

1880 FAMILY LETTERS

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Las Pasas Sept-6<sup>th</sup> 1880

Dear Mother,

Yours received for  
which thanks was glad to hear  
from you after waiting so long  
I do not see why Papa should  
be so troubled about - G. L.'s being  
here is it - that - he cannot - trust  
me? I have never done anything  
wrong and I think that - I am old  
enough now to know how to be -  
leave my self at <sup>home</sup> and anywhere  
else Papa need not - bother him-  
self I do not - know what - he  
can think of me that he should  
feel as he does. George is a  
nice, good, young man and has  
none but the best of intentions

towards he is the gentleman along  
with - one he has never alone or  
said any thing out of the way  
to me of Papas does not - but  
him well enough or he would  
think it fairly - of him is it  
not - till that George should be  
he with - no than leave; I  
not - but - leave but - I, you  
do not - at - Papas any any  
thing, I, he feels that grows  
the said you told him the  
people in town were talking  
about him all day - I would  
be so very and stop not -  
about - them to talk of me  
in the way they do the course  
they have showed wrong and  
cannot - be counted they think  
bad of others - I am all right -  
you I feel - and can talk  
good care of myself. George

to not - at - work more and  
Belle's asked him to - addy  
with - while he is at - work - he  
goes to town often and there  
is no one else here but - I,  
as I have said before him  
than leave. he is buying all  
the time helping Belle with  
the horses that have been  
giving a ~~few~~ few  
at - work all the time they  
like him and think well of  
him (not - like the dirty old  
George in town) he spends  
some played in town this  
last - time but - some one cut  
his horse and he could not  
ride and besides Belle's  
had some things from town  
and got - I, I, I - like the  
silly nothing has gone  
wrong with - I, I, and I and  
nothing will be known how

to behave himself and treat-  
young Cordie respectfully and  
I know how to behave also  
I am sorry but hope Papa  
will change his mind and  
not think hard of G. and  
above all dont - let - papa  
say any thing to G. he feels  
bad enough now without  
hearing any thing more un-  
kind. I will fix all G. is  
going either back to S. L.  
day after tomorrow or else  
he will go on to San Berdin-  
o that is his present in-  
tention it is for that rea-  
son to that he came out  
this time. They are glad to  
have him here but all  
will be right - dont let -  
Papa do or say any thing  
unkind to him he is sen-  
sitive People can say what  
they like he is decent -



and better than any who talk  
of him the nasty bound coward  
like to pull all their tongues out  
the old rippo. But enough of b.s.  
all will be right - you bet - I  
am coming home day after  
tomorrow. To night we go  
to San Luis to the dance  
will have a good time for  
the last time, I see you  
all soon. We have had  
company all day Mrs  
Bandini, Mrs of Bonts  
Ulenc, and Mrs Scott -  
children, Andrew and  
Cast of all Cave.

All well  
and send love to all  
will dance for all  
if I dance Mary I will  
be for the girls. All are  
getting ready.

With Love and  
Kisses your loving daughter  
Ann

P. S. If Papa believe what people  
tell him in preference to what  
I say he does me a great wrong  
and if he was to come for me  
on account of the dirty people  
talking nothing would suit them  
better just what they want  
let him think a little and  
see how they would look if  
was to come then would they  
worse they say papa had to  
bring me home that I was  
not behaving right and had  
to be watched and other  
unkind things so don't let  
him come I don't care  
what the (narrow minded)  
say they think because  
they do wrong others do  
(blame them) Poor George  
leave for San Bernar<sup>do</sup>  
to morrow to save talk  
so as not to be in town  
when I come, I am all

right - and can look anyone  
straight in the face and with  
a clear consciousness deny all  
their talk & will never dis-  
grace myself or family day  
you fear that - Papudang  
to turn his back on all  
the hounds he knows &  
would not do wrong why  
should I, I would suffer  
all my life for it - so don't  
let him come on accusing  
of talk he must not think  
hard of me or speak unkindly  
to me when I return I  
feel bad enough now I am  
sorry every thing goes wrong  
but - cannot help it - I am  
innocent of all they accuse  
me of, I do wish I was home  
it is unpleasant - need. Jeag  
is good and a perfect gent  
leman, so don't - Oh - Papa  
how I shall get - home I  
don't know yet - but hope to  
soon.



Anna Q.  
to mother  
her

SAN LUIS REY.  
SEP 7 - 1880  
CAL.

Mrs Thomas Whaley  
North San Diego  
Cal<sup>ca</sup>

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E. M. MILES.

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413 Montgomery Street,

San Francisco. Sept 10, 1880

*Product  
reception*

Dear Mother;

Your letter of the <sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup> day  
of <sup>the</sup> instant duly received.  
From what I have seen  
in the San Francisco papers,  
and from what you have  
just written it seems as  
though there was an era of  
prosperity dawning for  
San Diego.

My <sup>last</sup> letter to you was  
quite a melancholy  
nature, but since I have  
heard from San Diego, my  
hopes have revived some-  
what.

As I cannot possibly  
get anything to do here,  
and all my hopes having  
been upset, I am now

thinking of returning to  
San Diego and take part  
luck with the fallance of  
you.

I had, this morning,  
quite a set-to with Grand-  
mother on account of not being  
able to get anything to do,  
and for my being idle  
so long. It is hard for me  
to stand, after all I have  
done, to be thus accused  
by her. I know they do  
not want me at the house,  
and I dislike very much  
staying there; still I do  
not leave them. She says  
"her family have never done  
anything for them, or do they  
even care for her", and with-  
standing as much as she does  
not care to do anything for them.

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So things go! I shall await  
more letters from Dandlings,  
and shall try and quit this  
dwelling, ~~and~~ seeking quarters  
elsewhere, perhaps with  
Miles, for a short time only.

