [illegible] chance [illegible] good of even
[illegible] only a little while [illegible] around Los Angeles
[illegible] great men [illegible] all gone. [illegible]
up and [illegible] tickets settled, [illegible] do not
let them [illegible] letter [illegible] Dear [illegible] get pressing
Don Juan [illegible] only [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] Tarrant at Beach where he lives calling
[illegible] there are [illegible] Hamilton. There
[illegible] and [illegible] crazy in. I must close
[illegible] and thank [illegible] for [illegible] resource
[illegible] first [illegible] love as you

ple here, Lilly. I have just
had a visit from Mr & Mrs
Mitchell. Mrs Mollie only came in
for a few moments and apology
for having spoken to me as she did
concerning George's little debt - but said
she was very much incensed at
the time. I suppose they heard
we were coming home and expect
to get some money out of you be
sure keep whatever little money
you may have to close along, and
let Mollie know at once when
you return that you have none.
I think you can fix things satis-
factorily with them when you return.
Here is some taste of Bob Israel
living up in the Lighthouse for an
office one some - where else, I thought
would be on the look-out for you
if you would like to take charge
of it. With George for an assistant
it would be $40.00 a month for
both of you - or for keeper light Keeper
$30.00 for assistant. Bob Israel
has not decided to come yet but
if he does decide would you take
it if you could get it? You
must be a Republican, anything
else would lose your bread and
butter. It would be policy on
your part to take the Republi-
can side as every thing here in
the way of business and Office
Duties is Republican. It is through
Mr Hoffman and Shannon I am
particularly that Bob got it. Mr
Hoffman is now located at Fort
Clark as a Lieut. in Army Engineers. We could
get there again if you could get
that position. On the Republican
side as they are all now Hoffman
but with influential friends Shannon
Lewis and influential with other pe-
ople. I think it positively

if I can, before I close this if
Bob Israel is really going to come
here and tell you Know - Mr Carr
died at the insane asylum two
days ago for which I am very sor-
ry, he became raving mad, they all
seem to think that the cause of
his insanity - was close confinement
night and day to Book Keeping.
Mrs Salmwood is still in the Asylum
she is not violent but do not think
she will ever be right. Lilly is still
away from School, I could not get
Ry shoes out of the money you sent
as we were too much in need of
things in the house to eat. You
might see Dr Hoffman and
have a talk with him it might
lead to something - he is located
at Fort Alcatraz. Anything there
days for a living. To day is balmy
warm and everything looks dry
but our garden looks nice and
green. George is getting along
quite under the care of Mr Finity
he gets tired sometimes cooking
after himself but I talk to him
and give him the money when
I can (and you send me some)
to get his medicine with. Do
you see that money cannot
stay long with me, the many
drains as George cannot work
hard to earn any he gives out
but for him my days would
all be in a couple of years
from now we will have a great
deal of fruit, Figs and Peaches
especially and Grapes we
will have a few Pumpkins, onions
and Tomatoes - our large lemon-
tree is in bloom but we do
not expect to have lemons
like needs Texas - we have 3

Lemon-trees, 3 Orange trees — all young yet. 7 Fig-trees — 1 bearing Peach tree — and several peach trees that will bear next year — The wind blew down my trellis and broke all my vines and grape-vines that were around my back & have some splendid cuttings now and they are all growing so that next year I will have grapes I think. Harry Israel and George are still great friends, it is impossible to keep them apart, since Harry has been on the training ships he has changed very much, and I can't help liking him, he is quite intelligent and ready and talks like a man — I do not think he can harm George now, as he behaves very well. Captain Wilcox has got him a place on board of a line of steamers running to Oregon — he likes the sea, his father always gives him money and Harry shares it with George. So I have come to the conclusion that it is best to let them visit one another at each other's houses as long as they do not get into bad company. George stays at home now all the time & closing himself. Frank works when he can get it. He married a couple last Sunday for the first time. Everything quiet and jogging along the same as usual. We are all very glad to hear that you are entirely recovered in health, and I hope

The girls say they
would write but do
not know what to write
about, but will write
soon to you, you need
not let Frank know
that you send me
$10.00 in your card
as he has promised

May 9. 99

to give me a little money whenever he gets a job, which is not often. and every cent helps along. Poor fellow I think he will branch off for himself somewhere else soon. W. E. H.

write soon —

Old Town
San Diego
May 27th 1879.

My dear Husband.

Your of May 10th & May 17th came to hand safely, the former one containing $5.00, for which thank.

In connection with the Light-house case at this present time, I have only to say that it is a case of "quien sabe" now if Bob Todd leaves at all, he would like to buy, from what I can learn it will be a long time before he will make up his mind to leave if he does at all, I think he will stay for some time yet, still it would not hurt if you spoke to some influential person, in case Bob should suddenly make

You will see I get strange and heathen again
I am telling
very much
under purposes
defraying
while always
thinks of me,
I need health
expressly
letters from
home
a mine
living

up his mind to leave, I am told that now none but those having been or are connected with Light-house Keeping can apply, and that no one from here need apply as it will only be an appointment given to some one connected with Light-house company, so much for the L-H. the chances are poor —

I am glad to hear that Conway intends settling up so soon, but you are wrong in not getting your money from Bailey before returning, if you do not get it from him before leaving you may never get it and as he is inclined to pay, why follow him up and you may get it before leaving, what in the world you are going to do here without any money I cannot see, you had better hunt around San Francisco before coming down here and moving us all without any prospects a-head, this is a home at least and if you could see any chance of something away from here, why then it will be time enough to leave with us all. All the children are pretty well at present, George is getting better, I have to give him money for medicine whenever you send me any which cramps me, but it must be done and as he is improving I do not begrudge it at all. I have a terrible time with the Piles, and Constipation, I am now taking an Electuary for the piles of Senna, Cream Tartar, & Sulphur inwardly, and outwardly I use Lard & Sulphur which I bring myself, I saw this in Walker's Medical work which we have, and I think it is helping me, It costs very little and may help me much. I am losing flesh and look very thin. I hope you settle with Young and take his note, and settle with Bailey then you will not have any more interest

in New York. A Bird in hand is worth two in the bush, and half a loaf is better than none I have learned that by experience. So you have disloged your boarders I am glad of it, as I think he had a great deal to do with making you feel badly you will very likely enjoy good health now. Frank has written to you and his Grandmother in Brooklyn who continues to send him Postal Cards and says she wishes to see him so much. Everything going on about the same every dull indeed. Moses has not the least influence in the Light-house matter, he knows nothing about it as he has not a bit of influence in that quarter he is a perfect stranger in the matter, it is not generally known that Bob Israel thinks of leaving, nor do I think he wishes it known, Harry only made the remark to me at my house; so it may only have been talk, he told me it was through Dr Hoffman & Caprons influence with Shannon of San Francisco that he got it. I do not think that Israel thinks that Harry has said anything about it to any one else. If there is a change it will not take place for some time to come yet, I hope you will be able to wind up your affairs satisfactorily before leaving for home. Does John intend coming to California soon? Why don't he come with you, it would be a place enough for you both. The children all send love to you hoping to see you soon. I will close hoping you

New York, May 22nd 79.

My Dear Wife,

I wrote you on the 16th instant, enclosing $50. Nothing from you since your letter of the 28th ult. Conant has day fixed for full the judgment against Bailey & Co. tomorrow. I shall settle up with my lawyers & Clerk, as they will charge more than 10% for collecting, owing to the extra trouble they have had. I do not expect to have a balance of more than $200 - consequently I hope to effect a compromise with Bailey for judgment due me, and in that case I shall have $100. I shall not wait long to do this. If it can be done immediately that my execution is issued and attach any funds in Conant's hands, coming to Bailey. If I have not pay me to wait as every day diminishes my funds in hand

which are not much more than sufficient to take me round. I shall go in the second class overland unless I can get a free pass.

I have arranged with Young to sign mine & Minor's and I hope to get the notes in Sellwood's monday, which will be a saving of cash they are paid.

Ritchie has not yet decided to take the Hassler copy and requests me to see him next monday. I have some little matters to attend to, & I don't know that they will result in giving me any money.

I shall not delay my departure on any uncertainty as the hot weather is approaching and I want to get away. Some time I hope to get away early after the first of June. I shall remain a few days in San Francisco looking around to see what can be done for me. I have some friends who may interest themselves in my behalf & they have not given me definite. I think much in the position which he occupies may be able to assist me. I propose to write to him in the course of a few days to notify him of my coming and to request him to be on the look out for me. and until I communicate I thought it might be wise for you on receipt of this to write to him and use whatever influence you may have. You may possibly think of some one else to whom it would be well, and if so you can write me in your letter to me addressed to Tacoma

which we will not make more than sufficient to take me home. I think I shall go in the second class overland unless I can get a free pass.

I have arranged with Young to sign mines & mill. and I hope to get him to write in Sullivan's morning which will be Saturday so we may be paid.

Nikon has not yet decided to take the Hardell Gary and requests me to see him next morning. I have sent the little mallet to attend to, tell don't know that they will be much in going means money.

I shall not delay my departure on any uncertainty as the hot weather is approaching and I want to get away. Sometime I hope to get away early in the first of June. I shall remain a few days in San Francisco looking around to see what can be done for me. I have some friends who may interest themselves in my behalf if they have not grown indifferent. I think much in the position which he occupies may be able to assist me. I propose to write to him in the course of a few days to notify him of my coming and to request him to be on the look out for me and intend connection I thought I might render for you on receipt of this to write to him and use whatever influence you may have. You may probably think of some one else to whom to write and if so you can make use my name. Tell to me additional to Tucan

for your mother. If agreeable I intend to pass two few days I am in San Francisco with Miles Mahoney provided he should write me to do so. I shall see Cameron, Henderson, Fagan, Whitmarsh, Mountain, McMullen and others with whom I am acquainted. Say, Taylor, Hughes &c. I may possibly turn down & find out into something that may be of assistance to me. No harm in trying all I know.

I look for you would ascertain & describe the present whereabouts of Mr S. Dodge and Bingham. Tell me his first name or initials. The last I heard of the Dodges was that Mr D. was in Oakland. The other day I saw the name of a Mr Dodge living in Oakland in connection with some stock transactions. Could this have been our Dodge? More could be looked to find out about him.

I should like to see him as soon as he might
have a chance to get some Encouragement
does Mrs. and myself
I think you may mention it now
to the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~
middle of
the end of the month I think such as
I have been so long coming upon
will hardly be able to leave it.
You will see from the enclosed I am
my Comms publicly receive it
will be as well to say nothing.
We will be time enough when I am
really there. I will telegraph you
when I have something such will
interest in my departure, the
Jack of my heliographing and the
will dignity that I have let be
instead of San Francisco I mean San
Pablo Ridge or some other place and, Grouse Lake
Creamer, call you so. as journals all

may give a fair price & yet make money.
I regret the deviation of Cardinal
to come as I thought probably
I might have added something from
him. I shall see Simpson. Dinner
and may Hodge. Friday I hardly
expect anything from him.
Yesterday was Sunday School
anniversary in Brooklyn. Today
at Prospect Park and Centre Street.
The new Catholic Cathedral was dedicated
last Sunday week. Tickets $5. and $3.
I may get an outside seat for one
& does not interfere with my duties with Harding
for the last time. The 30th will be Memorial
Day - great preparations are being made.
I must close. Send herewith $10.
My love to you and the children. Hoping
to see you all soon. I am your devoted
husband, &c. T. W. Conkling.
— Speakership an expensive item —


MAY 23
1879
Mrs Thomas McKaley
North San Diego
California

"Ever of thee I'm fondly dreaming"

Do not take the trouble to make a promissory note for the $30.00 I shall send by express if you do so.

Answered June 5th 79 with $10.00 enclosed

San Diego
May 21st 1879.

My dear Husband.

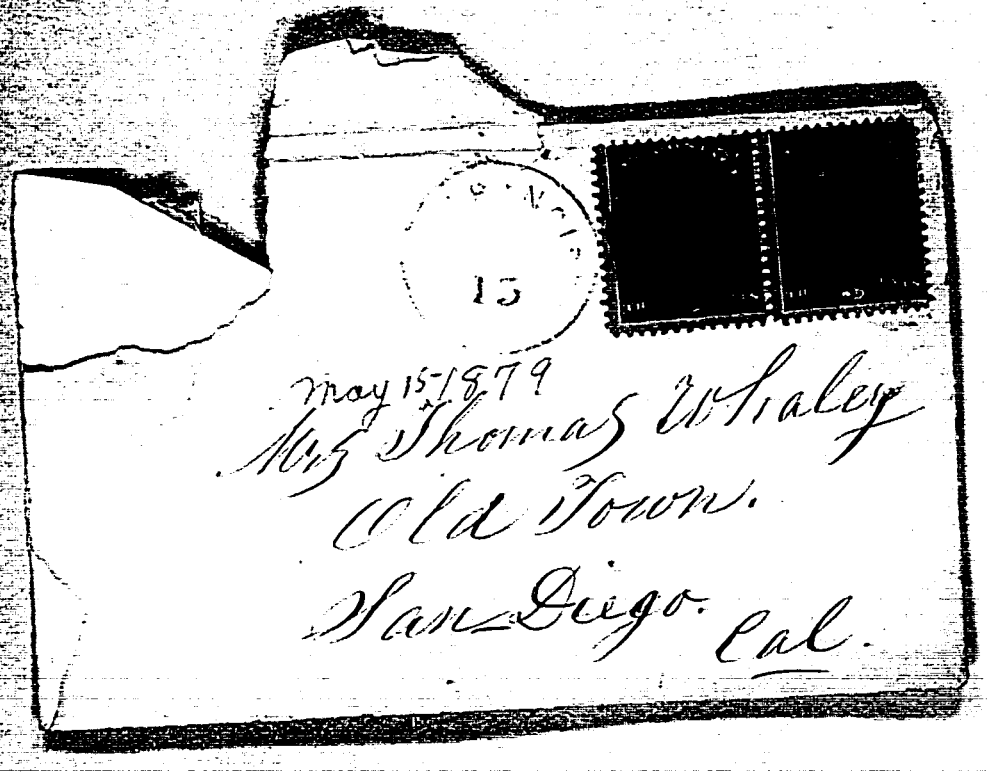
Your of May 21st came to hand safely, containing $05.00 and two advertisement Cards for which I send thanks, all pretty well at present, excepting myself, I suffer terribly from constipation and piles, together with my other bad feelings, sometimes I can scarcely crawl around. but I hope in time all will disappear, for if I thought I should feel this way and live to an old age, I should be very much discouraged. Time will tell.

I told you Mrs Morse called to see me and apologized. We are all glad to hear of your restoration to health and hope it may continue, but so long as you keep your bowels in you, you

must expect those bad feelings which you speak of in your letter. get rid of it quick and don't be putting us off. Apropos - about the Light-house, It seems Bob Israel does not intend leaving for a long time, and if he did, do you from here need apply as they select a man that has been a keeper before, and one that belongs to the Light-house commission. So you see that I was a little ahead of time when I wrote you concerning it, all. I hope by some means or other you will be able to get something to do around here or near here so that Mam and I who do not care to leave our nice house and garden, to go and live in close quarters in San Francisco even New Lemon would be better than here or San Francisco if you and the boys could get something to do - You must not preach poverty when you come home to visit, or they will not be so ready to help. If home proved that out! "you bet you" if they think you have a little they will be more apt to give you a lift - You speak of my garden, I think it is very nice considering underlying many disadvantages - want of plenty of water and time enough to keep the water running the soil is so hard. George had to haul up all the water for the garden from the lake the pop-corn, tomatoes and a few pumpkins are doing well. The largest Lemon-tree has many small lemons on, but being the blue glass bearing and a young tree we do not expect much, but next year we should have lots of grapes, bearing and peach trees too. One peach-tree bears this year - next year we will have three or four bearing and the year after that we will have dozen or eight as the majority of them are young yet - the second crop of figs will be plenty as they are popping out all over now - I think our garden looks well for a rough one. The Bay is all in bloom along the wall, and over the Prairie and looks beautiful and most of my flowers are beginning to bloom. It's not known what amusement I would have if it were not for the garden such as it is, but I cannot work out in the sun any more as it produces such a stiffness and blood-red spot before and eyes - so the day that I do work suffers so much from piles, I go out in the evening and water a few of my flowers. George often waters them for me, but it keeps him busy watering all the trees and things instead of it, were not for him we would not have a tree or anything else. He is getting along pretty well, looks pretty but says cannot till get home - soon he will get well, or if the remedies have taken firmly hold of him yet - he is now commencing on pills of Mandrake etc - he continues his medicine and when you send me any money I generally have to give him 50 cts or $1.00 to get some remedy, it cramps me in groceries very much but I know I must do it. Lillie and I never will have shoes so long as things go on this way. I do hope

say so to George as he is extremely sensitive about taking my money when he knows how much money he has wasted himself, he can not work as he used to outside so I told him that he earns his living helping me around and keeping my garden going - he says pretty soon as he is well he is going a way to learn music and work. he gets discouraged and says it takes so long to get well - I tell him look at me I have been sick four or five years and not well yet, and your chances for getting well are better than mine as I am weak and getting older every day while you are young and strong constitution so persevere and you will have a long and pleasant and useful life before you so he goes off whistling and seems to feel better he is a good hearted boy but a smile is not a circumstance in obstinacy to him. We were all invited to the Light-house last week to spend a few days Lilie and I did not go on account of "Gapaloes" so George stayed with us but Nan, Violet, and Frank went both the Bands and they say they had a "bully" old time music enjoyed themselves so much in their lives, the Lyracly are good whole-souled people and I cannot help liking Harry he is a good boy now and stays home like George does. he is intelligent and a great reader George will not read any book but what he chooses or tell me correct his letters or Grammar so I correct as I go along and trust to his understanding my intention. Frank

5 has a case once in awhile, but
I do not see where the money comes
in. he intends leaving just as soon
as you come home. A good busi-
-ness for John to go in would be
raising "hogs" you might go in with
him they say it pays quite as rais-
ing stock Hetty then raising fruit
trees it takes so long to realize any
thing from them I think - I wrote
you of Carl's death in the Lunatic
asylum at Napa - I am sorry,
he leave his wife with two chil-
dren poor, I suppose his folks will
help her, they sent his remains home
to his folks to Providence R.I.
They say Morse is changing getting very
spunky has words with people they
he always used to get along so quite
with. The day they were up here
he and Frank Stone got talking
about some thing and Morse called
Frank a liar F. hauled off and
struck him more, and but for
those interfering, they would have
had a fight, I hope he will not
get crazy too! for Morse is always
stuck in his office attending to
his papers - and so long the world
Battaile sleeps here yet, but goes
off with winds and thing once in
awhile and intends to leave when
you return, I think he will go
with stores in the country who
has a very little store away some-
where. Mrs Dailey still keeps on
to her spirits - it amuses me to hear
her talk, a great many have come
to the conclusion (Dailey) including
that if she does not quit soon
she will be another subject for
Napa. Man is a lively one
when she get going, she can romp
and dance jigs like a good
fellow - they all sing well and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May 15-1879
Mrs Thomas Whaley
Old Town.
San Diego. Cal.

San Francisco
May 13. 1879

I will try dear Anna to answer your kind letter of the 23d April. as I feel a little stronger than usual since the rains are over I feel better only. I am so much alone. Amelia is today in Oakland and will not return till 6. this this evenig. if I could go out but I dare not venture all alone in the street & I have none to go with me therefore have become a poor old recluse the only recreation I have are my flowers but I dont care for them now as I

used to, although they are
very beautiful if you were
here. I would give you
flowers enough to make
a nice garden. I have the
finest Geraniums in the
city & in Oakland they
lost them all this winter
when I only lost two.
Amelia is not as well now
as she used to be — —
My letter writing was interrupt
ed yesterday by company.
I am very sorry for I dont
feel as well today but
I will resume nevertheless.
Amelia is loosing her Sello
bars sooner this year than usual
We attribute this to the
new Constitution which,
we are afraid will send
away many of our best
families, from S. F. which
would be very bad for us.
however, times cannot
be much worse than they
have been & are still &
all we can do is to trust
to providence since the Lord
knows but he wont tell!
Let us know if you
heard from Wraley
we are anxious as you
wrote he was very sick. for
Tell Nannie I thank
for her nice letter.
Tell her also not to
be so silly as to marry
the first one that comes
along, on the contrary,
tell her to be very sure that
his a good respectable
man able to give her
the comforts of life &

to put her in such a position
that she will never regret
being married.
Kiss them all for me a
much love from your ever
affectionate
Mother

V. E. Lanway

P.S. Tell Frank I should
like to hear from him
and George, how does he
get along?
dont fail to write soon.
Amelia sends her love.

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NEW YORK.

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MAY 2
3 30 PM

Mrs Thomas Whaley
North San Diego
California

New York May 1st 1879.

My Dear Wife.

I have not been to see if there are any letters at Buffalo from Frank or you, but find none. I received your of the 8th April on the 21st enclosing $10.00. I have taken up in particular or understanding his communication. Enough I pay shortly, about $90.00 still due, which I hope will be paid soon, before I go to Europe. There is some prospect of getting money out of Bailey, the house 18 & 20 still having been transferred to his wife so that it may be to his interest to pay, rather than be hauled up on supplementary proceedings and compelled to say how it came to be

New York May 1st 1879.

My Dear Wife.

I have just been to see if there are any letters at Puffers from Mark or you, but find none. I expected yours of the 8th since on the 21st enclosing $100. I have nothing in particular on intending to communicate. Enough I say briefly, about $90.00 still due, which I hope will be paid soon, between as spent. There is some prospect of getting money out of Bailey, the house 18 & 20 still having been transferred to his wife, so that it may be to his interest to pay, rather than be hauled up on supplementary proceedings and compelled to say how it came to be

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put in his name. If I get my money from Conant I shall not remain longer than necessary to get matters in train against B.

The large hall of the Post Office has been handsomely fitted up and will be occupied as a real estate exchange and sales room. I have almost entirely recovered from my late indisposition, having only at times, when the weather is damp or cold, the slight swelling of it under the eyes. My hair has stopped falling out and I am far from being bald, and the deafness in my ear is gone. My appearance. My health generally is better than it was before being sick. I have only to dislodge the remnant I have and have my teeth put in order to produce a tolerable appearance on my return home, when I expect to

before long. I hope you and the children are well, particularly George who I think is recieving the right attention to insure his speedy recovery.

To day is mooring day in Newport and there is unusual commotion in the streets owing to the changes caused by the introduction of capital transit.

I must now close, but promise to write again upon receipt of an other letter from you.

I send you enclosed five dollars and will send you more soon day with work.

With love and hoping to see you all soon, I remain as ever your fond and loving husband

Th Rodney

June
1879

June 2nd 79

Dear Whaley

Be sure & come up to night and dine I leave for Trenton to night—

Brown

Dear Wholy

Call at the House

I have left with my wife

as nice a pair as I could

procure then. Hopefully

a remembrance from Eliza

& Lily

Affect Uncle

N.Y. June 3. 79

New York, June 5th 1849.

My Dear Mrs.

I wrote you last on the 31st May, enclosing $50, and received on the same day your letter of May 21st. I informed you that I had a settlement with Young, receiving his notes for $80 and $350. the former at 4 and from May 29th & the latter at 2 yrs from Feby 11th. I will bring them home to you as you desire.

I have also placed the papers in Rikers hands, ~~bringing suits~~ against B. L. Hansell for the amount of the drafts against Morgan the Exr of his fathers estate, which he allowed to become outlawed in his hands, and also for $1000 and interest money loaned on property which he sold. John and I give Riker carte blanche to do whatever he thinks proper and should any money be recovered he will pay it whatever it may. We thought better to do this than have Hansell to get away with the money and under the circumstances it is probably

the best we could do, as no arrangement could be made with Harriet and no disposition on the part of Henry to do anything.
Riker takes the case, as a matter of speculation, will pay the disbursements employing Wilson to conduct the suits. He will of course have to arrange with Harriet and Henry who will be more disposed to act than they were with Ethel and me. The two suits involve between four and five thousand dollars and should I at some future time get $500 $600 or more out of them I shall be satisfied.
I have not yet arranged with Bailey or sold the judgment against him to Conant who shows a disposition to buy and probably will do so. If nothing done before I leave the matter will remain in my lawyers hands to take such action as he may deem proper.
I fear I shall have to return home in the most economical manner. Ruffin said Roe the Commodore, Law of Vanderbilt, also a Mr. Arnau a large ship-owner of freight, but could not get a free pass through either of them. My only chance remaining is through Fox Pearce with Rufus Hatch of the P. M. S. S. Co. but as this will prolong the time of my arrival home considerably I am almost indifferent about it besides I think the chances through P. M. are very slim. So that I have fixed the 10th of this month to leave here on the emigrant train, and shall leave at that time unless P. M. reports favorable. It was my intention to telegraph to you when I left, but as I have so little money I shall not do so. besides this letter will reach you only a few days after a telegram of Pantom on the 10th. So this letter will be to you formal notice of my coming, and you need not write to me any more here, address future letters to the care of your mother. I will write you the day I leave here — I have everything packed ready to go — the leather trunk which will be checked through marked Thos. Hackney San Diego C/o. E. M. Miles. Spring Valley Water Works, San Francisco — with me I will take the lunch basket and a black oilcloth covered valise, marked in the same way — I shall have little

the money probably not more than $50 or $60 and if I can get a draft on U. S. for a small sum than do so and then the amount of money will be considerable less than $50 or $60 — I enclose you $10.00 and may be this will be the last I shall send to you but it depends on circumstances. as to whether I get any more or not —

I wish you had written about the house half before. I think it is only $150 you had better pay it out of the money sent, as in case of sale it will cost us so much more. We must try to keep the house clear at least — I hope it will reach you in time.

I must now close my dear wife and children, hoping God willing to see you after so long a separation and that we shall spend the remainder of our lives together in unalloyed happiness. Do write dear soul, receive this from

Your affectionate husband.

Thos Whaley

Old Town
June 11th 1879

My dear husband,

Yours of May 31st containing $45.00 and card & the news of your leaving for home on the 10th inst came to hand safely. We are all pleased at the idea of seeing you soon, but cannot imagine what under heaven you don't get into here, more dull than ever. We are all pretty well except George and mostly George has had a terribly swelled face occasioned I think by a bad tooth, but otherwise he is getting along very well and will be well soon of his other malady, he still continues to take medicines which I supply him the money for, I hope it will not be long before he will be entirely well, he is bent upon leaving the girls and everyone says that that is all he will be fit for as he

says himself, Tell "Mons Terrors" when you return I shall trans-fer him over to you and let you you paddle along with him for awhile. I have not been able to go to see the Moddi or any one else, not feeling well enough of the piles and excessively hot weather to move around, there is no stage and no way of going to New Town any more, except with Tilbury and he does not live here all the time, so we are all prisoners in this town. To-day is cloudy and sprinkling some. Am glad to hear you got so mellow out of Young, but am surprised that you have so little coming to you from Company, it is to be hoped that you may get a free passage home so as to arrive here with something I have not told any one that you are coming, nor shall I.

As to the Light-house as I wrote you in my last I think you may give that up, as Israel says nothing more about going away, I suppose he has thought the thing over, and has come to the conclusion that a bird in hand is worth two in the bush. Nothing new here all excessively dull, Tullach and McDonald sold only for debt, Gaff also and rumors of others in the same fix. I think that in time Old Town will be the town again if things go on this way or else both towns will be entirely deserted. The hot spell of weather we had burnt up our pumpkins, vines, toasted the pop-corn all up and dried up most of my flowers, so that my garden does not look as flourishing as it did. I have not much to

write about at present, except to say that we are all pleased to think that soon we may see you again, but you have been away so long that we cannot realize that you will be at home soon. I suppose we will hear from you when you are in San Francisco, at any rate I shall expect a letter or something from you from there. I may wait a few days before sending this so as to reach you in time for your arrival in S. F. Miles I think is no more secretary in the water-work

I think you will feel but hope and pray that you may succeed in getting some thing to do among your numerous friends in "Frisco". So with much love from Children and myself I am as ever your loving wife.

write quickly upon receipt of this. A. E. Whaley –

Ans'd June 16th '79.

Windsor - Canada - June 13 1879

Dear Friend Tom - I received your two letters to day - forwarded from London - We left London some time ago both sick with bronchitis as the climate was too trying for us in winter & spring - We have been to Detroit & around in hopes something would turn up - but thus far without success - We are living at a small village opposite Detroit for the present - before returning to London - as the living is cheap - Since I left you in San Francisco I have had my ups & downs - perhaps more downs than ups - When I arrived in Salt Lake as I had lost everything & having failed in New York in 1853 owing several thousands of dollars - & my debts in San Francisco I found it imperative for me to take the benefit of the United States bankrupt law 1867 - I had plenty of companies as nearly everyone in Salt Lake was interested through mining speculations - I then commenced saving what I could on a salary of $1800 a year in currency -

in a foreign or Canada company & buy my wife
some State Stocks which I thought would be
safer. A year before I left Idaho an agent
of an Insurance Company induced me to
invest in an Insurance Company in Kansas
as it was paying a better dividend than
anything else. I bought $5000 of the
stock & borrowed the money on some securities
I had & asked if at some future time I could
get $2000 more - & my Insurance ~~[illegible]~~ &
lent me $10,000 - So I had to sell out
the stock I had in New York & pay
for it - I had also $2400 in stock of a
bank. The bank failed & all was
lost. As my health failed so much
in Idaho I was obliged to resign my
situation. No sooner had I got to
Canada in Sep 1877. than I received
notice that the Insurance Company had
failed & I was assessed under the
State Law of Kansas for use of $600 &c
which of course I could not pay &
which amount still hangs over me.
I fortunately had money enough
to pay expenses for some time when and
after visiting my relations for a few
days went to Washington to try to obtain
a situation. I stayed there all winter
but did not succeed. My mother in law
wrote for us to come to London to live
until I could get something to do as
our expenses would be very little - the
money go house then. I said nothing
of my losses to my friends in New York
but I think they suspect as I have
not been among them since. I was
too proud to mention it. I have had
some inducements to go to Portland
Oregon & my wife is anxious to go
there as she has relations there & I
have many friends. I have but
little over a hundred dollars in my
possession & do not like to sponge
on my friends - but with a prospect
of paying them in future. You can
see by my hand writing how much my
nervous system has been prostrated -
I say much about your troubles. I was in

hope your father's estate had turned out for your benefit & that you might offer me some inducement to go to New York to live. You are fortunate in having a home - although you have children to provide for. I am fortunate in having no children in our anxieties. My brother in law has some money at interest in London. I think I offering him security on Silver I had when in Byron he will lend me some although not in time for you before you leave unless you can wait till next month - I think you can rely on my sending you $50.00 this fall & $50.00 next year - Do not write or tell my wife I am here this - although she would be glad to - I had the money - but it will add to her anxieties if she knows I have to borrow it - If you can borrow $50.00 from Geo. Cuffer I think then will be no doubt I can send it to him next month - if I have to go to Silver Creek somewhere else - If I do not hear from you I will send your chest to the Depot.

Yours Truly W O Simpson

Answered Aug 8 '79

OFFICE OF

J. G. Megler & Co's Columbia River Salmon Canneries

Brookfield, Pacific Co., W. T., Dec 17th 1879

Friend Tom

Your kind letter came to hand today and regret to hear of the depredations of our "L C Cr Bot" perhaps it is all for the best. Allow for your kind attention as to my Gold Sand it is appreciated I assure you. But it will be impossible for me to do anything at present, as our Canneymen have been exceedingly unfortunate as to prices in U.S. and England and two thirds of them have failed and we anticipate throwing up the sponge next Saturday which will leave me without a dollar to my name. Times are exceedingly severe. Our old friend Joseph L. Hepburn has failed for $30,000 he owned the "Glenn Ella" and has not at present enough money to buy a Nigger or dog feed

If provided I had the means to comply to your request, I would do it with pleasure, and provided I should change my location it would be a pleasure to come down among you. Now Tom I could not advise you in regard to coming up in this country as everything is flat stale & unprofitable. As for the money prospects now anything ahead, as for me I am not sure what I will turn my hand to this winter. Provided I had returned to New York five years ago I might have returned to that village with $20,000. But all I depend on now is my knowledge of minerals & rocks which by the way I think I am well posted, I wrote to day for a loan of $500 to go on I am "flat" but not in gold and I think all will be well. Remember me to Mrs & family with many regrets believe me truly

Respectfully Yours

New York, June 17 1879.

My Dear Wife.

I leave this morning at 7 by the Erie Road. 11 from pass. perhaps if I had waited an hour have gotten one but did not wish to be uncertain by. We be in S. Jo in 10½ days from time of leaving. The $50 note of Young with Kuffner on endorsement have borrowed $10 on it. The $250 note in my trunk. Arranged with Emory Brooks & Clark $210. Broadway as to auto-mower Cash Conant purchases pr agreement against Bailey $87.41 – The balance coming to me on the Pine Street $115.86 which with the $10 from Jo is all I have. I

Please direct your reply to No. 1 Pine Street.

enclose you $10. You will see
I have but little money after
paying for tickets $15.00

I have not time to write
more but hope to see you soon
with love

Your ever truly
Thos Lohany

It will be impossible almost for me to find anything to do more than enough to keep body & soul together.

I received a letter from Anson, but he gives me no encouragement whatever. I spent yesterday afternoon and evening with your mother and aunt. They are well and send their love, hoping that I may succeed in arranging my affairs so as to have you all to come up here to live. I received your letter of the 17th June. I am glad to hear you are well and that you anticipate pleasure in seeing me again. I wish in every case with you will to inform you of my safe arrival and that the trip across the continent was not as hard as I anticipated it would be, the cars being comfortable, going night & day. I enjoyed myself very much at being the greatest fool that I was ever at. With the exception of not taking a little more time, taking in consideration the price, I came as many as comfortable in the emigrant train as in any other way. I have no time to give particulars. I wrote you the 17th July last, the day I left N.Y. enclosing $10 and previously I sent 5th Jan you a ~~letter containing~~ registered letter with $15.00 all of which I hope you have received. I enclose you $5.00 which is all I can possibly spare having but $30 remaining in consequence of forwarding extra baggage having cost me $7. I propose remaining here till the 8th and I hope before then to arrange to get something to do so that I may remain here permanently and send for you all.

San Francisco has grown very much and is now a large and elegant city. You would be far better off here than in the Ana place where you are and the advantage to the children would be very great, but as I may not succeed you will say with my intention but do what you can to assist me or anything to do

San Francisco, June 29th '79.

My Dear Angie,

I arrived here, overland, yesterday morning. I saw Miles, who is engaged in Stock Broking business on Montgomery St. and was at his house to dinner to day. He does not give me much encouragement as to finding employment, but promises to do what he can for me through his friends. He says, after leaving the S. V. W. W., he was more than five months before he got into his present business which he was forced to go into finding it impossible to get anything to do even through such influential friends as Parrott, Lening, Mickle &c — Things are very bad here but about to change for the better. I have many people to see and I hope through some one of them to get into a position. I should like to remain here if possible and shall make every effort before going down in San Diego. I am not at all discouraged, having so many friends and acquaintances, and shall not be satisfied till such time as I have seen them all and satisfied myself and should I not succeed in getting into something through some one of them I shall be greatly disappointed though not disheartened.

Miles is doing pretty well and thinks his chances are good, and would not return to his old position if he could. He says if a favorable turn takes place in stock, which he anticipates, he will be in a position to give me something here I can do better than he would like to have me with him. I am going to see Ransom, Dr. Hammond, Wetmore, McCulloch, Geo. H. & W. H. Hooper, C. A. Craig, Manning, Kellogg, Beck, Claus Stone, McAllister, McMullin, Zeller, Day, Hartshorne &c &c also Peter Donohoe & Spring, indeed everybody that I ever knew here — I will write again soon.

The papers & children are [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] give my love [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] writing derived from thinking [illegible] drinkings and attempts [illegible] names [illegible]

[illegible] Alameda [illegible] May and Duke.

July
1879

San Francisco. July 5th '79.

My Dear Wife,

I arrived here the 28th and wrote the 30th from enclosing $50.00 by mail. I informed you of my decision to remain here unless I found anything to do. I think to proceed to San Diego by the steamer of the 8th of the month. I have been looking around and have seen many of my old friends and acquaintances, and though I get no encouragement as yet from any of them I do not despair of succeeding eventually. At any rate I can remain here for some time, unless I hear of something encouraging from either you or the Morse.

It seems to me I cannot help getting employment here, the city having grown almost beyond my conception, and yet I may not succeed. I have but a few dollars remaining. It would be folly to spend these to go to San Diego, unless there is a probability of my getting into something. Still I think for me to remain here and before the money is gone I may possibly find

employment. I have been around amongst my acquaintances, advertising my list. I have not yet seen all of them, but hope to do so in the course of a few days. Nothing may result from this immediately but I am in hopes I shall hear of something favorable from some one of them soon. I have reduced my expenses to less than $4.00 per week, so that, though I have but little, I shall be able to wait several weeks before being entirely without funds. If I can only get one placed I have no fear of doing well and being able to save a little money as a starter in some future enterprise. I have seen the following friends and acquaintances W. B. Hopper, Geo. F. Hopper, R. E. Hammond, E. A. Hargo, J. C. Wheaton, C. H. Kellogg, Andrew McAlear, Eugene C. Beck (of Louisville) J. D. P. Miller, W. H. Dodge Reg., Madame L. E. Sannay, Amelia Smith, J. Donnithorne, E. M. Miles Reg., Mr Michle, John Perry Jr., Macrudray Reg., Murphy Grant Reg., Dr D. B. Hoffman U.S.A., Dr C. C. Kenny U.S.A., Ira Cook employe U.S.D. Dept, Judge Hyde, Wm Blackwood, Genl R. W. Kirkham, Robt M. Carter (real estate) besides those I have yet to see, Dr. Wm Hammond, John H. Baird, Elam S. Hood, David S. Beck, Lombard & McMullen, A. B. Taylor, Thomas Day, B. F. Stryberg, Peter Donahue, J. W. Bartell, Wm S. Dodge, or his wife (I think she is the name I am in the track of a widow lady Eliza S. Dodge who I believe is the wife of W. S. D.) W. Richard, Monroe Ashbury, Geo B. Pettinos, Capt Wm Kohler of Hutchinson Kohler Reg, and others as their names occur to me. Some of these persons are in prominent positions and have known me a long while and I hope to hear of something to my advantage from some one of them.

I have also been working for Frank's advantage. To day I saw Charley A. Wetmore. For the first time since my arrival here. I explained Frank's case fully, his knowledge of the printing business having since six years, that he was a rising young man bidding fair to make a good operator, having had some little experience. That he was a native of the State and fond of study. - That if an opportunity was given him he might at some future day belong to the editorial corps. - That he was steady and reliable and of a social disposition. I got Wetmore interested in Frank and he said if he could up him he would do what he could to advance his interests in any way. He introduced me to Woodward of the Alta who immediately put me perfectly well

He said it would be necessary for Frank to enter an office and get type for a while and that if he was any talent in him as a reporter it would develop itself. That if he went him and he might give him a job having to employ over a extra hands. Expect him he might be taken in the course of few days, but he could give no guarantee as to the future and not knowing the working of the mind con-sideration. I think it best that Frank should comfort by return of the steamer of the 8th and thus we write at the present time that he may have time to prepare himself, and enclose him $10 to defray his expenses. He can come in the steerage but mind and not let every body know it, though inconvenient to be poor there is no disgrace to be attached to it. I do not say that Frank will get employment on the Alta, indeed on any paper, but through Fremont's influence and other that may be brought to bear when he gets here I think there is no doubt but that he will get employment which will conduce to his future prospects — Amelia is acquainted with some one who she thinks has influence with

the "Chronicle" folks. I guess think, the Bulletin would be the best place for Frank and no doubt but what it would be, the main thing however is he got him started somewhere and if he proceeds as he has given evidence heretofore, I think ~~it will not be long before he does well~~

So tell him to come without fail by Thursday the 8th on his return. We will manage together along somehow. So as not to be under any great expense, my room costs only $20 per month, and I think one for both of us can be had for that. If he comes, bring his trunk, his things and his clothes such as he has. If Frank and Jeff should be here ~~I will not be here~~ for Georgie and the rest of you. Work you to write on receipt of this, or have Frank do so that I may know of ~~Frank's~~ his coming and arrange accordingly.

Sometimes I think I will make an effort to raise $500.00 from friends and send for you ~~and~~ at once. This amount would enable me to do so, locate ~~my~~

comfortably and live like such him as I got into some kind of business. I know I should have more heart to do well for you and the children too. I had, as in New York, a most uncomfortable life and have a very hard time of it. I go amongst friends ~~have~~ talks with them, but they can't help and I can not infringe upon too much of their time in. I must have my home, the same as they have before I am happy and able to do all that is possible. I have friends who might assist me, Raymond, Tango, the Hoofus and others, but whether they would or not it is impossible for me to say. I had rather ~~show them that I can have they out~~ ~~out~~ to the mortification of being refused. After sending this P.O. I have but $16 left which I shall have to retain to do the best I can with, as do not expect any more from me till I get into something, you will have to do the best you can see then. but I hope it will not be long and that neither of us will be in want of any thing. If I can borrow a little money I shall do so - but hate to do it - I will do all I can to get into employment and make money. I am a valuable man to any one and if I can get into anything I shall not think the work — ...Such you to write to me I give me the hope and encouragement you can for I sometimes find myself despondent and notwithstanding my determination not to do so — Write by return mail or as soon as possible. address to the Care of E. M. Miles Esq - 413 Montgomery St — I have sent my trunk to ~~New York to day to remain till I~~ ~~locate myself~~. I have a valise, which contains all daguerr. presents etc. Miles I think will make money. He says he hopes to strike a bonanza soon and if he does he will start immediately I wish. Talk to Chap. this he is liberal in disposition and might do so he says — He has introduced me to his club, where I shall have free access for a month or more. Such you

change in anything that you do from this time on with the view of coming up here - have all clothing in order so that the children may look as respectable as possible -

You and they will be delighted to get here - So much to be seen and to be learned. Last Thursday Dad the procession was at Woodwards garden Dad saw a balloon ascension two persons in it, a man and a woman, they escaped with their lives but were hurt in their descent. Oh it is a large and gay place to live in. I infinitely far to New York and excepting the climate I prefer living here to living in San Diego - Hope to God, fortune will smile upon us and that we may enjoy some comfort and happiness - and though some hard yet may pass before we enjoy these, we must try to nerve our hearts and not be overcome by despair - Instead of my writing again to more Dear Mank wished Anna and Johnny to know nothing certain from you or you able to give me encouragement I shall abandon the idea of returning to San Diego till then to Dear Kate I R. Load. If more is discouraged as I

Suppose he must be let him come up
hing you can in business and we
will make more than it has been made
in D. D. I'm coming home. Although
any one engaged than without a railroad
the worse off he will become as I know from
sad experience.

Dinner now close so with
love commending you to guardian
angels care and that the time of our
again meeting is not far distant
I am as ever your fond and loving
husband.

Thos Shacon

I forgot to enclose this in my letter
of the 30th June — Kate

And that age may first instruct
Other business to enjoy the rest."

Ella [illegible] June 29-19[illegible]

OFFICE OF

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,

North San Diego Township,

SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CAL.

FRANCIS H. WHALEY, JUSTICE.

