

1886

Pack Glen, Bernardo, P.P.
San Diego Co., Calif.
Sept. 9th 1884

Edward Wheeler

Yours of 7th I found at the P.P.
last night. I hear from several sources
that there is quite a haul in real estate
just now. So you must not be too
sanguine as to profits on 1150. - I think
just about $\frac{1}{2}$ the lots are well located
and there are the ones to furnish all the
profit; and splendidly located as they are,
I think they will do it.

Tom. Tigh's proposition is all right
so far as I am concerned.

Didn't you get the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1152
rather mixed, when you wrote "we sold"
(the above) to Mason for \$1000 = "belonged
to Horton and we paid him \$500. for it"
"We shall hope to make something on them
in the fall" ???

The Jones' lots and buildings
should be \$4500 = instead of \$4000 = as I

wrote through a mistake.

About the Porter & Bancroft matter - It was the understanding that the 2^d deed was to be handed Howard to replace the first one held by him as an escrow. Mr Howard probably held both deeds and when the "Escrow" was completed, thoughtlessly sent to recorder's office the first instead of the corrected 2^d deed. He probably now has the 2^d deed - or he may have given it to Bancroft. Probably all the papers executed on the 12th Oct. including the Burbank deeds, were in a separate package, from those executed on the 8th and Mr Howard having found one pkg (that of the 8th) looked no farther and still has the one of the 12th.

As the whole object of the 2^d set of papers (except to correct the description) was to save Porter - and as he has been saved - I see no legal objection to standing upon the first set of papers (on correcting description) through the intention of all parties was that the first

should be destroyed and the 2^d taken to
their place. Mr Howard has evidently made
the mistake in the way I have suggested
and still has the full 2^d set.

I think it is a good idea to take
Frank into the business, not only for the
reason you name, but because I think
he would find it more profitable than
running a newspaper, provided he has
a taste for the business, which you
say he has. You would feel also
less confined and could gradually draw
out from the hard work as Frank gets
initiated into the business.

How will Dalton like the idea of my selling
out to Frank.

I should prefer to go out free and
clear - I don't see how it could be
satisfactorily arranged in any other way.

It would not be necessary for Frank to
buy my interest in the real estate we
all own together, that will take care
of itself, and whenever sold my interest
paid over to me. I shall not be heard on
terms. Think the matter over so as to be

ready with a proposition when I come
in.

The arrangement about \$50 will have
to remain pretty much as it is as my
interest in the outcome is too uncertain
to sell and yet it may amount to
several thousand dollars and I would
not care to sell it for what Frank or any
one could afford to give.

Block 127 M.T. must be pretty well
exp. towards old town - the Forster suit
don't seem to have frightened you much.
I supposed it would stop sales for a while
in Middletown, that new comers would
be frightened, but the old settlers and
owners of M.T. property would not be disturbed.

I saw your advertisement to buy from the
faint hearted, which was a good move.

We think we shall be in
San Diego by Sunday or Monday next,
but may not make a long stay before
taking another trip.

P.S. I wish you would
show Gordon the enclosed
ad. and if he has no objection
and suggests no alterations then
hand it to both papers.

Yours truly
E. W. Morse

I would like to sell the
houses and lots I had
from J. P. Jones, for \$4000.
The houses rent for \$17⁰⁰
per month.

Trastevere Block 22 of
Bay View Homestead, contains
very nearly 4 lots, it ought
to sell for \$2000⁰⁰ and I
think I would let it go
for \$1500 if I can't get the
\$2000⁰⁰.

I own 8 lots in Block 7
Breed & Chase Addition
I think they are worth about
\$3000, perhaps \$3500. They
lay very finely. Will you
ask Herbert Chase what he
thinks they would sell at,
and then fix the price &
sell them if you can, do not
offer these separately.
(We're very well here in San
2 weeks yet) Our address is simply
Bernardo