I think a good opportu-  
nity will open there, and  
I would like to take advan-  
tage of it; so I think as  
soon as I can possibly do  
so, I will start for there,  
as I can positively do  
nothing here. I have tried  
my utmost for the past  
three months and all of  
no avail.

I dislike, I can tell  
you, to go back to Dandl.  
and be a burdese on your  
all; but rest assured when

I do come, I shall try my utmost to help along in making our living; I have done it and I can do so again.

So expect within a week or perhaps two weeks to hear of my having started for home.

<sup>can</sup> I do not suppose I will build myself up, in any other place but San Diego, and there I will try, and the opportunity <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ Providence for news is good.

I must close, but communicate nothing of what I have said to Grandmother or Aunt. Love to all. With regards to friends, I remain, Yours truly,  
Frank.



The reception given our  
President was grand. The pro-  
cession was long and com-  
posed of quite a grand mili-  
tary display. The President's  
carriage was drawn by six  
horses, he himself standing  
during the whole procession.  
A deafening cheer filled  
the air as he passed by, the  
President continually waving.  
He is a fine looking man,

Recd Nov 27, 1880.

# The New York Floating Elevator Company,

OFFICE—No. 47 PEARL STREET

GEORGE D. PUFFER, President.

I care from Mr. Murray and also Mr. Adams after bank.

I intended to answer your long  
 letter before this but have put it off  
 from time to time on account of business and  
 sickness in the family. Last week we buried my  
 sister-in-law, Mrs. Strong, after a sickness of three  
 months. She was my wife's only sister, and living  
 at Fort Hamilton was all the time on the East  
 River, that place and Brooklyn. There has been  
 a great change with us since you left. Maria  
 has gone to be quiet a young lady with deers  
 down to the floor. Alice is our baby yet, and we  
 want to keep her as long as possible. Frank  
 got in more home is six feet in his stockings and  
 is still growing, he has a teacher at the house, and  
 is doing first rate. William is in the grain trade  
 and takes it much. He has quite a fancy for the  
 fur dog, and will not be an old Bachelor like his  
 Uncle William. Mother Lord is about as you left  
 her, she is now over 92 year, and I guess she  
 will live to be 100 or over. She often asks if

Answered  
 November 16, 1880  
 with love  
 from  
 George D. Puffer

November 15, 1880  
 New York  
 George D. Puffer

no good so there is no engineering connected with them if you  
do an evening and he will be able to see any reasonable offer I would  
concur in. It must be a source of pleasure to you to hear your long  
family about you and they all so merciful, so it must help to wear away  
the trials and troubles to some extent. but never mind my dear friend  
there is a good time coming if it is a long ways off - So when you  
at present I have a suit of gabardine for 300 - I had a note given some  
5 years ago to one Woodward - a resident of Chatham in Canada a man  
that I sacrificed everything for to get him his money offered for him  
as securities for over two years and he would never have received a cent  
if I had not done so whereas he got judgment for nearly 6000 - and  
now turns around and sees me for the note I only hope he may get  
it if he does he will be fortunate as I am over drawn and  
wishes to stop as and I have no property as it all belongs to my  
wife still if I felt that I owed it I would certainly smile from  
ear to ear in some way or other. Next I will send you a photograph  
of the children So is growing to be a fine looking girl and  
Burt a fine looking boy they are very good and they are doing  
nothing that is good for them and that I am offered as if I do not  
live in life I want them to look back upon their childhood  
with pleasure and know that other children at least they had  
all that they could wish. I would really like to travel to get  
out and see you. if I had two or three thousand would do as  
as I feel and always love that some how we were to come  
together in business and make money - and we only get there  
by throwing what many turn up. Love Eliza and my best  
wishes to your dear wife and to all your family and that I  
love for you for yourself and I only wish the enclosed was  
instead of the little postage it is but know you will take the  
bill for the deed. and now my dear friend the boat is coming  
for me the masons want me to give them the alignment  
our wall is now up for some 3800 feet in length from East  
to West to an average height of 16 feet - four square feet give  
to braced masonry it 20 feet from the top of the sub-  
structure to coping. for with you there is a length of  
1260 feet to continue on in length West end to have 20 feet  
high the foundations of this wall are concrete and 28 feet  
high as you see the entire wall will be broken complete  
in length 14000 feet long and 48 feet high. mine is  
for as you have time and about

Yours Sam L. J. [Signature]

Read Sept 17 1880  
Dear Mr Moore  
- on the 18th

# MOORE & WRIGHT,

CONTRACTORS ON  
Quebec Harbour Improvements.

Quebec, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. O. Box 516.

My Dear friend Whaley I am in receipt of your kind long

and interesting letter and feel very much condescended at my own  
having received yours of previous date but I have been in very busy  
times having had some work to do in the city as well as some of  
the important and now that he has returned from his tour  
of the little time I can call my own. It really looks encouraging  
to you at Santiago and I sincerely hope the present prospect will be  
good. I would like to see you speak of I would but not very  
well if you should see them speak to him by some one of the position  
I am holding. He Morley succeeded Mr Robinson on the Little Rock  
and St. Paul Road and the Cairo & Shelton. but would not know  
any of the Robinson men but brought out his own assistant  
of course that was only a temporary affair and would have no  
interest with him now. If he would give me a queer offer on the  
road I would come out and give it to him but will not  
through here for some few months not nearly as soon as I  
cannot see any great thing to follow this job and must be  
looking a head for something to do. The affair of buying the Little  
Rock was grand and interesting and especially the decorations  
will if I have a chance send you a very poor photograph of  
it. Still the best that could be done under the circumstances  
and I glad to know that your family are well and try to make  
themselves contented with what you have done the more I like  
them for our 14 months and we get have not been able to save our  
single dollar - in fact am a little behind for the past month my wife  
like Mrs Harvey and her 3 children (again know them and on 30000)  
have been visiting us before that July 2<sup>nd</sup> Mother, our Aunt and my  
brother Charlie for ten days - so of course that added a little to  
my expenses - and as my position here requires I should like in a  
decent locality my rent comes to 300 per year add to that 110 per  
fuel 40 for light gives you 450 - Laundry & balance of 750 for  
Clothing and food. you know that is rather small still more  
how kind our land than that. The children are growing very robust  
and hearty Mrs Proctor healthy and turning very gray as I and myself  
We have had some very warm weather here the present month ranging  
as high as 80° and 85° but notwithstanding this we are now  
making preparations for winter as we will have two months more  
that we can actually count upon for winter. The firm I would  
you have not been awarded it large dredging contracts in the  
States Portland and Boston Harbours - but that will come.