San Diego. Cal. July 9 1879.

Dear Father:

Your letter at hand this morning. All glad to hear from you, but expected you home sooner than you entertained coming.

You wish me to get ready and leave here, saying there is an opening for me in the city. I will start on the steamer leaving San Diego on the 11th inst. Meet me at steamboat wharf.

All the family well.

Mamma thinks this a good

more for me, and I am inclined to think the same. Times are so fearfully dull just now, and the idea of any one expecting to obtain employment there, now, is simply ridiculous.

Weather lovely.

P.S. = Mr. Crosby sent in my resignation as Justice, and settle matters with the County.

Nothing more at present, remember me to Francesca and aunty, with regards from all here and to yourself.

Remaining as ever,

Your Son

Francis H. Whaley.

San Diego July 10/79

Friend Whaley

Franks says you wanted to inquire of me in regard to the chances for business here.

The chances are very scarce, the place is small and the business overdone, and for a person like you who have so many friends and acquaintances in San Francisco a large city, the chances are ten to one, so it seems to me, in favor of San Francisco.

If Railroad works should begin here in earnest, then

here would be the best place but that may not happen in our day. A few very sanguine men however think they can see some little hope ahead within the next six months or a year. God grant they may be right.

Brooks will explain to you Conklin's swindling suit — I think if you were here you could arrange it with Sr Winder. He claims $15.00 for serving no fair lawyer would charge over $20 or $25 for. Gatewood also acted the d-d scoundrel in the business just to make $25.00 out of us.

Wishing you success I am

yours

E. W. Moore

I enclose a good thing from the "San Francisco Merchant"

(1)

San Diego, July 12th 1879.

Dear Father,

I know that you will not think that I am getting careless, or just write to you for a purpose and no other cause, but I know that you will comprehend all, as you heretofore have done, and as the old saying is, it is better Late than ever this Dear Father is what I do call the preface part of my letter, My letters are like my music or in comparison too it. for every time that I play the Violin I improve my music or more

(2) properly speaking I try to
play better and write better
every time that I write Letters
or Play better time and there
fore you cannot compare
my letters too monotony nor
the monotonous life of San
Diego. You may think that I
try too be odd in my writi=
ngs but it is not so, and
as the saying is a little
nonsence now and then is
relished by the wisest men.
but it is not nonsence of
course not, but plain com=
mon sence that I have writ
ten
so far. But enough of this.
we will now commence with
the same mutual correspon=
dence we heretofore have been accus
tomed too, and which you
know very well is like a sticking
plaster which will never
drop off. Yesterday was the

(3) day that my brother Frank
& his bosom friends for their
good and his own, I hope
that Frank will succeed
in all his undrtakings here=
after. he is now a man and
is getting along in years.

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drop off. Yesterday was the

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after. he is now a man and
is getting along in years,
and it is a bout the time that
he ought too be thinking of
trying to be the posessor of
a few hard gold thousand
dollar pieces, am I not right?
My Dear Father I crave for
the day that I can sit
down by your side and talk
good common sense. Guess
what the people of sense
say in Old Town, they say
that I have more good com=
mon sense fore a boy, than
they ever heard speak of. one
the boys asked me why dont

4 you court the girls like the
boys do. I told them that it
was played out. I told them
that my heart was as tender
as theirs for the young ladies
but that I did not wish too
go on a foolish honey moon
with out lots of money to back
me they all laughed and
said I was right. My common
sense will be explained here. I
have as you may say for the
last two years went through
the jaws of hell. I have learnt
all, and everything that is
bad I have learnt what whi=
skey will do and I have for
the last five been months on the
road of reform and intend
to be so as long as I live. do
try and see if there is a living
show for me too gow too O.F.
I never will as long as I stay in

(5)
San Diego amount too any
ting more than a com-
mon scrub, now my dear
Father would you be in
doubts of me in a big City
gowing through the same
performance that I have done
in San Diego. I now do say enough
of that sort of of play for me,
next on the programme is
this if my Father intends too
do any thing with his Son
George you bet you living
lights on it that he will
stay and act right with
his Father to the very last. So
that when I am an Old man
I can say and boast well
done right by my Father,
and so did he with me
and I am proud of it. There
is one thing that is born in

Come and that is the talent for the harmonious sound music it has been proved by the many musicians in S. D. that I have a natural talent for music, it must be learnt or there will be no more George in existence. The family are all in good health except Mother She is not feeling very well, any how they all send their love and many kisses and so do ☺ So good bye. Give my love to G. M. and my Aunt. Please write to me.

From Your Affectionate Son

George H. R. Whaley.

JULY 12,1879 - ANNA TO THOMAS , OLD TOWN TO SAN FRANCISCO

RE: RACIAL PREJUDICE

TAKE NOTE :BLANK OUT

BOTTOM OF PAGE 1, ENDING WITH"HATTIE MINTER WHO IS A VERY NICE GIRL "

PAGE 2- "PAGE 2 "BEGIN "BUT I AM IN HOPES-- ENDING WITH"HE'LL GET OVER IT". ETC...

I think George is writing to you, he never lets me know till his letter has gone, he is a queer duck.

Old Town
San Diego
July 12th 1879

My dear Husband.

Your two letters of July 5th & 9th are received the former containing $40.00 for Frank's passage to S. F. He left here yesterday by the "Cuyaba" and this letter will arrive about the same time as Frank does. I have written so frequently of late that I scarcely know what to write about now. I do not think Frank cared particularly to leave here, as he has formed an attachment for Hattie Minter who is a very nice girl, not very bright, but good I think

state she is a "Machado" and I would not wish to see him get into such a family they live mostly off Bob Israel now, and would certainly saddle themselves upon Frank if he were to marry Hattie, but I am in hopes he will get over it, and look to you to keep him in San Francisco and away from the association here which is anything but advantageous to a young man. George was disappointed when he found Frank was to go, he said nothing but we all saw from his manner that he was, he merely said, every thing is for Frank, he is very anxious to get away, but I shall keep him here till such time as you can send for him, if you can do so before sending for us do so as I know it will be the making of him.

George is well I believe but he still takes medicine under the doctor's direction, and I think he ought to be very thankful to think he escaped so well after so long a standing. As to our coming up to S. Francisco, I think we had better be very cautious if you can succeed in business or borrow enough money to get us up there till you get into

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can and will dispose this place when left by Mr. I shall make more positive inquiries in case we leave, the garden really looks well, our Fig-trees full of fruit, one Peach-tree full and one Lemon tree with over a dozen Lemons, I seem to look upon all we have raised as old friends, and when I think of leaving it makes me feel bad to think that all will go to distraction which it is bound to do, as there are no people here even to live in the house for nothing, and my nice Cistern of water that for the children, I must for go my feelings knowing that it will be the making of them. Lillie must go to some good school, Mr Du Bois says this school is not fit for her, she can advance

5 rapidly of at another higher School
She is full of music can play
on any instrument and is now
learning the violin, she can
pick out tunes by note and
had a nice voice for singing
She is very smart, and to hear
her talk you would take her
to be 18 or 20, instead of near
her 15th birthday Sept 24th, they
are all smart nice girls, but
Lillie goes ahead of them all,
they have a great deal of amu-
sement among themselves, with
their songs, guitar, dancing and
funny stories, and reading to
one another, every one here look
up to them, and the priests-
here say they are very exemp-
lary young ladies, but the
class of young men who visit
here, are not such as they
ought to be thrown in with
still they behave very well and

and treat the girls with the greatest respect.

Frank borrowed some money from McCoy to go up on, he says $16.00, but McCoy promised to lend him $25.00, so he left me the $10.00 you sent him, so I can get a load of wood, flour, and other groceries we need, he did not like to go in the storage, he is his own master, so let him manage, but I think it is the best thing for him to get away from this place, and shall be glad when the time comes for poor George to leave, he needs clothes poor fellow, he is quite a good sized young fellow, and needs to be dressed up, and looks very well, and will look better when he gets all the pimples off his face. I took 50 cts —

and bought him that much cloth to make him two shirts so that he can have a change while washing one, the little boys shoes are too small for them, and the girls dresses they don't like, while they are growing they need clothes, and a pair of boots — [illegible]

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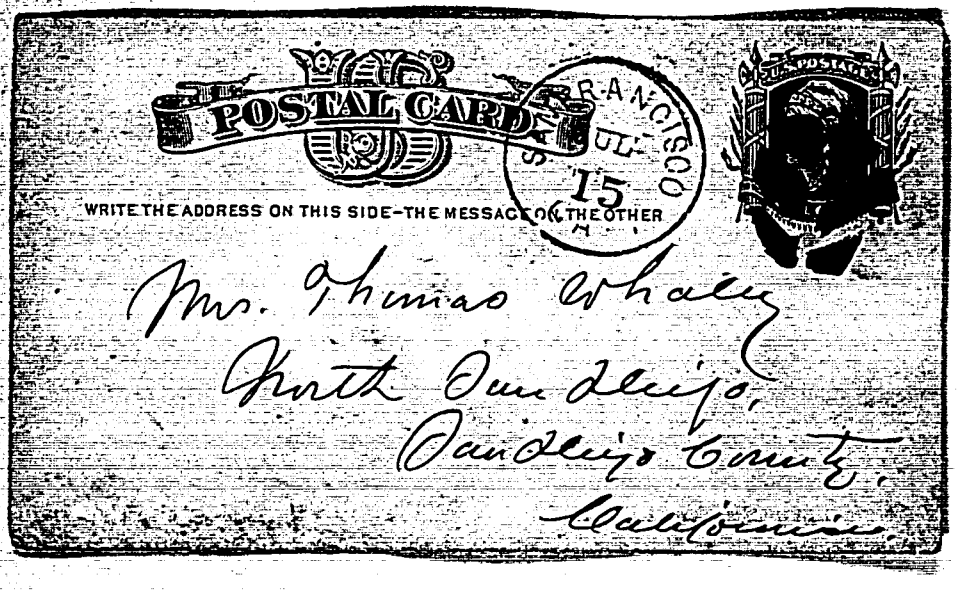
and bought him that much
calico to make him two shirts
so that he has two shirts [illegible]
Got a piece cheap calico
white ground with a little
black flower in it so I cut them
out and the girls make them
he don't like white shirts & he
would like a decent suit of
clothes and a pair of boots.
I told George all will be right
soon & he will get all that after
awhile. [illegible] so he goes
about his work contented.
I am glad to hear that Mollie
and family are well, give
love and all of them send
love, and tell her I hope to
see her soon again. So Sophie
is divorced from [illegible]
she is in the field again
suppose this time for a rich
man. If we could only tell
the places for a few thousand

10 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] clothes does not seem to stand
the [illegible] [illegible] should I think Jennie
you would write to friends and acquain-
tances [illegible] [illegible] supposed or something
which [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at all
[illegible] thank [illegible] will encourage
some. There is no use for you to think
of anything here. Maude laughs at the
idea [illegible] [illegible] else anything so there
[illegible] days. If you could only see the place
now you would understand it all in
[illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] hoping
and praying for your success [illegible] would
again and [illegible] already [illegible] ever
with [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] wife
thanks for the rock, it is indeed very pretty and appropriate.


THE POSTAL CARD
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
SAN FRANCISCO
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Mr. Thomas Whaley
North San Diego,
San Diego County,
California.

Adams care of C. M. Miller
413 Mun 1 funey Dr.
San Francisco
Cal.

San Francisco, July 14, 99.

Dear Mother: Arrived here at 3 P.M. to-day, safe and sound. I have seen father, he looks alive and well. I have not seen Grandma yet but will go to-morrow. San Francisco has an awful power wonderfully. Regards to all my friends. Tuck and expecting her letters. Write quite more anon. Yours, etc. Frank

Please give this to Mrs.

Chestnut Ridge
July 17th 1879

Dear Cousin Frank,

I suppose you think I have entirely forgotten you but I assure you I have not. I had no idea that so long a time had passed since the receipt of your last, until I looked at the date and found it to be, March 18th the time passes so rapidly, I do not know why, unless it is because

I am happier than I ever was before. Accept my thanks for your sincere congratulations, and I hope it will not be long before I may send mine to you. You ask me, "if the man to whom I have given my love is worthy of it," and I can answer you truly, that he is, in every sense of the word, he is so good to me, so kind, loving, and tender, and above all loves me, so deeply and truly, that I sometimes ask myself, am I worthy of such love. I tell you, Cousin, I never knew what real happiness was before, never realized how much there is worth living for, until I knew what it was, to love and to be loved. I love my promised husband, better than any one else on earth, and I ask God to bestow on me no greater blessing than to be his wife. Knowing that he will always be true and faithful to me, and as we go through life together, sharing both its joys and sorrows his love will make my life one long dream of happiness.

I suppose your father has arrived safely at home, why has he not written? Grandma is failing fast I hardly think she will survive the summer. You are things

prospecting in California, Father still talks of going there some time. Do not be surprised, to see me out there. I may make it my wedding trip - Frank, what do you think of anyone going out there and starting the poultry business. do you think it would pay. will you write me all the information you can on the subject. Do eggs and chickens command a high price there. will you find out what you can about it, and send me word, where is the best locality for raising them, the best market, general price. &c. and will you please answer immediately on receipt of this as I am anxious to hear as soon as possible. I have no particular

news to tell you, every thing is about the same as usual. Do you ever hear from Uncle Henry? must close with love

Your cousin
Jennie

write as soon as possible, and a long letter —

J.

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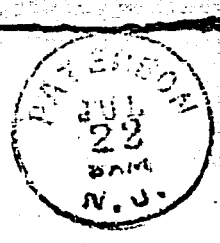

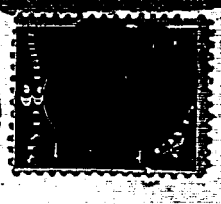

Mr. Frank H. Whaley
San Diego.
California

San Diego. July 28th 1879

Recd July 25. 79

Give my love to grandma and auntie and Frank, and Lillie sends love to you.

Your daughter, Lillie C. Whaley

Soon I remain as ever

Dear Papa,

I tried yesterday to write a letter to you, but it seemed as though everything I intended to say flew away from me when I began to write, and I put it off till another day. I have not written a letter to anyone for so long, that I suppose it will be a little difficult to word this one. I ought to have written to you more regularly than I have, but there is so little to say, and what there is to tell, has been repeated so often, that I suppose you get tired of hearing it.

We were all very much surprised when you sent for Frank

to go up to San Francisco so quickly, and equally as delighted when you said you would try and take us all up there. I hope that happy time will not be far off, for I am heartily sick and tired of Old Town, and long for a change where I can see something of the world. I don't suppose I have any idea of a large city, or what it looks like. I have read descriptions of a great many, but seeing is the best evidence, no matter how accurate the description is. It seems like wasting a persons life living in this sleepy, lazy old place where there is no bustle, no stir, no activity of any kind except an occasional dance or picnic or show, and these are like angels visits — few, and far between. We may not if we go to S. F. have as much liberty and long walks as we have here, but we can see more in one day up there than we would ever dream of seeing here in a year. I do want to get out of this place and sometimes I think I never want to see it again.

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We are having a long vacation from school now. Our teacher Mr Du Bois went away some time ago, and I expect he does not intend to come back. He was the best teacher we ever had in Old Town. Everything I know, as regards school and school books, I learned from him. I think the trustees intend to get Miss Carroll for the next teacher, and then I cannot go to school, because, with her, I go back rather than forward. I intend to study some at home every day, as a kind of review, so as not to forget what I have learned. I should like to go to a good school that is graded, and work my way up. My ambition just now is to obtain a good

education.

Mama is not looking very well now, but I think she will get better soon. She is very thin and does not look at all like the mother I remember when I was a little girl. She sends her love to you and Frank and grandma and aunty and says she will write to you soon. She has been expecting a letter from you for two or three days past. Violet and I are both taller than Mama, and George is the tallest of us all. I do not think you would know us (G. V and myself) if you were to meet us anywhere.

George plays splendidly on the violin and is improving every day. He is as eager to learn music as ever, and I think he will make an excellent player in time. I have spun out the length of my paper and must now bid you good-bye. Hoping to see you

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,

North San Diego Township,

SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CAL.

FRANCIS H. WHALEY, JUSTICE.

San Francisco,
~~San Diego, Cal.~~ July 20, 1879.

Dear Mother:

On the day of my arrival here I forwarded a P. O. card to you which I hope has reached its destination in safety. Contained nothing but a note of my arrival here and few other little details.

Business before pleasure. As far as Pa's getting anything to do at present, it looks quite dis-couraging. He has seen a great many of his numerous friends here, and from them he meets with little encouragement, still he has hopes and does not give

up until he gets into something. As far as I can remember, I think I will be successful, as I have already secured a position on the Atta, which I will enter into to-morrow-Monday-in the "job-room" of the office, thus giving me day work instead of night-work as I expected I would get. I think now that I will get into some business and make money before father gets started.

Pa is now talking of coming for George, as he wants to put him at something; either telling him law or trade or continuing on with his music. I tell him not to send for anyone of you until he gets into something and can see him self out of the muddle.

San Francisco has improved

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wonderfully, it is indeed a large city; but I don't like it. It is windy, cloudy, dusty and in every respect disagreeable, and at present knowing no young people here, it is lonesome, all I am acquainted with is old folks; but wait until I get started, then I will seek and hunt up amusement.

I have seen grandma and aunty; they were very glad to see me and are expectingly moreso. Knowing that I intend remaining here. Grandma's health is a little better, she looks better than when I left

saw her. Aunt Amelia is as lively as ever - always on the go. Last evening she and my=self went to the "Tivoli Theatre" to see the all exciting ~~play~~ opera of "Pinafore", an English piece, it was under a good, and I enjoyed it wonderfully. Joe is in this opera and takes the part as "Captain of the Pinafore". He sings well and carries out his part to the satisfaction of all. This theatre is the "highest" Ger=man theatre, patronized by res=pectable persons and where you can get your lager.

To=day I will probably go to "Woodwards Gardens" and see what can be seen in that locality.

I have seen Mr. and Mrs. Miles, Sophie and all the chil=dren (little devils) Mr. Miles

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and his wife are taken up with me; they want me to make myself completely at home with them, come and go at my pleasure, and not to be in any manner bashful or backward with them. I like them both very much. Miles is full of the ~~old~~ nick. Sophie is a nice looking woman, I recognized her as soon as I saw her. They all wish to be remembered to ~~Dear~~ Sister, as Miles calls us. Miles wants to see George.

There is some little excite-

ment here in regard to politics. It is generally understood here that Perkins will be the next governor. I hope so, as he is a good man. Everything in any other manner is very dull, times are terrible, everybody complaining, but they cannot get any worse, and if anything they are on the upward start. How are things in R. I.

I suppose you would all like to come up here and live, but if you have the same opinion of the place that I have got, as far as living is concerned, you would stay away. San Diego's climate beats the world. I should like much to see ourselves settled again and all be together, but I am afraid this will be some time.

Pa wants to go to San Diego.

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that was in order he can get some=
thing to do there. I tell him =
there is no show; but let him
take his own course, all I want
is to get settled and he can
do as he pleases. Grandma and
Kate have had a big falling out
over some little "pickaninish"
matter. Two people of the same
this position can never get along
together. He is foolish to notice
anything she says. I never do,
and I get along very well with
her. Let them go it.

Let me know how the case
of Vincent vs. Morse and Whaley

is turning out. Defeated they have taken my default and entered judgment against me.

As I cannot find much more to write about at present, and our quarters are uncomfortable, ~~other~~ (although I am now writing in the Pioneer Hall building,) I shall make any attempt to write to anyone until I am settled in new and nice quarters, probably on next Tuesday.

Give my love to all the folks. Remember me kindly to all my friends, and tell them they are not forgotten, and to Hany. The "curly-haired" girl I'll take care of myself. Hoping to hear from you soon and more anon from me, I remain, Our Son

Francis H. Whaley.

All sends love to all from here.

you didn't know a new song entitled
"My Grandfather's Clock" which
is very pretty indeed, except the sing
is rather altogether,
you telling that the San Diego
words printed from July 25th 1879.
New York.
Father Donnelly's Reames S. D. by steamer
to morrow. Your friend Marion Wilson
My dear Son Frank
Called to see you, did not expect me; had
been here on a visit for a few days - your
welcome letter came to hand
gone home to San Bernardino -
this morning, and we were all
very glad to hear from you,
am delighted to know that
you have something to do,
and sincerely hope you will
get into something permanent
and not think of coming
down to this dull place to
hunt business, the idea of
your father wanting to come
here to get into business, it
will only be wasting the
passage money, and all
to no purpose, perhaps when
he least expects it he may
receive your Rotten Card Tombstone.

get into something, I should think among his numerous friends, he might be able to find some one of them to start him in Commission business, or legal store or something to do in the Country somewhere, tell him not to come down here for he will utterly fail here and lead a most miserable existence, and be sick again I can understand how he wishes to see us all, and we him, but better forgo that pleasure for awhile, than to come down here, and I do not approve of all of us leaving here till he does get into something, I am now writing Common Sense and hope he will look upon it as such. We are getting along as usual, from hand to mouth. I am feeling a little stronger than heretofore, all the rest of the family are well. Will attend to the case of Minden or Morse to-morrow and let you know in my next. I think it a good

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for George, and let him
learn a trade, he can also
learn his music in the even-
ings, he ought to send for him
just as soon as he can
as George is very anxious to
leave here, as for us, (I mean
the girls and myself) we
must wait. I prefer for a-
while to remain here in my
comfortable house, to going
to San Francisco and living
among the Irish in tenements.
Now for news. Mr McCoy has
or is threatened with paraly-
sis, his mouth is all drawn

to one side, he can scarcely eat,
the Dr Gregg says that he
must look out for himself or
he may any moment be snap-
ped off. We all went there
last evening to spend the eve-
ning, in return for a visit
they all paid us last week,
not Mr McCoy, but his wife
Mrs Moreno, Mary Carroll and
Fred Donahoe, they had a
royal game of smut, a little
rough, but they all seemed to
enjoy it. Fred Donahoe leaves
to-morrow for San Francisco,
and is very anxious that you
should visit at his house he
will see you in S. F. he has
a nice looking sister. Miss
Carroll has the school again
all through Mrs Coy and
Old Jim Conroy the new
trustee. Bill Lyons will
be married next month

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to Sally Ames, they were called out in the church last Sunday, they will have four bridesmaids and four groomsmen so they say. Mrs. Hinton Mary Pond Addie Lyons, and Victoria Estudillo bridesmaids, Mr. Hinton, George Lyons, Alexander, and one of the Ames boys groomsmen, quite a lightning outfit, I do not know where they will live. Willy Gregg brother of D. Gregg died suddenly of heart disease, buried several days ago. He had quite a nice Military funeral at the church here, Mass and company of Soldiers ranged outside of the church, arms reversed &c. Harry called for a few moments the other day, and says he misses you very much, and I think Lattie does too, from her sole form vacity to write –

looks Sunday when she called with Mrs Israel to see us, but she says you promised to write to her, and she says she knows you will not forget to do it, this is all the information I can give you concerning her, but will gather all scraps I can and send them to you concerning this particular case. Harry sent me six quail and three rabbits - a few days ago, they say he has the situation as assistant at the Light-house, till such time as Mr Stone returns from a trip somewhere.

Parker Dear sends a note to Violet asking for your address in San Francisco I cannot say what for. Billy Cook and Christina will come in Sunday or Monday and sent word to be ready to return home with them. Let me think if there is any more than what I have written. Dr Burrows is beaten as Assessor, that lets Mr Battaile out. Mrs McCue is coming

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to make all allowances it is so foolish to be quarreling with an old woman and for nothing.

Am glad to hear the Bulers like you so much they are nice people, go there whenever you can, and get Billy to let you fix his Banjo and play for them, they are people that you can always be proud of knowing. And Sophie I suppose she will be getting married again give them all my love and tell them to write to me it will be Charity — to write a few lines as it is so dull here.

I should think Raymond or Tacy, might start your father either in Commission or Liquor business. Hoopes too, are

drunk before he left. Having had a good supply on board before he came, he did nothing almost all the time but talk of marrying. As he would say, on supposing I was going to be married, I would say, yes and so, to the lady. And she would say yes. And then we would get married, then the girl would say and he join in with a doubtful song about "Addling his Carrot", finally he became very affectionate. Sat down by Mem, and took hold of he cuffs, which struck to be very familiar, for Dalziel happened to come home this evening. And set him straight. Now is that as high as a Priest what you talk of Mr. Faith. Domelly? Man says that let her out.

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we had a Parlor Social that
night a few nights ago
the girls were very anxious
to go but had to work
so I could not go
any of the boys worked
under Mr Henry George Lyons
work Band Library Building
and Mr George Work Bailey
and left me out in the
Rain I went to see Mary
Moore and stayed with
her the evening with
not going to stay in the house
alone not much than
Population of the Town already
one dollar James Bailey 9th 2 5-8
Work in Town or five dollars
Pay close for you see. I
go here for anything Any
please letter from that fool
Dodson. Go with Fred Dodson
we, you would like have a
letter, Dearest, Blessed, Young
Man, write I must close

9th all friendly inclined towards him? let him (your father I mean) not to be discouraged, that when when he least expects it he may get into something, but hoping to come down here or send for us all

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[illegible] for anything, [illegible]
please better than that, for
[illegible] to visit Fred [illegible]
[illegible] good world like this, a
[illegible] Texas, Oklahoma, George
[illegible] mean, [illegible] must [illegible]

then all friendly inclined towards him? let him (your father I mean) not to be discouraged, that when when he least expects it he may get into something, but not to come down here, or send for us all till such time as he sees his way clear, George yes, he can send for him, as he can be of use, by getting him to work of some kind, I think he is pretty near well. Mrs Tuley the day is getting crazy fast on spiritualism. a part of that persuasion [illegible] at the place with Rick and Dovey and in the day and night commenced disgusting the whole place pretty near. She made Bill Tuley acknowledge that he and Charley Morris had dug up [illegible]

Bob Strack says, the place is
the old woman Bellicular
Hell, judged guy for being the
guilty go to the "Connie's Pic-nic"
Instead of to the Light house —
he land. She was so mad that
she hopped on one toe all
way the room, he and his
wife dropped here yesterday
and he was one that before
has - George, and Hardy have
left for New Orleans to the
Light-house to work. I think
perhaps that which Mark goes
with Christmas, George
Sylvester may go there some
time as Billy could invited
him to - I have not yet got an
envelope so until such time
as I get one I will write any
thing that comes along.
Mrs. Slade and Mrs Eubanks
called to see me so also
Ellen Brown and her sister

FRANKLIN LAWTON, E. M. MILES.
Member San Francisco Stock Board.

E. M. MILES & CO., Commission Stock Brokers,

413 Montgomery Street,

San Francisco, July 28th 1879.

My Dear Wife,

Your long and welcome letter of the 12th inst. came duly to hand, also one from George of the same date, and another from Ellen of the 28th of this month. I am glad to hear from you all, your letters cheering me for some little while at least after their receipt. I have delayed longer answering than I should have done, hoping to impart some favorable news, but as nothing has as yet turned up I will not defer longer the pleasurable duty I owe of communicating with you least you anxiously concerning me should be unnecessarily aroused. But for Frank's writing to you some time since I should have done so sooner. I knew he would impart to you all the news, or at least what was worth telling.

I am almost disheartened if not quite discouraged not yet having received the least encouragement from any one of my friends to whom I have made known my situation. I have, so far, only asked them to aid me in obtaining a position of some kind, but owing to the fearful dullness of the times, a per-

feel stagnation in everything, even worse than in Mud-Creek, no opening whatever, occasioned by death or resignation has presented itself to them. They say, those doing business would sooner discharge employees than engage the services of new ones, but that they retain their old ones, out of sympathy for them, though at reduced salaries. This is a fearful state of affairs and when they will mend it is impossible to say. I think after the State elections are over, but I fear it will be a much longer time.

Frank had reason to suppose that he would be engaged by the Alta people. Every day he has been to see them, and still he is informed that he must come again, as the work they expected has not yet made its appearance. I tell Frank that they have got him on a string. To day we went to see Clark P. Young, the managing editor of the Chronicle. What do you think of that? He is a very important person, one aspiring great ability. He was very glad to see us and seemingly took a great interest in Frank. Introduced him to the foreman who placed his name upon the list of applicants and when opportunity offers he will get employment. This is something accomplished, so that he has now two strings to his bow, though no certainty as to when he will drive benefit from either. Mitch has promised to get some friend of his, who has influence with the "Bulletin" to see if anything can be done for Frank on that journal. I am almost sick and disgusted with the world having met with nothing but a continuous succession of disappointments for so many years past, besides the torment and anguish of mind which separates me so long from you my dear wife and our darling children causing me sleepless nights of misery. So that at times I feel as though I could lie down and die to free me from all care and trouble, and but for the solicitude which I have for the only treasures which I have upon this earth I would seek death. I know how very foolish and absurd such thoughts as these are, still I cannot help entertaining them at times. I left Mitch with a light and buoyant heart with the intention and expectation of seeing the loved ones from whom I have so long been separated. On my arrival here your letter and those received from home were so very discouraging as to my further progress toward home, with the hope of doing anything in San Diego to get a living

for my family that I determined to remain here and set myself at work seeking out the many rich and influential friends which I have not doubting at the hands of some one of them. I should meet with such encouragement as would give me a moderate position at least enabling me to send for you and the children, but how my efforts have been rewarded I have already informed you.

For you dear wife and children I will still endeavor to keep up my spirits, and may be at the time when I least expected it something favorable, as you state in your letter received by Frank to day, will intervene itself for the benefit of all concerned.

I have determined upon a new course of practice. If my friends have no position to help me to, perhaps they will find it readier to give me pecuniary aid, and intend to ask it of them.

Frank thinks that a Job Printing Office might pay. I shall solicit something for him, and if successful, and the business runs as well as it will likely do from the indications, it will give employment not only to me but to George.

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San Francisco, _____ 18____

Two hundred dollars is the least amount Frank thinks will do to commence with on a small scale and I shall canvass amongst my friends to raise this amount if possible, and should I succeed in obtaining it, I have no doubt of our being able to get along.

We go to see the Miles more frequently than any other people and they receive us welcomely. We went there yesterday afternoon and evening. Miles was not at home, as he rarely ever is, indeed. Moses has told me some things and from which I can infer I should not think they live very happily together, though having everything comfortable to all appearances. They have three sons and one daughter with the prospect of a further increase. We have called once to see Sophia and her two daughters the youngest of whom six years old, reminds me of Violet, and the eldest ten years, reminds me of Lillie, when they were little girls about the same age, the one being pallid and the other large. ~~for the age.~~ Sophie says it is not her intention ever to marry again preferring rather to be free and having a happier time. I have also seen her divorced husband, who

still keeps up his acquaintance with the Miles. He appears to be a very gentlemanly person. I know nothing of the cause of their difference, further than the divorce was obtained on the ground of habitual drunkenness, to which he made no demurrer.

Talking of various things to Mrs Miles, I told her of my intention as soon as Frank got started, of sending for George, and that I would like, if I knew what to do with him, to have Lillie to come up with him. She immediately replied that I could bring him to her house and that she would go to school with her daughter Sophie — that she would be pleased to have him for a companion for herself as she found it extremely lonesome, Maddie being so seldom can at home, she being now obliged to keep company with her servants. I thanked Mrs Miles for her kind offer, but as I wanted to see him yet before I could send for Lillie we would have ample opportunity to discuss the matter. I asked her if her husband would make any objection to her having Lillie with her. She replied no that he would not. She said it might not always be pleasant to Lillie as she and her husband sometimes had words together, that on this account she was very sorry for Maddie when she was up here last stopping at her house, and knew that she must have felt very badly on that account. I told her that I had never heard anything about it. I believe Mrs Miles to be a good sincere spirited little woman and that she would do all in her power to make Lillie happy if she were with her. Eddie I think quite the reverse from his wife from what I have understood, though personally I have no reason to complain of his treatment towards me. He knew exactly my position, having written to him from N.Y. soliciting him if possible to find employment for me. Mattie says, despite as strongly her husband is, she knows that he likes me and if in his power he would assist me. He gave me a cordial invitation to come to his house whenever I felt like it to dine, every day if I wished, and said he regretted that his house was not larger that he might offer me a room. But I knew if his reputation for selfishness, then (they have moved from Fairlawn house to a smaller house nearer on Washington St. meantime) for me to go to his house not oftener than three or four times a week, least I should wear out my welcome.

Sophie Miles this daughter is a bright eyed girl of 12, very intelligent and smart. I made a hit with her the first time I saw her. She is perhaps a little too wild and boisterous though

incomparably dumb and amiable in her manners, but as she grows older she will probably settle down a bit. She is brilliant in her ideas and conversation as much as a girl generally can at least two or three years older. I think to Otho is a child that Lillie would fancy and love. I was thinking of speaking to Mrs Day in regard to taking charge of Lillie as soon as Mollie. If the two, for some reasons, I might prefer Mrs Day, but for many others I would prefer Mollie, but inasmuch as Mollie has volunteered to take charge of them, I will leave to you to signify your preference and in case you think well of it you can open a correspondence with Mollie upon the subject, which perhaps will be better than for me to negociate it further but just as you please in regard to this — Should you prefer having Lillie with Mrs Day I will ascertain her willingness to do so. We have some claims upon the Mills for an act of friendship of this kind, but none whatever upon the Days. In view of our being able to send for George and Lottie soon, I think it would be advisable to prepare them for the journey as far as able without incurring any extra expense that —

were. I refer to the preparation of their clothes all of which to be in perfect order as soon as possible to have the same.

Lillie speaks very well of the Sun Bird as a teacher, but not so well of Miss Carroll under whom she says she cannot go to school, because she would rather go back than forward. The change which she spoke of as likely to be made, appears from yours to Frank to have taken place. You will therefore decide whether it is best for her to continue going to school or to continue her studies at home. The difficulty of the latter being that children are so apt to grow inattentive of their books, when being so much by themselves alone.

Talking to Mollie about Lillie, of late, she said she might on account of the inefficiency of school instruction in country towns have to be placed in a grade lower than she had been in San Diego - say the second grade, but if she was found nearly proficient for entering the first grade she might do so at the end of six months and by the end of the year advanced enough for entering the high School the course of which is 6 years and one year longer in the Normal School should she desire to become a first class

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ve and become a credit
we shall be glad prepa-
to ~~[illegible]~~
Lord bless he knows and
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him has to be taken out
soon after his arrival where
is his junior who knows so
without the least pretension
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he is very apt to be thrown

ever. I refer to the preparation of their clothes
all of which to be in perfect order as far as
possible to have the same.

Willie speaks very well of his New Boss as a teach-
er, but not so well of Miss Carroll under whom she says
she cannot go to school, because she would rather go back
than forward. The change which she spoke of as likely
to be made, appears from yours to Frank to have taken
place. You write then for decide whether it is best for her to
continue going to school or to continue her studies at
home. The difficulty of the latter being that children are
so apt to grow inattentive of their books, when being so
much to divert their attention.

Talking to Mollie about Willie, of course, she said she
might on account of the inefficiency of school instruc-
tion in country towns have to be placed in a grade lower than
third in County towns have to be placed in a lower than
she had been in San Diego - say the second grade, but
if she was found nearly proficient for entering the
first grade she might do so at the end of six months
and by the end of the year advanced enough for
entering the high school the course of which is 3
years and one year longer in the Normal
School should she desire to become a first class

proficient teacher as seems her best to become. Then Mollie said: or she might study half a year in each grade of the high school before entering the normal school, but I did not understand her reference to this. In any event before Lillie attains her nineteenth or twentieth year she might be so well educated as to command the salary of a first class teacher, under-mining her independence of necessary to gain her own livelihood. Our aim must be to do so by at least one of our children however badly the education of the others have been neglected, and if we can do anything more for the others, as I hope and trust we may, it will be our greatest delight. One thing let me remind Lillie about, and that is how very particular they are about arithmetic. A child may be proficient in everything else, but unless ~~have~~ the examiners an examination sufficient in this branch she is kept back and is not advanced to the next higher grade till the end of the year. Therefore I would particularly recommend her to give very attention to her arithmetic, so that on examination her she will not be placed in a lower grade than to which she is fairly otherwise entitled.

I am much pleased with the penmanship and the general condition of her letter to me. Sophie Macouchie (that is Mrs Ow) read it to Mrs Mills both of whom spoke in praise of it and said it was commendable for her years. Still there is much room for improvement if her Lillie's desire is to attain to perfection. I regret that I shall not be able to reply to her, but I hope when she again writes, as I trust will be very soon, to have the time to do so.

Regarding my dear Son George in whose welfare I feel the deepest interest. He also has written me quite a lengthy, and as you may imagine, an extraordinary letter, expressed in his own quaint unclassical style. He tells me of some of the troubles he has passed through, acknowledges himself to have been rather wild, but now that he has seen the folly of his actions he has reformed and never intends to do anything bad again. I hope for his own sake and ours that he may stick. He is anxious to come to San Francisco. My intention is that he shall come just as soon as I can send for him. I doubt not under my control George will be a very good boy and that he will show

soon learn many things that will be instructive and useful to him and become a credit to himself and that we shall be yet proud of him. But he has to ~~learn~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ find out how little he knows and how much there is to learn. In other words the great ~~conceit~~ conceit in him has to be taken out of him, which will be done soon after his arrival when he finds boys several years his junior who know so much more than he does without the least pretension of knowing anything. When this shall have taken place then George will begin to learn something. I believe he has extraordinary good sense, but never having had the opportunity of developing it in San Diego, how could the place for him to bring it out? I regret he is so overjoyed of music to the exclusion of everything else, as I have not the fortune requisite to develop a musical genius. He must make up his mind to banish the idea from him of becoming exclusively a musician as it is rarely ever one succeeds and not likely that he is one of the exceptions. Unless a musician becomes thoroughly proficient - a grand master - in a ~~mediocrity~~ medium - but remunerative - profession, he is very apt to be thrown

into such confusion as will lead him to ruin and George having already ~~leading~~ had some experience in this line, would wish to avoid anything tending towards this. I have been looking around to see if it is possible to place him with a musical instrument maker, but there are none here, unless it be Jacob Zeeh manufacturer of pianos on 9th street. and to get him there at the present time would be rather a difficult matter, little Dorothy had to do so should he desire it. But there are many branches in the making of pianos, given to different people and rarely is a man to be found who understands all the branches and can make a piano complete. The making of pianos is about the only ~~[illegible]~~ business of the kind that pays in the United States. Violins, Guitars, harps &c are imported, as they can be manufactured cheaper elsewhere. I suppose George would prefer learning the manufacture of guitars and violins, but if he could do so, whenever the use fit when they may be bought cheaper than he could manufacture them. There is always sale for pianos and they can be manufac-

tund at a profit in this country. There are several places in this city where they repair musical instruments of various kinds. I have enquired if they wished an apprentice, but none are required. Such shops being conducted by foreigners who in their native countries were taught to make some kind of instrument, or by those having a general knowledge and a mechanical turn that way, who are able to do such work. Not one of those I conversed with admitted that they were making more than a living, and one man whose store was closed, came running from a distance when I knocked at the door, said business was extremely dull, that he had lived in S. F. fifteen years, that he had brought none of his sons up to the his business, preferring rather to apprentice them to something else.

I don't know what George will do when he comes up here but we will try to find something to keep him out of mischief and where he may at the same time be earning and learning something. He can then pursue his studies in which I fear he is sadly deficient, in the course of his coming, besides giving his music some attention, and if possible he shall have the opportunity of advancement by some good professor. But let him bear in mind that the learning of some kind of business whereby he may ~~[illegible]~~ gain a living will be the matter of first importance, and the acquirement of music only of secondary consideration in which he can only hope to advance from his own determination. Music is all very enough for amusement at the proper time, but other things of greater and more vital importance ~~[illegible]~~ can not be sacrificed ~~to be sacrificed~~ to it. Frank seems to have the proper idea of his duty, which he relishes as a sort of enjoyment, to detract him in his leisure moments.

I wish George in anticipation of his coming up here soon. to give his undivided attention to the exclusion of the violin, to learning to write and cipher well, as on his arrival here it will be easier to find employment for him. If I remember rightly I ~~remember~~ think ~~his~~ ~~heading~~ informed me that he had a good head for figures. ~~but~~ I should like to know if

what is in his head he can be produced at his fingers' ends. He writes a large bold hand, but not such an one as would be of particular recommendation to him for business. Mr Mills has asked me to write about George's penmanship and figuring. He said if I knew one of the Stock Brokers offices he could readily find him easy employment at a very fair compensation which would give him the means to study music to his heart's content, and that possibly by the time he has learned to write well and to figure quickly and correctly he may himself be able to give him a position in his office. So I hope George will be ambitious to learn these branches and set about doing so with earnestness without a day's loss of time. There are old copy books enough about the house to get ideas from, or he can ask Mr Battaile to do him the favor to set him a few. If he knows little or nothing of figures he had better go to school to Miss Crusee to learn them. He is old enough now to have sense and not mind going to school though he may be the only big boy in it, when the object is

be gained thereby is of so much importance to him.

I hope that now that George is on the road to reformation, as he says, that I shall never hear other than good reports of him and that you will find him a most dutiful boy, even willing, notwithstanding he is so big and you comparatively so small, to obey you in everything. A boy wishful to become a great and good man must respect his parents. and more particularly so his mother.

The same excuse which I make to Lizzie for not answering her letter must apply to George for not answering his. I hope however write to me again soon as soon as the other children that have not done so for some time past let them write short letters enclosing in yours or bunching them together.

I love sometimes answer them when I have more leisure and more money to invest in stamps.

I have lately been busy writing letters to Wife to different friends who made me promise

to do so and when I am through there it will be of great relief to me. It is a nuisance to be bothered with writing so many letters and yet was employed I could not devote the time to it, but situated the way I am I find it a diversion and keeps me from thinking about my troubles.

I forgot to say that John P. Young married four years ago, has four two children and resides in San Francisco. I expect to see him again soon and if he is as well off as I think he may be, I shall not hesitate to ask him to assist Frank in some substantial manner.

Pritchell has gone up entirely. Took his bottom dollar. He says he is either keeping or attending a restaurant in Oakland having placed his children with his sister. He says if he can get into anything else, no matter what the pay, he will forswear stocks.

Though Miles is doing what he calls a steady commission stock business, yet I should not be surprised to hear of his going up any day as in all cases the margins on purchases are not always sufficiently ample to cover the sudden depreciation of them, for which he then must become responsible for any deficiency on a total loss. He is however hopeful, expects the striking of a bonanza when he will begin to make money. He says a good little stock market would give him more business than he could possibly attend to and that in six months time he would realize in cash in Gold over one hundred thousand dollars. Still I would not wish to be a broker. I would rather have some good paying business, making money less rapidly, though certainly, than to be in Miles place to day with the care and anxiety attending him, not knowing the moment when an explosion may come and raise him skyhigh.

Frank wrote you about my last interview with your mother. I am sorry that he did so. It was not my intention to have said anything to you about it and I shall not do so now. Further than that your mother is as vindictive and cross as ever, and that there may be no further cause of unpleasantness I have determined not to see her again. I see no pleasure in quarreling with an elder-

man who has no reliance upon her feelings. The matter was entirely a personal between ourselves and had no reference to any one else. So I hope you will not give yourself the least expense concerning the matter and say nothing more about it. It was an inadvertence in the first of Frank to have written what he did to you.