San Diego, Oct. 4. 1880.

Prince Vesty:

Arrived here Ok. Everything is on the boom; real estate is on the rise, and every thing looks as if prosperity is at hand. Parties are buying and selling at good substantial prices.

Among the large sales recorded are those of the National Ranch, containing 40,000 acres, from Kintall to the Rail Road Co., for \$160,000; the Bank of San Diego building to the same parties for \$10,000; a lot 100x100 feet square on Fifth street, for \$4,500, and by Boston parties property has been bought to the amount of \$20,000. Sales, large and small, are continually being made. The boom is not yet known abroad, consequently sales are confined to local dealers only.

The Rail Road engineers are now

in the field (four in number) fully equipped for a long tramp to the Needles. Work on the road will be commenced between this and the first of January.

Enclosed find ad of Morse, Kneel & Whaley. They have opened the largest Real Estate Office in this city, commanding and controlling more property than any other of the numerous firms here.

My time since I have been here has been fully occupied in different matters. I have control of the map department of the above firm, and also the job department of the San Diego News. This is a great deal better than loafing around San Francisco.

It started in for a good rain this morning; the prospects are that we will have a good season; if so, and our R. R. prospects are, this will be one of the best seasons in the U. S.

Potatoes are coming, but I think the indications are that the Republic will

carry the entire or not. I believe therefore to you

approve the list

A to my

my main claims

County refuse to test and forward

in case the Lega

A Father Mrs. Sh

to see you it please Hoping

ly equip- carry the county. I should have communi-  
s. work. cated ere this, but the Conventions were  
never not held until the middle of last week.  
Therefore I feel back so as to forward  
a piece to you the names of the gentlemen  
not real appeared on the County Committee.  
ing and The list of members are herein enclosed.  
the of

A question may arise in regard  
to my voting here, although I have had  
been my name cancelled from that of Mem-  
matters. bers to the Great Register of this  
sent of County. I shall offer my vote, if they  
to depart refuse to take it. I will offer under per-  
is is a test and have the same interests, and  
amount forward to you the fact, as evidence  
rain in case your intentions ~~interfere~~ testing  
the legality of the election law.

All hands are well and jubilant.  
Father sees as regards. Remember me to  
e of the Mrs. Shety and other friends. I will expect  
to see you in our town soon, and would  
think it pleasant for you during your stay here.  
s. will Hoping you are well and in good health

my wishing on my part that I were in  
San Francisco and could go with you  
and get a good "five center". We make  
another bet with Johnson and Fred that  
I can outdo them in a certain thing and  
so on, you know. "How is the Queen of Spain?"

I must close with regards to your  
self, expecting an answer soon, I remain  
Obedient—

San Diego, Cal.

Your Friend  
Frank R.

Democratic County Central Committee:

Republican County Central Committee.



51. ~~with~~ in he will go and be steady

Old Town  
San Diego  
February 5<sup>th</sup> 1880.

My dear son Frank.

Your of Jan'y  
26<sup>th</sup> came to hand safely, as  
all the previous ones have con-  
taining money, of which I made  
note of to you in my last. I  
thank you, and feel very grate-  
ful to you for your goodness  
to me, and I feel it very  
much to think you have  
to deprive yourself of the  
money you work for, but  
it cannot always be so,  
some change will have to  
take place soon. Everyone  
seem to rely upon the R.R.  
being built, and on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
of this month expect to know

definitely about it. Mr. Allen he too goes to see your mother  
and Mr. McLeod your father your niece wife of John; from  
of there is a B. McLeod, do they like his disposition of your share,  
we cannot that his Real I should judge it was my  
estate office lets such time much like your management  
as the good news comes, they if you remember, except  
then he will engage with I suppose you will with me,  
that he do that he can tell soon thereby, not that of  
for himself too and attend your old mother. Go, it's that  
to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> affairs too, it is the way to show you  
all you see promises well I will do what I can  
if we get the R.R. of it, not linked with George as it  
like we all intend to get with you, but impeded  
nothing from here, do as to I do not like to be  
middle a living some where with best economy of time  
else. We have not long to but that he will work to  
wants now till the 15th, as I even want him to  
I hope you see his father cannot manage  
best and happy, take your him as he pleases in such a  
case of yourself and enjoy little passion and duty  
I would all you can all George all sorts of other names  
I know you do in a return to G. Now left home here  
at once, can glad your health, as to the about them  
I have found the Amherst with Ours as please they  
I hope, that is good and want through kindly and know

4 moved their traps to New Town  
China living at Myers Brown's  
"Stingaree" and George at Doc  
Thompson's Stingaree a new  
one started on 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
George plays for little or nothing  
and gets his board and lodg-  
ings there, your father went  
after him a few nights ago  
and brought him home, but  
George left yesterday again,  
so Dick Herren has gone down  
after him to-day as he prom-  
ised Dick he would not stay  
there, the authorities have sup-  
pressed dancing there, and are  
now waiting for the first row,  
to shut the place up, so you  
see that George stands a  
chance of being hauled up  
again. I don't know what  
to think of George, it does not  
seem to me as if he had good  
sense, he says if his father  
will get him a good place to

Work in he will go and be steady  
so he may you see be doing this  
to force your father, to get him  
into something but there is nothing  
to do here yet, he and your  
father do not get along, your  
father is too passionate and  
abusive, so I do not think  
he can keep George home. George  
is a great source of trouble to  
me, and I shall be very glad  
when he gets into something de-  
cent to work at, he George  
says everything has been done  
for you, and nothing for him.  
Music is what he sticks to, and  
your father tells him to stay home  
three months, and if things  
go right he shall learn music,  
and if no P.R. why then he  
can go to San Francisco. Too  
bad he should worry us so,  
when he knows we have nothing,  
and that if it were not for  
you we would all be very  
badly off. Enough of George.