I wish to have to inform you of one thing which escaped my consideration, that is the appearance of my obstinate boarder. You will perhaps remember what I wrote to you about him at the time of his supposed complete government. what I then supposed might possibly be the case appears to have been really so. He had directly walk away but remained within me to form a body the conduct of which appeared only within a few days past. I have to obtain more of the Specific from the man in Philadelphia, and follow it with other prudent rules which I omitted to do being almost confident that there was no real occasion to take them. I have confidence in the Specific and believe it to be true again and follow with exactness the directions I shall obtain certain relief. I mean to set to work as I am subject for some days past to dizziness in the head, but without money nothing can be done. We have run much

more than a decade between us at the present time, and I would rather the matter to come from him, but I suppose it will be forthcoming from some quarter by the time it is actually required.

I want to tell R. W. Carter, real estate man, seemingly long on his business, who has had a fine office for it. I loaned him two years ago when times were better, no hard up than I am to-day ten dollars which he paid me back when he came home. To-day I asked him to loan me $10. He did not refuse but said he did not have it. I asked him if he would let me have it. He said he had it. So I shall keep boring him until he lets me have it as he pays me which I hope will be for my funds go out entirely. By the way if you can find among my papers an "I.O.U. $10.00 R. W. Carter" written in blue lead pencil with you would enclose it to me. Also if no particular use has shown the man deny that I ever loaned him the amount or that he paid it back to me, I would like to have it so he put it through that hum. Also you may find an agreement in relation to a lot 20x60 on Nicollet which I gave me by a man named "Thurber."

You may also enclose this to me not that I know that it has any value at all. also one of the certificate of Shares of Napoleon Stock to enquire about. Frank says about six months ago he saw something in the papers about commencing work upon the Union Pacific and something in relation to Napoleon.

Should this be done it will do no harm to enquire about it. Also send me the certificate of Shares of Crystal Lake Stock. all of which I believe is worthless, but like the drowning man I am ready to grasp at straws.

We have quite a comfortable room, rent paid till the 22nd August at 1220 market St. I have a double bed in it, besides a bureau, table chairs and stationary washstand, brussels carpet on the floor and a few small pictures on the walls, for which we pay $8.00 per month. In exchange he lives communically which we can do for about twenty cents per day ~~we can make our food last as long as possible~~ ~~liberal~~ we are keeping house, that is make a table the tea and coffee and have such other things as must be convenient to handle without much trouble. We have no reason to complain at our lumber fare which is occasionally interlarded with a many squaw meal at noon. I say many because they now have dinner at their house and the supper, at seven o'clock, consist of meats, bread butter & tea, generally vegetables never. Sometimes fruit they have stewed on peaches extra. I don't say this complainingly. Beggars never must. Everything is of the best quality and are prepared elegantly served and a waitress to attend upon the table.

I don't think it would take much to turn Frank homeward. He evidently has an attraction there, but as you say after he has been here awhile, he may from other associations. I would regret any of my children marrying into a greater family such as are those of the common men in San Diego County.

It was my intention if can I had got the pay from Cuba to have sent you $5. of it. I promise you my much that I am made to send you something as you are be compelled to be under obligation to

others for favors. but wish assured that as soon as I can make a money I will do so.

I mean I should send for you, what will become of the house? It would be too bad to have it and the garden go to destruction. I don't think Mrs Kenney would take it, for of such a weight a mortgage and pay the taxes and keep the house in repair and look after the garden. If you have the opportunity you might speak to her about it, or to any one who was equally as good. I suppose there is no chance to sell it for $1500 or $2000. With that sum we might purchase a homestead here.

I am sorry about McCoy and hope he will recover.

I saw J. G. Estudillo the other day on his return from a vacation in Los Angeles County. He thinks he will not go back to San Diego again when his term of office expires.

I have more trouble about the suit against Hand and more for $25. damages. It is an outrage on the part of Cutlent and in the power of Winder to reduce it he chooses. I hope the mosses are friendly. Perhaps to move about the proposed money to Hayes conveying property to him, at the time not knowing that there was any ill feeling against our Father's memory and think it was any trick of mine. Gatewood has done me great wrong in appearing for me in the Dodson suit and have been greatly injured as consequence. But they to outlive it yet. In case Ballard finds nothing

Uncle Tom I received your letter the money
Bob fell and hurt himself so I came down
to his mother I think it is precarious I think
we will come to New York to live then if
any thing happens to Bob I can take care
of him Bob sent you fifteen dollars
by express about three weeks
ago did you get it write and please
let me know as I am anxious
about Bob will try and come over to see you
next week in haste from your little friend
Mrs E Birch
Direct 793 Pacific street

POSTAL CARD.
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
U.S. POSTAGE
BROOKLYN
OCT 14
7PM
N.Y.
Thomas Shaly
14 west 16 street
New York
City
122.50
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Aug
1879

San Diego. Aug. 2nd, 1879.

Dear Papa,

You cannot imagine how surprised and pleased I was when I heard in your last letter of the excellent opportunity afforded me of going to San Francisco to resume my studies. I am deeply grateful to Mrs Miles for her kindness in asking me to stay with her, which I would like very much. It would not only be a pleasure to me to be there, but also a companion for little Sophy. I am afraid I am sadly deficient in some of my studies, but close attention and industry to them now will, I hope, enable me to pass a pretty fair examination, when I start in with school. I know I cannot go into the first grade now

but I am sure I ought to get into the second. If I am to study to be a teacher, I shall have to give undivided attention to my books, so as to make up for the time I have lost. I am nearly fifteen years old, and do not know half as much as I ought to, for my age. The three years that I went to school with Miss Carroll, I can safely say I did not learn a single thing. She may be educated as a teacher, but she does not know how to impart her knowledge to the scholars. I could teach now as well as her myself, and make the children understand me better. It may sound wrong to talk this way, but I am greatly incensed against her, and three years is too long a time to lose, without feeling it. I told you in my last letter, that the trustees expected to get her back into the school, and they have succeeded. She has been teaching now for about two weeks.

In looking forward, five years seems a long time to have to study in. But at the end of that time, when my education is complete, and I am to graduate, five years labor will seem but a trifle in the honor of the moment; when I shall receive my diploma and be declared a finished graduate. I shall then have something to depend upon, because I can teach then and be independent. I shall then be proud to help my parents to whom I owe a greater debt than ~~to~~ anyone beside. And I hope I shall acquit myself fairly at school, and be an honor to my parents in after life.

Nannie has gone out in the country to pay a visit to her friend Christina. She positively declares she

will not leave San Diego though what attractions there are here for her, is more than I can tell. She does not like San Francisco and says she would rather stay here alone, than go up there. I am at least half a foot taller than her. She is the smallest one in the family, and I (with the exception of George) am the tallest. Mama has written to you today, and she will tell you her opinion about my going up there better than I can. ~~Tell Frank for me he had better stay~~ where he is. He will be very foolish if he comes down here. Say to him not to be afraid. She will keep. I shall have to close now. Hoping to hear from you I remain.

Your loving daughter
Lillie C. Whaley.

I would have no children to look after, and more time to study. I could be a companion for her too, if she wanted one. I could still be a companion to Sophy for I could go to school with her and have her for my companion there. Of course you know what is best and I will willingly and gladly go just wherever you say for I want to get away from San Diego. This is for you and please don't show it to anybody; for if you do you abuse my confidence.

Ever

Lillie.

Papa — This is private: only for your eyes. In your letter you casually mentioned Mrs Day as one I could remain with while in S. F. Would it not be better if I stayed with her? As I said in my letter I must give close attention to my books and would I not have a better opportunity there then at Mrs Miles? At Mrs Miles I should probably have to take care of the children, while at Mrs Days

San Diego Aug 3rd 1879

Dear Frank,

Your welcome letter was received by me this morning with great pleasure. I am glad to hear that you are trying to start in business for yourself, and I sincerely hope you will succeed in whatever you undertake. In any case, do not come back to San Diego. You may not like San Francisco just yet, but the

longer you stay there, the more you will like it. Besides there some chance of your getting ahead in the world up there, while there is not the ghost of a show for you down here. Stick to whatever you undertake, and you will come out all right in the end. You did not tell me what you were negotiating for — whether you intended to have a printing office of your own, or a store. I do not know anything about the law suit you have reference to in your letter. Mama will write and tell you all she knows about it. She says you had better write to Mr Morse and he will give you full particulars concerning it.

We went to a panorama the other night. It comprised views of the Centennial Exhibition Fairmount Park in Philadelphia Old Liberty Hall and a great many other fine views of the Centennial grounds, buildings and exhibits all of which were very nice indeed. It included 100 views, embracing stationary scenes in the Art Gallery, Main Building, Machinery Hall and Memorial Hall all of which were beautiful. The pictures were

shown through a magic lantern, and appeared very clear and distinct. The statuary in particular was the most noticeable and pretty because they looked exactly like real statues. I felt as though I was at the Centennial myself, wandering from room to room and looking at all the exhibits, so vivid was the representation of it. So we can say we have been to the Centennial as well as you and I am sure we saw more than you.

Fred Donohoe stopped here to say good-bye to us before he went away. He said he would

and Hattie both received letters from you.

Enclosed you will find a letter which, I suppose, comes from Jennie as it is post-marked Patterson. I would not have answered your letter so soon, but that I wanted you to get that letter. I would have waited until I could find more news to write about. Give my love to Papa and my friends, and tell Grandma for me, I am sorry she is sick and hope she will be better soon. All send love to you in which they are heartily joined by your affectionate sister Lillie C. Whaley

go and see you as soon as he got up there, and take you to his home to stay with him. He appeared to be very anxious about your having a good time, and wanted to make everything comfortable for you.

Nannie is paying a visit to Christina at Lee Pocus. I suppose she will stay out there for a week or two. I have not seen the "black-eyed signorita" since the picnic we at the Light-House, and more, I don't care to. We do not see much of any of them now. Harry has not been here for some time, and we are no losers by his absence. He

Tell Frank that
Hattie's little sister Old Lovey
were all up here
to-day and stated
at Church time. they
said that Hattie and Harry both
received letters from Frank.

San Diego
Aug 3rd 1879.

My dear Husband.

Your lengthy
and welcome letter came to-
hand safely we are always
very glad to hear from you
long or short letters, or one con-
taining money or not, either
way way your letters are always
acceptable. I wrote quite
a "newsy" letter to Frank, there-
fore I have not any news of
any consequence to send you
I spent to-day Sunday hunt-
ing up the papers you asked
for and have found them all,
and enclose them in the same
envelope with these few lines
I am sorry to think you can-
not amongst your numerous

and [illegible] who wants Harry for [illegible] thing other in San Francisco or some thriving country town, but I think yet you will succeed in getting something to do if you only keep up your spirits and never say fail, I really think you have had a terrible amount of patience to you, and think any other person placed as you have been for so many years past would have given up long ago, but nothing like pluck, in the end you may reap a golden harvest.

I have seen the "Union mine quoted in the San Francisco papers, but do not know if it is the Copper mine, if that start up, then there may be a chance for the "Napoleon". No harm to see and learn all you can concerning it. I have not seen Moses yet but think Frank [illegible] will do far concerning the Tindy Moses & Dodson case, ought to write to Moses himself and ask for information as he Frank will understand better than I. Frank wants to know in Lillie's letter how "beans are" pretty low indeed, but I do not want to worry you any more than I can possibly help, knowing that when you can you will remit. My visitor is coming on me after five months absence that is the reason I have been feeling so badly for two or three days, a long pull for me, but there is always an end to everything.

Harry Israel sends kindly a note tele Frank to go to church with her but she does not care to go, as

things. The people here do mean
are talk saying that is going
to happen. Anyway I don't think
they know anything about it. I think
that is nonsense
but they want something to
talk about. They also say that
Frank will send for Harry to
go into business with him.
I hope I think it will not think
of such a thing as Harry is
not such a good young man.
I wanted you and Jessie
to get married
because I thought it would be
a good time at "Dad's
Cottage," have not heard from
him since he left. I would
like to see little Doris
the poor little dog seems that
she loves so much but I think
it would make her feel badly
and cause trouble. We have
a very comfortable house
I suppose I must close the
letter as I have to do so. Tell Frank

Rec'd Aug 13. 79

Lacine Aug 3rd 79

My dear friend Whaley

I was very glad to receive such a nice long letter from you as yours of July 22nd but very sorry to learn of the hard time you are having. I do hope your guiding star may rise again for one of your stamina should be bountifully rewarded. I do hope ere this reaches you you will have found some kind of employment that may pay you well. I may now say that I am fairly located here Mrs Bracone and the children came on early in July leaving Roy the evening of the 17th arriving in Montreal the morning of the 5th I went to Montreal to meet them and did meet them some 35 miles out on the rail road.

hoping you are in Montreal City
I took an outward bound train
got off at the station and immediately
into the other train walked into
the Pulman car and up to Mrs &
Children before they were aware of
my presence. We arrived in Montreal
at 9 O'clock then took a Cab and
drove all over the city and over the
Mountain Park, returned a game
of La Cross for the Championship
of the world and it was very exciting
then Back to the Lake Boat just
before 7 O'clock in the Evening - All
pretty well tired but not as tired
but what we sat out on deck for
some hours gazing upon the Moon
lit river and river banks dotted here
and there with villages - it was a
lovely sail arrived in Lake the
morning of the 6th Sunday - Hoping
stocks at home with growing
a Maid of all work and a cook -
so that when we got to the house
Breakfast was already - and one
would hardly think that we were
tolling the first meal in the house
as Eliza furnished all the furniture
and I fixed up as much as I could
before I sent for her to come on
The home had very cold weather
here until the last three days
which have been quite warm
I received a letter a few days ago
from your friend Thompson from upper
Canada asking if I would give his
Brother in law anything to do but I
could not - as I have nothing to
do with engageing Employees -
The work here is very extensive and
is the largest piece of Concreting
work in solid on this continent or
any other - and I think the only
piece of solid work in the world
although large masses of concrete

have been laid it has been done by making large Blocks of Concrete and then laying them the same as stone. When complete we will have here one solid Block of Concrete 4000 feet in length. 48 feet high and 20 feet at the base and 6 feet at the top. We lay it in layers to bond together. or that is when a course is finished off we leave stone sticking up so that when the next course is put in it has a fair strong Bond the following Diagram may show it to you

the figures are large stones and the ////// is Concrete made of 1 part fine Portland Cement 2 parts clean sharp sand and 2 parts fine gravel or fine Broken angular stone. I am held responsible for the entire work although there is a government Engineer he has no responsibility I lay out and direct the progress of the work and then report to

the resident Engineer who verifies my work - We have one Dennick here which has a carrying capacity of 3 yds of earth. it takes it from a given place and dumps it 210 feet distant and moves daily from 1000 to 1600 cub yds for 24 hours - One thing if you should hear of any marks on your side of the Continent and they should want a Man of my Build speak of it - ~~for~~ Concrete I will be way up when one finish here am making Experiments all the time have a nice Labratory and 2 men to work out any thing I may get into my head in relation to mixing cement with different parts - and proportions. To day is Very warm yet there is a good Breeze - I hear from Steve once in a while and he is still with Hague - and inventing a mine work machine - I shall send him

your letter as I know it will
interest him. I do hope you
will continue to write and not
loose sight of us. Do as to
help me forward as far as your
quarters are so letters may reach you
also if any Engineering Jobs
should come up that I can
refer parties to those in charge
of their Immense works and
they can by writing to the parties
have find out my Ability in prosecuting
works. Eliza and myself dined
last Sunday with Mr Peters the
Head of the firm. had a very pleasant
time, The house we live in is a
very old one, but in the best of repair
have Hot + Cold water Gas. Baths
+ c + c it is 250 years old and
with one or two exceptions the
only one of the houses now
standing that was standing when
Quebec was taken. it is the
best location I know in Quebec
having a most extensive view of
the River and Mountains for miles
we are 150 feet above the the
level, immediately on the edge of
the Terrace de Carlen Roads there only
being between us and them the street
sidewalk and then the stone wall
fortifications directly in front
of our front door is what is
called the Half moon Battery
and the Common drill ground there
and Bugle amuses himself by
playing home on them. Eliza
says it seems like some story
she has read or old pictures she
has seen. (that is he being here)
Every thing is very odd conveyances
Farms tools in fact everything is
50 years behind the times.
I really have no more to say
to day - but that I sincerely
hope we may be able to be

together again before many months pass – Remember me most kindly to your wife and children in which Mrs Browne joins me Although never knowing seen them we feel that knowing you so well that we must know them. and again I sincerely pray that a Divine Providence may favor you with prosperity. Keep me posted in regard to your every stage

Yours Very Truly
J Vincent Browne

Mr. Ira Cushing Mendes
on first trip on Cambria
Atlantic & Lake Huron R.R.

San Diego
Aug. 4th 1879.

Dear Papa:

As all the others have written to you, I shall follow their good example, though I fear my letter will not be very interesting as Mamma & Lillie have told you all the news that can be scraped up in this for-

Dear Papa: Mamma and Lillie are conducting quite fast & great. Mamma and Lillie are

taken place, yet I will write to show I have not forgotten dear old "Poppets."

When we heard of your arrival in S. Francisco I was sure the next news would be "get ready and come up next steamer", and Lill & I were discussing what we should wear up. Though we were a little disappointed in not going yet I felt happy you were so much nearer to us and now I think our turn has come, so you must not come any nearer, but let us go to you, for of course you would not think of coming here, after all the discouraging letters you have received concerning San Diego. which are true and I do not think it possible for any one to describe S. D. in its worst colors. it would discourage them before they half finished.

Frank is "Big Injun" in this family, as he has hitherto been "Justice" and Lord knows "what-not." Tell him with a kiss that I do not intend to write to him until he writes to me, for when he was in New York, I

wrote to him first and his reply was an ungrateful lecture about my writing first that it quite humbled me for my "presumption" so I will wait which is very likely I shall. Tell him last Sunday Hattie, Louisa, Mrs Israel, Pa, Ma, and myself went to Paradise Valley and Hattie could hardly get home for eating about a bushel of peaches, and since then has formed a Grecian bend. but is recovering. (she wasn't afraid to eat as judge man always)

Dear Papa I have managed to scribble enough to fill this paper and must now come to an end as my allowance is rather limited in paper. and with love remain your loving daughter Violet

Old Town
San Diego
August 14.
1879.

My dear Husband.

Your long looked for letter came to hand this morning, but I am very sorry that you write so discouragingly, still you have not been very long in San Francisco as to expect to get into anything right away. I should think that Raymond or Fargo might start you in a small way in this line of business in the country or around San Francisco somewhere, I think it would be a good idea if Frank could start a

job printing office, I just read over Frank's letter to me, in which he tells me that he had "secured a position on the Alta, which he says he will enter into to-morrow monday in the job room of the office thus giving him work in the day time instead of at night" now what does he mean when you tell me in your letter that he cannot procure anything to do? people have inquired concerning Frank and I have told them as he wrote me that he had a job on the Alta. I hope that something will turn up so both of you may get into something rather than return to this place where it is almost impossible to get anything to eat even with money. I intend to retain possession of my house till such time as you both get into something, as I think it would be the highest folly to leave this house for one creditor to take as it seems they can do, it is only for three of the children that I am concerned George, Violet, and Lillie, I would like them to have advantages

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gh young man having a trade but the association will be different from which she has been brought up to, but she says she is of age and will choose for herself, I think if there were any other nice young man about she might think differently. And I think his choice is even worse than Nan's, as the Machados are in my opinion lower than the Lyons family. I would not let him come here if you can help it, keep him there, as this is no place for young men or business people. When you get something to do as I think you will after a-while by keeping up your spirits and not write so foolishly about dying, some thing may come in your way

when you are not looking
for it at least I hope so.
I have not a cent in the
world, but still I do not des-
pond, as I am continually
hoping that I may get some,
and so, from day-to-day I
go on, Mr Battaile gives us
things to eat once in awhile
always making a poor mouth though!
I say nothing but take what
he gives and thankful for it.
I think it is nothing more
than what he should do when
he can, although we are many
and he alone. I think he
would like to go off in the
country, but is waiting to see
what will become of us -
Now as to Lillie
I think it a good idea
to send for her, and if Mollie
would like to try her for awhile
and it does not work to the
satisfaction of all hands, why

then you might ask Mrs Day, I think a great deal of Mollie & Sophie, but especially Mollie as my sympathies are enlisted in her, I think she is too good for Miles altogether too pure, and upright, and innocent for him, and if she had any other resources, she would be justified in leaving him after what has transpired on his part, give her my best love and tell her that there is no one whom I would trust Lillie with for safe keeping than with herself, she can be useful to her with the children and good company, I would do almost anything to get Lillie to some good school, she and Sophie Miles will get along well together as Lillie is very lively - good natured, and sings and plays on the guitar very nicely. Mollie can make use of her, before and after school hours, Lil, is always willing, but is very ambitious about learning. You might see Mrs Day too, and tell her. Lillie is a fine looking young girl and will be a

Praying Mam with nursing,
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might see Mrs Day too, and
tell her Lillie is a fine looking
young girl and will be a
nice companion for her, if the
thing does not go well with
Miles, it will be Nedi's fault
if anything transpires to
upset things there, do not
say or repeat what I write
here to Miles but read this
portion of the letter concern-
ing Mollie to her. I feel fri-
ndly to them all, but my feelings
are enlisted in Mollie's cause.
My love to Sophie McCormick
and tell her that she too
has a place in my love, and
that I often think of her and

wonder if she will get married again, give her my love and tell both Mollie & Sophie to write to me. I think Lillie resembles Sophie so much, in looks and disposition they a good natured, it must have been the impression of Major's death, that that time that fixed the return-blanse. One thing I am fearful of Miles is, that he goes after all the young girls he comes across, now Lillie is quite good looking and I would not have Miles fool with her as she is innocent of all such things and very modest, I do not want her head filled with nonsense about marrying flirting or beaux yet, you will have to be on the look out for him but do not for the world let Mollie

Dear Rhoda I have decided to
have a small room for Lalt
young compliment. Lalt I did not
want Miss Parker to go to
quit if concerned this under
protection Grace I am perfectly
willing to have her, the
this day and the which is
the best arrangement you can
make for her. All I can say
about Florida is to send word
how when you can as he
will get this court dated and
I will send Rhoda where
with his brother to her place
again if they get settled. Then
perhaps I may be able
change for Violet. Man must
work hard to this house
but I can tell the best way
then, as we is a lot loved
our head and a piece of
land that we go away and
leave the house for awhile
to some one of the family

and the furniture must be left in it so that it cannot be called abandoned. As much as we all want it see you we all think it is best for some of us to stay here and try to sell the place in no other way. Give Mrs Day my regards and all who inquire about me.

I suppose that mother and Amelia will be quite angry if Lillie goes any where else but with them, but we must do the best we can for her, and give her all the advantages possible. I am sorry you have fallen out with them, but it has been such a trivial thing that it has scarcely made an impression upon me. Tell Frank to give them my love, and to write

to me. I am glad to hear "Frank" enjoyed his "Christmas". The music and instruments about which you wrote them, have been a source of great amusement to the children afterwards.

Adam has gone to spend a few weeks with

[illegible] he is a "Grasper" and
you would imagine one himself
to be of Christ. I do not
see the Moqui Indians their
Gallant fit one since I called
to see them but a few days but
they are in the Cage to be
taken off. I do not think that
I have opportunity — I called this
to convey and inquire whether
you have any [illegible] and if
there would be home much the
money to pay for a table cover
[illegible] I shall be at the
house tomorrow with my love
and [illegible]. Life is [illegible]
the page of [illegible] — but it is dignified
though, all the world [illegible]
opening up in full [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] Dickson, tell Mrs. Gaddis
[illegible] Mrs. [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs. [illegible]

Received this letter yesterday
to send you this morning, but
I thought I would say a few
more words concerning Lillie
and Miles, I wish you
to keep all I say concerning
this subject to yourself, as I
do not wish to hurt Mollie's
feelings or Miles if he has
any, so do not say a word
to them about what I write
upon this subject, except to
say I am willing, if Mollie
is, to try it for awhile.

As I said before
I hope Miles will not fool
around Lillie and put mean
nothing in her head, and
then Mollie has so many
children, and expects coming
that I am afraid Lillie
will be more of a nurse
than a companion, that
is only an idea of mine, it

might not be so, and Miles' children are so unruly that I think perhaps Lilie would scarcely have time to rest. Of course I would not expect her to remain at either Miles or Mrs Day's without helping before and after school hours, but she must have time to study. I would like you to see Mrs Day first, before letting us with Mollie, and if Mrs Day thinks she may make use of Lilie around of the wishes, she will find her very willing and good disposition, if Mrs Day objects when then we can let Mollie, but do not say this to Mollie as it would offend her, be sure clear properly and keep this to yourself as this is between you and I. I would wish Lilie [illegible] to [illegible] with children as then it would unfit her for study and yet she might make herself useful in both places if she goes to either. I will send this off this evening so as I leave here to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

petition, I [illegible]
when then we could nothing
but do not leave this to Molly
as it would offend her, be
sure clear properly and keep
this to yourself as this is be-
tween you and I. I would
[illegible] wish Lilli[illegible] to
[illegible] with chi[illegible] as then
it would unfit her for study
and yet she must make
herself useful in both places
if she goes to Elton. I will
send this off this evening so
as I leave here to-morrow
morning at 7 o'clock.
I will hunt
up the papers you ask for
to-day, and as soon as I
get them will send them
to you. Tell Frank to say
where he is and not let
him think of returning here,
as the young ones are now
talking of leaving here.
Appearances of
your business, I don't think
you ever did get the head
away, even in early times,
for sometimes the head they
say is the life of my poor

[illegible]

This is the 26th anniversary of our nuptials!

San Francisco. August 14th 1879

My Dear Wife, Your welcome letter of the 1st & 3d inst, containing Sunday papers, and a letter from Willie came to hand several days ago. I have not answered, for the reason that I had nothing favorable to communicate, and I am sorry that such is still the case. I reply only from duty and even fearing that if I delay longer you will become anxious. Neither Frank or I have anything to do yet, though prospecting hard. It is needless to say what we expect, but whenever anything assumes a definite shape I shall be happy to inform you. I wish to God that I had some good news to impart to you, but I have none except that contained upon the enclosed slip of paper, and as to that being favorable, in view of the many past disappointments, it is rather doubtful. When I can see the smoke and hear the screech of the engines of the Texas Pacific, I shall believe in the reality of it. We are soon to get into something, but

when, it is impossible for me to say, that I may
receive your present counsel and send for George
and Lillie. So you will be patient and feel
that to be this same, and improve that mind and
their minds as best they can. I hope George has
followed my advice regarding learning writing
and arithmetic which will be of the greatest
possible advantage to him hereafter and may
more readily assure him a respectable po-
sition when he comes up here—

I read a portion of your letter to Mollie in re-
ference to Lillie and delivered your message to
Sophie. They both send you their love— I said
nothing to Mollie in reference to any arrange-
ment I might make with Mrs Day. Mollie and
Eddie are friends again, but how long to re-
main so is uncertain. I saw Mrs Day yes-
terday. Instead of being alone, as I anticipated,
she has her daughter Annie, expecting to be con-
fined shortly, at home with her husband, three
children and nurse. And to make room for
them Tommy Day, his wife and child have to
take quarters elsewhere in the city.

Do you see there is not much chance to get Lil-
lie in there, she having no room to spare and
all the society she desires. Mrs Day felt very
sorry for our reduced circumstances and inquired
of me Lillie. Said she would enquire amongst her
lady friends where she might be as comfortable
as at her dry house. and wished me to encourage
to see her, besides giving Frank and myself an
invitation to dine and spend the evening any
time we wished to do so.

I regret the impossibility of making any arrange-
ment with Mrs D. for Lillie. which I think would
be better than placing her at Miles'. As to any ar-
rangement she may be able to make with others,
who would be strangers to us, remains to be seen be-
fore giving any opinion. From present ap-
pearances, if Lillie comes up, it seems as though
we can not do better than place her with the Miles
where under the protection of Mollie she will be
perfectly safe, and perhaps enjoy more of home
than at the Days'. Miles is very friendly
towards me and always makes me wel-
come at his house and offered, when I at pres-

and writing. He thinks that I should go down to San Diego, and let George come up here as it will be easier for him to get something to do there for me. indeed he tells me that he sees no chance for me whatever, and recites to me a number of his acquaintances, formerly in good positions, who to day are out of employment, or working at salaries of fifty or sixty dollars per month. Miles thinks that if George were here he might, though Mr Babcock get him a position as Conductor on one of the Sixth Ward Road Cars at $75.00. But this is uncertain. Whenever I think or I get into something, to do so justify sending for Willie & George or for all of you I shall do so and I have no doubt but in the course of time we shall all find something to do. and in this time comes I can only recommend patience and to wait. I shall do all that is possible. Miles says if I wish to go down to San Diego, he believes that he can get a free pass from Gould & Co, on which George or I may return. I do not think that it would be right to send for George to come up here, leaving you and the girls at home without any protector unless

I does in a position to send you means to make you every way comfortable then are many things which George does for you which if he were away from home you would have to pay for, so that it is necessary to send you the money to pay for at least that much. I hope George does not think of leaving home at any time without his knowledge and consent. We are all in a bustle having pretty hard times but I believe as you do that something will turn up that will better our condition. So let us do nothing rashly that will cause sorrow or regret to ourselves or to one another. Mamie must do nothing rashly or unadvisedly. If she could marry anyone respectable (without regard to family) who was abundantly able to support her comfortably in a manner suitable to her mind, I should not withhold my consent and I am certain that you would not, but to marry a young man out of a family with whom her parents could never have any intercourse, who has no means to support her even comfortably, no matter how respectable he may be, would be a great pity

I thank Violet for her letter of the 4th enclosing to Frank
I cannot possibly write to each of you, though I
appreciate your letters. Which they have done everything
Mamma I am looking to your visit, hope I
shall not have to wait much longer. How delight-
ed I would be to see you all in a comfortable
home again. I hope I shall not have to write long.
Give Vicky I often think for her and thank her
you as soon as I can and then she can compute
Kiss the children and my love to Mr Walker
I will write. It will be best to wait
until Mr Walker comes. Do not let your mind
dwell upon
this. I hope the journey has not worn
off Annie as I have. It should have
had this letter and the requisitions
reading. I always thought she would be
the cleverest of the children and I hope time
brightest of the children and I think so
I do it has been owing to sickness and now as she
is old enough to understand she must
not have her new work. Mrs Jones is kind
and Annie and Lilly are behaving
when the cold air. Tell Johnie
do many things to be praised by the cousins
Mr Walker. Hope you have taken to the Indian cousin
can never leave the church. She thought
advantage. I have seen few presents in Jany
time to the children, nothing to tempt very great
I hope Mr Walker will be able to remove
warm. Give I showed Lily them to Hypothecate as well
as others for you. but I shall have to keep all

(11.) life such time as we must. I enclose some few letters
Mamma giving a few as mementos to the children,
dear Mr Walker, Mamma, Lily
Pictures given to him as mementos to the children,
Mamma Walker as I have been so
I feel lonely discouraged at times and
almost make up my mind to leave for
home. but I know it would be impossible
and I do not do this. Oh how
I wish I were home again for anything to do there. but there
are no chances. Oh for a long and to remain here doing nothing, almost
the mistake I have made. Oh for a home with
my own in a country place and a rage the body
I have done I might just as we have
a few comfortable years in some place, hoping
but all disappointed in me. I am tired
being in. I am tired. Had and I
have a cheap room
very economical. I have a cheap room
the bread. We can live for less than
$8.50 per month, with light
and fire. We make dinner for
breakfast and tea. I don't know
how to pay more I don't know
15 cents per day on an average keeps us in food for
both. Sometimes we get a square meal
for 25 cents. Sometimes we get a
cheaper. Sometimes we have
Mr Walker. I have borrowed $5. and am
from friends. I have borrowed
that much in debt. I expect Lilly I get
Mr Walker. Do let Annie express
employment to send you anything. Do you
a young man from Chester in town or
work or Mr Walker. Have nothing to do
will have to get along as well as you can. I seek
anything to get money rather than starve. Ask
Mr Walker. Long and patient
Mamma Annie Bonnie is very
hope for better times. I must now close
and children. Frank sends love. will write soon. Do
Praying God to keep you safely - from your ever loving husband
Thos. O'Kaley.

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Not being present this is all I can do. I am in no hurry to get rid of any children especially Nannie our eldest daughter. It has not owing to circumstances, been in our power to do as much as we would have done for any of them and Nannie being the eldest of our daughters she is made to feel it most just now, but if she goes but wait awhile our circumstances may change and we in the position to give her some advantages respecting Society if not of education. If we were all up here together as I hope will be the case soon, I feel certain she would contract other ideas as to marrying any one at present. But enough of this for the present. I have seen Hoopes. But as he had not yet seen Peter Donahue. I can give you no information. He introduced to Sutton. Though he does not think it would result in anything. He said he had spoken to Haymond and Dr Hammond in reference to me from the former I expect nothing. he has grown old and selfish. Though Hammond may get something. just now the present Commissary Capt Byrnes has been ordered East and but it is (

not yet known who will be his successor. Dr Hammond who I have seen since Hoopes is intimate with him. Says he will find out and if possible to get me a position he will do so. I believe if you were here you might help me in this deal too and if you think you can do so by writing to Dr Haymond, No. 85 Mission Street I wish you would do so at once, urging upon him the importance of my obtaining employment. Perhaps if not in the Commissary Department, somewhere else. His brother Major Hammond is said to be a very rich man and connected with railroads.

Sometimes I think people are under the impression that I have left you or that I am not so badly off as I represent myself to be, and then feel unwilling to take the trouble, and whilst in my case as otherwise they would do — Surely, be wrong to think so in these times of almost universal suffering, when there is no difference arises probably that they are many as bad off themselves, or know not how soon they may be, or perhaps having so many friends and acquaintances, they find it impossible to do anything for the tenth part of them.

Rec'd Aug 18.

Old Town
San Diego
Aug 18th 1879.

My dear Husband.

I don't know that I have anything in particular to write about except to say that I have not a cent, nor have I had for two weeks, we barely get enough to eat, and that little seems to be given against the will, I suppose Mr Br.e wants to keep what money I think he had, in case we go away so that he may "straddle" somewhere himself, I hate to feel as I do every time he hands me a little sugar or coffee, he always says, he owes for this or that, which I know is not so, I think I shall have to black out pretty soon, and tell him to stop making such a poor mouth, and if he gives anything to give it with a good will. I owe the Baker $5.00 and the butcher $2.00, can get nothing more from him. I thought to have heard from either you or Frank by

this time, even if you have nothing to send, you might at least tell us know what you are driving at, but received the two papers you sent, but a letter might have come too. Hurly called to see us, and says he thinks I have lots of patience waiting on you. Judge Fitterly thinks that you ought not to have any trouble at all in getting something to do, even, or at a low salary he says it is easy enough if you want too. Battes tough talk that isn't it? he told Mr Battaile so I suppose it went a hitch at him too. I do not see the Morris's any more, I have no mean of going to them and they do not wish to go where there is any fear of a demand on their purse. No fear I shall not ask them to be relieved, so do not tell me to go to Morris for I will not, I would rather starve in my track, than do that. I will pay them a visit if I ever have a chance. I can't know how slim the chances of getting down to New Town now. I am begining to be a little discouraged and think I have

4 peacefully in heaven. Alone, the children have
built forts for themselves by throwing pillows
and cushions down on the floor, which
are all strewn after them. The door
has come open and let out the little girl
crow, all drunk that the Mainlys
are having this morning as Parsons
all his week's wages in the saloon
about six o'clock. Every morning this
poor little mother goes out with
both children to fetch a jug of beer and
not able to. Gives the news that in
such an unnatural way. Mr. McCoy is
getting better slowly, and Mr. Kenny
so glad that Christy had one address
again has come to the dirty house
and day. Frees which Silently found
Father learning this error in Scripture
says: "Keep Holy Still Living Spirit of
centre-room" Think they are children
spend working within. Jeanie Prior
[illegible] - Hope written down with Jenny
down and hopeful, [illegible] Mother
poor [illegible] motion [illegible] the first days
Living Spirit. Man is [illegible] at far
[illegible] the dark "[illegible]" [illegible]
[illegible] like a [illegible] which [illegible]

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3: reason to be with such a record al-
[illegible] some looking up to God for every-
thing. They said all well thank God
George is still [illegible] quickly but
[illegible] frankly [illegible] some mistake
[illegible] [illegible] had
[illegible] day [illegible] to go without
any money [illegible] work for them all [illegible]. Had
not any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of always [illegible] I am willing to wait
[illegible] longer and see if "anything will
turn up" two [illegible] days for me to have
[illegible] till after January at
they all talking of [illegible]
[illegible] when it is time to come here
[illegible] believe in [illegible] B. A. is any more
"[illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] by [illegible] for
others who are waiting to [illegible]
So I hear [illegible] we are soon away.
[illegible] tell [illegible] that the big
fig-tree is not [illegible] although it
had lost most of its leaves but that
the figs are ripening fast. George gave
it [illegible] barrels of water and some
manure [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] has
and the lemon tree is full of lemons
and blossoms [illegible] [illegible] in bloom
again, and the [illegible] [illegible] full of

Tell Emma I will write soon. Old Town
Aug 22d
1879

My dear Mother
Received Aug 25th

I received your letter of Aug 18: Paine is hard at work. I am sorry to hear that you and Frank have nothing to do as yet, it does seem that in such a large City there ought to be a chance sometime but perhaps the longer you wait, the better the chance. I was sure Frank would succeed having Nelson to back him, but we must hope on perhaps all our good luck will come at once. We have nothing, depend upon Mr Blaine, who gives as little as he possibly can, if he likes being dependants

be, therefore he and José Maria Estudillo are going to Mexico to be gone some time about mine, I think. So that I do not despair for she will not listen to me against him, but you know "there is many a slip between the cup and the lip." We are having quite a number of trips off the tree I thought was dying George fertilized it some way, hammering nails in it to give it some iron, do you see even trees need something to strengthen them at times. I do not see the Morses, they do not come to me, and I have no way of going to them, still I hear that they feel friendly to us as long as we do not ask them for anything. Has Frank written to Morse about the windows - Stockton offers?

more would be more willing
to inform Frank than me.
you do right not to come
down here I think Miles
wants to get you away he
is cute and sly I know
him and can see through
him well. You would just
worry yourself to death here
and get old and gray fast
as I am getting I think
something will turn up soon
and then we will think no
more of these hard times.
but you must keep up a
strong heart and not ab-
sent from any thing to do
even if it only 50 or 60 dollars
a month. It is perfectly dead
here Mew Town look almost
deserted, they want me to hang
on to my place till after
January. B. Road again, I wri
ty to, for we can only get some
thing to fill our stomachs, so
to keep them from collapsing. Life

recent to us than usual - to
much talk news, results in any
thing. I let the anniversary
of our Marriage pass without
knowing it, I suppose because
I had nothing to celebrate it
with, weighty feelings crowding
themselves upon me. we are
all well at present, I of course
do not mean myself always
included for sometimes I feel
pretty well and can work
around at other times I feel
so weak that I cannot, or
do not care to move, I have
begun of my monthly visitors on
me now for two weeks at least
but think I need something
to strengthen me so as to
bring it on right, so afford
my to your request I have
written to Dr Hammond
asking him for a prescription
of Quinine and Iron pills
or Iron alone (just as
he thinks) and also request-
ing him to interest himself
in your behalf, either in or

only of the City. Give my
love to Mollie and Ned
I hope all goes well with
them now, Tell Ned he prom-
ised to report to me if he
did not treat Frollick well.
Remember me to Mrs Day,
I do not care to place any
of my daughters, with Stran-
gers, to be treated as Servants,
but with those we know
well I should not object.
Mollie I should not object
to, or Sophie, but I hope and
pray we may be able to keep
them home, as there is the safe-
est place and safest, they
are as Frank knows nice
good girls, and behave nicely
in company. With regard to
Nan, she sticks to George
Lyons, and in fact tells me
she is engaged to him, and
intends to marry him as soon
as he is able she says to
support her as she should

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San Francisco, August 25th 1879.

My Dear Nefe:- Your welcome letter of the 23d came to hand this afternoon, and yours of the 13th came to hand several days ago. I wrote you last on the 14th, the receipt of which you acknowledge in the one received to day. I have no encouraging news to give you on the subject written before. Frank's and my position under the same not yet having been able to get into any position. I saw Dr C. C. Henry and requested him to ascertain if Gen Byrne the Commissary Gen had been ordered East. This he did. The Gen told him that he had not received any orders but expected that he would. I then saw Dr Hammond again. He told me high Gen Byrne was corresponding with Washington officials and hopes to get transferred and in case this will be done he would learn from the source who his successor was and get him to use his influence to have one appointed commissary Otherwise I may be some miles, if even this takes place, and during the interim. I must get some temporary employment to keep the wolf from the door, starvation actually staring us in the face. I get no encouragement whatever from any source and so far Frank is in the same fix. Any arrangement that may be made with Judge Hyde to postpone the 1st of the month, he having no funds at present, the prospects of Frank's going to Tacoma to take charge of an office there, remain in the hands of the Gong and he has promised to engage on the night. Besides, though various friends Frank saw to upon the body of sewer pipes and the offices, but as there are so many ahead of him, he met with a refusal. I hope something will turn up soon as I am many discouraged. We have our room paid till the 30th of this month and some little provisions on hand and less of money so that we shall not starve for the ensuing week or ten days. It costs us both about 15 cents per day. Some times we get a square meal from some of our friends. I am disgusted with this way of living. Not yet do I see way of extricating myself from it. There are many in the same fix. I would willingly accept of any position, no matter what, even though I received but more than from $60 to $80 per month. I could live on that and be able to save you enough to get to be dependant upon any one but this I cannot do. Something you must do the best I can, and need not hesitate to let your wants be known. It is no disgrace to be poor. Judge Mitchell does not trust, he says, in for him the delays prevailing on his account, and think that positions could be had so readily. We are agreed to work for them

in anyway I am able, for the night six months at $10.00 per week & if he can assist me I hope he will do so. We arrived in California in June, 48 months with doubting I should be able to get something to do at a fair remuneration, but I am satisfied that no profitable employment by a chance and it to be had. Men run out of employment who are better known, have more influence and more competent than I am wandering the streets. Living Gentleman named Hall is an examiner, and Sawyer, formerly in the Spring Garden Water Company, and they. He has been out of employment since June last year, during which time he was temporary employed about three months at a very low rate. He began to get him employment at $20.00 per month. Miles pay this best person $50 per month, who formerly had employment at $100 per month. There is no chance for a man for a social position, laboring men are doing better, though they find it hard coming as they do in competition with the Chinese.

I dined this morning on old friend Alfred Wheeler, a lawyer, who is rich and influential. I explained my case fully to him. He said he knew of nothing whatever. I asked him I would accept of any position, however menial it might be, even to sweeping out offices, in fact anything I could make from $8.00 to $10 per week to obtain food and shelter for myself and family. He took my address and said in case he heard of anything he would inform me. In this manner I have to humiliate myself to everybody, my pride included, but it is a question of bread. I should not mind it. I shall remain here a little longer, till the end of my present month's rent, and nothing of gain being the result, I shall make tracks for San Diego. I may as well be there as here, and if I am to change to death let it be with the rest of mankind, at least having a burial place with them. I cannot be unhappier anywhere than I am here, and during the remaining portion of my life, though short it may be, I shall find equal consolation with my family, from whom I have so long been separated. Only think of the many long and weary years that I have passed away from and those I hold so dear. Is it reasonable to suppose that a man can change this for ever situation the way I have been? I wonder how I have stood it so long. I began to experience a change on my arrival here and September disappointment I have met with in not procuring employment. I suffered in New York, but this was my return home to California disappointed. The reality of this hope proves a delusion and I am now thoroughly miserable, more miserable than ever I was, and if not provided to commit a rash act in a moment of despondency I shall at least become a fit subject of a lunatic asylum. I see no other resource but prison or a calamity of this kind than to return home. To save my reason and energy from

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abandoning me entirely, though I thereby I may only prolong the time of the culminating point and prevent though as long as there is life there is hope. I am about to this and would therefore repeat, if possible all my faculties. I came on from New York fully expecting the pleasure of seeing you and the children and when I received this pleasure, or rather deferred it for a time longer, it was a great disappointment to me. I expected fully to be able to send for you soon. Two long months have since passed and I cannot say that I am many way likely to be in the position to do what I wish. I might contrive my way to remain here two months or longer. I may possibly see the shadow of a hope, but to be compelled to remain here for any indefinite time, without the least ray of encouragement is more than I can bear. I certainly should wish to remove from my incessant trouble which oppresses me and hope to find it at home with you and the children if I have not lost you and them too.

[redacted] I dare not write rather to hasten dying your cousin [redacted] to my returning home, fearing that I write [redacted] then without encouragement, be disappointed here [redacted] fortune may be made propitious and offer a solution to all present difficulties.

Tuesday August 24th 1869. The foregoing was written yesterday. I have been reading over the history of my dear Carl. I know that you will feel badly to perusit it. I would prefer not to communicate with you at all rather than such kind as I may have done things favorable to interest, but you desire me to write and I must therefore impart to you the thoughts I feel however dismal. You will not look which I fear trouble you more than you can help though I know they will cause you sorrow. I am glad that you are feeling so well and that you can at least appear to be happy as long to pike about things. You know what my intentions are regarding Willie and George and what I would do for you if you if I had the means. For the present time as I think or I get something money my hands are tied. Only a little is required to improve them and the certainty of something permanent but this is absolutely necessary. Once having that little and the assurance of a continuance of it I could be able to improve matters and it will not be long before I may accomplish all that I desire. So be patient. Counsel the children to act and improve all they can, particularly George who I fear with

most backward of all. Perhaps things will come out all right in some
unknown manner we least expect, so let us ask in faith the disposition.
I am glad that sometimes they take pleasure, even though they have to go
so far from home first. It gives me to think that some of our fa-
ellow men may be depended upon upon others and even humiliated by
accepting of favors from them. But we must get live, and so
long as we preserve our good name, it matters but little for the pres-
ent. We are not hesitate to ask for assistance from any one above and
willing to afford it. Think how generously we have acted towards others
thinking it was in our power to do so. Perhaps did not hesitate to ask
for or hesitate to afford our bounty but the charity and indifference
of the world is proverbial and generous companionship heard are
rarely to be found. Still they are numerous worth seeking for if they
will conduct to our present forlorn condition. Perhaps had some
good friends in our time who have reparied us for the kindness which we
have bestowed upon others. So let us hope we shall find some of them.
I have not heard a word from George Cooper in regard to his under-
ting with Mr Donaldson respecting me. He said he would inform me
when he had any thing to communicate, which prevents my
communicating with them. The last time I saw him he was annoyed
by my inquiring this so often, so he said he was doing all
he could for and and said he would let me know if he had
anything to communicate. I perceived he leave the matter entirely in
his hands and not to annoy him any more. Oh may he be thankful
his doing all in his power for me. Still if I could hear from him
it would give me encouragement.
I have told Raymond my position and been trying to [redacted] I
asked him to procure me a [redacted] if possible for him to [redacted].
He said that he had been out of business since 15 to and hadn't
know or ever saw any of those with whom he was associated. He have
had several long and friendly talks together about things, various
topics of conversation. I have never asked him for any assistance
as yet. I left him to preside this but there is an probability
that he can work. I have a right to expect more from him than
from any one else having been his father and an old friend. If
our positions were reversed and he had told me as much as I have
told him I am sure I would have proffered him assistance unsought
but he is a different man and must make his own way. I have
been thinking of asking for some material assistance to the extent of $500
or $1000 to assist him in establishing some kind of business, whatever
he might approve and in which he might retain an interest
but I have refrained from doing so for fear that he might accuse me
I would be the million of a cent. He would of course run some
risk of money, but not any great risk, as the probability is that
if the business met with his approval, he would get his money back.
More than a month I have been thinking of going to see
him. And upon two occasions went to his house for the express
purpose of broaching the matter to him. but he was not

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at home and I felt no disappointment though. But I am determined to see him yet, as soon as I can get my courage up to it again. He can be persuasive when I have also thought of asking for aid from others, but then it was on the city upon which I had so strong a claim as upon Hammond and I confess that I look upon this as a hopeless one. If you were acquainted enough to be able to assist me in managing the matter with R.R.R. or with others, and on their way, I know you influence and wish you well, though there are many other matters for you to do. I hope very soon I could pull the rope better with you and have it all set as your amiable and winning manner would have it right even though it might not be magnificent.

I think that you return to San Diego would be productive of some good results, besides the pleasure of seeing your and the children which would restore my drooping spirits and give me renewed energy. I might be able to get me a friend in the Kentucky of Shafer with the view of leaving them definitely, should it become necessary, and I believe that I could obtain from them some assistance. He is certainly under great obligation to me, and though he has done much I could hardly expect very great favors, I believe that more is yet to be done the man to be applied to for favors. I believe as long as he has means he will more than enough for himself. I have no doubt but that Brotherton is a great liar and that he feels very sore. But when is there a man who has not lost, many of them too, and if he has dared anything he should think himself very fortunate. Though [illegible], now is a very significant time to decide upon what he ought to do against odds from adversaries even, and what may he not do if he can [illegible] his misdemeanors, my position there. But I shall have to talk to him, explain all and ask his aid. Not well done by letter, in case I am compelled to go to San Diego. I do not believe it will be without some benefit results. I wish you therefore to confer with Mr Moore, and his wife particularly. Mr Moore as it is from them alone we can hope for any aid. You can give to Sam that you would rather [illegible] your tracks than ask Moore for anything. I don't believe he would assist us, let you want for anything if you were to ask him. Though he might lend you [illegible] if you did not ask him.

But do as you please, all I ask of you is to keep in with them increasing their friendship. So that in case I should apply to him for aid I shall find him more friendly.

Another reason for going to San Diego is to arrange things for their shipment in case it should be determined. Some things it would pay to ship and others it would not. So that there would have to be a discrimination to the best advantage. I do not think that anything in the way of furniture would pay to ship up here unless an exhibition. Lower rate of freight could be obtained. Chamber and parlor suits, second hand, at destiny can be had very cheap indeed, lower I believe than the freight would be on anything that we have. Therefore such articles as cooking stoves, kitchen tables, &c. it would be better to sell for the best obtainable price. Both carpets, bedding, table linen, curtains, ornaments, kitchen furniture &c are small things. Comfortably packed it would pay to bring up here also glassware, china, crockery &c. Carefully packed so as not to get broken. The library, pictures would have to be taken up first and some space lower rate of freight would have to be arranged for extra trunks or baggage and in all the other things so that something could be saved from their shipment. Pictures this is for some time to come, or even the day arrives.

Now as regards losing the homestead in case it should become necessary to do so. You need be under no apprehension concerning it. We have the right to secede, and the money is ours beyond the power and reach of creditors. But suppose we can't settle at a satisfactory price we have the right to retain it and the income is ours and no creditor can touch it. But suppose we cannot secure it would be a hard law indeed to compel you or me or any member of our family to remain in charge of the premises in order to secure it. We leave because we can comfortably and being able to make a living in San Diego. It would be hard indeed for a family under their circumstances to lose their homestead & the place but do not abandon our homestead we may want to return to it some day when we can or we may again to secure to safety our wants somewhere else or we may be able to rent it, the income paying or contributing to pay rent for a home somewhere else. We can leave the property in charge of some one on board up the windows and doors. It is our homestead we have the right to do what we will with it and as one can touch it as long as we or either of us or our children remain in the state it is our home and it is there home here they become of age &c. One of us or all of us for some reason might be compelled to leave the state for a time, but so long as we or our children return within a reasonable time the homestead cannot be taken from us. These are my ideas in regard to the homestead and in conversation with Albert Wheeler Esq I gathered he entertained the same ideas, but that you may be satisfied refer the matter to Mr Moses and ask him please enquire of some reputable lawyer.

August 26. 1879.

N. S.

I have written a long rhapsodic a very interesting letter. When I have some good news you write again otherwise not till I hear from you in reply to this.

My love to you and the children. I hope you all are well.

Mark always read, your letters to me. In case you have anything of a private letter I would recommend you to write it upon an inclosure sheet.

Your affectionate husband,

Thos Hayes

I have not seen Mr. Dwyer but I am ~~[illegible]~~ authorized to inform you that Mr. Stillman [illegible] to write I send further I agree with you about what you say in your letter concerning security strangers. Frank is well and says he is going to write soon

Las Cruces Aug 27 1878

Dear Mother

I intended to have written sooner but have not had time to write or do any thing else untill now. We arrived from Guaymas yesterday afternoon have been having a good time. Sunday we all went to San Luis Rey to church Mrs Scotts little baby was baptized after that we all went back to Guaymas had a good dinner lots of good things to eat in the evening we danced. Monday we all went to Pala they had mass bull fight and races I did not enjoy it much at Pala it was so dusty and hot

but we all managed to have
a good time had a large dinner the
candidates were all there Mr Boeg
spoke every one from Guajome
Buena Vista, and Christmas
Place, went the church was
crowded what music do you think
they had. the violin and drum
it was all I could do to keep
from laughing Pala was
crowded the bull fight did not
amount to much to many
frightening him. We did not
get back to Guajome till eight
o'clock that is Christina her
husband George L and myself
the others left before we did
in the evening we had a dance
danced till twelve there were
four young ladies from Estu
dillo ranch and a young gentle
man all of whom are acqua
-ainted with Uncle Henry's fam
-ily so we have just been going
it. George L and I had a nice
ride from Las Posas to Gua
-jome and from Guajome
to San Luis Rey in a buggy
We all went in the stage
to Pala coming home Salvador
and Flora took the buggy
and George L and came with
Christina and Eloise and George M
took our seats in the stage.
Now I must close for to-morrow to-

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and George L and came
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took our seats in the stage.
Mr Scott is going to town to
day or to morrow and will
bring Violet and George I will
be in either this week or next
with Christina we are all tired
out dusty and sunburnt and good
for nothing George and Hildie
will be here this afternoon and
will leave to morrow.

It seems so
quiet now that the fuss is all
over & do not know of any thing else
that has happened. Hell send
love. I hope all are well. With
love and many kisses I remain

Yours truly daughter
Annie

D. H.
Visited Grand Junction and
more all about the feast
Thursday June 2nd
Mrs. Hazell and the girls
are strange and will
report the fact
I will tell you
when I come home

23 lb Sugar		2.00
2 " Basket-S		.80
8 " Rocker Cf		2.00
50 lb Salt		.40
2 cans C yeast pd		.30
12 lb Good Black		3.35
1 box Lisap	20 box	.80
½ gal Cod Oil		1.75
½ lb Rice		1.00
2 " beans pink		.30
½ gal Syrup		2.30
Extra flour per lb		5.10
2 lb candy, 12 eds		14.50
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San Francisco August 25th 1879.

My Dear Wife.

I wrote you rather a discouraging letter on the 26th promising to write again whenever I had anything of interest to communicate. I cannot say that I have anything of interest to communicate as my business has not strengthened some something to enclose you, a little money, which I know will be very acceptable, though the cause of my writing is I borrowed it from the son of Frank Jacobs, a friend Mr. Jacobs who is doing business at Tucson Arizona Territory and so well off that he intends making the tour of the world for pleasure. I asked his father for a loan, and he referred me to him. I cannot say that I expected to get anything when I asked him, he being almost a stranger to me, but to my surprise he loaned me what I asked for $10.00 and said he was happy to have it in his power to do me the favor. So you see a Jew may be found a christian, and that there are deserving men yet

Thus notwithstanding their proverbial meanness, Lewis A. Franklin married a rich widow in England some time ago, and died within the past three months. Mrs Deshaun, Maurice A. Franklin's widow, is married again. Your friend Mrs Marko Jacobs died seven years ago and her husband married again. He has an office on Montgomery St. attends to Venal business. He says that he was well off at one time but lost some $30000 in Stocks. That his son has all the money now. Leonel is married. 39 years of age. (This is a very bad pen, excuse me the paper continually almost impossible for me to write with.) John C. Coundrey (the Count,) was married yesterday with distinguished honors, aged 64. You will probably remember him in San Diego. I received a letter from Capt. M. R. Spencer only yesterday in answer to mine written over a month ago and he talks as though he will do all he can to make Cornelius do right and fair in the suit against Morrow and Mark. I have written to Morrow about it and the matter can probably be settled for $250 as he proposed doing.

I also wrote more about other things explaining my position to him, and if he has the heart towards me, as I believe he has, he will go to see you and should he offer you any assistance or advice do not hesitate to accept of the one and listen to the other. It is not my intention to write you a long letter, not having any good news to communicate, the object being to enclose you a little money. I am glad to hear of McCoy getting well and hope he will entirely recover. My respects to him and Judge Wheaby. With love to you and the children receive this from your devoted husband,

Enclose $5. 382 greenbacks. The Whaley.

P.S. Since writing the within I have seen Capt. Baird, and detailing to him my position, he said he kind of was offering from me at present and kind of no better way to assist me than by loaning me $100. which he did. I told him I would endorse it to you with his regards, so that instead of $50. and $2. I send you $100. and of $5. which will materially assist you, so expend it in such a way as will good you the most benefit. Your loving husband

Aug. 28th. 79. Stella Stacey

Aug 28 79. 3½ pm. I have been waiting for Hank to return this a letter which he has written to you. If he does not come soon I shall have to go to the Post Office as it costs to register this, this afternoon.

Inform me if you received registered letter sent from N. Y. Sept. 7. containing $15.00?

I have seen Genl. Rockman, but he knows of nothing at present.

looking after cattle. I have no situation for him here in New York, but hope to settle him down soon after he arrives, as I will let some farm have his services free for a year rather than have him idle. I shall look after your Note, and hope it will be honored, my intention is to collect it direct from the party, and not put it in the Bank for collection. What think you? Please say also if you want the money sent to present address - viz - care E. M. Miles & Co. You must excuse me writing a long letter at present for we are doing a very large business, and are short handed.

Hoping you next will state that both you and Frank are ~~both~~ in good situations and

Received Sept 1st

New York Aug 28/79

Friend Tom

Your long looked for letter was received Tuesday last, and I hasten to answer it, as I will the sooner get another. I am sorry you are not at the old brick house in San Diego with your Wife and children, however you have Frank with you, and both looking out will certainly bring in a job of some kind. You certainly have had a hard time of it the past five or six years, but as your dear Wife tells you "The darkest hour is just before day" Keep up your wonderful courage it will be all right in the end.

My family are all well, we still remain at Palisades, but on the 10th of September I intend to take up my traps and return to Brooklyn. Mrs Lord often asks if I have heard from Mr Whaley, and says "give my love to him"; Allie and Minnie have said over and over again "How glad I am that Mr Whaley has gone to his daughters" they did not think of the wife. She is the one that my wife and self think of. My Son Wes has had bad luck on the start in Montana, and I think he will come home at once. His partner was false to him, his creek dried up, and all his boys for the cabin were carried off while he was away looking up cattle. I have no situation for him here in New York, but hope to settle him down soon after he arrives, as I will let some firm have his services free for a year rather than have him idle. I shall look after your Note, and hope it will be honored, my intention is to collect it direct from the party, and not put it in the Bank for collection. What think you? Please say also if you want the money sent to present address - viz - care E. M. Miles Co. You must excuse me writing a long letter at present for we are doing a very large business, and are short handed. Hoping you next will state that both you and Frank are ~~[illegible]~~ in good situations and

your family around you,
I remain your old friend
Geo. D. Pepper.

because they fought, and they
returned with many strong
Sioux prisoners. Father he was
so glad, quite sick he was so
worrying. I forgot to tell you
we got the Crabs last evening
but I forgot to tell you about the
affair. We came home, and we
left Fort Yates yesterday morning
and came home. Had a very
good team. Going over the
Cheyenne River we saw the
tracks of Indians. We drove
very rapidly until we came to
the top of Cannon Ball River
where we saw Indian tracks
Sam, the child, fell into the
River. We had been driving fast
for the Indians tracks. We
escaped safely. Our three
horses stuck in the mud
some and this year I think
we will have plenty of
fuel. Reached home at the same
time. Father is very
[illegible] and will have to take

again, I hope by our respective lives
I may be able to give you, they get
[illegible] Geo. has deeded me
[illegible] you [illegible] me
[illegible] bad
[illegible] but
[illegible] he could get it,
[illegible] clothes have much
[illegible] little he has got,
[illegible] not,
[illegible] him
[illegible] a hard
[illegible] for
[illegible] much
[illegible] a
[illegible] of
[illegible] which
[illegible] to
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] love and kisses
[illegible] Your

again, A little be three years
by March 3rd my bill down
that you left home some
folks say you are foolish one
time for say you are coming
home, they think you have
olio attraction where you
are. I tell them I am bound
to believe what you say
till I know to the contrary.
I hope you will be able to
straighten out the tangled
ie that all may go right
that way. (Grass may green
all over.) Frank has wrote
to you all about the
Dodson matter long ago
and I have too, the prop-
erty that was attached was
sold, but did not cover the
amount, Conklin bought
it all, the one that has
been so severe on us. Nothing
further has been done since.
Frank will write about it
again, I think you memory

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faith for as you do not receive
our letters for me all write
but Frank and I often ask.
My health is about
the same no change, some
days I can move around
pretty well, other I can
scarcely drag myself along,
I hope it will all end soon.
I would like you
dear Joseph to get me if
you can another nice Navy
blue waterproof cloak with
the cape and hood, I
do not think I had any
thing that I took more
comfort in than the one
you bought me, it had
no hood but I would
like one with a long
cape and hood if it is
not asking too much for
you to bring when you come
home, if you can get one
cheap, if not let it go.
Navy blue waterproof

me why you [illegible] inside
that she aught to send you
the amount of taxes and
my Mother's address, both of
which Frank and myself
have done several times. I
think your memory must
be failing you or you do
not write what we send
to you particularly. The home
no hair of paying the taxes
and the safe has been added
and some the costs of adver-
tising will be added, I think
$20.00 will cover all. I have
been trying to sell the safe,
but impossible to do so for
$15 or 20.00, safe is in Rich-
mond and I will have to
get it home again. Things
are as dull as ever, people
waiting decision of B. Road,
but the Bill is postponed
from one Monday to another.
Mrs Bush married to Angelo

which I think shows that,
there is no change. Everybody
in our family sick with
Catarrhal fever pain all
over the back, face, glands,
inside and outside of throat
swollen and seem tough,
it is coming the school boy
here and in New Town I
have not been attacked yet
but have a bad cold, and
suppose in a week or
so I will have it, some.
I am otherwise afflicted so
much that perhaps that
is the reason I have as not
had a cough. I wanted
to anything for them so it
began on them all but George
who got something from his
doctor, and he is now about,
again around the house.
George is not well of his sky
headaches, but, never says a
Mrs Passaday, (Mary Smith

[illegible] Write when you come home
he will confide to you.
He says he does not believe
in doctors, so if it seems
very hard to make him allow
to himself as he ought to
Frank has a short job
in the Union Office, so he
just makes enough to pay
his board in his house.
I am glad that he has
some work anyhow, if it is
as little it may lead
to something more.
You do not seem
to have been able clearly
to conclude your arrangements in reference to your
departure for home, I do
not think I would wait
on those people so but
go right straight for them
without mercy. They shown
none for you, go for them
that was what Mrs Reeley has

a letter with words nothing
more than he should go for you.
Now a letter in Hyde's right hand
she will not come before the
husband as he has proof for her believe
he had hopes of the health of the
boarded from home the [illegible]
children. She should [illegible] thank
My love to the Pappy, Betty, and John
the many friends. Do from Sorry
the [illegible]
still sick. I suppose you will let us know
when to expect you home. Lines of
Mary.

P.S. Dear Mamma I need a cold, certain
fingers. I do so much thought
I have been anxious expecting
another letter from you, but
have not received any since
the one I supposed you
were not in funds or you
would have sent me some
more money last week. I
have not had one dollar
generally one dollar of my
money. Whole I feel so
that I should always come
[illegible] were completely
[illegible] in reference to home from
[illegible] to day. I cannot say when
Morris do not come any more to see
me. Several months now.

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I think I will write a few lines to my folks to-day or two, to pass the time away, for it keeps so lonely on me when I cannot get about. George is playing on his violin in the room, he is playing very lively now, I think he is cut out for a musician, all his thoughts are on music.

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San Diego, Cal. Sept 1st 1879

My dear Husband

Yours of Aug 28th Recd Sept 4 '79 a Registered letter came to hand safely, I am very thankful for the $15.00 as we were very much in need, this is the first money that I have had since Frank left home, I shall use it judiciously, pay the freeholder, so that I may call on him when I get strong again. This is my first day out of bed for four days, having had a severe attack of the Piles, so severe that I could not walk, and was taken

2 with such trembling as to be unable to stand, I went down to Dr Barnes, as he cured me last time, he sent me some powders to act on the digestive organs, he says my digestion is not right which causes the piles, necessitating riding only, eating fruits, oat-meal, and light food, not having the money for such thing, I could not get them, now I shall get a little fruit - eggs - and oat meal, I am right down thin again, it seems as if I never will pick up or get well, now I suppose for the balance of my life I will be troubled with the piles, it is a very distressing malady.

Violet had an attack of Cholera Morbus eating too much fruit at Gaufonna, and then riding home 20 far in the hot sun, 25 miles, she and George came home, but Mam

3 will come in on Election day
with Billy Co[illegible] and his wife,
man is very much
attached to Christenson and
likes to be with her. Addie
Lyons and her [illegible] George
went with them all when
my folks went and came
back with Dick Gale, it was
to attend the christening of
Scotts baby. Harry Strand
went out without being
invited, and was received
accordingly. Violet has only
seen entirely. Tell Frank that
Dave Coats speaks the evening
here day before yesterday, and
came with Addie and George
Lyons, they are very fond of
Addie and George at Gangoma.
Tell Frank also that
Parker Dean, intends to take
George Lyons out to Sonora
with him, he intends to
take his Mexican servants

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4 money and traps with him but Mrs Coats is trying to dissuade him from going as she says the Mexicans will murder him for his money and things that he will take with him. I think so too, I do not know the young man, but he seems to want some young man friend to be with. Ask Frank if he has written to him in answer to his letter, he asked for Frank's address from Lillie or Bielby.

I have not seen anything of the Mosier, I do not know why you still persist in writing to Moore about us, I tell you that they do not care to go where there is any fear of any one wanting anything from them, if they felt otherwise they would at least call and see me once

ago, I received the Registered letter from New York containing £10/5.00 —

Do you look over the advertisements — in some time ago. I saw last week "[illegible] as the [illegible] in the papers, "[illegible] to know" [illegible] ladies, one for Book Keeper, reliable man [illegible] to take charge of a counter and small [illegible] Handy selling out line, I would examine

the Papers every day too, I suppose we will have a wonderful time some day, when we have not any little to carry with, and can't use our legs any more. "Better late than never" Nan is engaged to George Lyons and has the ring, all I can do to the contrary, time will tell. J.E.H.

5 in awhile - when they come up this long now they take the back road, they say that - that make the poorest mouth of any one in New Town and had plenty to live on too, but wants - to be rolling in wealth If I ever get a chance to go see them San Diego, Cal. I will, 187 back I must feel better than I do now, and able to walk better. I called to see them last, and they were not at home, they were sunticating in the country which trips they have taken very often this Summer. I like Morse but I hate his wife, but I shall keep in with them any how. Dr McKinstry says that George is quite well although still taking medicine, he behaves very well now, and if he could drink nicely, I think he would feel all right, poor fellow he had less stability than any one

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and takes better care of them than any one; he cannot work hard yet, does if he could get it here, are the other nights when Cane County and George Lyons got some girls to come up to our hall to dance a little, and he George danced some, and a lump came up in his groin, which he says hurt him some, he painted it with Iodine paint and it went away, the Dr says he will have that some time yet, but it will gradually wear away, if he does not over exert himself. Tell Frank that his gal was there out of mourning but looked rather blue. Dick played for nothing, and no refreshments, and Sargent let them have the lamps with oil in them, so you see they can get up a dance on nothing now-a-days. Enough of such stuff for this day

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I think it was very kind of both Lionel Jacoby and Capt. B. to give you the money and something unusual for a few to do such an act by a few to do such an act. There are plenty of Jacobs as well as Christians, remember me to them and tell them if they come to San Diego ever not to fail coming to see me, I always like my old friends Barb, and Mark Jacob, and his family were always good friends of mine and my family, I am very glad to have heard from them as I have often wondered what had become of them all, and I am sorry that you were obliged to call on them for a little assistance, thank them for me, and tell Lionel (for I well remember him a smart boy) that I rejoice to think that he has plenty of this world's goods, and that

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She knows how to enjoy it, this is the world to enjoy it in as he cannot take any of it away with him when he dies. I wish we had only been as fortunate as he. I do not think you ought to make too poor a mouth, as people get disgusted with any one of the continually dim poverty, only let them know that you are down in the world, and would like a start again, but don't dim your personal and family affairs into this. Cousin, you will see I am right about this. Capt Tilney is in San Francisco somewhere, if you could see him he might assist either you or Frank in some way, tell him you are down in the world and only want a start again, perhaps he would go security — but you

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Mr. Dale treated us to a plate of his wife's [illegible], the [illegible] in which he was [illegible] and gave them a black-eye, [illegible]

The weather is and has been very windy and cloudy for months, I think from the terrible amount of fog we may have only [illegible] that we will have an great deal of rain this [illegible] and I wish the weather would [illegible] the house was fixed especially the lower part, as the bricks seem to be crumbling away some few almost entirely gone. We have just enough wood in the cistern to last till the rains begin. We have had a great many figs off of one of the trees, the others are not ripe yet, the Lemon tree is loaded with lemons some quite large [illegible] yet. The Orange trees or olives lemon trees all in good time I suppose. You must not get discouraged dear poppets — I know it is trying times, but it cannot always remain so, I know what it is but intend to bear our lot. Give dearest love to Mollie, Sophie, Nily and all friends. Lillie says her lessons to me when I am wide enough to hear her, sometimes I do not pronounce some words in the

was not well for a day or two. Rines of a Chronic Morbus the others are all well, George says seemingly he is better the time comes he wants to leave here he says to learn the violin. I think Joe might throw him in the way of some good musician to learn, he San Diego, Cal. can work in the day time and learn in the evening. I expect to be obliged to stay in my room for several days yet as I must not move around much. Tell Frank dear poppets to take care of himself for my sake and try to get rid of his cold. Keep away of the fog too. How do you and he pass your time in the evenings? I suppose you go out walking to getting often, hunting around. My love to all friends. Childers all send love to you and will be glad to see you when ~~you make up your mind to come~~ home. You will find it a miserable quiet place in a bad-ness way. I must close, am thankful for the money you sent it has relieved me considerably. Well with love to Mollie Sophie and all hearty I am as ever your loving wife

Write soon and more cheerfully if you can.

Annie E. Whaley.

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I miss him very much and
am almost sorry that he
left us, but I hope its will
result in some good to him
time he had a start in some
thing. I pray you may both
succeed in getting into some
thing soon. Do not des-
-pond any more and write
such terrible discouraging letters,
the longer you wait the better
the Catch. You always have
your home to come to any
whey, give things a good trial
with a good heart and as
long as your health is good
there is hope. I have gotten
over my discouraging feeling,
and if I could only get rid
of these Piles, I will promise
not to be discouraged any
more. There are others a great
deal worse off than we, we
still have our house to fall
back on any way, and I in-
tend to hold on to it. They are
still talking Rail Road here,
Let them go it. Dr Hammond
sent me a box of Quinine and
Iron pills, I think they are, I wrote
to him for something to stay them
me. Let Dr and thank him
for me and ask him how many
I shall take of them. I spoke
to him of you in my note to
him, if I were your dear pop
I would not trouble either him
or Hooper I am satisfied they
will do all they can for you.
when the time comes. Violet

proceeds of whatever you start
in, do not speak of taking in
up there for he may think it
would take all the money, if
he is willing get all you can
out of him, he may know
of something else, she has
helped you once, he may do
it again. I would see what
business this advertisement first
I do not know where you will
find the Capt, but he is in
San Francisco. You must
keep up good hearts and
not give way as you write
in your last letter, you will
make sussent if that is the
way you feel, the world was
not made in a day neither
can you find employment
in a day, I know it is some
what dis couraging, but what
will you gain by having such
horrible feelings and thoughts
as you speak of in your
letter So "chees up dear pop
it is a long lane that has
no turn" I think that the
worse thing a person can have
is the piles, if I was with I
them I do not think I should
mind hard times so much.
I am thankful for one thing
that you have Frank with
you he is such a good young
man and good natured too
he must be a great comfort
to you and good company
nothing like having one of
your own tribe with you

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San Diego, Cal. Sept 2nd 1879

My dear Husband.

I wrote you yesterday, and only send you these few lines, enclosing an advertisement I cut out of the "Chronicle" of August 26th. Some times these advertisements - turn out good things - You ought to hunt up Capt Wiley, and get him to lend you enough money to start in on something I would not enter into all the particulars of my misfortune but simply tell him you are low down and ask him to help you, speak to him in a good frank open way, tell him you are short of money and for the sake of a few hundred dollars you cannot get into anything, that is the way to talk not tell him a whole gigamarole of distress, I do not think he would like to hear it, that is my idea, you can tell him you will pay him out of the

San Francisco. Sept 4th 1879.

My Dear Wife,

I sent you a registered letter Aug 28th, addressed, "Mrs Thomas Whaley, North San Diego, Cal", no 5534, containing a $10, and a $5 greenback. I hope the same came to hand safely, though I have not yet received the P.O. receipt for the same.

This morning I got a letter from our Aunt, dated Augt 31st in answer to mine sent the 27th ought. She writes that the Conklin suit has not yet been settled. Mr Conklin though C had offered to take off $10, but Aunt is determined to settle for more than $25, and should suit be continued not to have to pay even that much. There will be something before the matter is settled owing to the absence of Mr Cleveland, Conklin's atty, at present in S.F. I would see Mr C. to learn more, but am unable to find him. May, probably meets him on the Street.

I am anxiously awaiting letter from you to know if the money came to hand, and how you all are. I hope to get out this afternoon, otherwise I shall send this. I have nothing in particular to write about, things being with me and Frank about the same as they were.

the election in this city passed off quietly. Several days must elapse before the result is known. At present it is supposed that Flint is elected mayor, and if this is so we may hope for better times here. Perkins without doubt will be the next Governor but a month or more must elapse before full returns are in and it is officially known.

Mr Moore has sent me a letter of introduction to a friend of his here C. H. Robinson, but did not give me his address or state his business. I find the name in directory. C. H. Robinson, Clerk, 52 Clay St. and presume that is the gentleman. Moore says, he will write to him, so I shall wait till tomorrow to give him for his letter to reach him.

I have said, "I have nothing in particular to write about" and yet I have, owing to what Moore writes to me something which interests me very much. I quote from his letter, the following:- "You can be a hard one and I sincerely wish I could help you still further. God knows I would if I could. You do not know what a terrible calamity you have brought upon me, you may never know. I do not really think you intended to wrong me, but I will say no more now for you are in trouble and suffering, and if you were my bitterest enemy I would assist you if I could. I presume you will misunderstand me - I can't help it - but some day, here or hereafter it will be clear."

All this is an enigma to me. What in God's name does Moore refer to? I am wholly unconscious, by any act or word, directly or indirectly, even to have done anything to have brought any terrible calamity upon him. Certainly he does not refer to money matters, as the amount in the aggregate could not possibly involve him to any very great extent, certainly to cause him to lose all or nearly all he ever possessed. The amount of my indebtedness to him, (even though he has paid the Manhattan note,) can not exceed $1000, but suppose it to be $2.000, that can not have wrought his ruin, which if I have occasioned he might consider a terrible calamity. But then I should have known of this. He would have written to me or I should have at least heard of it. I was enquiring of a gentleman, likely to know, the present estimated worth of Moore, and he told me he thought Moore might get away from San Diego with at least $10.000. So that this terrible calamity, which he says I have occasioned him, does not refer to money matters. It is something which I may never know. Something which a wrong, unconsciously committed, which he really thinks

I did not intend, and presume I was misunderstood him. He is something of the sort, which out of regard to my present and past suffering he forbears to tell me, though it has long, evidently, been preying upon his mind, still he can not help referring to the terrible calamity which he says I have brought upon him without being able to tell me what it is and says he can't help it, but some day, how or when after it will be clear.

Morse as an old friend, having confided in me has been unjust to me and to himself, without intending to be so. How much better would it have been, if by any act or word of mine, unintentionally committed, when he conceived that I had brought any terrible calamity upon him, had he told me of it then. Would he not then have known whether I was or not the unintentional author, and if the former might not this terrible calamity have been averted or repaired?

What he writes is utterly inexplicable to me, I know not to what he refers, though I have gone down into the dusty recesses of my memory and can not recall a single act of mine

to have given occasion to what he alludes to. I have questioned Hamilton, if even he heard the least intimation to anything in connection to the matter, therefore I write to you for the elucidation of it, or anything however trifling it may be in your estimation, which may aid me in unravelling this strange enigma. I thought I would do this before answering Morse's letter which I am very anxious to do, therefore I hope you will reply to this, if possible, by return of mail giving me such information or suggestions as you may think proper to aid me in doing so.

I have troubles enough God knows, but if I cannot surmount them all as easily as I hope to be able to this, exculpatory proof from any and all blame, and, probably returning more from this terrible calamity, I should indeed be much happy.

But as Morse says, I may never know, perhaps he will never impart more to me than he has done, but this would not be right. Having told me as much as he has done, he is bound in honor to tell me the balance, and I shall insist upon knowing it. That I may exculpate myself

self from any conscious injury on my part, or repair as far as in my power any injury which inadvertently and unintentionally I may have caused Morse.

This thing whatever it may be must be something most terrible, such a crime, as he intimates, my bitterest enemy could have been guilty of. I have been away from home a long time. Who knows what may not have been done by others, to injure me in the estimation of Morse, every body knowing how very friendly we were. May not some one, opposed to both of us, have said or done something, as coming from me, which they believed would injure Morse, and, as coming from me, produced rupture between us? My name may have been forged to some letter or document, or Morse may have been told something as coming from me, in the strictest confidence. But how the forgery of my name to any letter or telling him anything in confidence could have caused him a terrible calamity it is impossible for me to see. A forgery of my name to a draft of for any amount it paid by him might injure him, but this is hardly supposable as he would not have paid any draft for any large amount as coming from me, certainly not without being advised of the same. So that I do not see that anything terrible could have been caused in this way.

But unless the money which I have had from Morse to the extent of probably of $1500, should have involved him, and he without to consider this the terrible calamity to which he refers, I am certain the cause of his disaster is to be attributed to some third party, as I am conscientiously say that by no act or word of mine have I knowingly done anything to the detriment of an old and faithful friend as Morse has ever been to me. If by any unintentional act I have done anything to his injury. I consider leaving here as much as he has, I have the right to know the cause. With love, hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Your affectionate husband
W. D. Wheeler.

Sept
August 4th 79. 4 pm. I am just in receipt of your long letter of the 1st inst. I am glad you received the $15.00, but no P.O. receipt has come to hand. I am glad you and the children are well, and that sometimes, notwithstanding your adversity, that you enjoy yourself. I hope George and Willie continue to learn all they can, the former writing and figuring and the latter, the studies generally. Mamie and Bessie are too old to really they must improve their minds by reading good and useful books and studying them. I met Hodge the other day. Say he has not forgotten me, will see Doris when he comes to town, has been away some time. He says if I hear of any thing, and he can serve me to let him know. Met Dr Hammond, said he had a letter from you and had sent some pills and would write soon. He had not yet heard of a change of Commissaries, but would be on the look out. The Miles have sold their house and rented a large one near town, will move the 12th. They are friendly to one another, but for how long I do not know. Sophie has also to move. At present she is at Angelo's at San Jose. Perhaps she will marry the first guy, though a young man, my father by name visited her frequently. I told Moreen that you were about to write to her, so if you have nothing to do, I wish you would do so as not to be disappointed. They are kind to Frank and are he go there frequently. I hope Mamie will do better than marry George Lord, I should regret it again, as the worst act of her life. If nothing more than an engagement exists between them, she will change her mind a dozen times yet before ever marrying him. There are better young men, with good family connections, more deserving to make her happy. Besides she is too young as to entertain ideas of marrying. Let her wait, her chances will be better when we are differently situated.
May be the reason Morse does not come to see you is because of the terrible calamity which he credits me with, and that may be the cause of the indifference shown. If you see him, see him. I have written to you about it, express your great surprise and endeavor to ascertain what it is all about as there is certainly a nigger in the fence somewhere and we must get him out. I heard from Puffer to day, a kind letter. He says "mrs Lord" (his wife's mother) "often asks if I hear from Mr Haley, and says give my love to him. Arlie and Minnie have said over and over again, How glad I am that Mr Haley has gone to his daughters. They did not think of the wife, she is the only that my wife and self think of." They send love to you. Kind friends there. With love dear wife, from your darling Phippy.
Hiram Haley.

Recd Sept 16

1879

No 13 Rampart St
Quebec Sept 14th

My dear Mr Whaley

Since received your letter two or three days ago, & has asked me to answer for him, as he's so busy, that by the time he reaches home, he's so tired, he takes his dinner, & soon drops asleep, if there is not something extra going on, to keep him awake. We are both truly sorry to hear of your continued bad luck, & tho we are told there is justice in all things, I think a great many of us have to die, before we find it out, & it's a question, if we do then.

The (Vince) seems to satisfy his employers very much, if we can judge from the hospitality extended

to us both. He seems to have grown into the confidence of all the members of the firm, (three) so that they each take him aside, & expatiate on the other's shortcomings, so that he has to calm one down in one place, & smooth another off, in another place. He has all sorts of new experiences in his work, not the least of which is going down under water in a diving dress to see that the divers do their work properly, for they are obliged to nail planks up against the piling to keep the sand from washing in where the dredging has been done. We have a fine view from our front windows, of the mouth of the St Charles river, where it flows into the St Lawrence, & just where the work is now progressing. I have made a couple of visits to it, & tho' I know nothing of machinery I've found it very interesting to watch the proceedings.

We have taken up the study of French lately, as it's almost indispensible here, so many people speak nothing else. We have not made any astonishing progress yet, but are assured that in the course of a few months, we shall be able to get along in ordinary conversation. Servants here, are all French with very few exceptions, & it's really more embarrassing than I imagined not to be able to speak or be understood. Not long ago there was a French frigate here, & the people showed the officers considerable attention, & we were invited to two parties to meet them. I felt perfectly flat (for they all spoke

Mone also returned your letter to me this Aver.

French, one or two spoke very broken English; but hated to make the effort & Vince fled to the smoking room, & did not appear at all, till going home time. I will leave the rest of this for Vince to finish, with the sincere hope that more favorable winds may be finding you & your family out

I am very truly yours
Eliza L. Bonne

Shall receive at once
H/O— so you can mail on that entirely the moment I receive your answer I will send P.O. order for above amt. Fly Vice
My Dear Whaley I cannot find your address so will sent send you anything in this letter as God only knows where it will bring up
But my dear friend write me at once your address and your

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Office of Moore & Wright.

Contractors on Quebec Harbor Improvements.

Quebec, Sept 11th 1879.

My Dear Friend Whaley.

Your nice long letter of Aug 23rd was rec'd on Sunday last. and I was much interested with it. Would I could advance you a sufficient sum to be of some benefit to you. but I am not so can only do what I can for you which is indeed trifling to what I wish I could do for you. You know I was at considerable expense in throwing here and it costs me something to live So I am still working out the "Dead Horse" which I hope will end by the first of January. My sufference in any last to hoping to see you before long was that if anything should turn up in San Francisco that would pay I would come out - I think my position here is good until the Contract is finished which will be about Dec 1880 - Maby a little longer

I had intended to have written you Monday last but I really did not have time and to day it is so stormy that I am in the office – I asked Elizie to write you but she felt a delicacy in so doing as she felt you would rather hear from me you will write me on receipt of this and My Dear Old friend I will try to send you something very small if only a dollar & know it will be acceptable. Excuse the shortness of my letter but believe me you are in My thoughts Very Often – With Kind regards from My Wife & self for you and your Brave Wife & Children believe me

Sincerely yours

Jos Rowe

Colonel Rowe, Lewiston
Maine
Care Jos Rowe Esq
Lewiston Maine
Put Search Warrant, Take Law
Put family from Address to
Inclose $5.00 and music Band
Boys Orders the 20th Maine

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Old Town

North San Diego Township,

SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CAL.

San Diego

FRANCIS H. WHALEY, JUSTICE.

Sept 9th

San Diego, Cal. Sept 9th 1879

My dear Husband.