It makes me very nervous to think of where he is living.

The girls all say they would like to see you in costume, but if times get good why you can have all such things here. The two-headed woman and the two little Midgets are expected down here by the steamer to-morrow, one woman they say with two heads, four arms and four legs, from the show-billy they look distinctly as two people joined as the Siamese twins were, think of such a horrid thing as a woman with two heads, one talks while the other sings, I think I should tumble over if I should see such a sight as that, the girls are crazy to see her, perhaps Larry may come for them. Fair and Alex under scrub but as evening, Alex under has left Fleckman's, and is employed a gardener to Haggard's







a horse. Miss Carroll is teaching again, but I think they will send her out soon again as I can learn from one of the board of ex aminicy who called to see me. No marriages, no deaths in town, and the births all done with, Cornelia being the first to have a little daughter, and she has called it Corinne, thanki of John Costuna having a daughter called Corinne, I do not think there is a Saint in the Calender of that name. George Young I think I told you had gone into the small mens business in New Town. But others are starting too and he does not like that, but think, after awhile he will do well. He is a good fellow and I like him, but your father cannot get over the numerous relations that man will inherit if she marries



"hurt bodily, a sudden fire is  
an awful thing, as there is sel-  
dom any escape from it, &  
also thank God and you, that  
you never gave me the least  
trouble in the way that your  
brother George has, and I tell  
him so, and so do others, who  
speak so highly of you, George  
says he is not naturally bad  
but force of circumstances throw  
him into snare set by Harry  
or other. I hope this will be  
a good lesson to him. He  
is well now. (To Frank after fire  
in Mendocino 188?) The Minters leave  
next month for a place  
Mrs Minter - has bought around  
near "Santa Ana." They were  
to have left this week, but  
Flattie has been very sick  
with weak lungs, and Dr  
McKinstry says not to take  
her away till Feb, or March  
she often speaks of you, and  
says you send her a paper

While she seems to appreciate  
very much, I think she still  
thinks some sensible of you.  
Little Bill, or Jim they say  
is engaged to Louisa, or Miguel and every thing seemed very  
agreeable to both one, Green, but we will meet  
George & my school in  
New Town in Mills' building, sometimes while we had  
going to a trial, your father, the lady. It rained all  
hours - rain well, but don't. He knew the Command being  
wonder mean to marry him, were here, and some one  
the says the wife thought, but then we were had  
some days the beauty you rain. I hope that we  
for her daughter - Victoria, may have something in the  
and British being to like shape of a B. Road so  
you excepting. Old that you may be able  
Weymouth has gone away, to come home again, as  
Bastille does not call, I have had much company  
here any more but while and sitting a chair out of  
sleeps here, the old man you and Alice than the  
I think wife, only him whole family part to getting,  
and) of that too. Cornelia and I have not yet heard  
has a little daughter one accident to your school  
week's old, named Corinne. although I know it is  
and John Corinne is looking for your good, I know

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Dear Frank? That we are  
a drain upon you, but  
it will not be so all  
the time, for just as soon  
as your father can sell  
some property he intends  
doing so, but cannot till  
things are fully decided  
about B. B. matters, and  
he gets his property in  
his own hands, which will  
be soon I think.

A Lady in  
New Town Mrs Booth gave  
a Leap year party two or  
three night ago, and all  
the ladies were obliged to  
ask the gentlemen to dance.  
There are still dull here but  
expect lively times in the  
Spring. All hands send  
much love to you, and  
hope some day we may all  
be reunited. Your father  
sends love to you and says  
for you to hang on to your  
position. So my dear son  
Frank with all love to  
you and success I am as  
ever your loving Mother.  
God bless you. A. E. Whaley  
write soon.

Letter you will have received  
the photograph of Mendocino.  
I sent the picture off in such  
a hurry that I did not have  
time to print out to you the  
difference in building there is.

We will have, I expect,  
a good time on the Fourth.  
The dramatic club will cele-  
brate with a Jubilee Enter-  
tainment and social dance.  
I wish you all could attend.

Enclose find a note for  
Five dollars.

My love to all at home  
and regards to friends.

Hoping all are well as  
this leaves me.

Remain,

Your affectionate son,  
Franklin

Do Bill Linnors is going to  
Mary Louise. Bye for Bill!

# Bank of Mendocino.

Mendocino, Cal., June 7<sup>th</sup> 1880.

Dear Mother:

Your letters duly received  
and appreciated.

No news of importance to  
annunciate from here; every-  
thing quiet at present.

A change will be made  
in this office soon; Mr. Neuse  
has been in San Francisco to make  
the arrangements, but so  
far we have heard nothing  
from him.

Heavy fog I see pre-  
vailed here for the past two  
day's making it cold and dis-  
agreeable.

I hope ere you receive this

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413 Montgomery Street,

San Francisco. Sept 8, 1880.