Your letter of Sept 1st (Letter Written) came safely. The $15.00 for Ant came to hand safely, and I suppose by this time you have the P.O. receipt. All the family are well but me, I am slowly recovering from the severe fit of Piles, which laid me up for five days in bed, am taking Homeopathic powders, which have relieved me very much. It is a very painful and distressing disease. Sophy is out now looking for a cow, but cannot always get milk

oatmeal, Eggs very ripe fruits,
it good for me I find, when I get
a little money I have most of it
and do not like to take it
for myself alone, as there are so
many common necessities of life
to get that it takes all for them
I will have to work till we get
rich again if I only can live
it out. Am so sorry you and
Frank fret it, so hard to get
any employment but you have
many irons in the fire, and I
think that some one of them
will strike it soon. Keep up
good cheer, never say die all
will turn out for the best.
George says there is good Railroad news I do not know what
it is. I will telling bonds I be-
lieve. Now as to Morse.
I cannot say for a certainty what
is the matter but some time ago
some one told me that Morse
was acting very strangely he
had a fight with Frank Stone,
a thing he never does to fight.
He was terribly disappointed
at the non passage of the
R. Road bill at the time he was
to sure it would pass. When
you made over your property to
Morse Mrs Morse said she
was afraid people would think
Morse took it to cheat those
you owed. Now that they
pounce upon it, as Conklin
did, it may reflect upon him
and that may be his terrible
calamity" as she really it from
not in it in that light, then
always matter in the to do
about everything, I am pretty

Sure as it is money that troubles
him, and he wants to make
you feel the great disappoint-
ment he has undoubtedly gone by
goodness he has plenty and
enough to spare, but he wants
to roll in wealth, and today the
disappointment of the Rail Road
is heard more than anyone. I
would not if I were you trouble
myself about it more than
necessary I will see more
soon as I am able to get about
I cannot walk well ~~yet out~~ ~~have~~
to Rest very quiet so as to recover
fully till I myself attack, then I will
write and let you know, I will
ask him the meaning of it all
so you will have to wait patiently
till such time as I see him.
If they call before I am able
to go out myself to see them all
right, so wait patiently till
I see them and do not worry
about it. I think it is that
property you made over to him
together with other money matters.
Mamie has just come
money from "Las Posas" where
she has been for over five weeks,
she has had four or five large
gatherings which has been
she has made her quite sick.
although now she is better
better. George is very anxious to
go to San Francisco, he talks of
borrowing the money from
Williams, what do you think
of it? If I were you I would
write to Rosie and tell him
that he is not doing you justice
keeping you in the dark as to
what he has written concerning

you, make him tell you as
is your due. If he does
not explain I shall
think [illegible] I was
[illegible] is getting a
fool [illegible] over and Pe-
[illegible] Gov[illegible]. All right, Rep-
ublican all right let the
best party do its teaching. If
you could San Diego, Cal. find an 187 bus-
iness you would like to go
in, you see Hoopes would
help you as he said, even
in some other place, hunt up
something and see. We are still
having figs off our trees, and
have had a few peaches.
Our tomatoes failed as did
our potatoes, the ground not
rich enough, but our trees
do well. We are having a
great deal of fog, so I think
we will have plenty of rain.
You must thank Dr Flam-
mond for the pills, and say
I shall be very glad to hear
from him. Insist upon
more telling you what he
means. I think he wants to
do as he say, you are determ-
ined. I hope I will be
strong again soon. Tell Ford
love to you, be of good
cheer dear papa and believe
me as ever your loving wife
Kate to dear Frank. Mam.

OFFICE OF
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,
North San Diego Township,
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CAL.
FRANCIS H. WHALEY, JUSTICE.

San Francisco,
Sept. 12, 1879.

Dear Mother:

Yours of the 2d instant duly received, and I can assure you that your letter was gladly welcomed.

I am indeed sorry to learn that you have been sick and confined to your bed with that horrible disease - the piles - but I trust as this you have sufficiently recovered and though you are once more able to be on your feet again. The pills sent you by Dr. Hammond, I know nothing about, but I trust they have done you good and that they were in

the end cure you completely. You caution me, and I know caution is necessary, but I have not been troubled since I left home, they appear to have left me entirely, but I will be careful and act in accordance with your instructions regarding them.

The money sent you, I suppose has relieved and kept for at least a short time, the "wolf from the door." But the way things are looking now, I cannot, as yet, see much prospect ahead. Father has nothing to do yet, and I am trying hard to obtain something, but all efforts are fruitless, still I shall not despair, for I know if I hang out long enough I will reach my reward. I have through some friends and particularly Mr. Miles managed to get acquainted with quite a number of newspaper and

job printing gentlemen owners and proprietors of the different establishments and also the foremen of the same, and I have the assurance through them, as favors to the parties introducing me, of getting the first position running, and my name has been placed first upon the lists and my case given to the foremen with instructions accordingly; thus most any day an opening for me may come. As soon as I can get work, I shall send you all the money I can spare and do all I can on my part to keep you all in a fair way until things can change. Mr. Miles is doing all he can to get me placed; he has taken an interest in me and wants to see me succeed. If he had the ready cash he would start me on my own hook. I like Miles and I think he

is the only real friend I have in San Francisco, there are others who promise to do and do nothing, but Miles is doing and is trying hard. Both he and Mrs Miles wish to be remembered kindly to all. I don't know what Father intends to do, I trust he may get something, but I think his prospects, at present, are pretty slim. I do not feel any more with him in this respect.

My cold I have gotten rid of, and I trust I may never catch another like it. This is a miserable climate and a miserable place, and I am sorry I ever set my foot in it, had I known before I left San Diego, "how things was", I should never have come here. I have not made one single cent since I have

here here. If I had stayed in D. I could have obtained steady work in "The Union" office during election time and under probable have made at least $70. or $80. but here I am and I shall try and stay, trusting to luck, but the time weighs heavily upon me. I am not given to despair nor shall I allow such to dwell within me, so trusting that all will turn out for the best, I drop the subject. My Father's situation has fallen in. The gentleman has given up the idea and intends going in "for" here — in merchandising.

I have written Parker twice and no answer yet. I think he is making a bad move, and I hope he will be persuaded out of

the idea. Parker and myself would do well together. I am now waiting an answer to my letter to him.

I am glad the girls have a good time at Guayama and that Nan is enjoying herself better at Christmas. When the girls write to the "country folk," I wish they would remember me to them all. Enclosed find a slip taken from the D. P. Argonaut, Aug 22, in regard to Mrs. Baker. Let the girls read it to Guayama, for fun.

So you had a "Chin-dig" at the house. How I wish I had been there. My pleasures here are few - with an exception - I attended last week a house-warming at the residence of Mr. A. Kuiper, a chief-mate of P's in 49. They all had a good time, I did not enjoy myself on account of not knowing anyone but the family consisting of one young gentleman aged 21, and four young ladies from 16 to 24. They are nice pleasant German girls - speak English well - and do all they can to make things pleasant for us. I would rather attend one good Old Pam Party than go to a dozen here.

The election is over and everything is quiet. Perkins is Governor and the Repub's are victorious. Roaring threatens to hang Grant in effigy when he arrives here. If he does the people threaten to hang him outright. The military will run him out of the city and will keep him out. It is about time the Americans were waking up, and especially to stop such a disgrace as he proposes. Grant will receive a big welcome in the city which will cost over $10,000. The Pirates propose making him a member and I shall see him at a reception to be

7 given him at the Business Hall on Montgomery St.

8/ Do Nan is engaged to George Lynn. I think she will do better to take him than hunt to the "Squirts" she might happen to get here. I like George; he is a good boy and not a lazy boy. The young gents here are pretty fast and not to be trusted. and the same may be said of the girls. Pa is mad as a hornet over it. but says very little.

Remember me kindly to Mr. and Mrs. McCoy. tell them I am well and happy. I hope Mr. McCoy is better and will be able to be out soon.

I got a P. O. card from Harry. He says "for me to be at the clerk when the "Arcan" comes in on the 17th as he will be on board." I shall at last have some one to go around with, and one I know.

I got a letter from Victor (asking me to write to Parker,) yesterday. Tell her I shall not forget writing to her

but as Postage Stamps are scarce, I write this time to you, and am glad to hear from Vi. Tell her not to eat any more green fruit. It has bad effects.

Remember me my kindly to Frank Gray and George Lyons, tell them, not to forget me, as I have not and will not forget them, and in case of time I will write, but tell them to lay aside all cunning and write home any how.

~~Grandma received your letter~~ they were glad to hear from you. and though we crave their love sent to you all. They will write soon.

Pa is always very anxious to see all letters I may get. Your last he has not seen and does not know

I have it. I have written from him. Therefore when you write be careful what you say or there may be an explosion in camp.

"Give my love to Hattie when you see her."

Miles has again changed residence. He now lives on "Not Hill" near Stanford, on a small street called Yuba Avenue. Pa and myself have been for the last three days nailing down carpets and helping to move. They have got a nice large house, but the immediate surroundings are not first class, but time will move them all and then this property will be very valuable. They are about a block from California and about 150 feet from Clay street railroads.

In regard to the paper I left home, it is a bill of unsettled costs against Dick Kenn, which I have made him a present of. Therefore take

it up as it is of no account and there is no possibility of getting it from him.

The Mechanics Fair is over and they have again turned the Pavillion into a ring for walking match purposes. A disgrace to an American community.

I am glad the fig tree did not die and that you got so many figs off of it. I expect the garden looks nice.

Tell George not to dis faire that all will come out right for him soon. I shall try hard to get an office and then I can put him in to learn a trade.

I would rather be in Sacramento nine times in two rather than remain here a day longer if I was able.

Give my best love to all the family and to my friends remem-

to me kindly. Telling them that I have not forgotten them, and I hope they have not me, and in course of due time we may meet again.

Hoping all are well, as we are here and expecting an answer soon with much love to you dear Mamma I remain

Very truly,
Your Son,
Francis H. Whaley.

I saw Dr Hammond this morning in regard to directions for taking the pills. Same directions as before three times a day one before each meal. The Doctor wishes to be remembered. He intended to drop a note but forgot it.

F. H. W.

Palace Hotel.

San Francisco, 18

from S.D. Union. Sept 13 – 79

The Weatherford (Texas) Times, Aug 16, has the following

"It is said that the S.P. have entered into an arrangement with Huntington's Southern Pacific line by which the former is to build its road to El Paso immediately, and the latter to that point, with the San Diego branch yet to be settled. In this great combination, the St Louis and Iron Mountain is to have a fair share."

This apparently settles the management of this extensive line, and virtually places it in the hands of the Penn R.R. Co. We learn from a valued and reliable correspondent in Phila that the S.P. Co. have been offered $10.000.000 on the bonds proposed to be issued at the annual meeting of the Co. held in Phila at 95 and an eighth.

The S.D. Union Sept 14th.

Quotes from Los Angeles Express. "A numerous named gen that Scott has made loan of $20.000.00 in Europe and that he will return and commence work on S.B to S.D. If true, the chances of a complete

this road now Southern route an encouraging
sight prospect of a near line the S.P. will hardly
build further than Tucson, but turn towards
Mexico ~~leaving~~ with junctions at Guaymas and
from thence branches into interior of Mexican
republic, connecting the Capital with trunk
on Gulf of Cala. This was original design of
Stanford &c. When road was connected in Sac-
dad Valley 3 yrs ago Gov S. in his speech intimated
that City of Mexico was the grand objective point.
With the mutation of the fortunes of Col S. the policy
designed S.P. changed and a bold effort was made
to divert the S.P. direct from the field and weight
from it all its advantages of transit. It failed
in that, and now that Col S. has probably received
a fatal, the S.P. will return to original programme.
The connection of the S.P. to San Diego would bring a com-
petitor on the transportation route of Cala and good
to the people of this coast. A powerful organization
uniting the harbors of S.D. would compel the S.P. to open
harbor of Wilmington. The people having other ways for
shipment with interior of Arizona, a treaty of business
would ridge agts of transportation. We hope rumor is
true & that Sedd may succeed. It will place giant
against giant, and help the people of the coast in a con-
flict which is almost beyond their reach of strength.

Paper Scale.

Williston.

Old Town
Sept 24th 1895

My dear Son Frank.

I really do not know if its were four letters or your father they I have answered I think though its is your father therefor I will to God. I cannot say that there is any particular news, we are all well at present, too well for the good appetite they all have and for the scarcity of provision all money gone. Last night Dan Clark died paralyzed funeral to-day by the County New Town to have a back board around by Dr. Cave he perfectly willing to wait for his money. Mrs I stated a Mrs Rankins bill nights we had an old fashioned talk she has heard some of your letters about her when she stood at the house Mrs Gist back and Willie Grey told her I smoothed its over she will have a very pretty place when its is finished. Tom is in the Lower County jail. I called to see Mrs Morse the nearly day but could not have a talk with Morse as the Rifle Road folks were at his house holding a meeting he Morse having fallen ill. When he heard of Jim's death had arrived

with some favorable news. They have been all around to get land or money. They want two acres of land and all the money they can get but there seems to be some hitch somewhere which more says they do not think they can fix up. I do not know what it is. It is the Atchinson and Topeka Rail-Road who have made the offer to build to. They say if they can get the land. They will hold meetings in Mr Morris's office. This is all I know of Rail-Road matters. I have not had an opportunity of asking more what that "terrible calamity" he talks about I guess is a money matter. The Minters and Mrs Israel have gone in the country for a couple of weeks so that the dance that old Stone was going to give the folks here upon the trial of his 00 over the death of Perkins from Frank Stone has not come off. Martin for the Minters to come back I think. I hope by this time either Jon or your father has something to do either for your Dakes or you as it is hard times with us you bet I don't know but if you had remained at home it would have been better for you.

As during Election times, Parker Davis has not gone to Sonora get more do they think he will. Gloze Lyons, Eloise Machado, Salvador, Mr José Maria Estudillo, they say are all going to Sonora or Mexico to try their luck. Dick Ring and Bill Conners have been down to lower California to play for the feast. They were gone 13 days made lots of money but spent it mostly all. Mannie had four abscessy under her right arm for some time which made her quite sick, that is the reason she did not stay at Christina's. Cay Conger, Bile Christina, and her Mother came in to-day from Las Rosas. Came in hauling in wool to New Lower and Eloise and Salvador haul in stuff every two or three days. Our George cannot it seems get any thing to do if he had a team perhaps he might. Mr Battile is also unoccupied. It makes me sick to see them all unoccupied when times are so hard. I hope your father is well. They talk of his use to run, but I [illegible]

who waits patiently and cheer-
fully. I hope you are in good
health and your father also.
My love to Li and mea and
Aunty, and also to the Miles
family, and Sophie.
We have
had a great many figs off our
trees, but it would take 30
large trees to supply the demand
around this house. I
had to watch my chamber girl
myself, so I am keep watch
hawk, may not capture them
all. The boys in town here
the other night got up one of their
serenades and held forth in
the upper part of Glenwood
barn in the loft. I thought
it was a lot of wild horses
kicking against the barn, such
a racket, dancing, singing, whoop-
ing I never heard before. I could
not get to sleep till two o'clock
in the morning. Jim George keep
pened to go to bed early and
was sound asleep as I suppose
he would have joined
them. Jim Conner and Wolf
George Gray and Lillie play-
ed a match game of Casino
for two pounds of candies. Jim
lost both time. Sunday he brought
two boxes of candies, he says
that next time he will cheat
if he cannot win any other way.
Oh my how I wish time was

where he was told to come to the. Just about all
his crony and he was [illegible], [illegible] pretty
dead here [illegible] he [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] of. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the lower part of the house
where he was to lie out but had no money
to get [illegible] with. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of [illegible] this [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] called this [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

good of you or your father had something to do,
these dull grubbing times effect me to, I do,
not care so much for myself, although if I could
get certain few things, I know they would keep
the feeling better, but the crowd have now they
want shoes, and underclothing - winter coming on.
we are all, without underclothing - well of we can
only get something to eat & write all the rights.
I will not disappoint something may turn up unexpected-
edly, I will be patient like God, keep up good
heart Frank and never say die. I hope your
father will do the same, he had better stick

Sept. 24 1879
A.E.

Mr Francis H. Mealey
Care of
E. M. Miles Esq.
413 Montgomery St
San Francisco

San Francisco. September 24th 1879.

My Dear Wife,

Referring to my memorandum I perceive the last letter received from you was on the 12th of the month which I answered on the following day. I begin to think that it is about time that I wrote to you again and that you did the same. I have written to Morse concerning that "terrible calamity", expressing my surprise thereat and inquiring, inasmuch as he has informed you of it, I shall expect him to tell me what it is, and hope soon to hear further of it. I received a letter from him to day, but as it was dated the 20th, and mine to him on the 22nd, of course he made no mention of the matter. He informs me of some Rail Road news, or rather that the people of San Diego are at present proposing to do in order to get some company to undertake building the road to Yuma commencing work at San Diego; and should they succeed there is every probability of a speedy

completion of the work within a reasonable time from now. Certainly there is a great deal of talk about Rail Road matters at San Diego, more than there has been for some time past, and as the old saying is, where there is so much smoke, there must be some fire! I live in hope that good may result from the present prospects of the people of San Diego, and that we are nearing the time when they may all rejoice.

Morse, notwithstanding his ~~[illegible]~~ disinclination to assist me, (whether from inability to do so or not it is impossible for me to judge rightfully,) certainly does seem very friendly inclined towards me. He informed me of the recent departure of Mr A. E. Horton to San Francisco, that in talking with him previously, he had asked him if he knew of any one who could take the place of his ~~former~~ bookkeeper and confidential agent Mr G. A. Shepherd, for if mines should improve on S.D. he would want somebody. Morse thinking that I might perhaps like the position in order to be with you and afford opportunities to repay my fortune, had promised to give me a postal informing me of Horton's address that I might communicate with him upon the subject. He says of course H. will require no bonus for me, unless the mines improve. I had not been in receipt of Morse's letter half an hour before I had the pleasure of meeting me and I believe he was equally glad to see me after so long a time. We had considerable talk about San Diego, the people there and its present prospects about which he certainly entertains great hopes. I mentioned to him what Morse had written to me about, and he said he thought I would be just the man for him and at the proper time when things developed themselves more favorably, as he thought they would soon, he would bear me in mind. I believe I could use Mr Horton's acquaintance, having the time I was with him young in the management of his share business, gained considerable experience in that line.

Morse informs me that he says that Cochlin's like to his lands purchased under the judgment at Sheriff's sale is worthless, and if they ever become valuable he will prove it.

We have it upon some informality in the sale. I am glad to hear of this on Mrs's account, besides it gives me additional hope in regard to other informalities attending the obtaining of the judgment against me. That the conveyance I made to Morse and Frank will hold, as I have believed it would. I think things will come around all right with us in the course of time so I do not feel quite as much discouraged as I did, though we must expect to see some hard times yet.

Neither Frank nor I have succeeded in obtaining anything to do: the prospect for money are anything but bright, though for Frank a little more encouraging. Judge Hyde still holds out the hope that he may be able to assist him and thinks I succeed in getting him established in a job printing office so as to place George where he will be learning and earning something. I shall be perfectly satisfied. Now if we certainly if the Judge does anything, he seems to be laying based upon his ability to do so independent of

the necessary management of his own affairs which have become involved by the action of his son in law in connection with the French Bank. Both these are nearly straightened out and he hopes to have some money soon at his disposal. But say nothing of what I write to anyone in regard to the judge's affairs. He thinks before the fifth of next month he may be able to relief Frank, may be to the extent of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Recently I renewed the acquaintance of an old friend, Robert de Estemauville, with whom I was intimate in 1850. He has become celebrated as the compiler of law books having published many works for the guidance of lawyers in their practice. He is known now as Robert Dorsey and was elected at the last election State joint Senator for Van Buren and a portion of Van Buren. His election is contested upon the ground that he is not a citizen of the United States. His mother brought him from Canada to New York

a widow

at the age of eight years. When he remained shipping last till he came to California in 1850, bringing home a letter of introduction from a friend of mine (John Ogden, a British subject born in Ireland). He says he was naturalized in New York in 1854, and has sent on there for a copy of the certificate of naturalization, and by me he will prove that Robert Cavanaville and Robert Dotty are one and the same person. He appears to have been a very learned and eminent man, from the fact of his having received the largest majority of the votes each he much be well known and have considerable influence. He secured his election without spending a single dollar being a man of strength and qualified for making the laws in conformity to the constitution. He says he will be the leader in the Senate of allowed to take his seat, and from what I knew of him formerly I expect he will. Though generous in his way he is a wholesome generous fellow and devoted to his friends. He is poor from being rich, one of the kind that never are. I was in hopes to have found him differently situated in this regard from what he is, as I befriended him in many ways even pecuniarily and of his success to day he owed from gratitude, as I gave me his field. We were much pleased to renew acquaintance after an elapse of more than twenty nine years introduced me to his wife, an amiable, goodly but commanding looking lady of perhaps forty five with hair grey than mine. She is rather good looking and pleasant in her conversation. A real Irish lady. I found though at first from the fact I suspected of his being of French descent, I suspected her to be a Frenchwoman. She told me in my second interview with her, that her husband was as much rejoiced to see me again as though I was his brother. They live alone in a room adjoining his office (his den he calls it.) on Clay near Montgomery St. simply and quietly. They have been married twenty years, had but one child which died two years ago at the age of three years, and over it they still mourn. They appear a very happy old couple. He calls her all manner of pet names to which she answers indifferently, being as the same to her.

He is of a rather jovial disposition and in the manner of his conversation and some of his expressions reminds one somewhat of Jeff Chatwood when at his best. He can be equally as eloquent and at times he may with express himself as elegantly though he is not quite the blackguard as Chatwood is frequently in his conversation.

Mr. Bosh was always considered a choice kind of a fellow in his way and respected in command to the day. He is a regular book worm, shuts himself up in his den sometimes for days and works together, rummaging in the mouldiness of bookbooks which fill the sides from the floor to the ceiling. Besides many others lying around loose on the floor, desks and tables covered with dust the accumulation of years. He is constantly at work, at present engaged in correcting proofs of some newly compiled work. Speaking to him about Hawks who I have introduced to him and telling him that his name was on the list of subs at more than a dozen

en different offices, he asked if it was at Bacon's. I said yes at the foot of the lock. "Well, said he, "I am going down to Bacon's with some proof sheets. Sit here, answer yourself with the lady while I am gone, and when you will see on my return that I have changed all that and that Frank name will be at the head of the list". And as he wished, so it was done. The next day he received word from the foreman of Bacon's office that if his friend came down then he could give him half a day's work; but by the time he could notify Frank of it, it was too late. Frank saw the foreman also & told him he must not hesitate to be assured that the first opportunity that presented itself he would push him on as one of the regular hands.

Dickey says that when he gets in the senate he will use all his influence to get Frank employed in the State printing office; pay $2.00 per week of 8 hours and double pay for extra time. This would be a good position for Frank and enable him soon to make enough money to establish him in business independent of friends of any one. I hope for his sake he will get the position, as he is ambitious and will make money if he gets fairly started. Possibly Dickey will be able to

get some position or clerkship for me during the session of the legislature which I am confident he will do if in his power. I have not spoken to him yet but intend doing so. You know both of the many friends and acquaintances that I have, that this one recently found will do more for me than all the others put together. All I ask of a friend who will interest himself in me and I am certain in getting me into something and should Dockey be the one I shall feel amply repaid for all I have done for him.

Would you wonder look in my oldest business books, with pasteboard covers, when I was doing business in San Francisco, and from the Ledger make a transcript of the a/c of Robert Duperamaville, if in them, and send the same to my that I may see the nature of his indebtedness, which I have quite forgotten. I think the amount is for about $150. or $200. So much for Dockey at present. Capt Shuman I understand is about to return with his wife and child to San Diego, by land in their own conveyance, and Judge Hyde talks of going down after the first of October some time. I suggested to him his taking me, that possibly I might be of use to him in a business way. The morning he told me that in the event of his not being able to go and desired to do so he would arrange to defray the expense. I am likely to acquire money of this office in case I am made to get in to anything here by the 10th or 15th of next month. I prefer remaining in this city provided I can get employment though at a very small salary, and my returning to San Diego, when I know everything is so very dull I cannot expect to get employment, will be only as a last resort. I am without a dollar except what I borrow from friends and I assure you it is extremely hard living economically as I do, to obtain what is necessary, besides the mortification I feel in asking and sometimes in being refused is very galling to my feelings. Never seek to borrow unless compelled from necessities or to send you a little occasionally. The rent of my room is $6.00 per month, which seems like money thrown away, and expends what I have cost Frank and myself for food eaten in our rooms. I think $60.00 per month would furnish us all the victuals we can possibly eat. On the 22nd ich the month just became due I did not have the money. So I asked Frank if he could advance

to stick at his grandmother's to do so and that I would furnish him with money to contribute towards his board equal in amount to one half what it had cost us together. He is now stopping with his grandmother. I paid one week, rent to my landlady and I hope before it is ended to find some other place where I may lay my head without cost, and this for the enclosure of support for truth and myself it is not so quite so severe a tax upon my finances and I may more easily be able to send you something. One of my fellow passengers overland, McCloud, has opened a 15¢ restaurant on Clay St, and so doing so well that he feels encouraged to enlarge it, besides taking the upper part and furnishing suite of rooms. He told me yesterday that he expected to complete his arrangements by next monday and that I was welcome to occupy one of the rooms here he rented them all, and that if another fellow passenger on the arrival of the train overland in the morning, he would consider it in full equivalent for my board. and if he was able he would pay me something besides. Cloud

wife and family of four children are recently from Texas. Formerly resided in this State for eight years. Has considerable land interests the prospects and title of which I have seen. He is at present here for his health. They are large people, that is Jones and wife, very gaunt and independent with no personal regard for appearances, he goes in his shirt sleeves without coat or cravat and she can not have on much more than a calico dress with sleeves rolled up to their elbows. They go around in this way. Just in the restaurant and then in the kitchen in the rear of it attending to their guests. At least they did so when they first opened their establishment but now that business has increased so much they employ three waiters. several cooks and scullions, and Jones sits in his shirt sleeves at his desk taking in the dimes and half dimes, which now comes, as I called attention that family attends to more important duties than in the culinary department. They have about $1000 cash which they will shortly double, for the Jones are hard workers. They are good hearted people and as we became somewhat intimate on the cars and

apparently holding me in high estimation, & I had been pleased to continue the acquaintance. But I have I have visited the Jones before and since they went into the Restaurant business and have always found them very hospitable, Comrades McClone, your preparing specially for us a dinner. Do you on amongst entire strangers our comrades find better friends than those whom you have known for a longer time. The Mrs for in charge in the mud house, with rooms to spare, did not whilst then dining last evening offer me shelter though I bear them that I had gone to his grandmothers and I expected to be obliged to make other arrangements for myself in consequence being without money and the difficulty I found in borrowing of friends. Yesterday I applied to Mr B. Hodgson, John P. Young and Andrew McCalen for a loan of from $5.00 to $10. and they each informed me that they could not possibly do so the same, however much they were inclined and went into lengthy explanations of their situations. I was most surprised in regard to Mr B.H., who I supposed to be fully able to assist me, but it appears he is as impecunious beyond the supply of his own wants as any of them. Andrew has loaned me $5. already and therefore some expense for him having overdrawn his a/c with his employers, I finally managed to borrow $5.00 from McSellen, being the second advance of the kind made to me, and this I have to send you as I know you must be in want of it. I will make an effort in a day or two after recovering from the effects of my disappointment and mortification. I had other things to write about, nothing special however but what I could obtain by hearing from you again or some in case I can get any money to send you. I send by mail five "Cardiff Libraries", which I've I have read & which you and the children in the absence of something of better may find interesting.

Thanks I've seen on the streets China Joe's son Grant on his return and from the balcony of Judge Hyde's room opposite the Palace has witnessed one of the processions and heard him make a little speech from one of the balconies of the Court of the Palace Hotel, the whole affair has been a grand ovation which I wish you and the children might have been. I see you must have read accounts of it in the journals enclosed I D+

I enclose a few postage stamps which you will find convenient. I received a letter from Jim. No letter from you to-day so I will make this answer at once. I have commenced a letter to Flo. To dear wife and children, hoping that you are well and that I shall hear from you soon. I remain with love

Your affectionate husband,

Thos Kelley

I received letter from Jenie Brown the other day enclosing $5.00 promising to write. She expect to come down to see you. I have written Puffer about George and the 29th inst. and I paid on a week's board. I will have $40. of my own. Hope that George and the girls are all well with love!

Thos Kelley

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE, THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

BROOKLYN SEP 26 2 PM 79 N.Y.

CAPE OCT 7 AM

Recd Oct 4

Thomas Whaley
C. M. Miles
413 Montgomery St
San Francisco Cal

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE, THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

NEW YORK SEP 27 12 M K 79

Recd. Oct 28 1879

Wm. J. Vincent Browne.
13 Rampart St.
Quebec
Canada

I received your card some time
ago. glad to hear from you and
you be prospering. How are all the
folks? I am working to hard.
Things are quite as about
the same as when you left
no changes. do not know
what I shall do, shall try
to find some job for the best, children
are all well. Uncle Q visited day last week
are your family & are you and
Frank expected before long. Let me know
of work he gets and what he
has to do. Shall look at the same
place. Rest very cool, warm
I shall be glad to hear of your being
your family. Mr Farmer sent for me
to come to his office he wanted to know
if there was anyone left in the cellar
of house yesterday I told him
no. Mr L told him there was another
a eight foot wood box to sell not
anything else from your friend
M G B

12 3 3 3 rd Ave
Sept 27 70

Eliza
Yours just re-
-ceived, why not direct
Mr Whaley & Geo. Edwards
Oberman. Silver mining Co.
414 California St. Sacr.
Ed. G. Sprol (Co. Lidsdorff & Cal.)
London, Liverpool & Globe Ins
Co. Lidsdorff is about this
time here, and this is
in knowing but what he
knows there, they might
know if something he can
do. I send you their address
and you take your own
judgement — in the matter.
Will write a letter tomorrow
I can, Yrs. Mr. Hamm

Oct.

1879

The New York Floating Elevator Company,

OFFICE—No. 47 PEARL STREET. GEORGE D. PUFFER, President.

Recd Oct 8.79.

New York, October 1st 1879.

Dear Old Friend

Your letter of Sept. 21st, safe hand, I thank you for it, It was very interesting I have just returned from the office of your old friend Young, having called there by request of Mr Francioli, to whom I presented the note due this day. Mr Young talked very pom, but said things were improving, and he hoped to pay up all his debts very soon. He said he would take up the note with twenty five dollars (25.) as he could spare. I offered to take forty for it, and explained how I could do it, He then said if Mr Whaley would take thirty he would settle, and he gave me time to write you to that effect. I can take it, and I will remit the full thirty, and when Tom Scott & Co get their road through you can pay me the ten. All are well with me, but the Old Lady, she is quite sick. With love to all your family, and asking you to excuse haste

I remain Your old friend

Geo. D. Puffer

Old Town Me. Sept
Oct 1st 1879

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queer wormwood for piles.

My dear Husband.

Your letter of Sept 24th containing $5.00 came safely, and we were very glad to get it, and hear from you. also as we had not had a letter from either you or Frank for some time, I am really sorry to hear of your hard times and inability to secure employment, but I am sure something will turn up soon for both you and Frank. If you were down here, after the novelty of seeing us all had worn off, I think you would feel miserable and disgusted, and then have no chance to get away if you wanted to, as much as we would all wish to see you after so long an absence from home. Still we all say "what will he do down here, just fret his life away!" and

perhaps get sick, I think
that possibly something may
be done with the Rail
road here, I suppose Mr
Morse will keep you posted
ed about it. There is certain-
-ly a great deal of talk here
then it will amount to any-
thing remains to be seen, if
we can only manage to
hold out tils spring then
I think there will be a
change, (perhaps,) "Mors. bury"
I am glad you have met
with old friends who are
kind to you, you will al-
ways find better feeling am-
ong the middle class than
among any other, I have al
-ways found it so. It pains
me too to think you have
to ask favors of people
but what are we to do, it
will not always be so, so
the only way is to keep a
stiff upper lip, if people
thought you had money
they would ask the same
favor of you, and they have
done it too, and you have
always responded. I will try
us not feel gloomy, but try
to keep up, and surely some-
thing will turn up soon.
You surely cannot do any-
thing here but mope.

I am glad
that you asked Mr Morse
about that "terrible calamity"
which I feel sure is nothing
but money matters, Morse is
now wrapped up in Rail
Road, and it seems if they
can get a certain amount
of land and money the com-
pany, "Atchinson and Lopeka"
folks will build the road.
then we can sell our place
and get a smaller one and
have some money in the
Bank, as it is I could
not get $500 for it all now.
I will hunt up the papers
you want and send them
soon. Am glad your old
friends are so pleased at
renewing the friendship for

you. You being befriended by the Jones' may result in something else. I hope to soon hear of your having something permanently to do, so that you may feel contented at least for awhile. Every thing goes on the same here dull, I scarcely can go out. I am feeling better and am relieved of the horrible soreness of Piles to a certain extent, till the next attack comes on again. I received the "Seaside Library" five of them and have commenced on them already. It is a very nice way of getting up reading for all people. I have nothing much to write but will send you another letter soon after hearing from you again. So with love from all the children who speak of you all the time, and hope to see you soon, I am as ever your loving wife and devoted and patiently waiting

wife.

A. E. Whaley.

It is clouding up and
begins to look like rain, we will soon
begin to clean out the cistern which
needs it very much. We have about

Dearest Mother
I received your letter
the first of April yesterday
and my Lemon tree just filled with Lemons,
and my Palm is growing finely,
Frank's house is going to Mexico soon, so
I'm sorry to say, he leaves out after
awhile, and nothing may come of this be
yond memory. to be of good cheer dear

San Francisco. October 2nd 1849.

My Dear Wife.

I have been anxiously expecting a letter from you, the last being of the 10th of September, which I answered on the 18th, and again, on the 25th. But for yours of the 24th to Frank, which I read, I should be entirely without any news from you for nearly one month. I think you might write more frequently; as for the children, I suppose they have given up entirely.

I am sorry that I have nothing encouraging to communicate, and were I to say anything it would but be a repetition of the old story "nothing to do and no chance of doing anything".

I am about sick and disgusted and long for the time to come, which I have set for returning home, the 11th of this month, unless something favorable, unexpectedly turns up to put me into some good position, which is about as probable as being

struck by lightning. Eddie Miles offers to procure me a ticket by the steamer or I may be able to procure one out of the money I am looking forward to receive from Young in payment of his note for $50. due the 29th Sept. Duffy has the collection in hand and will do the best he can to make it. I know of no reason why Young should not pay me. With a free ticket and this money I will be able to return home with some few groceries which will save us for a time, and I hope his better arrangements can be made for the future.

I was compelled to give up the room where Frank and I were lodging. He has gone to his grandmothers and I have taken up my quarters in Destleys law. I am pretty comfortable, but as I pay nothing, have no reason to complain, but consider myself very fortunate as I have hardly a cent of money, my present capital being but a dime and a half. I am trying to borrow $10. and should I succeed will endeavor you one half of it.

I have not seen Frank for three days. I suppose he is at work at Bacon's as Miles says when I called to see him the last time, he told him he was going to work. I was at B's Club yesterday to enquire for H. but could not learn definitely concerning him. I hope he has made a stake at last and that it will be permanent. Judge Ryan still promises and has hope of being able to assist Frank. He is to let me know about the 5th of the month.

I hear of no changes in the Commissary Dept which will benefit me. The Destleys are poor, unable to do much for me, except in an indirect way. If F. is with B's Co, he owes his position to him. He will get a clerkship for me during the session of the next legislature, position for F. in the State printing office if he can.

I am kind of leading the miserable life which I do now, doing nothing but walk and sit around hotels reading papers, killing time as best I can.

I long to return home, where though I may still be miserable, I shall have some comfort to compensate me, and where I may be employed for my self at least if

not profitably so big thus — I know how very dull it is there, yet do not despair of making some little money, and very little will suffice us these times. I have nothing here you may say but the clothes which I stand in, which then I shall be in the midst of all I possess, and though not much yet I may hope to turn it some account. It seems as though I must return home before I am able again to do anything, to make, as it were, a fresh start from this. I am willing to put my shoulder to the wheel, and with the children's help, shall hope to accomplish something for the benefit of all of us. I do not despair of success, and, if regaining as much as ever I had, before I die, and, even of living some time to enjoy it, but I must start afresh from home. The 5th is the 56th anniversary of my being, and I have sufficient aidor and determination in me to accomplish what I must do in it if I have

October 3d. I was unable to procure the loan of ten dollars yesterday, therefore could not send you the money promised or even mail the letter which I had written, having but fifteen cents for which I spent for my supper last night and ten for breakfast this morning. But now I am in funds again having borrowed ten dollars this morning from Wilmending, twenty dollars of which I enclose to you. I think it is about time I got out of this place, though I do not expect to do much or any better in San Diego where I propose going soon.

Frank turned up yesterday - had one day's work at Bacon's at $2.00, this is however an entering wedge for him and he may hope to do better soon.

Should I have been on the 11th as I expect, you will but have him to answer this for me to receive it. Off I get the money from N.Y. that I expect. I wish to buy some few groceries with it such things most needed and which can be purchased cheaper here with the freight added than in San Diego, therefore please furnish me with a list and the prices you have to pay in San Diego - also send me the sizes of shoes for yourself and the children that I may buy at least one pair in case I have money enough as shoes can be bought doubtless cheaper here than in S.D.

Yesterday I wrote a letter to Boggs in Idaho I was informed

is living at Salinas City, intending to marry if I had
had the money for postage stamps. Sash coming
to Destry, who should come in but a man to get a small
satchel which he had left there during the day for safe
keeping. He stopped down to get it from behind the so-
fa, and said a few words to Destry and then left. I
was sitting on the opposite side of the room partially con-
cealed by the entrance door. The man did not see me
nither did I see his face, but I thought I recognized
in the shape of his back and the sound of his voice,
that your old friend Dodge! I said to Destry I
think I know the gentleman who has just left the
room. Destry said "that was Capt Dodge". I
enquired "Mr Simon Dodge"? He replied, yes,
of Salinas". I then told Destry my connec-
tion with him. He said Dodge always talked
very grand but did not think he was worth any-
thing as he generally borrowed money before leaving the
city, but that he did not doubt but what he might
be able to do something for me. He has made him
several years though not intimately, but has found
those who know him better and from them he hopes to learn
of Dodge's circumstances. I am on the track of Dodge

and hope to find him to day. He is up there on busi-
ness connected with the courts. Thus I find myself
hope to be able to get something out of him.
Cheer up and close my dear wife. I hope to meet you soon. once more at least before leaving so
with love to you and the children hoping that
you are well believe me as ever.

Your loving husband
Thos Whaley

my fortunes there, but the longer I remained and the harder
I tried, worse and more miserable things got. Finally I decided
to return to California, thinking I might be able
to accomplish something here, but find things even worse
than they were in N.Y. I am almost destitute, have
been here now over a week without making a single dollar. I
am entirely without funds, and unable to return without
these. I have thought of Mr. Mauzey. October 2nd 1849
Love my friend. I am anxious to go home to my wife and children from whom I have been so long
for two years. But I am without the means to do so.
George A. Hoffman Esq. dead I am completely strapped.
I am induced to write to you telling you as much as I
have, believing that though that you, if any, will be in your power
to render me all that you have often said I had a right to expect from me.
I am still indebted. I have not a dollar to pay my
fares upon my feet. If you may be in the position
to lend me any assistance you can
do so. Mind, I am in a state of the past and though I may
needing to say more. You will understand my
be even so little. I will be quite [illegible] to explain the
situation fully. If you are willing to assist
present hope and [illegible] you with the [illegible]
may to relieve immediate wants. I shall be great
ly of the aid and shall esteem it besides a great favor.
ful to you for the favors the times at hand I am
poor and so are all my friends, but they are not always
remain so. Even now I hear [illegible] Commodore
Comanging R. R. news for the benefit of [illegible] San Diego
but hoping in the past been deluded so frequently I am
rather [illegible] to place any great reliance on
Hope [illegible] friend Dodge to hear from him
don't be afraid to write even though you can not
and make to advance me a single cent. I
am happy from being happy with any one and
most [illegible] to my friends, as such I always
esteemed you and during the many years that
have elapsed I have often pondered over your
with untiring feeling [illegible] me & your wanderings
and doings. [illegible] Mr. Dodge
and the chief [illegible] Sheriff Kelsey [illegible]
[illegible] Thompson and of Bingham who I understand
reside at Portland, Oregon. Now as I [illegible]
[illegible] you am you may as well write and [illegible]

San Francisco. Oct 2nd 1849.

Friend Dodge,

I wrote you a few lines some time ago once more for the purpose of ascertaining if you were really at Salinas. You did not answer my communication. You need not have feared to have done so. It was more to ascertain your position and if I had learned that it was favorable my intention was then to have asked you and [redacted] to ask you to repay me the three or a portion of what you owe me as your circumstances might permit.

I understood some time ago that you were at Salinas and that you were to ascertain definitely if [illegible] me.

I have since learned positively that you are at Salinas and am much surprised that you did not answer my communication. You need not fear the [illegible] with me. I have been your friend in time past and [illegible] may never have better in your power to repay me and more what I can learn of you I do suppose it is not the present time. I was in hopes to have heard from you and that you were gloriously situated. From what you say I believe you would willingly pay my and be friend me as I have depended on you. I have been very unfortunate since you saw me last lost everything [illegible] and [illegible] for the past 3 or 4 yrs. I have [illegible] hoping to advance

Rec'd Oct 8th
Answ'd 8th

San Diego, Oct 3d 1879.

Dear Father.

I suppose you have a ghost of an idea hovering or stealing ~~through your elevated~~ extremities, or more properly speaking, your knowledge box, crying out faintly, oh the little exile in S.D. is endeavoring to persuade his knowledge box too leave off thinking that he has a Father in the civilized land. But we will look and consider and ejaculate, and say with a firm voice like wise men, and say that good news is a long time coming. But all this that I have said, does not help the matter a particle, for it is very easy to lift the little artificial pen, and link the chain on the plug of the River Knowledge, and witness the stream of knowledge pouring into the lines on the writing paper, into the high rank of a

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this letter of half nonsense, and half sense, and as the saying is, a "little nonsense now and then is laughed about by the wisest men", The Family are all well, except my dear Mother, who feels very bad once in a while, Times are very dull in S.D. but not minding the hard times, providence provides enough food to keep body and sole together, To let you know and hear again, that if I am not educated in music, I will expire with the many pounds of harmony, crushing me down into the silent repose of the grave, Music is my forte, and no other, I love music, and have a roll of it, floating around in my bosom of harmony, May it not be long, before I will have, if it is only a birds eye view of S.F. I of course will cherish that view, But who could cherish monotony for a living agts come, please let Frank hear this letter, just so that you and He can have a side spliting laugh together, Please answer.

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From Your Sincere Son
George H. R. Whaley.

trees, flowers, all gone. I am
feeling better than I have for some
time, but I have almost to give
up Oatmeal as that, is the only
thing that regulates my bowels.
I have not been so well since
last year. Constipation, I
am now by degrees getting right
and perhaps that both office
my pilgrimage shall see. Remember
me to all friends, Mollie, Hospie
Miles, and my love to Frank and
tell him to write to me soon.
I hope he will get situated soon
in business. I hope you will
get a free passage down through
the coast. Give my love to
Milly or Willey or some one else.
Well I will bind up by sending
you the bill as you ask it, and
so with much love from that
one dear friend, I am as ever
your devoted husband
and loving wife

A. E. Whaley.

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Old Town Oct 8th

1879

My dear Husband.

Oct 2nd Came safely, I think for the 5.00, as we were somewhat in need of it, and was wondering where or when we should get some more cash. Am always very happy when you write that you are well. I think Frank have nothing to do but I think that in time you would both fall into something. If you could have some money to keep you both along, hope that Judge Hyde will do as he promised and give poor Frank a start, as I know if he gets well young he would help us along. Know he is willing to do all he can now and Frank is a very good young man. Mr Cox is not pleased with Frank but I know the old man is good hearted, see you soon.

Ever your wife
Ed. E. Hadley.

not willing to know as he pro-
bably may, yet I would
advised let him to write to
McCay Joon. I am pleased to
hear you are doing
well. I think that you are lodging
with a friend, but if you
think that there is no chance
for you to get anything to do
where I suppose you will have
to wend your way home but
you will come to a perfect
dead place, and after the
novelty of home is worn off
I think you will be very
restless. If you can manage
to get enough necessary gro-
ceries to last us all winter,
then in the spring we may
be able of Board matters are
fixed get comfortably fixed.
Perhaps Willy may get some
pass age on the steamers or
Cars, or Stage, so that you
may put all you can in
groceries. I suppose you will

Shoes. Received Oct 8th 1879.

(For Mrs Whalen
No 3 Calf-Skin buttoned rather
broad across joints. but they are from
a 3.50 to 3.75. & high heels.)
(For Nan. No 1½. buttoned leather
or Rid. high heels.)
(For Violet buttoned Calf Skin

[illegible] fixed I'll get comfortably fixed. Sister Wiley I get you a free pass on the Steamer or Cars, or Stage, so that you may put all you can in groceries. I suppose you will wait to receive your money from Young before you come down. We shall all be glad to see you once more but I am afraid you will get tired of this place soon. Have you seen Wiley? he might lend you some money, a hundred or so no harm asking him. They are talking R. Road very sharp here, but I do not know what the folks in New Town are doing. Judge Lothrop says Morse is worth at least $100,000 every one thinks the same, but they cry poverty of home a thousand times more than I would. People are all laughing and talking about them. I think Morse has called some time since Rumball returned. Do you think you could tell my ring the light yellow topaz if you stay up there a while longer, I will send it to you. Tucker told me once it

[illegible]

should be $45.00, but of course I could not expect to get so much now. I'd pay more for it if I could rather keep it, but if I could get from $30 to $35.00 for it I would let it go. If you intend coming on the 11th why I will not have time to send it, but perhaps you can manage without it so I will wait and see how you come out. It is preparing to rain now and we need it for corn. And we will have to clean the cistern out before we can do much. If you come, you can superintend the job. I will have to do it.

I have not written so very often because sometimes I had only a piece of paper to write on. Mr Bataille has been on the point several times of selling his bedroom set, he said it belonged to the house, but you wrote once that he could have the room and furniture if he

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(For Mrs Whaley
No 3 Calf-Skin buttoned & alby broad across joints. but they are from a 3,50 to 3.75. high heels.)
(For Nan, No 1½. buttoned leather or Rich. high heels.)
(For Tickie - buttoned Calf-Skin, No 2½. high heels.)
For Lillie. No 3½. buttoned Calf-Skin. high heels.) these shoes wear a long time.

George wants a pair of Boots he says, his cost from 6 to 7 dollars a pair here, not too thick soles as they hurt his feet but good for winter. No 6 rather high instep broad across joints, (high heels) and a few pairs of Colored Stockings if you can, 2 pair, No 8. 6 pairs 8½ that is if you can get them.

List of Groceries most necessary. (as much flour as you can get.)

Flour, per sack here, 1.75

Sugar. Coffee Sugar, 9 lbs 1.00

Coffee in 1 lb papers all roasted (and not ground) 1 lb

Arbuckle & Bros. 3 papers 1.00

Beans, red. 6 to 7 cts lb.

Bacon 12½ cts a lb.

Rice. 12½ " " "

Oatmeal. 10 lb sack, (for me) 90 cts

Graham, flour. 10 lb sack, (for me) 60 "

Salt, 3 sacks for 25 "

Matches, per bundle. 25 "

Soap, German Laundry, good $1.00 box

Starch, per small box, 25 cts

Lard. small can 30 "

Firkin butter, — 30 to 40 cts lb.

R.R. butter cheaper

~~Champagne Yeast powder 3 cans 25 cts~~

California Hops, for my yeast 25 cts a small package.

Onions

Potatoes, — cheap here.

Pepper.

San Francisco. Oct 8th 1849.

My Dear Son George.

I am in receipt of your short letter of the 3d inst. You write so strangely I am at a loss to understand all that you say. I wish you would endeavor to express yourself in simpler language than you do, and then perhaps your meaning would be more intelligible. I infer you are most anxious to come to San Francisco, that certainly is my wish, and I have promised that you should come as soon as I can arrange matters and until that time arrives, it is better for you to remain where you are to learn all you can and be of protection to your mother and sisters. So far neither Frank nor I have been able to get anything to do and it is as much as we can do to live. The prospects are more favorable for him than for me, and most likely he will get into something before I shall. I am almost discouraged and think of returning to San Diego. I would like to see Frank started into something before I leave, as then there would be a better chance for you. Frank may get work shortly on establishing a job printing office here or at Stockton a newspaper at Mon-

very, having all these projects in view at the present time. Your Success depends upon his unless I should be fortunate to get established in business before he dies. One thing is certain you cannot leave home before I return home or am in funds to provide for you, keeping him till you can get into a position whereby you can earn enough for your own Support. I wrote you some time ago that I wished you to improve yourself in arithmetic and writing. You say nothing of any progress you have made in the former and from your Style of writing I can see that you have made no improvement in the latter. Now this will not do my Son. though you may be badly deficient in many things it is absolutely necessary that you should read write and cypher well. these are the simplest things to learn if you wish to do so. If I were at home I would assist you to learn this much, but as I am not there it will be easy enough for you to learn without me if you desire to do so. I will tell you one thing my Son that unless you understand how to read write and cypher well it will be impossible

for you can to get into any very high position or make any great amount of money. You cannot hope to obtain a clerkship or even the position of a porter in any office or store. You may do to labor in the streets, dig in the ground or drive a car or a coach, or something of this kind; but as to ever holding any position of honor or trust you never can hope to do so as they require persons who can at least read write and cypher well. You will therefore see the importance of giving these things your immediate attention without obliging me ever to mention the subject to you again.

As to your learning music, you know that I am not in the position to aid you, and if you ever become proficient as a professor, it will depend entirely upon your success in making money in some honorable employment, in order to defray the great cost of learning music thoroughly. Do you will see George the necessity of learning to read write and cypher well that you may get into some good position which will furnish you with the necessary means to gratify your musical

prepossessing. It would be better for you situated as you are with parents who are unable to defray the expense of a musical education, if you were not so musically inclined. But if you are determined to become a professor of the art you must go about it in a sensible kind of a way, knowing to be able to accomplish your wish it will require determination and be a long time before you can expect to succeed. You cannot hope to achieve your object at once; indeed for a time you must hold music in abeyance that you may attend to other things that will give you the money requisite, which in the end will enable you to devote your time more fully to it. Then let music go for awhile, if in you so strongly it works up, and give your whole time and attention to the learning of reading writing and cyphering whilst yet you remain at home, so that when in my power to send for you I can do so and place you in some honorable position where you will immediately make money than though without knowledge you were compelled to accept of some subordinate position where you chances of making money would not be so good. I must now close, my dear Son, hoping for your sake that you will hold what I have written to you to be for your good from your affectionate father. Thos Oakley.

San Francisco, Sept 11th 1879.

My Dear Wife,

It was my intention to have left here today by steamer but several things prevented me: Goodall & Perkins, from whom Miles expected to get a pass for one went to Oregon and were not at home for some time; Hoppe wrote saying that he had written to a friend of his in my behalf, from whom he had of good cheer as he hoped for a favorable answer. He enclosed me $20 to keep the wolf from the door for a few days! Poffer writes that Young Cerro pays $50 if Sheriff gives up his note for $50! I say for him to take it. I have written to my brothers-in-law and hope to hear again about the 25th. Young acts very manly.

I have found Bodge here daily, talks very fair. Promises me $20, and to get for Frank the Monterey papers, which disposed of, was offended law partner for $400, has written to him to learn about it. Says if I can do anything he can arrange for one half on credit. Judge Hyde thinks favorable of it and says he is on with the prosecution, and if successful he will do what he can, either for the Monterey papers or Sob-offer here. All these things have determined me to remain longer to watch favorable results. If nothing from Hoppe soon and impossible to advance Frank's interests in any way, provided I can get a few pass and some little money ahead for those provisions &c, I shall return to San Diego without waiting to hear from Poffer again as there is no certainty about Young paying even $50. If I am going home I wish to be there before the rain sets in so as to repair the side wall &

fix roof of the house &c. I am still with my friend Betty, who is as ever eccentric in his ways. He is very poor with all his law abilities, the publishers take advantage of his labors, get the means of them. He is willing to aid me, tells me not to fear to ask him for a dollar, but I cannot ask him for anything. I am satisfied with the lodging he gives me in his office and being more or less at home with him. He insisted upon my sending my wash to his Chinaman and I consented. He has received his certificate of election (as) Senator for San Francisco & San Mateo Counties. but as he hears nothing from W. H. about copy of certificate of his naturalization, he may have to go on there to hunt it up himself, to defeat the efforts being made to prevent him from taking his seat in the Senate. He will be a good man there for the land. I hope he will succeed! He may benefit me and thank you did not send my Bettys a/c, was no matter about it now. There the Jones continues, they are only a few doors from Betty's. Keep restaurant & lodging house. I am always welcome there, but their place is so manly & dirtily kept that I go there with great reluctance. I am far more comfortable with my old friend Betty, who with all his wants of education, is full of fun, though of rather the lower order. He cares very little what he says in my presence of his wife and I am at times annoyed by it as she is rather a modest woman. She can only say O, Robert I am ashamed of you! But it has no effect whatever. He passes all things lightly. Tells her that her husband is the Devil of old, when I knew them 30 years ago died as he has not improved in that time there is no hope of his ever doing so now. Still they love one another having been married twenty years and both frequently speak the result of his coarse talking. They get on seemingly very well. They had a son six years old that died about twenty years ago to whom they were both much attached. They frequently speak of their boy, their only child. A number of birds in the office with me, they give them in the morning with their singing. The Bettys have an adjoining office fitted up as a parlor where they sleep. They go to restaurants for their meals. I frequently pass my evenings with them. Sometimes Mrs B. has company, and of lady friends. Betty shows as much love for them, as at other times he makes to his wife. Mr Neely Johnson, brother of J. Neely Johnson, formerly Governor of the State is a frequent visitor at their house. He is a very able man and possesses great conversational powers and of a lively temperament. Though blind for 13 years, he still practises law and attends to his business. He is a friend of Dodge, they hoping at the present time for a Judgeship to in the 19th Dist. Court. Dodge also visits at Betty's house and it was there I learned of him in the manner I told you in a former letter. Mrs Miles was confined with a still born child night before last. She is doing well. This is probably for the best situated the way they are.

As I shall be detained, it will be better for George to clean the cistern at the proper time, and to see that the drains around the house are clear, to attend to other necessary things. Could not George go into the Country cut some wood and get the Chinaman who is [illegible] to haul it, for giving them one half of it, that we may secure some for the winter. This joined with more, to have enough to purchase shoes, provisions &c, but as I have been disappointed and detained here I must send you at least $5. first for present use.

I hope something will turn up soon and there will not be any such straightened circumstances. I have written again to Anson for a little money, but no answer. I expect he has none. Thompson told me that he would let me have $50 this fall and $50 in the Spring. I wrote to him sometime ago but no answer yet, neither has my friend Brown sent [illegible] other than the $5. received some time ago – this pushes everything and all poor like myself for unable to assist me.

I hope to get work started and to be able to procure $100 of property which will carry us through for pressing (cases) months when we may hope for better times. If I accomplish this I shall be contented to return to San Diego where I may or may not get into something.

Congo – you must make underskirts out of Canton flannel: not very expensive, requiring only the trouble of making.

A friend troubled formerly with piles recommends the following: to soak the parts with cold water, inserting the finger in the rectum, and moving it around as much as possible, removing with the water a thin filmy on the inside (which) protects the rectum from irritation, properly causing the protruding parts to fall with them the interior (a friction which hangs to it on account of their films). This operation should be gone through two or three times a day – applying thereafter and holding it if you can, or with a bandage, a wad of the leaves of wormwood green, made soft by first rubbing in the hands –

My friend says this cured him – that he had the piles badly and has never since been troubled with them. It will not take long to effect a cure. The green wormwood is such as grows anywhere in California. Plenty of it on the road to Old Town. It would do you no harm to experiment in this way for a while. I am glad for a time you find relief from the piles and that you are generally feeling better. I believe you will recover having gone so far – got through the worst of your difficulties and that you will not only regain your health and strength, but again become plump and fat as you were formerly. And then if we again each have money you can enjoy yourself and I may be here to bury me at the age of 80. 90 or 100. Who knows dear Nan that there may be many happy days in store for us to compensate us for the hard times which we have experienced? I must now close my dear wife, with love to you and our dear children whom God protect from all harm, and so your dear old poppito once more writes,

Thos Whaley

I am glad to hear your lemonties and fine potatoes thriving so well and hope to have the pleasure of seeing them and the sweet-meats, in the way of gardening you have made. Nanny sends her love to you and adores the pretty little dog. She has the happy faculty of acquiring and displaying the beauty and hope she will continue to exercise till the right one makes her appearance. I have not yet seen Capt. Wilcox. He was I see has taken rooms at the Palace for several months. Sometime I will call upon his lady. Mrs. H. has not been out of the house since the death of her husband. I am glad to hear you are in good health and spirits. Write me frequently. Give my love to Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Raymond, Sylvia and others. Perhaps I had not already been urgent enough upon you to remember your friends, I should not be. More confess that I might not be disappointed if I should not receive a line in the course of a month or so. Perhaps I shall see you before that time. Hope all your friends are well. Nanny joins me in love to you. Yours ever, J. Adams.

P.S. Mr. Hall is now in the city. He says he has written you frequently. Perhaps he has not. I do not know what he has written. Nanny will not forward him further for the explanation he requires. Thus stands the case. I have written to him that I supposed he would draw. He likely got the bills cut out of him and to find him as willing to assist me as he has been heretofore. I do not believe that he is worth as much as some persons suppose, as I observe he owes a great many bills. He says, or that he is altogether destitute. I have no doubt but he has been troubled from losses, but what I think doubtful arises from a mistaken idea of his power to do what he thinks he can do. Perhaps he has not been so fortunate as he calculates, and with better times will not appear

San Diego Oct 12th 1879

Dear Papa,

I intended writing to you on your birth-day, but as Mama did not write, and as I intended sending my letter with hers, I put it off to some other day. Your birthday must have passed off very quietly. No very good time could be expected, the way we are situated at present, not permitting us to celebrate it with even the slightest festivities. I hope however, your next birthday will be, comparatively speaking, as gay as this one was dull, and that we shall all be together to enjoy it.

I have not yet given up the idea of some day being able to go to a

good school. Of course I cannot expect this for a long time. But in the interim, I can be studing hard and improving my mind, so that, should I have the good fortune of some day attending a real good school, I shall not appear too backward, in learning for my age. I was fifteen years of age last month. I have tried two or three times to study at home, but there always seems to be something to draw my attention from my books, and I have concluded that I had better go to school. Of course, I cannot expect to learn much, if anything, from Miss Carroll, but I can keep studying over and reviewing to myself the lessons that I have learned, and in this way, I cannot entirely forget what I have studied and learned. Besides, there I can give all my attention to my books, and in six months time, I shall have gone pretty far ahead; while at home, I can only get little snatches of time for study, and consequently cannot learn much.

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George's last letter to you amused us all very much. We gave to Mama to read, and she read it to us all. It sounded so droll and foolish, that we could not help laughing at it. We advised him not to send it, but to write a nice, sensible letter, telling him you would appreciate it more than such a nonsensical one as that. We laughed over it, himself, a great deal, but he would send it, for, as he said,

"A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the wisest men."

Poor George! He seems to be wrapt up, heart and soul in music. I have seen him sit for an hour at a time, apparently in deep thought, thinking, no doubt, of what a splendid thing it would be to be a great musician. I hope, some

day, he will have the chance of learning how to play well, for I think he is very patient about it.

Living in Old Town, we do not hear much with regard to the railroad or what is being done towards having one. They are keeping very quiet about it, but it seems that the prospects for a rail-road now, are better than at any previous time. I hope with all my heart that it will not "end in smoke", for we will be ten times better off than we are now, if they succeed in getting one. I suppose, however, you read all about it in the newspapers, and so this is not news to you.

I read a description of the grand reception in one of the newspapers. It must have been a very brilliant and beautiful affair, and I wish I could have seen it. I longed to be up in S. F. when I read of the grand preparations

being made for the General's reception, and also to get a glimpse of the Ex-President. Him I suppose he does not look any different from other men, but then he is the President and it is paradoxical to want to see him.

Annie and George each received a [illegible] from you this morning. Both [illegible] and sent love to you. I cannot say that I think much of Annie's present admirer. I don't think she cares very much for him, and I think if there is anything between them, it will blow over.

Give my love to Frank. Tell him I hope he will soon be in business for himself, for then he will feel better and more independent. I hope he will succeed in whatever he undertakes. As for yourself, dear Papa, I hope you will also succeed in getting em-

ployment, for I think you richly deserve it. You have had trouble enough, but it will all come out right in the end.

I have written a longer letter than I intended when I began, and I am afraid you will tire reading it. However, it is so seldom that I write to you, that you will pardon me if it is too long. Mama and I send love, in which they are sincerely joined by

Your affectionate daughter,
Lillie. E. Whaley.

P.S. Tell Frank to write to us soon. We have not heard from him for some time. Also tell him not to stop writing to Grandma Whaley. She has sent him two papers called "The Helping Hand" which we will forward to him at the first opportunity.

L. E. W.

Recd Oct 23. 79.
Ans'd Nov 5. 79

13 Bamfort Street
Quebec Oct 12th 1879

My Dear Friend Mahoney

Your nice long letter acknowledging receipt of a V from me was duly received and I should have replied to it before but I have not really had the time: there is so much to look after - And I have been unable to remit from month to month as I purposed to, Owing to my having to lay in a supply of winter fuel in shape of 13 cords of wood which by buying at this time costs me between 13 and 18 dollars - this has made me short having to pay out or at least month out some $3 - for some advanced by firm - after the first of November my Dear old friend I think I will be able

to send a little something to you
I know this is but poor consolation
to you dear I tell it you as you
may know that my intentions were
good. We are now preparing the
roots for winter as it may
close up here any day.
We now have fine in all the Home
and the leaves have all turned making
the distant Mountain look lovely
many of the trees are bare.
I enclose you a postal card from
my wife's sister Mrs Haney which
I trust you will deliver in turn
to all mentions on it, thereby
enabling you to have a still
larger acquaintance. And maby
by chance getting your employment
Every thing is flourishing up in the
States. Iron has advanced two or three
per cent per lb. and every thing
else in proportion in the past
month. There have been some
800 families moved from Dakota

to the state the funds being found
employment there. that speaks well
for the times. I cannot tell how long
this month will last here but there
are prospects of it lasting some two
years more. My Brother Geo (the one
that lent us the money for furniture
speculation) was here some three weeks
ago. and was very much surprised
to find the responsibility I had in
relation to these roots - Apparently
he never (and really) knew my ability
as an Engineer. this being the first
time he has ever visited me on
any of the roots I have had charge
of. I hope and I hear there is
every prospect of the Southern
Pacific going on - and if it does
When you get enough ahead lend
me the funds to come on with
and I will work it out. We
could make things jump in a
new country. I cannot help but
feel that there is a bright future

in store for you and yours
I do hope you will be able to get
something to do to keep you along
and hope you will not think it
mean of me not to have sent you
something - I will though about Nov 1st
and your some letter. Love from Mrs
Brown & my self for you and your
dear brave family. Just believe
me no one in this world would
be more rejoiced than me to know
that you all were free from want.
Ever sincerely & truly your friend
J. V. Brown

George has cut me a Cord of green-
wood on the hill Old Loron
but I have not the
money to have it San Diego
hauled down, he is Oct- 12th 1879.
afraid it will be stolen. large wood.

My dear Husband.

Your letters
to Nan and George came to-
hand to-day; I hasten to
reply to them, as there seems
to be a prospect of your get-
ting into something through
Hoopes, I do hope and pray
that he will succeed in get-
ting whatever it is for you.
You must not leave till such
time as you are full sat-
isfied that nothing can be
done for you. I tell you that
something will turn up some
time for you in San Francis-
co, but beware of Dodge,
he is very tricky, he may
be trying to get whatever that
may be, that Frank will-

of may have to invest in business, I guess he Dodge is on his last legs too, so do not let him have the handling of any money, if you will see it, he is very plausible you know and a great liar, you ought to know that by this time, if he wants to give you any money, take it but do not trust him with any, you will see that what I say is so. I am sorry you did not send me any money as I have none. You must not think that five dollars carries me through, I have to run in debt some, I owe the French baker $15.00 and the butcher 4.50, so now they refuse to let me have any more, and the five dollars you sent me a week ago is all gone and I suppose we will have to live on corned puddings now about

a month ago, (I don't know if I wrote you about it) I think I did my memory is so poor now) I sent my big topaz ring to Morse with a note asking him to lend me $20.00 on it, he said he had "no money to lend on Diamonds" and seemed quite unwilling, as Mr Battale was going away Morse said, "what do, Mrs Tokely want with that money, B. said he did not know, which was a lie on B.'s part, he said he thought it was for Groceries, which was so, so he Morse sent me an order on Gordon & Haggard for $10.00 worth of Groceries, which are all gone I having to give one out of two sacks of Flour for a load of wood together with some Beans Sugar and Coffee which did not last us much - so you see that it

worries me terrible having to resort to such ways to keep the family together. It will be just right for you to bring down groceries if you can, enough to keep us this winter if you can. I hope and pray that Hooper will succeed in getting something for you, then I can go up to see you, and consult about affairs. Don't have anything to do with Dodge, believe Cousin Hyde that Frank himself, for Dodge as you know is not to be relied upon one minute. I hope Mother and Amelia are well, and will get into more decent lodgings. Give my love to Frank and tele him to stick, he will fall into something soon I think, he never could have gotten anything to do here, the boys are all leaving here to hunt work. every thing let in Hand still.

I do not know what they are doing about B. R. matters as no one hears anything and nothing will be published till such time as they can or do know for sure of success. Well I hope something will transpire soon, so as to relieve me and all of us from our present embarrassment, I do not expect ever to feel right or get well and stout as long as I have all these hungry looking clamoring for shoes, and decent food, and I tell you that I will be very glad when they are all married respectable and have some one else to supply their wants for it is certainly more than I can do to supply their wants now on the $5.00 you have to deprive yourself of to send me once in awhile, I do not despair, for in your letter to Nan I see some hints of your getting

patient and do not leave
before you become satisfied
that you cannot get any-
thing to do, wait for all money
for Hooper, and your money
from Young.

Now as to George,
and the other, there is not
a time that they write a
letter that they will let me
correct them, or even allow
me to say a word about them,
they say I am getting old and
fussy, and make so much
talk about everything when
I want to advise them, but
I still hammer away at them
and will be heard, they make
me very mad sometimes,
I feel like letting them look
out for themselves. I did not
want George to send you that
letter as I told him there was
no sense in it, I could
not understand it at all

and I knew that you would
not like it, but he said
"Oh! there you go again" you
are so particular, he is very
obstinate about some things,
but very good hearted, he says
if he had good clothes and
in a city, he would go to
school where there were big
boys like himself, I think
he could be made to improve
when I am well enough, they
think perhaps that is
too much for me with
other trials, but I am
willing. The Morris never come
near me, afraid
to see me any more,
I will want something of
them. If you get anything
through Hooper you can
send me some money
to pay the Frenchman and
laundress, the porter having

[illegible] is such
a [illegible] me more
[illegible] I [illegible] come out well
[illegible] this [illegible] I could get some-
[illegible] more, [illegible] would like
to pay him so that if I get
[illegible] again I can call on
him again. Oh, I do so
hope that Hooper will succeed. Old Dr McRuistin
went up on Cash Stearns
to stay with George & Hooper.
I suppose through Hooper he
will try and get [illegible] something
for Mrs to do, as she may
[illegible] there for years.
[illegible] the old fellow has
left [illegible] as he took all
his [illegible] with him, she
has [illegible] you see
how you ought to thank him.
All the children are well, and
[illegible] thinking
the [illegible] would come to come
[illegible] to take a
[illegible] of things
[illegible] not [illegible]
you to come home [illegible] any other
[illegible], then [illegible] would

The New York Floating Elevator Company,

OFFICE—No. 47 PEARL STREET. GEORGE D. PUFFER, President.

Received Oct 27 '8[illegible]

New York, October 18th 1879.

Friend Whaley

Your letter of Oct. 8th to hand late yesterday, and early this morning I called upon Young, and stated your situation in as strong terms as possible, but all to no purpose, all I can get on the Note is thirty dollars, and that I shall have to wait for until some time next week, but on receipt shall forward P.O. order. Mrs. Young has returned to New York in poor health. She and her husband start this afternoon for Philadelphia to visit their children, and will return next week, when he will borrow the money to send you from his lawyers. I think Mrs. Young came home without her husbands knowledge or consent, from the way he told the story. Now Thomas let me say in closing this short letter that Mr Young is no friend of yours, and if he offers you any price (within reason) on the other note you have of his; take it. He thought I held the note, and wanted to know if I would sell it. Excuse my haste for I am very busy to-day. Remember me to all your family when writing, and believe me ever your friend George D. Puffer

Palace Hotel

San Francisco, October 18th 1849.

Darling Wife,

Yours of the 12th with Comm to hand the same day I received one from our daughter Corinne. It gave me great pleasure to hear from you. The letter from Corinny was almost faultless, and certainly very commendable to her. I gave it to my Sister and her husband to peruse, and they were very much delighted with it, and said if they had a daughter as highly gifted as she appears to be, they would esteem it a very great blessing. I hope the example and determination of Corinne to learn, will more over emulate our other children to make some efforts to learn and improve the little advantages they have of acquiring knowledge, and if they have your kind solicitations for their welfare I am certain that they will do so.

I have some little news to tell you which will I think inspire you with renewed hope. A few days ago I received a letter from Mr Hooper stating that he had received a letter from

Mrs Col Donahue to whom he had written in my behalf to the effect that she felt an interest in my case and had called the attention of her husband to it, and recommending me to see him.
Hooper enclosed me a card of introduction to the Col referred and wishing me success, and in the event of getting anything to do from him, to do my best to merit his confidence.
I received this letter from Hooper Wednesday, went immediately to the office of Col D. but have not yet seen him as he is out of town and will not return before Monday night. I hope of a favorable result from the interview tho I am not very sanguine.
Besides this I see by the Army & Navy Journal of the 4th of this month, received here last Sunday, that the changes which I have been expecting would be made in the Commissary Department, has been ordered.
Lieut Col Clark at Baltimore will relieve Col Simpson at New York, who will relieve Col C. L. Kilburn at Chicago, who will relieve Col W. W. Burns, as Chief Com. Sub. Pacific and Dept of Cal. Nov 15. '79.
I have written Gen Simpson who relieves Gen Kilburn Nov 1. to recommend me to Kilburn for the position of Commissary Store Keeper, should he determine to make

Palace Hotel.

San Francisco, 18

any change on his arrival here, the letters I have sent in duplicate to reach him before his leaving N.Y. Oct 20th, or on his arrival in Chicago Dec 1. so that he will get one or the other of them. I hope to accomplish this through Simpson as he has invariably expressed himself so friendly towards me and in case of any change being made I think it very probable I will get the appointment to the position of Storekeeper but in case of not succeeding in this way, Dr Hammond and Kenny and others will lend me their influence on the immediate arrival of Genl Kilburn here. Nothing certain however that I get this position any more than the one under Col Donahue, but it is however another string to my bow. which I would prefer to get. I hear from Capt Grant that he saw Capron who came up by steamer yesterday. He says the arrangements with the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe road have been completed with the R. R. Committee in San Diego, if this be the case we may hope for lively times there and Norton will require my services as his com

Mobile

My dear Mary —

I have got nothing out of Moore on this score. I
did not give him time before I left home to
do anything before leaving and he stated
that he had written to Montgomery immediately
upon his arrival at Talladega. He went with me to see
Judge Hyde and said if it had not been too late he would
would answer to pay for a rather fast judge
said he would contribute something on behalf of
Mark. I don't rely upon Dodge much to do
anything but if I can possibly get anything out of
him I shall do so. To have no time to
write to you I shall do so. We did such work that we should borrow any
money from Moore on the topaz ring merely that
I wished you to send it up properly sealed &c
It is about $50 that you would do so. and I answered
not to send it. I enclose you $10. being a portion
of the $20. received from Hoole which I send
you $5.00 on the 9th. I have only $5.00 of

San Francisco. October 20th 1879.

My Dear Nofo,

I wrote you on the 18th enclosing a few dollars gum-backs which I hope you will receive. It was not my intention to have written quite so soon again. The letter which I spoke of at Miller's for Hunter from Bacon & Co marked "Important" has proven to be really so. I saw him Saturday evening and told him about it, and recommended him to go to Reno early this morning as probably he would get some work. He went there but to Reno was not he. He learned however that there was a probable chance for him to get the charge of an office out of the city. On 8/2 he got the letter from Mr Bacon & Co which to Reno, saw these gentlemen who informed him that a party at Mendocino wished some one to take the charge of a newspaper office and for him to inform him soon what he would ask and if he wished to secure the position to be very moderate as there were others who would bid for it. After seeing me and consulting with Mr Berry who is a friend of

of Bled, we decided upon the terms $15 per week and his board. He reported to Bled, who telegraphed to the party in Mendocino. By one o'clock an answer came accepting of the proposition. Bled congratulated him said he had secured a good position, it being the management, as foreman, of the "West Coast Star" at Mendocino, owned by Mr Keser a prominent wealthyman of the place who had been compelled to take it back from the man who he had started in the business, and that if he proved himself every way satisfactory, he did not doubt but what Mr K. would make it more advantageous than his present pay and likely give him a half interest in the paper and job printing office. Referring to [illegible] Bled said that Mr Keser is engaged in general merchandise and President of the Mendocino County Savings bank. Bled say that he owns the town site of Mendocino and lives in comfortable style and as Frank is to live in his family, he will have a comfortable home. He does not care to have anything to do with the paper himself, it being an elephant on his hands, but wants some one capable of conducting it. So there is a possibility, probability, we can think good satisfaction of getting an interest in the office and may be able to procure it purchasing at a reasonable rate on time.

Eddie Miles kindly loaned Frank $15.00 to pay his passage $9.00 and have something in his pocket besides. He left this afternoon at 4 o'clock on the Steamer "Monterey" and will arrive there sometime tomorrow. I saw him off. He was hopeful and in good spirits though he thought he was leaving on rather short notice, but the instructions were that he should leave to day. He took his valise, overcoat and all his traps with him. I wish him success and hope he will have it as he is deserving of it. He would have preferred to have gone to Monterey. [illegible] had very much hard that was as no reliance could be placed in Dodge's doing anything. Dodge promised him that he would effect the sale of the Monterey paper, if possible on his return. I do not expect him to do anything. If he does it will be a matter of considerable importance should Frank not like Mendocino. The only advan-

Lagr I can see in the Monterey project is the
obtaining of something from Sage on sea beach
and placing Frank in the possession of an of-
fice more immediately that will be his order with
the exception of what Judge Hyde advances.
I shall thus far encourage the negotiation, leaving
to Frank to decide which he prefers, to be an
successful Mendocino or Monterey. The Monterey
paper pays a profit now of about $150 per month
and with the addition of a post office may perhaps
be made to pay $200.
Mendocino is one of the principal towns in Mendo-
cino County situated on the ocean, it is not a
place as large as San Diego but is one of the
[illegible] being the export of lumber
is about 122 miles from here by sea and may
be reached as well by railroad to Donnelly
Mills 80 miles, and stage 95 miles.
Frank will write me shortly after his arrival and
let me know how he likes it, and how he is situated.
The paper is a weekly and the first issue under his
management should come out November 1st.

I am much pleased that Frank has at last got
into something and think there is no doubt of his
future success. I shall rejoice when my time
comes, then will there be a chance for George and we
may all hope for better times. I wrote to my
Father that I was to go to see Col Donaldson this
morning and I did so, but he was not in
and I did not know when he would be. I waited
for him on the outside till one o'clock, and
then leaving Frank in charge, I could do no more
but hurried back as fast as I could to see him off.
I will give the whole my attention to Donaldson
till I have an interview with him and learn the
probable chances of obtaining anything to do in his
employment. I hope for some thing from him
at the Commissary Department. This is
the day when Congress votes the money
appropriated by the last session for the
Chicago Indian Treaty. Col Kilbourne who will be
there represents Col Burns. The 15th of December
I have a letter written by Lieut Dimpsey Beach
to my father announcing his arrival at Chicago.

I have from Capt Frank that he hopes
shall mail it in the course of a few days.
Inquiries open to the Editors that
you have open Republic.
Yours

from Capt Frank, who is here, that the Rail Road Com-
pany, of Pa. had concluded their arrangements with the Atkinson, Topeka & Santa Fe
road, and that we may now reasonably hope
for an improvement in our City. I hope the
may be the case as we shall be very much
City owners. I would prefer this to anything else
at present have to offer, as it would give me the
opportunity of being with you and looking out for
my own affairs. We are well pleased for a favorable change
in our fortunes soon, and that we shall have some
happiness to compensate us for the misery of the
past. I send a "Chronicle" to George, giving
an account of this great enterprise. I have been through
the establishment with Mr. Young is the managing
editor, and discovering a great progress for the enterprise
are he conducts the business. I also send
the Sunday Morning Call of yesterday to Mora, which
contains something of interest, in a letter from Bro.
in absence to the Atkinson Topeka & Santa Fe road,
which seemingly is a thoroughly good company meaning business.

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San Francisco, October 21st 1879.

My Dear Wife,

I wrote you yesterday informing you of Frank's going to Mendocino to take charge of the "West Coast Star", and of my intention to see Col. Conahan to day if possible. I enquired for him at his office at about 1 O'clock, was informed by a clerk that he was in the inner room engaged, but if I would take a seat he would be out presently. After waiting about fifteen minutes the clerk said the Colonel had just gone down the other stairs and that possibly I might see him before he got into his buggy. I moved out but before I got down into the street he was seated in the buggy and was driving away. This is the nearest I have been to seeing the Colonel after a prolonged hunt of several days. Just near enough to miss him. I returned to the office to enquire of the clerk where he lived with the intention of visiting him this evening. He told me that I would do so by him on business that I had better not go to his house as he never transacted business there. I told him that I had an introductory card

from Mr Hodson to the Colonel and that I was very anxious to see him on a personal matter. He said it would certainly be better for me to see him at the office and that if I would call in the morning at 10½ and send in my card I might obtain an interview. He is certainly the hardest man to find that ever I undertook to hunt after. For some weeks past he has been quite unwell and has not given much of his time to business.

This evening I went to see Dr Hammond to tell him of the changes ordered to be made in the Commissary Department. He had heard of them but was not informed of the particulars and so I gave him the substance of the order which I had made from the "Army & Navy Journal." I told him that I had written to Genl. Simpson at Nashville and intended to send him a duplicate of it to reach him at Chicago about the time of his arrival, Genl. Kilburn adjusting him to recommend me for the position of Commissary Storekeeper in case of making any changes. The Doctor said I had played my cards well as Simpson's influence with Kilburn would have more weight than any thing I could bring to bear and he did

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not doubt but what I would get the position if it could be had, and that he would do what he could for me towards matters on the arrival of Genl Kilburn. The Doctor then told me that when Hooper was last in the city he went with him to make a call upon Mrs Col. Donahue expressly to see what could be done in my behalf, but unfortunately she was not at home. I told him that since Hooper had written to her and she had answered that she had spoken to the Col. in reference to me and advised me to see him immediately – that I had Hooper's card of introduction to him – that I had been at the office many times without being able to obtain an interview and I did not know that I ever should as he was a most difficult man to find. The Doctor said he was aware of that – that to-morrow he expected Hooper in town and he would go with him to see Mrs Donahue again as he expected to accomplish more through her means than though he said the Col.

personally. Thus you have the history of how matters stand at the present time. Without doubt both Dr Hammond and Hooper are interesting themselves in my behalf and I think I may reasonably hope that they will succeed in accomplishing something soon. I will accept of whatever first offers, though I would much prefer the position of Commissary Storekeeper, the duties of which I am familiar with, than any which Col Donahue can give me fearing I may not be able to give him satisfaction. I understand that he is very gruff and cross with his employees. Not intending to mail this till tomorrow, I may have something more to add after having seen the Col. in the morning, that is in case I am so fortunate to find him at his office, so I will not bring this letter to a close quite yet.

Col. 22nd. I saw at breakfast this morning, not then, waited on the outside till after one. I will see Dr Hammond in a day or two to ascertain the result of his efforts in my behalf with Mrs Donahue. With love,

Your ever

Thos Donaldson

excuse writing Paper, and I am a little nervous.

Old Town
Oct-22nd-1879.

My dear Husband.

I received your ever welcome letter, enclosing $10.00, on the 21st. all safe. Am glad to see that you are well and that Frank is too. It is quite a cheering letter, and I think that you will now certainly get into something. You must take the first-thing that offers, and then if you find you can get into the Commissary Depot — when then you can easily do it, but do not take an uncertainty — for a certainty. If Donahoe offers you a position now, why accept of it right away, and then you will be on hand for the Commissary arrangement, but I would not say anything to Col Donahoe about the Commissary as you might lose both.

as to the B. Road here, I do not hear a word about it, but if there is anything in connection with it, nothing I am sure will transpire till Spring, they are keeping all this working, work so snaps at the first thing that offers so as to relieve us at present. When you get started in something, you will perhaps find time to come down and pay us a visit, after you have been at work some time so don't any chance slip through your fingers, get at work till such time as you can get into the Commissary Dept as that will be your strong hold. We may be able yet to save a little money yet.

I did not write you that Moses lent me any money on my ring, he would not lend me $20.00 on it as I asked him to do, and was quite sharp about it, saying he had no money to lend on Diamonds", but after awhile he sent me an order on Gordon & Hazzard for $10.00 of groceries which I accepted "pro tem", this was in the early part of September, he would not take the ring, suspicious afraid it was not what it was represented to be. So I still have my ring. You speak of Lillie, Ella, Alice, Charlotte

I think so too. She is quite intelligent and ready and studious whenever she can, she is capable of being highly educated, in music also, as she has a fine voice and plays quite well on the Guitar, the others pla and sing well too, but Lillie is the best and quickest of them all. She and George would make good musicians, Nettuby says George will never be good for anything else but music and he might as well give him a musical education, I think so too, George is now up on the hill in a canon getting wood for me, I had one load brought down for 4 dollars, he will have another soon, he works continually in the garden or busy at home this all the time, he takes considerable interest in reading now, which he has never done before, he is now reading "Tales of a Grandfather" which is all historical, he wants me to get him a copy-book and some ink and then he says he will write. He begins to see the necessity of it now, that he is getting down. He will be 19 years old the 5th of November. Lillie was 15, the 4th of September, Violet was 17, the 12th of October, she was highly insulted to think that she had nothing but Bacon and beans for her dinner that day, we had quite a lunch over 1 o'clk, and I promised

the country will all burn up
after awhile, that is all we
want now to finish us all
up. well once more "adios
esposa mia". "Anita"
~~I tore this page out by mistake to file~~
~~it up~~ I do not think that George
will ever send you such awfully
letters as his last, he has a
singular mind, and morse
says it will not do to run
right against him or tell
him that he does not know
but he must be convinced
in a mild manner, he is
quite smart in many things
but stubborn in others.
He never will let me speak
of his past conduct, or of
that last letter he sent you,
he gets up and goes away
or I even refer to it at all.
We have had fires on the back
hills all around us, and the
most beautiful sights I ever
saw in the way of fireworks
too warm though. I suppose

[illegible]

flels up on me some, my bowels are getting regular again but after an operation the piles bother me, but as I said after one or two O'clock seems to me I would rather have them cut only then to suffer and be bothered so much with the piles, they keep me so thin too. The children are all well, and George is over his troubles although he still takes medicine once in awhile.

I think we will have rain soon, we will clean the cabin soon now, but the side of the house below ought to be fixed I think, George says he does not know how to do it, look if you get into something you can then have it properly fixed. I saw Leach Bruschis Sweetheart about our Ha Jedly, he says I had better let Bruschi have them on account, for two hundred dollars counting in all that he has been weighing, which I told that soon pay him I told him if he could fix it I think it would be to do so, but he has not [illegible]

would people will not do anything for any one without money. Old man Stone assist auntie at the Light house loan from our old friend Frank Stone $400.00 on the Election of Perkins, Old Stone a Republican and Frank Stone a Democrat, so old Stone gave a dance for the Lighthouse which cost him $50.00 and he was very eager for us all to go. We all went but Lillie she does not care much for dancing and besides she had no shoes, and could not wear mine too small for her she got a friend to stay with her. I went for the ride as I could not eat much of the good things there they all had a good time. I looked on [illegible] has distinguished herself several times in a jig dance, the Old Stone and Louisa M[illegible] and Bob Israel danced a jig together and I never saw anything like it at the [illegible] the dance is called Eboky.

Minstrel "walk around". I laugh
at her so I will not see
anything against it, she was
charmed and complimented by
every body, she is a great girl
like at a cricket sometimes.
she comes up to my room and
throws her old shoes off her
feet, and then starts in on
a jig and says to me, come
on old lady fly around here
and help me I get up but
of course I cannot dance, the
girls wont let me, but she
makes me laugh so that I
have to sit down, she goes
after the other girls and starts
George on his brother, and
only her little dog, and then
she just goes at, every one
[illegible] her. Violet is more
[illegible], and Lizzie is in great
[illegible] and laughs, so that
[illegible] them all I get more
[illegible] than I want, and
[illegible] out of the room often.
[illegible] it is cute that she can
keep up. well I have been rat-
[illegible] on and must now close,

Wednesday. Oct 15th 1879. From J. Vincent Brown. To play con-
taining an article on the Harbor Improvements that cen-
which I had in hunting. I hope to hear from him again soon.
The evening I went with some friends at their invitation to
see a variety show at the Bella Union Theatre which wound
up with the off repeated play of Don Cesar de Bazan and
I was much amused. It is not often the opportunity of
going anywhere is afforded. No mis-money being to spare
though recreation for the mind is as necessary occasionally
as food consideration for the body.

I saw the advertisement in San Diego Union-Herald Newspaper
United, and have answered P.O. Box 1001. San Diego, asking
for an interview to see if any arrangement can be made satisfac-
tory to us. Maybe the upper or lower flat would be sufficient
or the party might board with us. or he may be willing to pay
$75 or $100 per month for the month which would enable
you all to come up here for a while. He could get merely
furnished room for $20 per mo. the balance for living and passage of
and etc. Or the party may have a room for the [illegible]

Oct. 18 Saturday

Could occupy for the time provided in case there is difference in cash
to pay for passage and something towards our living. Though
this would be no hardship to answer the advertisement, though
not expecting anything to result from it. Write
soon this and a continuation on another sheet with
love from your affectionate husband Will Hacker.

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I thought I have not much faith that they will accomplish anything. I said Judge Hyde this morning and informed him that Frank had gone to Mansfield but in case Judge should arrange for the purchase of the Monterey ranch he would return at anytime. Judge had not yet returned to Salinas City, being still detained here attending to legal business in connection with the Keeley Johnson. He continues to promise to do something before leaving, but as he failed to do so in the first instance, more than two weeks ago, I have not faith in him that he will give me a single cent and I should not be surprised to hear of his departure any morning although this knowledge. Neither do I hope that he will do anything towards securing the Monterey ranch notwithstanding his promises to Frank, Judge Hyde and myself. I believe him to be a first class bilk not but what he might do all that he says as I learn he has considerable property in Salinas City, but as he makes uses for whiskey, and hence it has any [illegible] than old debts, no matter how urgent the obligation under which they may have been incurred. He is almost continually soaked in whiskey and leading the life which he does, his faculties must in a few years become so impaired as to render

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him unfit to attend to anything. He makes great protestations of friendship, speaks of the obligations is under, and what he would do if in his power. I received a letter from my friend St. Vincent Bourne this morning, but no remittance. I cannot say that I expected more than a V. from him, which if I had received I would have entered to you. He explained his inability to do so (having to provide fuel for his family, a supply sufficient for this winter) and regretted it exceedingly, hoping that I will not think mean of him in not having sent something as he expects to be able to do so about the first of November. He has still the charge of the government works for the improvement of the harbor of Quebec & expects to retain the same for at least two years longer. He says, "Everything is picking up in the states. Gold has advanced two or three per cent per 100 lbs – and other things in the same proportion. During the past week some 600 families have removed from Quebec to the states, the heads having found employment there. This speaks well for the times". From all accounts things are

rapidly increasing in the East, and there must certainly have been a great change for the better since I left there last June. I am very glad to hear of this, as we may hope for more prosperous times in California as it cannot be long before we feel the effects of the wave from the East though we need not look for it for several months to come yet.