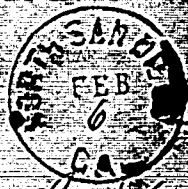
Dear Father:

I'm looking over  
the S. F. Chronicle this morn-  
ing, the enclosed item from  
that paper attracted my at-  
tention, which I forward to  
you as a matter of news, pro-  
viding you have seen nothing  
in connection therewith and  
this may reach you. At last,  
it seems as if San Diego's  
time had has come, at least  
I hope so. The news seems  
to be credited to good au-  
thority, and there may be  
something in it. If there is  
any truth in it, people  
in San Diego must know  
it ere this, and in conse-  
quence there must be con-

considerable stir and activity  
among them. I have shown  
the item to several here, and  
they are of the opinion, that  
it is O.K. As they say, "work  
will be commenced between  
the present time and the  
first of January," and should  
any considerable activity take  
place, and you then will  
be a favorable opening for  
me, let me know, and I  
will return to that place.

So far I have not yet com-  
pleted arrangements for es-  
tablishing at Mendocino, yet  
I have some little prospect ahead  
for so doing. A favorable matter  
having opened up for me yes-  
terday. Celebrations have com-  
menced in the city and a big  
reception will be given to Pres-  
ident Hayes. Love to all.  
From your affectionate Son  
Frank.

*Received Feb 15 1880*



*Frank H. Whaley  
Mendocino City  
Mendocino, Cal  
P. Office Box 55*

*P. O. Box 55*



Answered  
Feb 6 1881

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Kind friend

Uncle Tom

I believe I owe  
you a letter but I am long time  
paying it back for the past  
months I have not been in a mood  
to write to any one & know that we  
should not forget old friends you  
have often made the heart of him who  
has gone happy with your visits  
& trust you are happy now that you  
are united with the dear one at home  
how is the dear wife and children  
remember me to Grandpa at home  
when your Mother is without a  
nurse I often spend a spare day  
with her she gives me fifty cents  
& am still at the same place

any circumstances as this  
remains yet. He also says that  
no money thought it best to adopt—  
has at last you have dear little  
declaring she has grown very cunning  
by her cunning ways has made her  
among friends both with rich and  
poor how much I miss her no man  
knows as yet she also last night  
with her numerous, she had the  
measure and took cold,  
Bible is at home with me again  
Mrs Peck wrote and said she  
could not care for her longer the old  
leaky had become so feeble  
she would have thought that the dear  
Lord has said he will provide  
I trust he will care for his friends  
for me to help me along. Anne  
John and family are well  
the Bible plain people of you I see  
Mrs Peck would you kindly

Health is now down to town. Last week  
the Peck family are well  
you Mother I see has father greatly  
the last few months the same  
are well. The children are all  
of low to you my love and great wishes  
I all you dear ones I shall write  
from you soon when I write again  
from your little friends  
M & P

I wish I had something nice to send you,  
but have not yet. in return for your good  
Did you get any Old Town <sup>valentines</sup>  
valentines? the girls I am Diego  
got a few. Am glad  
anyhow that you enjoy March 4<sup>th</sup>  
your Dramatic entertainments that 1880  
is good and instructive, it  
will be as entertaining as is more than  
you would see in this town  
if it is spoken very highly of. Am  
My dear son I have  
glad it is appreciated. you must  
brush up your songs some of  
Feb. 24 enclosing \$5.00 came at  
usual safely to hand and to  
you many thanks for the same  
we are all pretty well at  
present with the exception  
of myself I suffer so much  
from that malady which  
sticks to me more than any  
friend would, I mean the flies  
do what I will they seem to get  
worse all the time, till some-  
times I feel tired of living, I  
have been in bed three or four  
days with dizziness and vomiting  
but am feeling better in that  
respect. Your father complains  
all the time of Rheumatism

Wile Conway Hart

All our hands especially about this party for the cause, the manner  
of their conduct in the morning, and business to be engaged George  
to Lewis to be only seven days, and Melles' trial, George for  
William & Jane Briggs. The daily 30.00 which will bring 9.00  
James' and George's couple has as a proper, and perhaps, gets  
made 25.00 appearances in one fine with descent company,  
born at Lopez Road, much part of Pale he says morally  
people that have little else of his time in New Town as  
them are getting out of their own place, his father only  
George plays to being able to manage him,  
might at Anthony's table for a he dressing and advice from  
party given by Mrs Richardson but much, and will not take  
to pay for a course for the gentle means to being him  
Ball Brown, Dick's statement around, he says he hates  
in charge of him to much the sight of George, and of  
the other night, Dick took days he cannot stay at  
advantage of Richardson, home, I seem to you that  
he played till 12 o'clock for we are not the opposite party  
10.00, and they wanted to be seen when you were at  
dinner a little more, to be home. Mrs' father has nothing  
shown yet, 8.00, made and to do yet, asked with next let  
Melles' trial, 4.00, and another such time as B.B. and Melles  
made even 4.00, do that he are concluded. The B.B. come  
did not take in evening to being acts for an experiment

4 of four months time, as they  
are conferring with San Fran  
cisco folks, asking what im-  
bursements they will offer  
to go there, but the Committee  
here sent them word that  
all the extension they would  
give was 60 days, and that  
the matter rest. "Hope de-  
ferred maketh the heart sick"  
They talk of sending Kimball  
out to Boston and New York  
to confer with other companies.  
Your father gave a letter of  
introduction for Kimball to  
Garrison.

Prose is about  
settling up the Dodson mat-  
ter with your father for <sup>40</sup>125.00  
Morde says he will pay it.  
Your father has been looking  
up the papers in the matter  
and the all Concklin, Trindler,  
Prose have become scarce.  
So Prose says if your father

5 will give him <sup>400</sup> 125.00 he can  
settle it all. Cheater, and  
attempts at simonally all  
through. Morse takes the  
judgements and holds them  
against Dodson. Dodson is  
about marrying Mrs Sievendy  
widow.

Well the Minster left  
last week, poor Fattie  
they think is not long for  
this world, she has changed  
very much, and aought  
badly, they put a bed in  
the stage for her the Old  
woman she and Louise left  
to-gether. she says she has  
not written to you on acco-  
unt of being sick, but thanks  
you for the papers you sent  
her, why don't you write  
to her. Mr Minster and the  
Old Dr - McKinstry do not  
want the Old woman with  
them, they say it is she that



mother, father & the beautiful  
key up as much and keep  
my her in the like as much  
By the way - I might mention the  
was here the other night, they  
of the two sides coming but  
you, or her mother I am  
scale, sorry for her, but hope  
she will be cured.

Richardson for not enjoying  
him to play to - maybe instead  
of George, gives a free dance  
at the Bay, Brice Hotel thinking  
to show all away from Rock  
although means of Dick as he  
got all the playing all this  
months - from Richardson. We  
have a complimentary tickets  
but more will go but man  
and George says I think  
he will take her.  
I have all the  
had gone to the Sunday Evening  
with some boys playing.

Richardson has been known here  
a long time, I do not know why  
he is doing. Your father is in  
New York the day and I hear  
the girls in the office talking  
and laughing and they would be  
so, he seems to put a dangerous  
one all when he is home.  
Man says the other must like  
him, and do things, go.

Brother has been  
quite like with a heavy  
Cats on her chest, is getting  
better now. She goes to  
school, but does not learn  
much. Bill, Jim, and  
Thomas are all in town  
but I hear they will go when  
when the weather gets warmer.  
Thomas, and some others  
are trying to get Bob cleared  
out of the light - Thomas, but  
will not succeed, and others  
again are trying to get Harry  
released in the past office.

5  
post master, hard times and  
all trying to get ahead of one  
another.

Christina wants Men  
to go and stay with her while  
Billy goes to Los Angeles, but  
George Lyon does not want her  
to, so I suppose she will not,  
I would go if I was her.

They are puffing  
up George's playing in the  
two papers, not knowing that  
he could play at all, Game  
and played both attended  
one of the Rehearsals and  
said after hearing one or two  
times from George, that if they  
had not known its was  
George they would have thought  
it was Dick, G. improves  
but not up to D. yet. I will  
send you the papers.

Luce's girls  
all send love to you and  
so does Fattie, and thank,



for papers received. This is Lent  
and all frolics at an end  
till the Lenten season is over.  
Church three or four times a  
week. Harry still drives Stage  
and calls as usual.

Your father got the  
Society of Natural History's  
curiosity excited by telling  
them that there was a  
huge frame of a whale  
or other large animal im-  
bedded in the bank back  
of Raphael's house in the  
Canyon, so the other day  
up comes Buell, and Hoy  
with picks and shovels to  
unearth the same, at first  
they did not think it was  
anything, but dug a little,  
and found a bone, so I  
suppose they will study over  
the "Old Fossil" and perhaps  
be more the wiser.

Bill Conway has

<sup>10</sup> just called and is in the of-  
fice with the girls, do not  
know what he wants.

It rained  
very much last night and  
the day still, everything  
looks green and fresh.

Pete Cooney, and Kitty  
are still inmates of our  
family, your father does not  
wage war against them  
at all, as I thought he would.  
Mr B'attile still sleeps  
here, but no eat.

Well I think  
my fund of news is at an  
end and I must close by  
sending you the love of us  
all, the girls would like to  
see you and often speak to  
that effect. Well if B. B. comes  
and is sure, then of course you  
will be one of us again I hope  
so with all love to you and  
hoping to hear from you soon  
again I am as ever your loving  
mother. A. S. Tr.



So things go, nothing smooth, always  
some rent open for people to  
tumble in. There is a very fine  
violinist in New London now, they  
say he is crazy on music, he  
gave a free concert day before  
yesterday, they say he is a very  
fine violinist, his name is LaBat.  
The last death at Francisco Lopez,  
was very quiet, no wake, as it  
was Typhoid fever, and all  
were afraid to go there. I saw  
Mrs McCor yesterday she inquired  
for you, and to check all your  
friends. All send remembrance  
to you, they say you had better  
hold on to your position till

Old Town  
San Diego  
March 16<sup>th</sup> 1880.

Dear son Frank.

Your always  
welcome letter of March 3<sup>rd</sup> came  
safely to hand enclosing an  
order for <sup>40</sup>5.00, for which ever  
many thanks, I do not  
know what in the world we  
should do if you did not  
send me some money as you  
do, as your father has nothing  
as yet to do, nor do I see  
any chance for him till back  
time as the B. B. question  
is settled, He goes almost  
every day now to the Court-  
house making abstracts of  
property, taxes, and sell such  
things as he thinks will be  
serviceable to him when  
the "Boom" comes. Mother is  
very willing to help him about  
our property that he holds.

and is willing to settle with the Bank  
on the Boston matter, as he  
wrote yesterday to you 2/25: so he  
even a little more, it is not  
settled yet - as the Bank is doing  
all he can to get all his pro-  
perty free again, he certainly  
in the settlement - with Con-  
tin and makes to hand over  
all his property, and papers,  
concerning the matter to you,  
and seeing - no more to do with  
them as long as it relates to  
your property. Every one  
seems to be confident of the  
R. B. Conroy soon, and will  
let down without any delay.  
The R. B. party in Boston, say  
to us and are sending an agent  
on duty, at which they are  
ready, they let the Committee  
know, it is all we must do  
to let down, and hope you  
to let down. He will build  
something else without it is  
and the money, and land, and

nothing else not known anything  
more seems to be any hope  
of the matter has promised  
to send you papers a horse,  
either for the sake or (by you)  
if we can not arrange to get  
a good many of some kind, we  
should as other side, then you  
factors will take the two girls  
tried and like down to New  
town to Newbury, and being  
into at night. But that  
seems impossible at present.  
At any rate, your factors is  
going all his papers and affairs,  
and straightening up all things,  
so that everything will be very  
to get at when the Committee  
of the day he will let and  
then if more will advance him  
\$20,000 for more things else and  
to release property sold to the  
State, he seems to be afraid  
to do it and keeps putting  
it off and says he wants  
to let down all of it to