Barrow has enclosed to me a postal card sent by Mrs Haney of New York, his wife's sister, to her, which will answer as an introduction to some friends of hers there, and may possibly be of advantage to me. Through the Barrows I became acquainted with the Haneys while in New York. This postal card shows the interest which they all feel in me. One of the parties referred to is connected in some way with the Oberman Silver Mining Co. 414 California St, and the other, Mr Ed. G. Sprowl, with the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co. She also refers to a Mr Geo Childs connected with the latter institution. Mrs Haney hopes that through one of these gentlemen's influence I may be able to get something to do. I shall certainly go to see them to learn if there is any chance for me. To day I send off my duplicate letter to Genl. Sherman which will reach him about the time of his returning Genl. Kilburn at Chicago the 1st of November, and I shall await an answer from

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[illegible] with great anxiety hoping that it will be a favorable one.
A. E. Horton Esq. arrived by the last Steamer from San Diego.
I desire to see him very much and hope to have that
pleasure tomorrow morning to learn what is particularly
being done at San Diego at the present time, Capt Gray
having recently informed me that the arrangement on
the part of the Citizens Rail Road Committee had been
completed. I wish to hear of its acceptance by the Atchison
Topeka & Santa Fe Company, and when they are to begin
work as then we may look for better times. I wrote
yesterday to friend Wright suggesting him to see Mr
Horton, and to say to him that I was ready to enter
his employ at any time he should require my services,
even though I might also be otherwise engaged, as it
would give me the opportunity of being with you and
attending to my own affairs in San Diego. But as
Horton is here, I hope to see him and will tell him
of my determination.

Should none of the projects which I have in
hand result in my obtaining a position, I think

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I may as well finish the game and work my ticket homeward. I shall know definitely I think by the 15th or 20th of next month. It is the hope of getting into something which sustains me, otherwise I should feel perfectly miserable, and when there remains no longer any hope or find that the realization is to be so long deferred, I shall give up everything so far as San Francisco is concerned, return to San Diego where I am certain I shall be no worse off than I am here, and if to be miserable I shall have the satisfaction of being again once more and enjoying some comforts till such time as there is a change for the better. Though I can not certainly hope to make much in San Diego until we have the Rail Road, yet I believe I can make something and however little that may be it will be just so much the more than I am making here. But we will hope for the best and that all is not yet lost.

I have written this more for passing time than anything else, so will keep it open for awhile in case I may have something more interesting to communicate. I am expecting to hear from Frank in a day or so, also from Sophie with a remittance of the amount due from Frank, which I hope will be the full amt of $40.—

7. October 24th. I met Hooper on the street this morning. I told him I had seen Col Donahue, had given him his card with my address, which he had offered one of his clerks to put in a pigeon hole, saying that on requiring my services he would let me know. I told Hooper I did not expect to hear further from Donahue. Hooper said the Col was not a man to forget — that he had done more for me than he would have done for a brother in writing to Mr Donahue in my behalf which might be considered even a presumption. He did not know that he could do anything more in that direction and that I must await quietly the result. I thanked him for his kindness. He said if he could assist me in any other way he would, and referred to the Commissary Storekeepership, about which he had been speaking with Dr Hammond. He thought the course I had taken in writing to Simpson was a good one and likely to succeed, but if he could serve me on the arrival of Gen Kilburn to let him know. I also saw Horton at his rooms. He explained to me what was being done with the extension of the Topeka & Santa Fe Company. Everything looks very favorable. He says he will require my services in case of any great movement to San Diego. That he can get plenty of men but the difficulty to find some one suitable. He asked about compensation. I told him that there [illegible] no trouble about that depending upon circumstances and his ability to pay that at first, till he was able, I should not require much

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My Dear Wife

No news from Frank yet. I am anxious to hear from him, that I may write and enclose postal card, received from his Grand-mamma and Father Dear. I am expecting a letter from [illegible] with a remittance from Young. It is now due and as soon as received will send you some money, otherwise I must raise it [illegible] from [illegible] source. I have written my brother John two long letters, but no answer from him. I think it very strange indeed.

To day Horton Capron and [illegible] [illegible] today [illegible] to discuss railroad matters. I was fully interested in the present movement in San Diego and believe there is every probability of success. I cannot tell you everything as it would take too long, besides it is desirable till all arrangements are made, that things should be kept quiet as possible otherwise the object in view may be defeated. Capron is soliciting contributions of land from parties here having interests in San Diego. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] wrote R. E. Doyle. [illegible] indeed [illegible] as

asked. I told Captain I would willingly contribute
of the money to the Exp. He took it, & he would bring me
a receipt on his return to San Diego. I told him I would
but I did not know that I owed a debt of land in San
Diego having been sold since execution against the
same like to the following that day I am usual
wise parted with it. That I think have to go clear thereto
by through the same on the first day we meet together.
Jud, but before I could say that I had any thing of
him, I am desired of the Court to produce
beside the homestead. I asked him if he could give
a gage for to be in truth. He said he had nothing
owing him by anybody and doubt if he
he exceptt he go a fishing and that then those who
work with him paid him a dollar. He says he
think they will be back in San Diego and then there
will be work & then paid for accounts. Re-cross W. E. Doyle
on the stand & the parting with Horton and how much
with us to introduce us to A. A. Capen. The great
multitude and deadly spread of the contrac
Pacific, but being the friend and in the interest of
Don Sell nothing could be done with him to further the
object Capen had in view. Then I went with the
to introduce him to Grant & Murphy French &
who did San Diego land, but no, and then
he paid the money. He made the journey down the first
time & paid the money. Both I think succeed
but all this to confirm that Mr Day nothing
about it. Know how to compromise me in any way.

It was doubtless a grand affair. At
½ those having paid were taken their
seats with their invited guests and
partake of the feast amidst the sound
of music given by a band in the Court.
The Emperor Norton 1st is standing around.
I asked him if he had yet been introduced
to General Grant. He said General Grant
must come to him as his hill was higher than
his. At ½ 12 tonight the General was gone
overland, we shall then only hear of him.

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6½ pm. I have finished the writing of this, on page 14, at the Palace Hotel. I happened to be in the Court when General Grant alighted from a carriage on his return from the Races. He proceeded at once to his room. A very fine banquet is spread for him given by the citizens generally, any one wishing to spend $25.00 for a ticket. I saw in the arrangement of the tables and the decorations of the hall through the window and door leading from the Court – which is brilliantly lighted with gas and electric lights,

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San Francisco, October 23d 1879.

Genl. W. C. L. Simpson. U. S. A.

Dear Friend,

Remembering with gratitude your past kindness and interest, and hearing that you intend from the new round at Niles, I am induced to request a favor of you.

I see by special Order No 227, Headquarters, A. G. C. that you will succeed Genl C. S. Hibbens, as Chief Com. Div. Missouri, and that this Office, in turn, will succeed Col. H. H. Burns, the present Chief Com. Dep. Pacific and right, Engineers.

May I bespeak your favorable recommendation to Genl Hibbens for the position of Commissary Storekeeper, should he determine to make a change after his installation here?

Besides having served under you and your predecessor in charge of the Subsistence Department of this Division, as Storekeeper, you will please remember that I was Storekeeper of the Military Department under Col. George H. Weeks - then went to Wilka as Quartermaster's Agent in charge of Government transports, and, on my arrival here, still under Col. W. performed the duties of Commissary Clerk and Storekeeper.

I have, I believe, given entire satisfaction to you and the other Officers under whom I have had the honor to serve. I was well pleased was Col. H. with me that he offered me the position of Quartermaster's Chief Clerk under him, but this I was obliged to decline, private business requiring me to go East.

You may perhaps think it strange I should resist any position, believing me otherwise independent.

Without detailing to you the cause of my misfortunes, I will briefly state that I have lost nearly everything — My patrimony having gone for the payment of debts incurred by a rascally partner, and my property in San Diego, in depreciated times, for the satisfaction of a judgment against a man for whom, unfortunately, I was bondsman.

We still retain our homestead, and my wife owns some little property, but this is of no great value at the present time, yet, should the Texas Pacific Railroad become a reality, with a terminus at San Diego, as we still hope it will be some day in the near future, what we have remaining will provide for us very comfortably.

I have had a long and severe struggle, and but for the generosity of others, my family must have suffered. I am at the present time unemployed, awaiting, Macaulber like, for something to turn up. I have many kind friends interested in my welfare, and though

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impossible for them to get me into a position these dull times, they encourage me with the hope, that, eventually, they will be able to do so.

My family, consisting of wife, three daughters and two sons, reside at San Diego. I have not seen them for nearly four years! You may therefore imagine my anxiety, and solicitude for their welfare. Should I obtain a position here, ample for their support, my intention is to send for them. They would be most happy to leave that dull and godforsaken place S.D.

I have some friends particularly interested in me - Gen Kirkham, Dr Kenny, George P. Hosfer Esq and Dr Wm Hammond. It was through the latter gentleman I first heard of the probable change in the Subsistence Department, and since then I have been watching the "Army & Navy Journal".

Dr H. said he would see Col. Burns and have him to recommend me to his successor, on his arrival, to secure the position for me. Dr. K. said he would lend me his influence, and Genl. K. and Mr Hosfer say, in any way in their power to serve me, they will. I feel positive these gentlemen can only serve me on the arrival

of Genl. W. but as you, fortunately for me, are to relieve him, it has occurred to me that you might do so more readily, and with your powerful influence and recommendation, more certainly.

You will please excuse the length of this communication, (necessarily long that you may fully understand the position of things,) and the ardor of it, arising from the anxiety of my almost desperate circumstances.

With my regards to Mr Acklin who I suppose still in your employ, and hoping that you are in the enjoyment of health, wealth and happiness, believe me,

Very Sincerely & Most Respectfully,
Your Friend & Obt Servant,
Thos Whaley.

Address, C/O E. W. Miles Esq,
410 Montgomery St.
San Francisco. Calfa.

P.S. This, in substance, is the duplicate of the one sent to New York, Oct 13th, fearing it might not have reached you previous to your departure.

Dear Sherman,
I received your
letter and made all
the arrangements for
this letter

New York Oct 23/1911

I fear I will
not have time to write you a
long letter when ready to for-
ward the thirty dollars, I start
now, and will say that Mr G
called yesterday and promised
to send the above amount to me
by Saturday at the latest, We will
see if he keeps his promise, for
I do not remember if I men-
tioned in my last letter that
Sammy wants to buy the watch
you told against him, he thought
I had it in my possession and
asked me what I would take
for it and when I told him you
still held it, he said "Please to

ask him what he will take for it,
Tom take my advice and hold
on to it, you will get the face if
I mistake not, for Young is now
doing a good business, so I heard
by enquiry around Water Street.
He told me himself that business
was good, and that he was doing
better. The fact of his wanting to
buy up his own paper looks that
way. Old Mrs Lord is about as you
left her, all the rest of the family
are in good health and all, both
young and old often enquire if
I have heard from Mr Whaley.
Mrs Lord sends her kind regards
and joins us all in wishing you
may soon be united to your dear
family. My brother William
will not get so far as San
Francisco, he has gone south
and will be home by next
month. If I had the chance that
he has I would start for California
at once, I long to visit the old
home of my childhood especially
"Murderers Bar" where I used
as hard to make a fortune,
that I might come home
and marry my present wife.
My son is back from the West,
and I have him with a new
house in the grain business.
I think he will do well as the
firm are pleased with him and
will employ him on change
where he can make a great
many friends that will be
valuable to him hereafter.
We are having a very large
shipment of grain from this
port, and at times there are
not enough Elevators to do the
business, but speculation has

call upon him during next week, and if he does
not pay at once, will refuse to settle until
I hear again from you, for I have heard that
the tea business is very good indeed. I have
to Hoffman a clerk for a tea house and he
tells me they have all they can do, his salary
has been raised within the past few months.
I think Mr Young a very strange man; he
does not think, or I should say, he thinks as
if you had not earned the money that the
notes call for. When I told him that I
understood one was for money lent he
said "so it was for money advanced"
in a questionable note. The other was
just so, he wished to be remembered to
you. Mr Ransom also sends his regards.
With love to Mrs Jones & children & yours
and kind regards to you from my
respected self. We (wife & I) remain your friends
& Geo Doggett

run so high that sometimes business will drop off, shippers fearing to fill orders from me have to another. Take it all in all we will make a very good year of it, I would like about ten more of the same kind. I had the pleasure this morning of looking upon the face of an old Californian, James Doss, (a brother of mr David Doss,) he was on change. You will remember him in the flour business. Cohen has often sold him, and also Wadsworth, by the way do you ever see the latter person? write me about him, but do not say that I, or any member of my family ever enquire about him, if you come in contact with him. I think I'll ask you if you were here I would give you another detective job, as we

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Ans'd Nov 3d

Ukiah, Cal.,
October 28, 1899.

Dear Father:

I intended writing long ere this, but I have been so badly engaged getting things to rights here, that, in fact, I have had very little spare time to myself.

Mr. Huser, the owner of the Mendocino Beacon is a fine gentleman, quite a smart Genius, and a man of great prominence ~~here~~, and one who is very easy to get along with.

The position I have assigned to me, is an easy one, in fact, I am my own "boss" in anything I undertake in connection with the paper. The work I have to do,

is not at all large, but just about enough to keep my time employed. I have full charge of the office, both mechanically and in an editorial point of view, with the exception of the "leader" or "first editorial", as Prince writes all from it, which he himself writes. All other matter passes through my hands for approval before it is inserted in the paper.

I spend my evenings in the editorial room, which is exclusively occupied by myself, looking over exchanges, or getting up local matter for publication; occupying my time and consequently in the road to improvement. Sometimes I go into the banking house, which is in the same building as the Beacon, and spend an hour or so conversing with Mr. Hewes and his brother; about ten or half-past I commence to get tired and sleepy. Then yawning my weary way to my humble couch. I "put up" at Boston's Hotel, a very respec-

able place, and also very cheap; Mr. Gleason, at present, having no accommodation for me at his house.

Mendocino is a quiet place, with the exception of the recent tragedy here, which you can learn all about by referring to the papers I send you, and the final, I trust you have already received. To-morrow we go to Ford, and Saturday I will transmit to you the Beacon containing further development of that horrible tragedy. But this is not Mendocino. The town is situated on a gradual rise from the coast — Mr. Gleason being the owner of the site — presenting quite an appearance from the sea, but not quite so attractive once you are in it. Its streets are hilly, but its buildings are not picturesque, being

built of frame; there are no "bricks" in the town. The population near as I can find out contains about one thousand people. There are three or four nice churches, some fine stores, four good hotels, large and pretty well appointed considering a community like this, a good School house, Masonic and Odd Fellows Hall and plenty of "whisky holes," these latter, I far overtop the clear from. The country here, for miles and miles around, is nothing but a big pine forest, lumbering being the principal "big" carried on here, and a look from the office door in the upper story will reveal the smoke of numerous saw mills, cutting away at huge pine logs, and men there, perspiring hard over their early toil. The people here are quite and hearable, with, of course, some exceptions, there being here some pretty hard "nuts." The population, principally is a working one; there are few young men, and young ladies are a curiosity. The young "gents" are of pretty

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fair trading and force in their habits. I have formed the acquaintance ~~with~~ of a young man — Mr. Jesus' book-keeper and clerk in the Bank, Mr. Charles Reeves, an acquaintance of Mr. Lawton. He has been in the hotel business in San F.; out side of this, my friends are not numerous, excepting those whom I am thrown in contact with through my occupation. The Baron of Burdekin is nothing more than a small cove in the ~~east~~ coast, protected ~~by~~ from the North West winds, and ~~[illegible]~~ open to all others, and hence hamper a landing. I like the place very well and am satisfied.

The Beacon office is well appointed — worth probably $1,500; all new type, a good job office, but very little work, comfortable, and if it is my

desire anything needed or any improvement made, I can have it done at my will.

I have not written home yet, but will write, to-morrow evening. I suppose you have received letters from them, and I trust all are well. I have received no coin yet, but can get it at any time, but when I get a letter above will have come.

Remember me to Hasty and Mrs. Miles and his folks and all others inquiring, and show them this letter; it will be as good as my writing personally.

I hope on this you have received something permanent to unfolding yourself. Have you heard from Lodge? I will write in a day or so.

The weather is getting cold here and the indications are we shall have rain - To wishes the average. - "Lots full."

It is getting late, I must stop with much love to you and remembrance to friends, I remain as ever, Your Son,

Francis H. Whaley.

Send all letters etc., home care of Beacon Office. I am virtually the "Editor" F.H.W.

Palace Hotel.

San Francisco, October 30th 1879.

My Dear Wife.

Yours of the 27th with enclosure of one from our daughter Anna Amelia and an old letter of Robert Desmanuelles came to hand this afternoon. I am very glad to hear from you and that you and the children are so well, always excepting the piles and catarrh and as to these I hope you may soon get rid of. I think there are two officers pay accounts, with his boy, there may be but one given by Lieut Shephard, but it is so long ago, I may not be correct in my memories concerning this. They are probably in some envelope with other papers, and if Shephard's I would like it sent to me. The letter of Desmanuelles is of no use to me, though it may perhaps aid in establishing the fact that it was once the name of Robt Desly. He is having a great deal of trouble in proving that he is a citizen of the United States, though I believe he will eventually succeed in doing so, and be allowed to take his seat as joint Senator of the Counties of San Francisco & Mateo. If you will make a copy of his account from the old books (that were once on the top shelf of the kitchen pantry,) when I was engaged in business in early times in San Francisco, you will oblige

turned to Calvin's Valley this morning. He has promised to write to you in the course of a few days, he said he sometimes and

to arrange if possible the purchase of the Monterey property

Frank and if he does so it will be more than Jesse Hopkins

I received from Frank yesterday the Municipal Receipt of the

25th ult Saturday last announcing his arrival there. Upon

the receipt he was written Compliments of the Local Editor Mana-

ger". Do I conclude that that is the position he holds in the Enterprise. He has probably much upon his mind. Time will

Dear Mother Dodge accomplishing anything he will probably go to Monterey

which place he intended to much more. I received a letter

from Mom yesterday explaining the Rail Road Situation in

Dear Diego fully, but the account which you gave to Cousin

from here is so mixed that it looks to me as though they were to

to let it be known. It is no substance what I told you as emp-

ing from Capidow who is fish his solicitous donations of land and

money for the enterprise. The Attention Joseph & Santa Fe

The Bridge not. Sunty the invigorator

Palace Hotel.

For liver $1.00 per bottle the best
Tonic Bitters if you wish it.
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with Bend Bridge

Company have returned that if the people of S.D. give donate 5000
Acres of land well located in the City and 10,000 acres of the Rancho
Rancho lying on the Bay Feeds the right of way through the County
to Yuma, they will send their agents to examine the land and the
things and if everything is satisfactory, then, within fourteen
they will commence work and will complete & equip in running
order forty miles of road from the Bay of San Diego, Eastward.
As more says there is nothing tangible in all this, though
real estate has advanced from 10 to 50%. They who have seen
Trouble to satisfy the Commissioners of the Company that the land
gone in the City is well located. yet they may be afraid to be
able to give better than what they now have. I think quite
likely the Project will suspend. Within a few months past
a great impulse is given to the building of railroads by capi-
tal that has long given flood. He has written with accounts of them
and particularly of three or four as bound to seek outlets on
the Pacific. If the A.T.&S.F. does not avail itself of the fa-
vorable affordd it, I have no doubt but that at least other
of the others will be ready to avail itself of the chance within
a very short time from now. The Commissioners of the A.

P.S. I rejoiced at your safe arrival here, and probably in a month from now we shall know then decisively as to the Cession, although in a letter. But I cannot address you with any degree of certainty. Perhaps the time may be very short, or very long. Time will show.

Yours affectionately

J. B. Cassin

Mr. Ingersoll

Philadelphia

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My dear Husband.

Your welcome letter of Oct 29th came to hand this morning, and as its containing something I must reply to immediately, I hasten to do so. Am sorry you are treated so by Young, he is indeed mean and if I were you I would write to his wife and perhaps she would set him straight. You were wrong to give in about the $40.00, as that makes him think you will do the same with the $350.00 note, don't give in but let Paffer collect the $40.00 if possible, hang on to the $350.00 note till due and then you can collect it from him. He treats you very shabbily indeed

and is no gentleman. I received a newspaper from Frank from Mendocino. I suppose by this time he has entered upon his duties. I do not see his name in connection with the papers, altho them among the lists of accepted there. I hope he will succeed. Now to business.

I have no objection to rent the whole, or part of the house or any room that the party may require will rent them and how, just as the Dr wishes, but as to the whole of the house $75.00 is too much the way things go on here, in Newtown all rents are very cheap, and I hear that a completed furnished house there can be had very low, so I think that you may try and see if the party is willing to give $75.00 if not tell them they can have it for twenty of the rooms

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of the rooms, and everything requisite for house keeping, let them come here anyhow and I can easily accommodate them. Some, now they will certainly not regret, living in such a pleasant house as this is, to living among and a cistern of good rain water. If you find that he thinks $50.00 to much for the whole upper part, take $40.00, come down and how so as to serve them some way, I would rather not board them as I am not always well, and of things did not agree with them who they would be dissatisfied and we could live with say them if they boarded with us, and they would want three meals a day and it would take all the board money to feed them as the would expect to be fed. I write whatever at-

4th. anyway you can make
make them, and I will do
the best I can, tell them to come
and see the house as soon
when they arrive as there
are plenty of people in New
London who will be to get
them. I would have to get
one or two saucepans a
bread bowl, and have the
spring bed fixed in Mr Bulling's
room, the other room with
the exception of mine and
Mr B-'s are not completely
furnished, would require
another washstand or two
and a bureau, so you
see you may come down
some in price if they want
to rent half, $40.00 will an-
swer for the time and then
I can manage to furnish what
ever room they may want.
I hope you will secure them
some thing as it will make
us more comfortable, they
can use the kitchen if they
want to, you will see if
they want to go cheap.

are all pretty well at present
considering the circumstances
we are in. I know you will
send me some money as soon
as you can raise some. How
you written to Thompson yet?
Strange he does not keep
his promise of sending you
what he promised, I would
write him as you have no harm
you definitely know one.
I am pretty sure that Colley
would lend you $50.00 also
if you asked him, put a
bold face on and don't
look afraid, and do not
make too poor a mouth
but say you are short of
money. I do hope and
pray that you will get into
the Commission, follow it
up and do all you can
to secure it, then we can
put by a little money over
in awhile. I think you
may succeed in getting into
the Commission, so do not
give up till such time as
you are fully satisfied you

Cannot possibly [illegible] it. We are having beautiful weather now but think we will soon have rain. Strange that we here do not hear anything of the Road matter, no one seems to know anything about it, the only thing that I have heard is that the Lafitte folks have accepted the Charter, some of the R. Road folks deny that, so that I know nothing about it at all. George still works around the place for me he has chopped the wood and piled it up under the sheed about a cord and a half, he really of cutting more, we will have to cut down four peppes trees as they steal all the moisture from our fruit-trees that is the reason that our Fig-trees are not larger, it will make a gap but we can put in more fruit trees, which in time will pay us better,

I perspire very, very of no use except for throwing this root out and even across the garden and the trees grow quite large beautiful, the fruit-trees remain valuable things to eat or what we really now-a-days "for that for truth". I am trying this remedy to a certain extent with regard to the Pile, but so to get my fingers in and around it cannot touch it grease it, but the orifice seems to be all bushed up with piles, but I sit in cold water and wash the piles, dried then put on Russian Tallow which softens around so that I can have an easy operation. I am some better but would give anything to get rid of the Pile entirely. Frequently I eat oat-meal and fruit, my bowels always

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San Francisco, November 3d 1879.

My Dear Wife,

I wrote you on the 30th promising to send you some money as soon as I could make a raise. I borrowed $15. from Judge Hyde to day. I send you $10. of it and if I was certain when to get more soon could send you all of it. I subsisted the whole of last week on less than a dollar. I will send more soon in case I get any from Broome or Duffer, though this is uncertain. I have some to friends, Broome recommended me to the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company and the Ottoman Silver Mining Company. They are interested in me, invited me to their house and have promised that if they can get me a position they will do so out of regard to Mrs Broome and her sister Mrs Haney to both of whom they are nearly related. I am anxiously hoping to hear something favorable from Genl Simpson and would prefer his position of Commissary Sergeant to anything else, if it is to be had.

I received a long and interesting letter from Frank to day, he is well and satisfied with

[illegible]

his position. His letter is dated Oct 29th. He spoke about writing to you the ninth day, but for that would enclose you his letter for perusal. He says he promises to send some money as soon as he gets little ahead. I think it would be well for you to request him to send you five dollars per month such time as I get started into something. This amount from him, with what I may be able to send you from time to time will keep you going, and probably you will be more comfortable than you have been.

The Commissioners of the Altimore to Yuka & Santa Fe road will arrive here this afternoon. They are reported as having passed Carlin yesterday. So things look favorable as though they intended business, and we may, I think, soon look forward favorable times.

This is the day for the return of Dr Huse. I have not seen him yet. If he does not come in a day or two, be which time I hope to get an expression of your mind about arranging with him to send him our homestead, I should go to see him where he lives No 1024 Bush St. This is a large plain house with a fine garden in a first class neighborhood. If this is his house, furnished, and we could

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get it in exchange for the use of ours for six months or a year I should be very glad to do so even without a bonus of $100, as I propose, provided I knew how to raise money to defray the expenses of the family coming up. I don't propose writing a long letter this time as I wish to write Frank and acquain him with the arrangements on their arrival here at S. this p.m., intending to call upon them with Judge Hyde, but say nothing about this to any one, not even of their arrival as the Committee may not wish it known till they arrive in S. D. I do not wish it said that I have "given them away", so mind, Nan, mum's the word. I enclose an article from the morning's "Call", which looks as though the secret was already out. After reading it you can, conveniently, send it to Morse & Co., otherwise you need not bother yourself about it.

I must now close my dear wife with love to all and hoping for more prosperous days soon.

From your "Dear Josiah." H. W. Haley.

Boarded up
Old Church
Pg. 5

Old London
Oct 6th 1879.

My dear husband
I received your letter
yesterday morning & was
so glad to hear that you
were well. I have been
hoping upon the supposed
fact that you would
write with the return of the
card where it must have
been wholly in your possession
that you had an opportunity
with your person & would
take it here found it at
there. May be some trouble
on it. You must explain
it in your letter & let me
know what it does upon
receipt of this. As I see
no reason why you
passed the Custom House at
Detroit you should think can
make it out. I wish
to be, this is George's birth
day & he is now practicing
his lesson for his brother
and then says it sounds

like an old "sad-mitt"
for Call me, "Mother Part-
ington." and Comme Old
Mother Hubbard, for this
quaint sayings and actions.
I hope by this time you have
been able to get some
money as I have not had
a cent for several days,
not can I borrow any
I don't think my credit
is good, as people mostly
all know I have not any
money to fall back on.
We are all pretty well
and hope you are too.
Frank sent me a letter
the other day, he says he had
belly decided to stay in
Mexico to keep [illegible]
Mentioning of Monterey every
one says is dead nothing
doing. There is plenty stop
there do work and I and
even the thieves are
working, he
to leave a certain for
[illegible]

an usery and they all
say that Moulton is more
dead than San Diego so if
you can persuade him to
remain where he is by all
means, and do not let
him be under obligation
to that Scamp Dodge.
Keep Dodge away from
Frank or he will fleece
him the same as he has
you, I should think you
would not try to have any
business transactions with
one who owes you so much
and whom you know to
be such a liar, if he may
to send you some money
later on, but do not mix
up with him in business
matters or you will be sorry
for it again. I hope and
pray you will get into the
Commissary for that will
be sure, and just the

pressing that duty gone, and perhaps we can do some thing. As to the routine of our house, I do not expect any one to take it at that price, but it is no harm to try, and if they may take a few rooms, but no board as it does not pay to board more than 5 or 6 people than it pays but two or three, so you will let me know all about it as soon as you can.

George and I have been busy to-day chopping the bark off of three large pepper trees almost in the centre of the Garden, they prevent our fruit trees from growing and bearing as they ought they steal all the water and that is why they grow so large and our fruit trees so small, so nearly gone we may expect to have

Dear Mary, we have been
from Texas two days - the
half of Mary's trip to Texas
living on nothing to eat, but oranges
wonderful trees all together.
The people of Texas are very
kind, they are about nothing
living on the California prices.
Water is scarce, we have had only
barrel of just water in
to go with still it costs 25¢
is really very fine country, little
thinks work too, and the
the rest of the month.
The roof caught to be painted
and the house burns quite
built - works by mean. They
bring boards up the road
much old roofing which
was so dried out that
and it fly better. The
[illegible]

San Francisco Nov. 7th 1879

Dear Frank!

Your willcome letter has been received and likewise the "Beacon". You cannot imagine how disappointed I was in learning that you had departed from the city. A few days after I returned from Alameda, I wrote you a note informing you of my return and removal to my present home 926 Mission St. between 5 + 6th. As I was dressing to go out to mail the note, who should call at that moment but your aunt Amelia. She has been up to Mrs

Dupre's on Bush St and she informed her of my removal, gave her the paper you kindly forwarded which is now in my possession. The first word I spoke to her was how do you do, and how is Franky. She then informed me that you had already been gone nearly a week and I told her that I was just going out to mail the note for Franky and she took it, read it, and handed it to me again, and she said it is too bad, we all miss him so much. I know I do, especially on Thursday and Sunday evenings, I am under the impression that you must make your appearance. When the bell rings or I hear footsteps outside, I immagine it is you coming. Is it not sad dear Franky that we (such good friends) must be seperated by fate. Well I suppose it is to be, so be it. I hope it will not be long before I have the pleasure of seeing you soon again. Franky, you state in your letter, that you love me. Reflect well, and be sure you will not regret your confession. I would have preferred the acknowledgement from your own lips. Are you positive it is not merely a transient fleeting sentiment, a momentary fantasy? Although

you are older than I am, still I feel older than you, even in experience of the world's troubles, I would advise you to think well over what you have already stated in your letter, and be sure you have made no mistake, and then if we ever meet again and you have not changed your mind regarding your tender feeling for me, and express yourself in the same manner as you have written, I will then answer you wether your affection for me is reciprocated. Untill then I remain

Yours truly Lita.

Lily, sister mine,
Fondly I wish thee,
Times are so weary here,
But I'll come back to thee.
The little birds are chirping,
So merrily in their glee,
It seems my heart to rapture,
But I'll come back to thee.

Lily my darling,
~~Far away from me,~~ for
Cares are hard for thee,
Why are we thus parted,
But I'll come back to thee.
The rain clouds are ~~gathering~~ lowering,
Though terrible the tempest be,
Wait for me darling,
And I'll come back to thee.

OFFICE OF

The Mendocino Beacon

WILLIAM HEESER, PROPRIETOR.

Mendocino, Cal., 18

I'll Come Back to Thee!

Lita, my darling,
Lose one good time,
Don't fret my loved one,
For I'll come back to thee.

I'm far away,
Though trouble there may be,
~~Don't fret~~ Don't be downhearted,
For I'll come back to thee.

Lita gentle Lassie,
Weep not so sad for me,
Time so quickly passing,
And I'll come back to thee.
The heavy surf is rolling,
The bark that sails the sea,
Will bear me to my darling,
For I'll come back to thee.

3/2 pgs. Have nice letter from Kirkham to Kilburn - I enclose $10. borrowed from Intendant

Palace Hotel.

San Francisco, November 13th 1879.

My Dear Wife,

Your of the 5th was received on the 8th and as I wrote to you on that day, enclosing the Indian bridge for George, I have postponed writing till the present time. I thank you for the Sacramento a/c. You intended it for a copy, but it is so mixed up it is impossible for me to understand it, you will therefore please cut out the account from the book and send it to me, then there can be no mistake. I am almost positive that somewhere among my papers there are two officers pay accounts, and one of them I think was from Lieut Shepheard. Most probably it is in the tin box, in an envelope with other papers. If you hunt thoroughly, opening the envelopes and untying the bundles, I believe that you will find those pay accounts, and if one given by Shepheard please send it to me. In the Legal of Whaley & Crothwaite you will find an account against C. C. Hunter, money loaned him. Please inform me the time and amount. I think it was in 1869. $20.00 I met this man the other day.

He may perhaps be able and willing to pay me. I get no news yet from Brown. Thompson, Duffee, Dodge or Bishop. Ask about him, I think, I heard from some one of them. I have received but one letter from Frank, that on the 3d. to day I received the Mendocino Beacon of the 8th Nov. Genl Kilburn, the Commissary, who is to relieve Col Burns, will arrive here Saturday. I did hope to hear from Genl Kimpson what my chances are for the position of Storekeeper, but not a word from him as yet. I saw Genl Kirkham this morning and he promised to leave a letter of introduction to Genl Kilburn, with Billy Blackwood this afternoon. Last evening I saw Mr George A. Hoover who promised that he would see Genl Burns, the present Commissary, and ask him to recommend me to Genl Kilburn for the position I desire in case any change of employees should be made. I depend more however upon Dr Hammond who promised some time ago to see Burns, on the arrival of Kilburn, and through him to get me the position if there was a possibility of doing so. Dr Kenny also promised me his influence, but he is so very ill at the present time I do not expect

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him to be able to ~~[illegible]~~ serve me. This evening I intend go to see Dr Hammond to inform him of the expected arrival of Kilburn and to remind him of his promise. I have my plans all well laid, and if possible to secure the position, I shall do so. Still there is no certainty of my success. Should I fail however, having nothing else in view, I shall make up my mind to return home, and in the event of work being specially commenced on the Railroad in San Diego, I will be there in the nick of time to avail myself of whatever may offer. I have been acting for the Business Men's Committee of San Diego, made my report to Moore who is its Chairman. I have done what I could and have but little more to do to finish up.

I have received nothing definite as to any action taken or likely to be taken concerning R. R. matters further than that published in the S.D. papers of the 9th reporting the arrival of the Commissioners &c. I hope by the end of the week or by

Monday night to hear from Morse or through the papers something definite. I think quite likely that some favorable arrangement will be made with the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Company and that work on the line will soon be commenced, and if so we may then see our way to a bright future. There will be great excitement in San Diego, property will have some value again and we may hope to reap something from it.

Capt. Wheeler was to have left here yesterday. I saw him the day previous, had a long talk with him about R.R. matters and things generally. I did as you suggested, asked him for a loan, he said he could not oblige me at the present time and then went on to give his reasons, having so many to support me. I was sorry that I had asked him for a loan. I did not state the amount. Everybody seemingly has lost money, have more than they can attend to, or make the hard times an excuse for not doing anything for anyone than their own. I hope some day we may be independent of them all. Judge Hyde, I think will go down

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My dear Son

I to S. D. in case the railroad becomes a success, and I think it quite likely that he will engage in something there. I have offered him my services, in case he should require any one to attend to business for him, and as he and I are very friendly, I believe he will accept of them. We have long talks as to future probabilities of things in case of a Rail Road from S. D. to Yuma. He thinks of taking his family down there and building himself a nice house.

I am sorry we could not have given George a nice dinner at least on his birth day but we will hope to do better by him on his next. I hope he continues industrious, obedient and anxious to learn all he can. I am glad that the children are all well and that they get along so amicably together. It was fortunate I sent you $10. on the 3d which must have reached you the day after you wrote last,

I expect to borrow $10.00 from Mr Mlundington this afternoon, and if so will enclose it to you. I find it extremely hard to get money. I hate to ask people for money which I don't know I shall ever be able to pay.

I am still at Dexter's, staying there is about all the benefit it is to me and having my washing done. If he was rich I would ask him for money, but he is not. He is having a hard fight for the Senatorship which he is confident of winning notwithstanding the money influence against him. Should he do so, he may be able to get me appointed notary public of San Diego County or a position for a time at Sacramento.

I will go to see [illegible] Doctor soon about the bounty, though not expecting anything to result from it — You better have the electric [illegible] sent at once, do not let water run into it till this is done. I know there must be many things to attend to in and around the house that must go undone till such time as you get money. I am glad to hear George is getting better and health

the ~~bad~~ experience gained will be a guarantee of his future good conduct. I think Captain will call to see you if not immediately some time when he has been and is going to Old Town. I am glad ~~to~~ to hear the water application is doing you some good, but you say nothing about the that I told you to expect. You must try to buy yourself out of the present money something for your self.

Take good care of yourself poppets
and keep up good hearts, when
one door shuts another opens
may open, we will meet
some day and then many
be happy though and forget
those hard times. adieu.
Oct 12th 1879
Kempton
My dear Husband.
George pleased with bridge. and lends you thanks.
letting
of Nov 3rd containing 40/0.00,
and of Nov 5th both received
for which thanks. I would have
written before but have been
expecting a letter from Frank
as you told me he intended
to write me down, but I have
not yet received any letter
from him, he has sent me
two newspapers. I am glad
he likes it there, and hope
he will remain and everyone
down this way say that
Moulton is as dull as this
place if not more so. I have
sent Frank a letter begging
him to stay where he is, as
it is so dull, all the ways

down this coach. I suppose
when he gets ahead a
little he will send me some
thing, I hope so, but I think
it "line horse and you will
get grass." Well I hope to hear
from him soon. Our George
has begun his old pranks
again, he has not come
home now for three nights
till mean daylight, I am
sick and tired of him
and hope if you get into
the Commissary you will
find some employment to
keep him busy, my talking
to him does no good, he says
no boots now, and so he
keeps the night-time for going
out, he needs clothes badly
and says if he had decent
clothes he would go to School
he and Mary Israel
still stick together, Mary
I think would like to go
where Frank is, but I
want Frank to keep him

away from him, as he
is [illegible] for Israel
always has [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible]
you will get [illegible] — the
military [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the whole [illegible]
[illegible] come to the conclusion
[illegible] that he [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] house [illegible]
[illegible] room [illegible]
Bartlett is [illegible]
furnished and then the
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the girls [illegible]
[illegible] repair
[illegible] the [illegible] out
room [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] comfortable [illegible]

5 Aaron here, and then we
will see if he can make
himself comfortable here
after I get all things ready.
They cannot act quite like
things as they are now.
There are two panes of glass
out, one large one and a
small one, both in the
parlor, but George does not
seem to have a turn that
way for fixing things inside
the house. Music, and gar-
dening, and his nocturnal
sprees are all he seems fit
for down here. So you may
tell the Dr. that he could
not have possession right away
as I would have to have
some money to make things
comfortable for them. If you
get into the Commissary then
we will be all right.

We have had
three days ago a very heavy
thunder storm accompanied by considerable rain, everything looks

through, and I think it is preparing for another rain. The corner in George's room over the kitchen leaks badly and so it does in my room from around the window. I do not think that Dr. Flute would like that if he knew it. We have commenced cleaning out the cistern, it has three feet and a half of water yet in it, we will secure all we can, and pump the rest out into the garden. I am sorry I did not use more last summer on my flowers instead of letting them die. I shall know how much to use this coming summer. The well water agrees with the trees, but not with flowers or vines. The front and side of the house needs fixing badly and the rain seems to be washing the brick off by degrees, next year it will certainly have to be done. Mr Rankin says it ought to be cemented all over, as he is down to his small new brick

[illegible]

South Ham, all
P. Pendl and [illegible]
remarks, me think
Ham will come
[illegible] and pray
[illegible] divorced from his Spanish
[illegible] Lebbeus
[illegible] and the [illegible]
[illegible] Dr. Ra[illegible] he was called
in the "Shakers" [illegible]
Good [illegible] I [illegible]
the [illegible] he [illegible] and the
[illegible] to old [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
George [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] if George had [illegible]
death [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] wonder [illegible]
[illegible] as he [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
to [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] I shall hope [illegible]
[illegible] may [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
always [illegible] me money [illegible]
[illegible] as I am always [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] with this [illegible]

OFFICE OF

The Mendocino Beacon

WILLIAM HEESER, PROPRIETOR.

Mendocino, Cal., Nov. 14th 1879.

Dear Mother:

Your welcome letter of the 6th of November received, and the contents of the same, interesting.

I have twice several times, writing to you, but something or other would take me from it, and also not wishing to communicate, constantly my disappointments in not obtaining employment, hence the excuse.

But see, I am in a good position, that of "local-editor and foreman" of the "above named paper in this place. I like my position well, it is a good berth of $15.00 per week to board and lodging. My work is not at all laborious, and I have plenty of time to myself. Mr. Heeser, the proprietor,

is quite a prominent man in this place a large land-owner, banker, surveyor and most any thing necessary to help this town along.

Mendocino has about 1000 inhabitants, is not at all an imposing place and is quite dull. There is no sociability here, very few young gents and no young ladies to speak of. I rather a great deal rather be somewhere on the lower coast, but I shall remain here until some thing turns up in San Diego, then "I'll come scooting back!" The town is right on the coast, a little cove forming its harbor, and the place is alone and high hills and mountains thickly covered with a dense growth of pine trees presenting quite a pretty appearance. The people remind of a laboring class, used to working in saw-mills and the woods, they are good people, but not the place I care particularly to associate with, except in a business manner or passing salute, consequently I am all alone, by myself - but contented.

I must here state that a letter for Olge - San Francisco, whom Shuler

In my letter I forgot to mention the new phase in the case, the letter from Jesse to Jim a more sinister character, because coming from Jesse it must show Jim, despite the camp family & great love is one. Jr. despite the fact

in Market Street — see old friend Mrs. Montenegro — She told me that when you were in the city she saw you on the street at least she thought it was you, and would have spoken, but for fear that you might slight her, on account of false rumors afloat in regard to her in San Diego, since she last been in the city, and previous to your coming up, She felt very sorry afterwards that she did not speak. Mrs. M. looks well and as young as ever. She has a room in a very respectable family, earning her living lately from dress making and the allowance she receives from her uncle in Peru, who is quite well off. She has left Montenegro for good and is living here under her maiden name Smith, with the exception that instead of calling herself Miss Smith, she has attached

Mrs to be and go by the name of Mrs Smith, so that messengers or his friends who have threatened her life may not know where she is. She keeps to herself, and has very few acquaintances - all ladies principally, and the lady with whom she lives being of a religious nature, a member of St. Ignatius church in San Francisco, upon opening the door for one who called, Alice, when Grace announced to her by Mr. M., that Grace the first gentleman that came called to see her since she has been in the house. Mrs. M. says she has been troubled enough and wants to keep to herself. She spoke often of you, and of old times when you took her part. You are the only person in San Diego who she cares anything for, and rarely have written to you only for the base, lies that have been circulated about her in San Diego, which might have reached your ears, and put the setting you against her. Grandma and Aunt Amelia have seen her and they think everything of her. Mrs M. is leading a good life in San F. and making an honest living with her

needle and thread. She has told me everything from beginning to end as she has told me many before. I know, personally, who her shareholders are, and why all is done. I think Mamma, you might write a letter of encouragement to her, as a word of good cheer from you would do more to comfort her than from anyone else she knows. She gave me permission to tell everything, both to me, to you, but to no one else. I'm ~~[illegible]~~ only a voice to anyone about what I have written, she is willing that you should know but no one else. When you write address your letter

Mrs. L. Smith,
926 Mission Street,
Bet. 5th and 6th,
San Francisco, Cal.