4 push him on, but he is very  
cross and stubborn. We have  
pretty lively times here with  
him sometimes. George stays  
home very little, and when  
he does come home, he will  
never give any satisfaction  
as to where he hangs out. I  
suppose he plays at those  
mean places, and uses the  
money for eating. Your father  
has no control over him or  
his own temper, when George  
is home, and tells G that  
he ought to take him up  
on the hill and put a  
bullet through his skull.  
No good talk that, and no  
way to manage him. George  
says he would stay at home  
with us, if his father was with  
here, he thinks he begrudges  
him his eating. I do not think  
Dr. G. went to see Richardson  
yesterday afternoon and  
has not returned yet, he



5 he may get a chance to play  
again. Dick Herren has  
played himself out charging  
so much, so every time Rich-  
ardson gives a dance, Dick,  
Bill Barnes and the likes  
get up a dance the same  
nights, Mean I think. - Geo  
played once with Belle Stone  
and got along nicely. I tell  
him if he only behaves him-  
self, he may get all Rich-  
ardson's plying. Richardson  
says he must keep away  
from low places if he wants  
him to employ him. I has  
just come home, I expect  
to hear a fuss any minute.  
I made the old man stop  
meddling with me in the  
kitchen, "You bet". I had a  
tough time of it, but its  
is all as I want its now  
in what concern my kitchen  
affairs. well I hope



This letter will find you very well, and am thankful to think you have some nice amusements, and wish I could only see you in your different rolls. If we get a P. O. then you can stay the same here. All quiet in town, two deaths at Lopez his oldest daughter, and a son ten years old. The Mills are in there new home not have not heard from them yet. Scarlet fever, and Hoopain, cough in town. McCoy bought Welch's place in Mission Valley and together with some of his property - adjoining has sold it to the county for a poor-house, so that Tom Lusk, Donna Phillipa, and Mary pond who are now supported by the county will have to take up their quarters

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I think I do not think Donna  
Phillips will. She now gets  
<sup>12.00</sup> a month, the officers  
say they can take care of them  
better and cheaper in the  
poor house than as she are  
doing. Oh! May we never come  
to that. We live poor now, but  
I would rather live out, than  
live there.

Mrs Rankin spent  
the day with us yesterday,  
she says her son Tom will  
be home soon, he sent for  
his good clothes so as to  
make a good appearance  
upon his arrival, Rankin  
thinks of taking him in with  
him in the Brick-yard but feels  
shaky about him.

Mrs Manasse  
has gone back to Joe, think  
ing the B. B. is coming. Mrs  
Schiller takes in sewing. Harry  
Schilly is with the Mexican

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Counsel as interpreter, Harry  
Israel still in the Lower coun-  
try, and Fred Donahoe in  
town. Still, he and Jim came  
walking up our way last  
Sunday. Fred said some  
one had tied Old Ross's  
long bench up to a tree  
and they came up our way  
to get a seat on our porch,  
Prose says it is Fred that,  
aid it, but Fred says not,  
I think it is him, for he  
looked that way, when  
he was telling us, they are  
still playing tricks on Prose,  
and Fred is in with him.  
Mr. Coy gives him a talking  
once in awhile. I don't  
think our George even looks  
at Prose now. Bill seems  
very despondent since Louise  
has gone, Gardeloupe and  
family are at San Jacinto still  
awaiting P. P. news. Fred, Jim

*Received  
March 16, 1850*



*Mr. Frank L. Thal  
Mendocino Beacon  
Mendocino  
Calif.*

*P.O. Box  
No 55*

Does Frank if you can spare me three  
dollars for a pair of shoes, as I have  
not had any since (Old Snow)  
you left and cannot say that I can  
get any other way! (I am Deep)  
as it takes all you send to (Frank)  
the wolf from the door. (June 8<sup>th</sup> 1880)  
would not ask you, but I must go  
out sometimes and cannot with you  
father, old Gray, I want to go  
to the dear old I want to go  
to get you for your money, as I know  
you want to have it all for the 8<sup>th</sup> May

It came to hand, as I  
had not received any letter  
from you since the 28<sup>th</sup> May.  
I thought something was the  
matter, and I found myself  
surely put how to get along  
not having any supplies at all  
in the house, and making 12  
days since the one of the 28<sup>th</sup>  
but I suppose it was delayed  
some way, Oh! how I wish they  
would get brisk here, as I think  
they will sometime, for we  
are not living, and but for you  
we would all have to scatter.

I tried to get your father to  
borrow <sup>10.00</sup> from Morse to get  
flour, and a few things, as we  
were entirely out of everything.



bring here - you may come and visit  
with yourself here among us, then  
I may have a chance when  
things get too hot here. I can  
slip away some where and  
get peace of mind, he is at  
home to-day "puttering" around  
the gals, dislike him very much  
what a pity - As is, that things  
are so, as we are all inclined  
to make home happy, I am  
sorry that things are so, but  
try as we will nothing pleases  
him. Enough of home matters  
especially, such as these.  
I am glad to hear  
of John Young's advancement,  
he is smart and I think Cap  
able of conducting the paper,  
also, am I pleased to think  
that he gave you a thoughtful  
and that you have the ap-  
pointment of "correspondent".  
I hope to bring you in  
some pay, as it will occupy  
some of your time. Remember









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and pay you a visit but can  
not, its cost too much, and  
I must wait till things are good  
My trip to the springs is done  
with Stone, so I will content  
myself where I am till some  
thing happens to break up  
this snow.

Dick is fixing  
up his house "Gilt" house  
that was, and intends to move  
into it in July. Father & back  
has not returned yet  
but he will come back here  
is a dull.

My darling has  
from school and is growing  
up very fondly. This darling sent  
love to you and so does  
and Mr Stone who called  
at the way to head the girl  
sing, Maggie & Mrs Donahue  
has gone to San Francisco







4158 Brunswick Ave

Route 5

Los Angeles.

Monday..

Dear Miss Whaley.

I saw Mary Anderson  
last week and she asked for her  
biology book, the one I left  
behind for Mr. James to read -  
could one of your people send it  
along to her? I hate to cause  
you the trouble and meant we  
now to have been down to see you  
& picked it up -

Her address is

686 W 35<sup>th</sup> St

Los Angeles.

they are moving house next Sunday,  
they have bought a small place  
not far from the college I think  
but have not been out there  
yet - Any chance of you  
coming L.A.wards? don't while  
it's so hot! I often would give a  
lot for my big cool room in  
your place - we felt the  
earthquake just a little about 5 am  
this morning - am anxious for news  
of the friends in Santa B; from all  
accounts, so far somewhat vague,  
they have had quite a time up there -

What are you doing on the 4<sup>th</sup>?  
I am going to work and then take  
the week end after and perhaps  
hit the road for Ocean side, or  
else go out camping somewhere -  
W: Adams from the Peace River  
country has not gone north again  
yet and am hoping she'll not  
have to go till after then -  
How are you getting on these times?  
You must have quite a mansion  
to live in - my love to  
W: Christian when you see her -  
and the same to you from  
Yr always affect:  
Rae Johnson.



1880

Las. Posas July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1880

Dear Mother,

We arrived safely after a long & tiresome ride yesterday-afternoon about 3 O'clock. All well and safe. Christine and all send love. Billie is not going to town till next-week but as Mr Estudillo is going to-day I thought I would write a few lines letting you know that we arrived safely. Dont forget to send the white & black calico send it soon & the speaking if you can you will have to look out for Billie and not let him pass the

hours without seeing him  
send some stamps when  
you write - Christmas send  
love and alas says not  
to send Mrs. W. W. W.

It is quiet  
and lonely here I know  
of nothing else to write - and  
am in a hurry as Mrs.  
Esther's urgent love  
and kisses to all don't  
forget to send what I  
have asked for

Love your  
Loving daughter  
Anna

Please give the enclosed letter  
to Mrs. Battelle to give to  
George Lyons excuse writing, and  
write soon to your loving daughter  
Anna love to all.



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

Mr Frank R. Kaley  
North San Diego  
California



2) Now lets figure a little

300 sub at \$3.00 = 900

~~3000~~

10 Calculators each at \$74 = 840

900 sub at \$2.00 = 1800

\$1840

Expenses

3000, 25 per month \$300

Rent \$5 per month 60

Paper 2.30 per week 140

Individual expenses \$40

1 per month 480

980  
980 - 860

leaves a profit of \$860 -

this gives you a margin of \$360

to cover any over esti-

mation, to leave you

\$500 - If you can get

250 subscribers at \$3.00

I think you will be

all right -

1  
Main Office, 4 o'clock  
Say to the judges that at  
last accounts Gammell is  
better - hopes of his re-

coming.

Now as to your plans

First - put the price of the paper  
at \$2.50, if you get 400 sub-  
scribers - and \$3.00 per 300  
subscribers -

Count on your ads to and  
for work to pay office expenses  
and something over - Put  
even at that if you can live  
on \$100, leaving a clear  
profit of \$500 - This will pay  
Charles then give you a house  
free rent - don't rely on  
promises - there's nothing  
in them -



Should calculate all expenses of  
\$1,000 for the year of 1917  
all you can afford over that  
will be a clear profit +  
you can't give one  
\$2 to a year as you  
are worth one

Foster

1880 FAMILY LETTERS

FURNITURE - REPAIRS

STATE ST HOME



Mr. W. Ahlstrom. Carpenter, rec'd  
3 rooms North Side, on first floor of our house  
at Old Town for Curo, in consideration  
of fitting front porch, replacing leaded, put-  
ting in braces to rafters of 1 story building -  
& fitting portion of roof over to house above.  
Sept 3/86. H. P. Whaley

2 Tin Boxes containing papers etc.

1 Gold headed Cane, hooked handle, engraved, Thomas Whaley etc.

1 Parlor roller sofa, Carved blk. walnut frame, upholstered in Red Plush, & Red velvet, Biscuit-back.

1 Parlor roller sofa - carved black walnut frame - upholstered in Blue Plush - and Blue velvet.

1 Corner parlor Chair - Carved black walnut frame - upholstered in Old Gold plush and velvet, biscuit-back.

1 Parlor roller chair - Carved black walnut frame - upholstered in blue-silk figured damask - and blue plush -

1 Parlor patent-Rocker on Castors, upholstered in Old Gold and Red plush -

1 Brown willow Arm Chair with blue upholstered velvet Cushion.

1 Parlor roller Arm-Chair Carved Black walnut frame - upholstered

in Blue plush. Darned.

1 Large Easy Chair upholstered  
in figured wool material.

2 Large Persian Rugs.

1 Small " "

1 Red Merino Wool Rug.

1 Small Parlor roller Table, with  
Black walnut frame, dark mottled  
Marble Top.

1 Marguerite tidy - Yellow ribbon.

1 Three-cornered small tidy for orna-  
ment on chair. Mrs. J. T. Whaley's  
Bamboo Case.

I have <sup>received</sup> the above named ar-  
ticles from Mrs. Whaley for safe  
keeping to be returned to her on  
demand.

Mary J. Stude

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