You never saw a person so glad as when she met me in the street.

Grandma has moved to 1232 Pacific Street for
Jones Leavenworth

Enclosed please find Money Order for
$5.00 payable at New Room P.O. on presentation of this order or endorsed on the back payable to anyone else, as per directions. Will write more as soon as I get a letter "square up."

I hope you'll get the R.R. room.

Give my regards to all enquiring friends.

I would like to write plenty but the trials of the day prevents me doing so, as I wish. I get all the usual news; but in the absence of letters the "Beacon" will suffice; I don's nothing going on here to write about that I can see, consequently my filling up the space I have in regard to Mrs. M.

I hope you will grant me this favor I ask, but say nothing to anyone about it. I'll let you know more after while.

I received a letter a few days ago from Pa, he has nothing to do yet.

I hope all are well home as it is so here I remain,

With much love, Your Son
Francis M. Whaley.

Recd Nov 26 79

13 Bonfant Street
Quebec Nov 15th 1879

My Dear Whaley

Your nice long letter of Nov 3rd was received and was really glad to hear from you and to know there was some hopes however faint they are, the here have had no money neither as yet and do not now expect any before the 1st of December something remarkable for Quebec I do hope that the Rail Road projects may result in your favour When I get through here I hope I may be able to get out to California, and take hold of some road to build. We are getting on nicely here but notwithstanding I get 100 – per month I have not as yet been able to save anything as after buying my necessary wood and paying for it I come to the Conclusion that I must have coal

to heat the House in general so had to expend some $45 for that then fitting up cost some. and as I now am I hope by the 1st of Jan to be able to commence to save a little. I do feel sorry for your Dear wife & children "so near to you and yet so far" and I think I know your feelings as I have had some experience in the same line but all will come out right in the end. and you will only laugh at your past misery.

At the close of this season more the Resident Engineer will make a report on the progress of the works also have map of same and I shall forward one to you It may be that some Engineering project may be started whereby I might get a call to your section though your influence your aunt always tells how things will turn out. I enclose you two Passes which I know is a pittance still it may be of some use to you and will not kill me. I have so often seen the time I should have been thankfull of a little gift and God knows you My Dear Friend are welcome to What ever I send you. and I feel confident you are aware of that fact Even if you should not need it many the Dear wife would be glad of it for they can make so much out of so little. I am glad to know your son has a situation and if you should get the Commissary store there is there no way that we could work together to make something out of it, I do hope that some of Mrs Jones relations may be able to do or put you in a way to get something that will pay you. And hope you will soon be able to have

your family about you. Mr Browne and the children send their love to you as well as to your wife whom Elizie says she feels as though she knew her. They often speak of you, and do often enquire from Mr Wholey I do wish he was rich - She has got to be quite a young lady - Bertie grows and looks finely - and we all enjoy the best of Health. Hope you will not leave so long a gap next time in writing. I will not detain the minister as I shall have leisure the best in the morning seeing I am very busy -

Hoping soon to hear favorable reports in your next believe me yours sincerely and your Friend

J Vincent Browne

Palace Hotel.

San Francisco, November 19th 1879.

My Dear Wife,

Your welcome letter of the 13th came to hand day before yesterday. I wrote you last on the 13th, enclosing $10. Your mother's address is No 1232 Pacific St near Leavenworth St. On 17th I received postal order for $30. from Puffer which he got from Young in full settlement of the $50. note. After promising to pay $30 and delaying to do so, he wanted to pay only $20. George told him he had just received a letter from me saying that in case it had not yet been paid, to withdraw my acceptance of $30. U. then filled up his check for the amount. George thinks he is a great scamp. He asked U. what he would give for the other note. U. said not one cent over $20. He then began telling him that in talking with his wife, he found she had paid me $250 for services and that he did not feel like paying me any more, also about her having called upon a Mr Hall, and that she proved to his satisfaction some sharp work on my part. George told him that he was my friend, and did not want to hear of matters outside of the

business he called to arrange. — As regards my paying me $250. that is a lie of Young's. I don't believe she cautioned him any such thing — certainly if this had been the case he would have known of it and have mentioned it before and have taken it into consideration at the time when we had our settlement and he gave me his notes. As regards any sharp work on my part with Mr Hall, I have written fully about the transaction leaving to George to judge of the matter. I have no doubt Young would like to evade the payment of the (Ohio) note entirely if he could do so. and I doubt if he can pay it without giving the trouble. If he had chosen to take it up now for $200 I would gladly have taken the money, but if I have to wait till it is due, I am in the position to stand the chance I can have the full amount from him. I can hardly believe Mrs Young has turned against me, though she may have done so. But I shall never believe it till I hear it from her. I would like to know if I have her address or some place where he should be able to find her. I wish he would have a letter directed to her persuasively to induce her to come to Chicago. I don't think he can do anything or of the expenses of his journey, assuming the truth of the story which the husband told George when he was here and he commenced claiming for but $50 of the $100 which I advanced him,

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and which she offered to pay me before she went to Heaven. The reason was that I had every faith in the time, that the note given me by Rettelle would certainly have been paid at maturity. He tried hard to lie me out of the whole amount, said Mrs Y. told him that I purchased the note from Rettelle which was not so and she could not have told him so.

I know enough of Young and his affairs to show him up in such a way as would prove injurious to him, I have never sought to injure him in any way, and do not intend to do so. He was kind to me at one time, but I have no reason to thank him for it as he would never have done anything for me except at the instance of his wife, and if I am restrained in any way it is out of regard for her, but should I ever learn from her that she entertained no longer the least friendly feeling for me, how long I might be restrained from retaliating upon Young for his confounded meanness towards me, it is quite impossible for me to say, as we are at most but human, and I am no exception.

I am surprised that Frank has not written to you. I have received but one letter from him (Nov 3d) which I answered on the 5th, besides The Beacon of the 1st & 8th. You had better write to him, requesting him to send you at least $5.00 per week. I think he might be able to spare you that much by this time. Of course at first he would naturally wish to buy himself some decent clothes and pay off the little amounts he owes to Morr, McCoy & Niles – I think I shall not write to him till he answers my letter to him. He wrote that he was very busy arranging the office, but by this time he must certainly have things in running order and have leisure to write a few lines home occasionally. I think I wrote suggesting to him if too busy, he might address his letters home, which after reading I would forward to you.

I understand that Mrs Dodge called upon Mrs Dealy the other day for the first time. She had been to see Mrs Wm McCoy Johnson (whose husband always makes his home at Deals,) and having spent the night with her, in the morning they came down town together and called to see Mrs Deals. She inquired concerning me – I should like to have seen her. She is keeping house for a widower with children

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in Oakland. I could learn no particulars concerning her further than this.

Walking on Market St to day I met Mrs Buttolf for the first time. She recognized me first and I her immediately afterwards. She looked rather thin looking, but well and seemingly as gay as ever. She enquired about you. Sends her love and says she would be much pleased to see you. She lives at the Belleview House. Oakland. Desired me to call to see her, but I doubt suppose I shall be able to do so. I saw her husband occasionally. He is not particularly engaged in anything I suppose they have a hard struggle to get along.

Dr Hine with his wife went down to San Diego by last Steamer the 15th. As I was informed at the Baldwin when I went to enquire for him the morning of the 17th. I did not suppose he would leave till the 20th and went to see him to ascertain definitely and to give him my card to go and to find out more particularly concerning

ing him. He appears to be and I believe him to be a gentleman. He promised to call soon you know he should go to San Diego. and as he has gone, probably he will do so, and then you will have an opportunity to judge of him for yourself and can make such arrangements with him as may be agreeable to you, should he have any idea of renting from you. I fear however that he will locate at New York, he spoke something about Nemitko plan. I should judge that they were rather high toned people and would probably not like our house if they could find any better. The Doctors name is Fred. F. Hussey from Chicago, Ill. He will probably put up at the Hotel House, You might venture to send him a note requesting him to call, before engaging rooms elsewhere. There would be no impropriety in this, and it may in some way result in good. Genl Kilburn arrived Saturday the 15th. Genl Kirkham gave me a recommendatory letter of introduction to him. I saw Dr Hammond, who said that I had better present it Monday morning & that on Sunday he would see Genl Burns and get him to introduce him to Genl Kilburn when he would speak to him about me. Monday I went to the Baldwin Hotel at 10 o'clock & learned that Genl K. had gone early to the Presidio, where

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he will make it his headquarters. Then I went to see Hammond. He said he had seen Genl Burns, and learned from him that Kilburn had brought his clerks and messenger with him and that there would be no chance for me whatever, but I was not satisfied with this, so went out to the Presidio in the afternoon, saw Kilburn, delivered Kirkham's letter to him. I found the General a very pleasant gentleman, who reminded me somewhat of our old friend Col. Ringgold. He said Genl. Simpson had spoken very highly of me to him, He remembered Kirkham very well, being a classmate of his at West Point. He said he was very sorry not to be able to give me a position, as I was so long and favorably known by so many U.S. Army Officers, that he had brought his own force with him – that he was not the purchasing Commissary – Capt Cushing was, and though under him, he would not like to interfere with the appointing of any of his employees – that he did not know that Cushing intended to make any change – and as I desired the position of storekeeper, he did not see how he could assist me. I told him I had been acting under a misappre-

hension in regard to the whole matter, supposing that he was coming out here as the Purchasing Commissary, and that if I had known to the contrary I should not have gone the trouble which I had to Genl Simpson and Kirkham. He said he was very sorry on my account and if he could serve me in any way he would like to do so for the sake of his friends Simpson & Kirkham who held me in such high regard. I left with him my address, that he might notify me in case he should know of some future time any position for me. After leaving the Journal in his comfortable quarters, I took a walk around the Presidio which is vastly improved from what it was when you and I were there many years ago. I went to see Mr Brian, commissary clerk under Genl Burns who has been in the Department here for 14 years. He will be displaced by a clerk brought by Kilburn and he feels badly about it. Genl Simpson did all he could to have him retained by K, but all to no effect. Kilburn, however, will retain him about 3 mos which will give him time to look around for another position. Clara Baldwin (Mrs Buddset now) is at the Baldwin Hotel with her father. Alden's daughter, Edith, is with her. Alden is still with Simpson, now at Chicago. His wife was very sick, not expected to live. The news from

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Brian, who corresponds with Adams. To day, I received a letter from Genl Simpson, dated Chicago Nov 12th. He says he mentioned me most favorably to Genl Kilburn - being him who I was to see and asked him to do for me whatever is possible. He also says, "If at any time I can be of service to you, please let me know, and if possible to do it, it would afford me pleasure." I may send this letter to Kilburn, or see him again personally, though I can't say I have any hope in that direction.

I will now see if anything can be done with the gentlemen in the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company. This is all that I have in view. Should I not succeed in obtaining anything from these gentlemen, I think I had better direct my way homeward. Possibly I may be able to get into something in S. D. whereby I may be able to make a little, and should the R. Road prospect turn out as favorably as they indicate at the present time I will be enabled to avail myself of some ~~[illegible]~~ opportunity for doing business or getting into some kind of business, that will ere long undoubtedly present itself. I have been here long enough,

tried hard through my friends to get into something suitable and find it impossible. I am and have been for several months leading a most miserable and forlorn life, and I cannot possibly stand it much longer. I don't see how I can be any worse off in San Diego than I am here. Indeed I believe I shall be better off. Here I have, only the clothes I stand in ~~[illegible]~~ matter to be of use to myself or to anyone else. In San Diego, if I cannot be of use to others I can be to myself, as there are many things in and around the house which I can attend to, to occupy my time and attention. I have about got through attending to business for the Rail Road Committee. I made a report to Morse to day, and in a private letter to him told him of my disappointment in not obtaining the Stockton's place, and that before long I might return to San Diego, and wished him, if possible to secure some position for me without regard to salary.

So, dear wife, the present prospect is that I shall return home soon. I am anxious to do so on many accounts, but more particularly so on account of George. I am extremely sorry to hear what you tell me respecting him. If he will not heed you, it is not likely that he will heed by writing to him, indeed, he has failed to do so. I don't think it is possible for me to say more, or in stronger

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language than I have already used to express myself concerning him. Perhaps, if I were home, my presence alone would have more salutary effect than mere words ~~[illegible]~~ can convey at this distance. It has been more for the welfare of my children, that I desired a change in my present ~~[illegible]~~ circumstances, to enable me to do something for them, than for any good I hoped to derive from it for myself. I have striven hard to accomplish this for years past, sacrificing everything to that end, but seemingly the fates have been against me. The greater my efforts were, the worse off I found everything. My misfortunes have been great bearing me down, crushing me almost to the earth. My cup of misery is brimful almost to overflowing. I acquire but little now, and that little I trust will not be a contribution by any one of my children. I can hold up a while longer and may perhaps be able, with their help to regain my strength and to get upon my feet once more, so I entreat of them their assistance, if it is possible for them to render me any, if not, I entreat of them not to do anything here which will cause me sorrow and

to mourn over their wickedness. I have troubles enough God knows without having an increase of them by the bad actions of my children, who if they will but remain good and from seeking to do only what is right, will give me strength and happiness, and may be in the end I shall be able to surmount all my troubles, recover my lost fortune and then they will reap the benefit of it. It is for them, for their good, I am willing this hardship. I am getting to be advanced in years now, to be benefitted much by anything I may hereafter acquire. Therefore in being good children, helping me, they will reap for themselves the benefit, and have the satisfaction in their own heart of having done what is right. That I have written is applicable to all our children, but more especially intended for our Son George, as it was owing to what you wrote concerning his present misdoings, that I have written anything. I can't understand why he acts as he does. Never disobeyed my mother as he does his. I would not have dared to have been guilty of the disobedience which he is guilty of. I should think George would have more love and respect for such a nice kind mother as you have always been to him than to disobey you in anything that you tell him is wrong and that he must not do. Suppose he is a big boy does that release him of any responsibility to you or make him less accountable for his actions? But I suppose he thinks that because

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My dear Mr. Johnson

He is a big boy and his mother is quite not much more than half our size, & he can be said to be in his clothes, it seems like a little man when he comes home from school. I am sure he is a good boy. Sometimes he does not do as he should, but I think it is because he is very young & thoughtless. He is old enough to know what is good and what is bad and if he chooses to do so he can be as good as he pleases. His nature is such as to lead him to do evil, rather than good. Some of them have been brought up in the consequence of his doing exactly what he pleases — and he alone will be to blame for the consequences of his actions. I am not sure that he does not feel the disadvantage of his situation and he alone will be to blame if he does not improve. I have not seen Miss Lakey — the boy has not been to Miss Lakey's school since he was discharged & I fear he has not been with the children as he should be. I am not at all right this and not pleasant from what I hear but he has been so good since I have been here that I hope he will be as good when I get home. I have just heard that Miss Lakey is to be married on the 25th of this month. I shall try to get away soon, as in case of return I shall want him for my work. He is big now I shall work to unpack it. Yours

Mollie at her house about ten days ago for a few minute to call. Miles said that they were expecting some one to call upon them said that they would have a long talk about matters which would be no interest to me. In other words he wished me to withdraw which I did and I have not been there since though Mollie did say she would be pleased to see me at any time and I told her I would come afternoon when Eddie was not at home - I don't suppose they will settle their difficulties short of a divorce or a separation.

You speak of returning table spoons. I have half a dozen [illegible] in my trunk, [illegible] which I purchased in New York, also a soup ladle, 4 scolloped sugar spoons. 2 Salts 1 mustard 2 butter knives, 1 syrup pitcher, 1 [illegible] 1 individual castor, 4 small fruit knives 6 Napkin holders which I purchased at auction when in the employ of [illegible] Co. These things will add to our assortment and complete what we most lacked.

November 20th. I received this morning the Middletown Beacon of the 15th from Frank, no letter of

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I think you had better write to him yourself about Harry I mean as he will be more likely to heed what you say than if I were to tell him

You must get rid of the moths - let the girls with George's assistance remove every thing from the rooms, one room at a time - and then sweep and brush every thing before returning it. It may be necessary to shake the carpets up and shake them. I should think they would do this - it is necessary - and as they have nothing else to do they better do this and save things from going to destruction. I suppose things want a thorough overhauling as I gave them when at home. when [illegible] attention doing a little now and then they might have been kept in order. The children are all old enough to do these things and to know the importance of doing them.

George must keep away from those "Shebangs" remain at home in the evenings. If he passes night after night away from home of what use will he be to himself or any body during the day. Let him put in the glass that should

There is nothing certain about Rail Road, and until the arrangement is made we can not tell how our future will be, for better or for worse - we know no more than we did two months ago - We can only hope for the best -

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Old Town
San Diego
Nov 21st 1879.

My dear Husband.

Your of Nov 13th containing $10.00 arrived as usual safely, and for which I intended to thank long ere this, but one thing and another has put me back, and as I intended to again ransack the "Tin Box" for the Shepperd arch I have delayed writing for several days; but I hope you will say "better late than never". I spended before this, every envelope papers and letters, but saw no such name as Shepperd anywhere, I shall do so again before sending this letter, but do not ex-

pect to meet with any bet-
ter success. I find the C.C.
Hunter assy, of 1869 $20.00
but marked Pd - I will
cut it out and send it
to you, as to Bellamanville
assy, I cannot cut it out
as it is scattered all through
the book, I copied it from
page to page and send it
just as it was on each
page, I am no book keeper
therefore I could not send
it in any other form. I will
get Mr Bellamanville to fix it up
if you wish it very much,
but as Besty has nothing
why do you want his old
assy he cannot pay you
anything, and perhaps he
would not like it if he
knew that you had it
about you, it might pre-
vent him from helping
you in the future. But

it's all right next time.
I thought I would go down
to Mere Lorom yesterday for
the first time in two months,
Judge Witherbee is our Old
town Coach now so I went
with him, and as luck
would have it, Dr Hise
called but would not come
in because I was not at
home, he came to say that
he would not take the
house, and witherbee let
me going down that the
Dr had taken Nesmith's
house, so it goes everything
to the rich, he said he
would call any time and
see the rooms so as to re-
commend them to friends
at any time. Well I hope
does pop that by this
time the Commissary Offis
has been determined so
that you may have some

thing to depend on that is certain. I think that good luck will favor us sometime but it is the waiting, waiting that bothers so. As to the Rail Road, the Chief Engineer, has returned from his inspection of the routes, and from what he said to Mr McCoy it did not seem very promising, but we will see soon and know definitely. I feel sometimes that if we only had money to live on decently, I would not care for R. Road anymore having heard so much about it and all to no purpose. I have not seen anything of the Morris, I have called to see them every time I have been to New York but yesterday and shall now wait for them at

buck yard in early times,
the is Spanish and no asso-
ciate, Mrs Pendletons house
is a house of ill-fame now
kept by a Spanish woman
so all the boys go there.
George looks very thin, but
he still takes Yellow-dock
an I think that may be
the reason of it.

Well I don't
know of any news, nothing
here to write about I went
to Mrs Hankins yesterday,
she was formerly Mrs Daly,
I like her, she is Irish and
does not make any preten-
tions, but she has always
been very kind to me me,
her son Tom Daly has left
here and I do not think
he will ever return, she
will have a very pretty place
in New Town, as her hus-
band is making it all by

degrees, a good substantial
one story brick house, and
a very nice garden.

Mrs Manasse
called to see me the other
day, she has gone back to
[illegible], they all say it is the
prospect of the R. Road
that made her do so as
she did not want to work
and she says she will have
a chinaman cook soon,
I told her I would rather
be my own chinaman
hard times, I don't think
she amounts to much.
Mrs McCoy sent the coach
for us all last Sunday
and took us to the Mission
for a drive, and gave us
a little lunch. Fred Don-
ahoe is with her now he
will remain here all win-
ter for his health, he seems
to be a very decent young

5 Mrs Morse is out all the
time mostly in her buggy.
I like Morse but not the
old lady, and she don't
like any one that asks
favors for her husband. I
had a heavy blow of
wind from the desert a
few days ago, but [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at all, and it dried up
things pretty much. Ross is
cutting down three large pep-
per trees as they take all
the good of the ground and
[illegible] things from grow-
ing. [illegible] [illegible] the season our
potatoes and tomatoes and
[illegible] [illegible] I was sorry
as it leaves a big hole at
the garden but I shall put
in fruit trees and evergreens
I have no more flowers as
the [illegible] [illegible] and
hot [illegible] killed all flowers
[illegible] [illegible] out the
[illegible] and [illegible] is cracked

Selfish. I [illegible] take their property I [illegible]
they have not [illegible] [illegible] their [illegible] all
with the forest occasions the Commissary,
So that your troubles will be at an
end for some time. I think I shall
[illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] if I find the
officers assorted will send them right
away. Do all send love, especially
your old [illegible] widow [illegible]. Lots
with all love from your devoted son
[illegible] [illegible] etc.
George says when you can he
would like to have a new [illegible]
A. S. A.

in three places, so that it will have to be cemented over where cracked, befor water can run in. I suppose he will want pay for it as he warranted it for only one two years and we have had it, it was very dirty at the bottom, the platform not tight enough, I have not one letter yet, he has so far sent me three papers and that is all. We are having most beautiful warm weather, just like summer which the weather-wise say means rain. We are all well at present and George is behaving better now it was Tibbets discharged before coming into town (a woman of 42 years) that started all the boys, she is going away to-morrow so they will fall settle down again. Tibbets the one in with you in the

Don't be so long answering again you say you have plenty of Old Town time, so send us a line often. whenever there San Diego is any good news I will Nov 24th 1895
write. The girls are too lazy to write therefore I write first. Give John all my dear son I remain. John all the "items" of importance. A. S. T.
Am in receipt of your very welcome letter, enclosing $5.00 for which I am very thankful these very "hard times" your father poor man sends me a little from time to time, but I find it very hard to get along, he has to borrow all he ever gets he says and wants me to ask John to send me five dollars a week till such time as he can see his way clear, I wish you could do it, it would at least keep the "wolf from the door" as things are a great deal more difficult to get now than when you were here. I don't mean to buy or take your earnings away from you, but we see very hard-face sometimes, and

five dollars a week would do us a world of good, if you can do it after you get straightened out. I was very glad to get the money you sent, as it will enable us together with the few dollars your father sent the other day, to get a good dinner on Thanksgiving day.

I hope you are well, and am glad you like your position, stick to it like a man and do not give it up for any uncertainty, after awhile when you get squared up, and when we do not want any of your money, then if I were you I would save up all I could and try to get ahead in this troublesome world try to please your employer and always do what is right, fair and square and all will then go right. Your father writes me that he cannot get the position of storekeeper as the Genl brought only his own force with him, so he proposes coming home soon, and seems already to be finding fault with things at home as he expects to find everything destroyed he says, for my part if things get too hot for me here with him, I shall leave for your Grandma's in San Francisco if able to raise enough to get away. Miles and his wife I believe are going to be divorced or separated they do not jingle together, Miles I know is to blame and it always has been. Miles from what your father writes as much as gave your father his walking papers.

Now as to your friend Mrs Smith (alias) Montenegro, if she were here I would call and see her but for me to write to her and for her to hold a letter from me whilst Montenegro is around I cannot do it, as he was here as a little dance among ourselves, and no one knew that he was in town he spoke something of his affairs

not much however, and I told him I like Mrs Wi - and did not wish to meddle either one side or the other, as it never good to be mixed up in family troubles with strangers, it is always the third person that suffers, if you write to Mrs Montenegro give her my love, and tele her that I have never heard anything against her from any one, on the contrary, they say she is a very good little lady and blame him for having such a bad and quick temper. Is give her my love and tele her I hope we may meet some time.

The Rail Road commissioners are stile here, they surveyed one route, and I hear their Chief Engineer has gone out into Torrard, Warnis ranch I heard they they said that Tom Scott had all the best lands around here so I do not see that there is any thing sure yet they are very much pleased with the bay, and say it is longer, wider, and deeper

[illegible]

[illegible]

5 days of fun, but I thought three nights in succession, I think he plays to get a few strings for his violin, in which he is so much wrapped up. I hope that the judge may give you something to do. Received Feb 14th

Bloxom here of R. B. turns out all rightly, I think he lost of he can. If you can only borrow enough money and get enough groceries from some of your old friends whom you used to trade with when you kept store, let them know if things get good here, you may probably open store again, but I don't think you will. Well we will hope for the best and will be glad to welcome you home.

I received a letter from Frank on the 20th enclosing a post office order for $5.00 he was well and promises to send me more when he gets all squared up and some clothes on his back

your $4.00 and the $3.00 he sent enabled me to give the Frenchman some, and the Butcher some. I wish they were all paid up so that when you send me any money I could feel that it all belongs to me. I owe the Baker $4.00 frenchman $4.00, Butcher $4.00, when I can I give them a couple of dollars apiece, I have been doing this way for over a year, but never exceed $6.00 or $7.00, I consider the french man has been very kind to me as no one else would trust me, I do hope there is a streak of good luck for us now, and shall be delighted when R. R. matters are settled. I hope you will be able to get us some Calf-skin shoes, as they must be so much cheaper up in San Francisco than here, everything is high here and rising too it seems. Lillie goes to school poor child, she is so ambitious to learn, and go to a good school and so able to learn that if things turn out right I think we might start her off to some fine school as she is capable of being finely educated in Music and Singing also she has a very fine voice. George says if he had clothes he would like to go to some good boys school or College to learn and study for three years I think it would be the making of him. He sends you a small list of things he would like to have if you have at any time the money to spare, as he says he only sends in case you can spare the chink ever. So don't trouble yourself about it unless it is very convenient. He says. "Please send me if you are able a few violin strings that I would like to have. I will give you the names of them. There are two kinds, celebrated for quality. The Italian, and German strings. The way to

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SAN DIEGO

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Palace Hotel.

San Francisco, November 25 1879.

My Dear Wife,

Your welcome letter of the 31st came to hand the 24th inst. I am glad to hear that you are all well and that the $10. sent the 13th has been received. I wrote you on the 20th enclosing $5. more. I have no further news from Frank. Strange he does not write. I sent him a P/C yesterday requesting him to do so. Judge Hyde left by the steamer this morning for S.D. having been telegraphed for on business in connection with rail road affairs. I wished to have gone with him but some matters detain me here. Tried to arrange with him so as to go by the steamer Thos but could not do so, further than if he should require me in S.D. he would telegraph for me on the 29th. I do not expect that he will do this, therefore if I can possibly arrange in any other way to go I shall do so. As regards passage to S.D. I can arrange that I think through Miles who has promised to get me a free pass if possible, but should he not succeed I might borrow

enough for this purpose or pay it out of the money remaining received from Young - but I do not wish to arrive in San Diego without a cent or some prospects to keep me going for a while till may be able to get into something that so to earn some money. Do you see the fix I am in. I think of applying to some of my friends here for a loan and should I be able to raise say $100. it will be sufficient to pay my passage and to purchase provisions enough to last me during the winter. If I can not do this I shall return home anyhow as I am leading a miserable life here and can not be more so at home. I may not be able to go by Steamer of the 30th and perhaps not before the return of Judge Hyde who said if I remained till then he would provide for my going to San Diego. The Judge though rich has many demands upon him which at all times he cannot supply. I like him very much I see considerable of him. He is favorably disposed towards me and should the prospects of S. D. brighten I think quite likely he will employ me or give me a chance to make money with him in some way. The Judge has promised to call to see you

Our Pro do to Philadelphia & Mr Cox. Yes I have Hold of his to Calais Essex and have Have-

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and having a little package to send you he kindly offered to take charge of the same. It contains the silver plated ware I mentioned a previous letter - three tea table spoons and other articles of use in the same line - besides a garden trowel for you. The rubber gicht buttons are for the girls, two dozen each. They are very handsome and will last them their lifetime. You will not make any display of the silver ware as people may think it very foolish in me to spend money in this way, but I bought it three years ago when I had more money than now, and at low prices as you will see by the prices marked upon the paper wrapper, which please save. I think you will find the things to correspond with the list with the exception of two fruit knives one of which I gave Sophie Wiley and the other to Mamie McK. As I thought likely Dr Huse took Mamie's house. I am sorry you did not see him. I.

think they are nice people and as they have called to see you you might do the same some time when you are at Red Oaks.
I hope you will be at home when Judge Hyde calls. Treat him very friendly to the best in the house and invite him to come again. I like him very much as he reminds me somewhat of an old friend Joe R, and I believe he will prove to be a good friend to us. I wish it were possible to have him interested enough in Boston or Lellia to take the charge of one of them for a wife. I think they would find a comfortable home at his house. If George is at home and practicable let him play on the violin for the Judge. Do not let the Judge imagine that I propose anything as he might think I had some motive for doing so. You will understand how to arrange things for the best. If I can possibly get a box for George I will do so. I am not situated so now as to promise anything. I would also like to get shoes, underclothes, saucepans and many things besides. I received a letter from Puffer this morning in which he expresses his profound disgust

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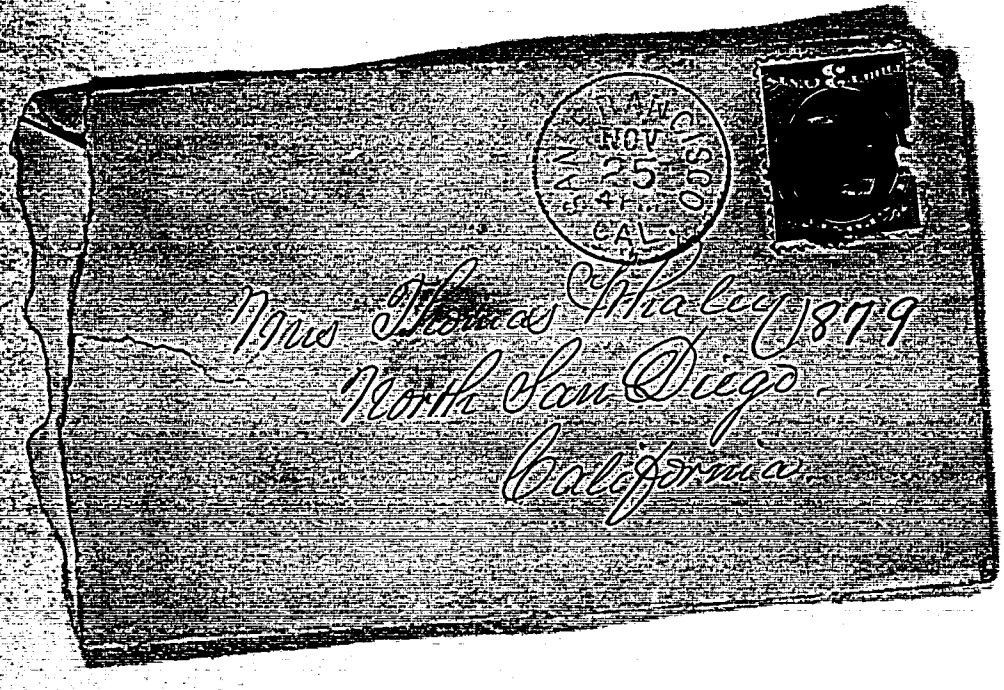
for Young. He says: "I cannot say bad enough of your old friend Young to give you an idea of how I despise him. I never want to see him in my office again." He advises me to have the other note $350 for which he (Young) offered $25. alledging that his wife had paid me over $200. George says: "I could not tell you in words his hatred for you. You must see his face and his style of bringing out his words. I told him I did not wish to listen to his abuse of you. I have known you for many years and you must have changed very much to act as he described. I asked him how it was that he gave you the two notes for services rendered if you did not perform the services. He said his lawyer advised him to give them to get clear of you. He also gave me to understand that Mrs Young had found you out and was no longer your friend. I told him that I should write you what he said. He told me by all means to do so. The next morning he came to the office and said he had thought it over and wished I would say nothing about what he had said the night before. I

I told him I had written to you the night before, and he then asked me what I had ~~said~~ repeated of the conversation. I told him most of it. He then left and I ~~have not~~ hope never to have any more to do with him." George closes his letter with: "I am glad to hear that the sun is beginning to shine with you and yours. We will all be glad to ~~[illegible]~~ that you and your dear family are once more united. Wife, children and self often talk of you. Give our kind regards to your wife when you write, and I will take the liberty of sending the girls a kiss. Yours truly, George." From this quotations you can judge of the estimation I am held in by my friend "George" and how likely I am to deserve the esteem of my old friend "Young".

I much prove close my dear wife hoping to see you soon and that we shall find in the near future some comfort to compensate us for the long suffering of the past. To the children one and all send most fervent kisses. hoping to find them good and well. Yours Affectionately

Andrew Carey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North San Diego
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Excuse Papers and
bad Penmanship,
Will do better next time.

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Old Town
San Diego
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Nov 28th 1879

My dear Husband.

Your of the 20th
enclosing $5.00 came safely, for which
thanks, I used a portion of it for
Thanksgiving but as I had no idea
money on hand I was rather shy
of spending any of it, still they
all wanted something extra, so I
got a few Apples, Grapes, and
a Roast of Beef with potatoes —
beans and Grape pie we made
out quite a good dinner, I
forgot a couple of Ducks that
Mr Battaile got. I am glad
to hear that Rail-Road matters
are progressing, and hope it will
not all end in smoke as usual.
I hear nothing of it, not seeing
Mr or Mrs Morse lately, I do not

think they come up this way and
more since B. Road is on hand.
I shall be pleased to see Judge
Hyde and shall make myself
as agreeable as possible, and
shall be glad to receive the
few presents you send by him.
I think that if he wants you
to remain till such time as he
lets you know his plans from ~~[illegible]~~ you
ought to do so he may have a
purpose for doing so. So I think
if you can borrow some money
for provisions, and wait till
the return of Judge Hyde, he
will perhaps lend you some
more money, and then you
can come home "scooting" with
some provisions and money
in your pockets, which will
help us this winter and then
perhaps B. R. will be settled.
The Engineers are only against
the directions of Warner's Ranch.
I think you had better wait the

return of Judge Hyde he may mean you some good.

Now as to Young he is a low mean scamp and from what Mr Puffer says, he is able to do anything in the way of swindling. I do not think his wife knows anything of his acting towards you, and if it were possible for to receive a letter from you by planation without he Young seeing or knowing of it it might do some good, but should he be aware of it it might make trouble for her, hold on to your note, and then get it all if it costs you a little to get it you will certainly get more than he offers you for it by far. Young is a mean "skunk" that is my opinion of such a man as that. Mrs Appleton always said he was a very mean acting man. Well we are all well at present, I am sorry as sick as I used to be, although not well at times bad weak feeling below

come ones me but I hope they will in time pass off. I can't work around much some but I prefer being out in the garden such as it is. we have taken down two large peppers trees that were in the middle of the garden, preventing the fruit trees from growing, the roots on them were as large as my leg, and seven or eight of them to each tree after day to the fig-tree, that is the reason our fruit-trees are no larger. we have one more to take away, and George is digging large holes with mamie in them we shall put in peach trees or orange trees when we can get them. George is doing very well now stays at home I think I made too much fuss about his staying out, but once in awhile I expect as Judge Witherbee says boys must have a run and the Judge says he likes to see them go about more in awhile, and they all tell me that George is all right, no

I think you

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San Francisco. December 3d 1879.

My Dear Wife,

Your long and welcome letter of the 28th ult came to hand the 1st inst. I am glad to hear that you and the children are well and that you managed to have a tolerable good dinner on Thanksgiving day. I intended to have a little of something extra for myself. Not having received an invitation from any of my numerous friends, I went to a restaurant and ordered a dinner at double the price I usually pay, but everything was so meanly cooked that I was not as well satisfied as though I had partaken of an ordinary dinner. But I hope to be at home Christmas & that we may all partake of together a better repast than we had separately on Thanksgiving day.

I am glad that you have heard from Frank and that he has sent you something and hope he will continue to do so from time to time as the remittances from him will assist very materially, until I can contribute more than I have been able to do for some time past.

I have about got through soliciting donations

Land for Rail Road purposes and having nothing particular to do the time begins to hang very heavily upon my hands. I think more and more of returning to San Diego. I may wait till Judge Hyde gets backs. though I do not think he had any particular object in telling me that I had better do so. If I can possibly raise a little money so as to purchase some few provisions to keep me through the winter I shall return even though before the Judge gets back. My wish is to return home. I feel as though it was my duty to do so after so long an absence, and having been disappointed in getting the Commissary Storekeeper's berth. I am not seeking anything here at the present time. I am sick, tired and disgusted with lying, and I have no doubt many of my friends will be glad when I am gone and cease importuning them. There are a great many people here out of employment, no revival of business though there exists a better feeling. Perhaps after the first of January there may be something more doing. though I look for no decided improvement throughout the whole state until after the new Constitution has fairly got into working order and as it must be amended and ~~again~~ submitted to the people for their approval. this will be some time to come, at least two years from now when everything may go a booming with us as they are now with the people in the East.

I think it very probable we ~~shall get~~ will have a railroad to San Diego, and that work may be commenced there possibly within the next six months, but I do not believe that we are going to have direct communication with the East for several years to come. by the way of Fort Yuma. A road to San Bernardino or by the way of Tramers Pass is about as much as we will get and if we get ~~that~~ either we must be satisfied for the present. San Diego will be but a way station so far as the Southern Pacific. Texas Pacific or the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Roads are concerned, and cannot hope to derive quite very great benefit from the connection with San Bernardino, but should the road go by the way of Tramers Pass and the Utah Southern be finished, we will have direct communication with Ogden and the line of the Union Pacific, and should the St Louis & San Francisco road be completed from Benita

to the Rio Grande, crossing it at the Needles, &
and connecting with the Southern Pacific at
Deseret Palms, and thence by "Mammoth Pass"
San Bernardino, we could have direct commu-
nication with St Louis. We might not be able
to derive any benefit from these arrangements, or
~~[illegible]~~ unless there were steamers running
from San Diego to China, and elsewhere. But the
probability is that all the freight from St Louis would
go to San Francisco. Without steamers from San Diego,
I doubt the use of building the Texas Southern.
A direct road from San Diego to Fort Yuma —
with steamers from San Diego — would give us
the command of the whole situation and soon
make a large and prosperous city of San Diego. But
I fear it will be a long while before we can get this.
I enclose you a map that you may understand
what I have written.

Moses gave me no encouragement to come to S.D. though
he said possibly I might get some things to do, and in case I came
continuing long I would doubtless get into some thing.
I intended to have written more yesterday but I was much tired.
I send you $2, which I received from Fund Rooms the other day
he said the office might find use for it. I make it go perhaps
further than I should. Every cent I can now during in Abel's office — Yours
I will send more money soon — W. H. Haley

OFFICE OF

The Mendocino Beacon

WILLIAM HEESER, PROPRIETOR.

Mendocino, Cal., Dec. 6th 1879.

Dear Mother:

Your letter received, but pardon me for not answering it this of late. I have been pushed so hard with work, that I have had but little time to myself, but I have just stolen a few moments in which to drop a few lines home.

Every thing is quiet here, but of late we have had very wet weather, it has been raining constantly for the last week here. Fifty inches is a small rainfall in this part of the country. By opening to the "Beacon" I have just sent you can gain more information than I can communicate to you.

You will see in the paper an account of of a fire-Nocturnal Orator-at

which I put, ~~up~~ and in which I was at the time of the fire, narrowly escaping with life from suffocation by smoke and had I remained in the building one moment longer I would have been burned to death. I lost everything, except what I could grab hold of in leaving the building; ~~so~~ I lost all jewelry except my watch, which I saved, not knowing it at the time; my moss agate cuff buttons were burned, and also new clothing, in fact everything; consequently at the present time, I have nothing to wear except an old suit I happened to grab hold of. – loss about $75.00 Pretty rough, but never mind It's made up.

I like my position here more and more every day, and shall hang on to it as long as I can; I am my own "boss."

Somehow please find money order for five dollars.

I got a letter from father a few days ago, nothing to tell you, he is going to sell his farm.

I see good railroad prospects in the papers, and I hope they are good.

Remember me to all friends, with love to the family, I remain Your Son

Frank

O. F. Dec 12 – 1879.

My Dear Son Frank,

Yours of the 9th inst, enclosing letter from Berkeley is to hand. I received the "Beacon" giving account of the fire. I regret your loss of clothing &c, but thank God that your life was spared to enable you to make it up again. I am glad you are so well satisfied with your position and hope you will do well. Live economically, save all you can to give you a start in San Diego, say in a year from now when times may brisk enough then to warrant you to make a change. All prospects are very encouraging for a rail road from Sonora quite likely by the way of San Bernardino, which will benefit Old Sonora more than though by the ditch route.

I shall leave by the steamer Monday having borrowed the money to do so.

I don't know what I shall do when I get there, probably go into the real estate business, though I expect to have rather a hard time at first till I get family established. Miles has promised to get me a free pass and one to return on if possible - which George can use to come up on, in case you think you can employ him in the office under you that if provided I cannot make use of him in any office.

In regard to the Conklin matter, not understanding it exactly I hardly know what to advise. It would be too bad to lose the 88 acres just at the time when it may become of some value. You might write to Conklin stating that your father was going down to San Diego soon and that he would consult with me more about it and whatever he advised you to do you would carry out.

Your ever affectionately
John Whitney

and that you appreciate the favor you have done him

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Frank H. Whitney Esq
"Beacon" Office
Mendocino.
Mendocino County
California.

San Francisco. Dec 13, 79

My dear Mgr.

I leave here by steamer Monday. Shall take down some few provisions. Rec'd letter from Frank. He lost all his clothing by fire of the hotel and nearly escaped with his life. This is a hard case for him at starting. I enclose you $5. Let George arrange with some one to be at steamer to take me and baggage to Old Town, and with some one to bring up provisions. There will be no very large quantity - from 1/2 ton to 1 ton. Come over going down the day the steamer arrives, or within a day or two after. Intend to go especially for it - Get it down cheaply - Hoping to see you

take room and be find you well,
with love from your devoted
husband
Thos Wharton

San Francisco Dec. 14th 1879

Dear Frank!

You have stated in your letter nothing to offend me. I have not answered your letter before now, because I have been sick suffering from Rheumatism and have not quite recovered yet. Besides I had promised to call on your aunt Amelia before I would answer your letter, and of course being sick, I could not do so, and by writing to you I have broken my promise. Miss Amelia and I are great friends, and I think dear Frank it is realy a shame you do not write to her. She says, that instead of sending papers

she would prefer a letter which would be more appreciated, so if you have not yet written to her, you can just sit down this minute and indite a long nice letter to her, and by doing so you will oblige Your friend Lita.

I am glad to learn that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you soon. Untill then

I remain as ever
Yours Truly
Lita.

I would write a longer letter but I am not feeling well to day.
L.

When you write to your dear mother send my best love to her.