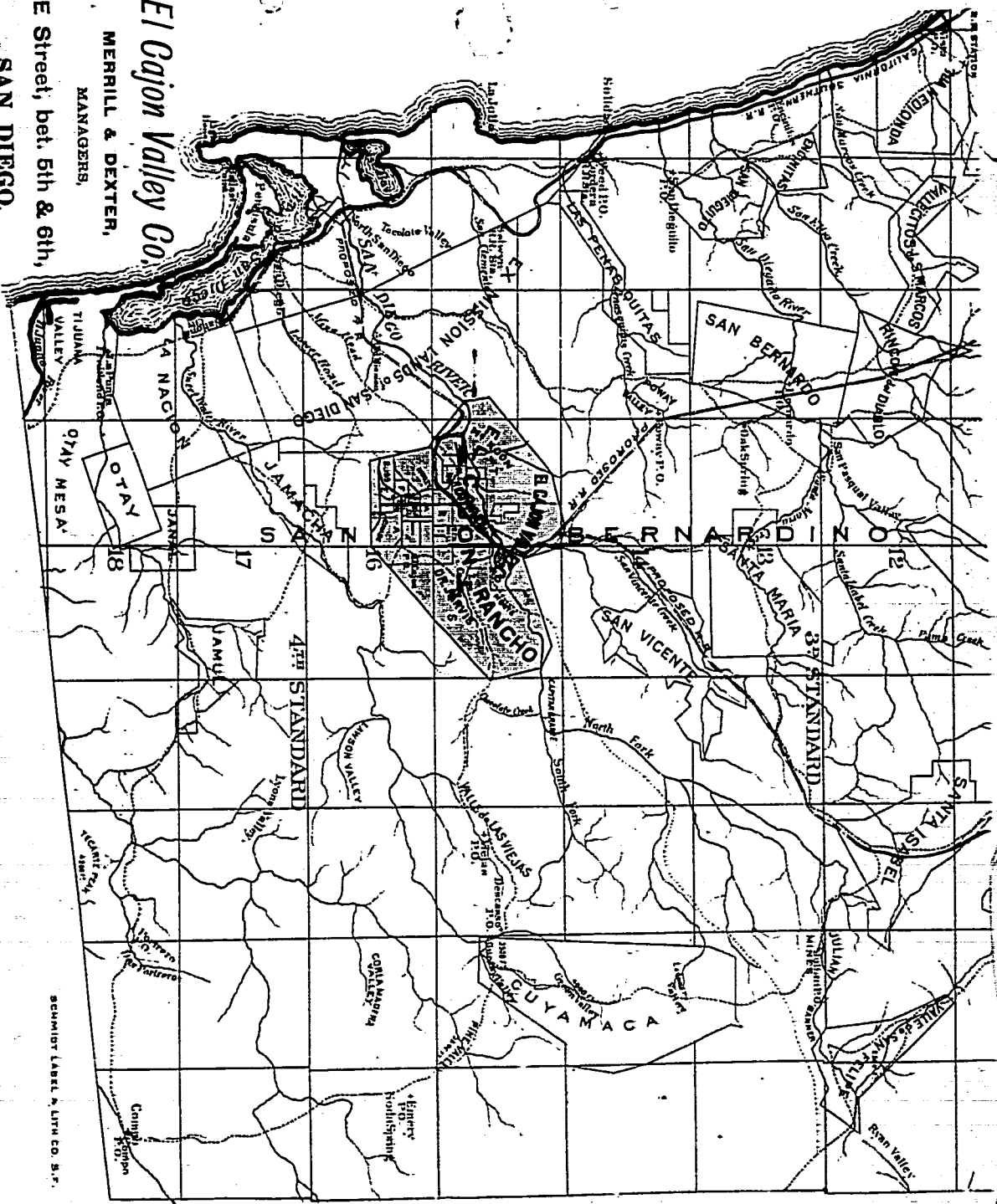
Please send me other valuable papers

I dont know yet when
I shall return, possibly
next week, and even
then we may soon
afterwards take a trip
farther into the country.

I have not been
giving any time to the
business of the firm, ^{but a long time} and
I do not expect ever again
to do so. It is not fair to
you two, that I should
continue in the firm and
I am very anxious to
retire. When a pr. country
I would like you to make with
a provision of some kind.
I wish you would think
of it and do so on my return
to town. Or shall I hunt
up some one to sell out to.

Yours truly

E. W. H. LORRE



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E Street, bet. 5th & 6th,
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1st. Na. " " "

See Southern California!

See San Diego!

See El Cajon Valley!

See Lakeside Lands!

San Diego, Cal. Aug. 26th 1886

Friend Whaley,

I have sent the agreement, signed, to Judge Luce.

Will you ask Christian if the assessment of Mc. Morris lot "A" "the Barber lot" on Spring Ave. has been corrected

What I want is, that the description should read as I returned it to the assessor which said "The whole of lot "A" is "excepting" the treat lot giving its boundaries.

Also I further want the Treat lot assessed Unknown if feasible for I have paid taxes upon long enough. It was stolen from me by Treat.

Please inquire at Post

Office what days the mail leaves for this place - El Cajon -

Had William Lyons taken that deed of Oblation lots yet?

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Please send us a bundle of papers addressed Lakeside Hotel, El Cajon.

I think we shall leave here for Glen Oak Bee Ranch about next Monday or Tuesday. Our address will then be Bernardo for a while.

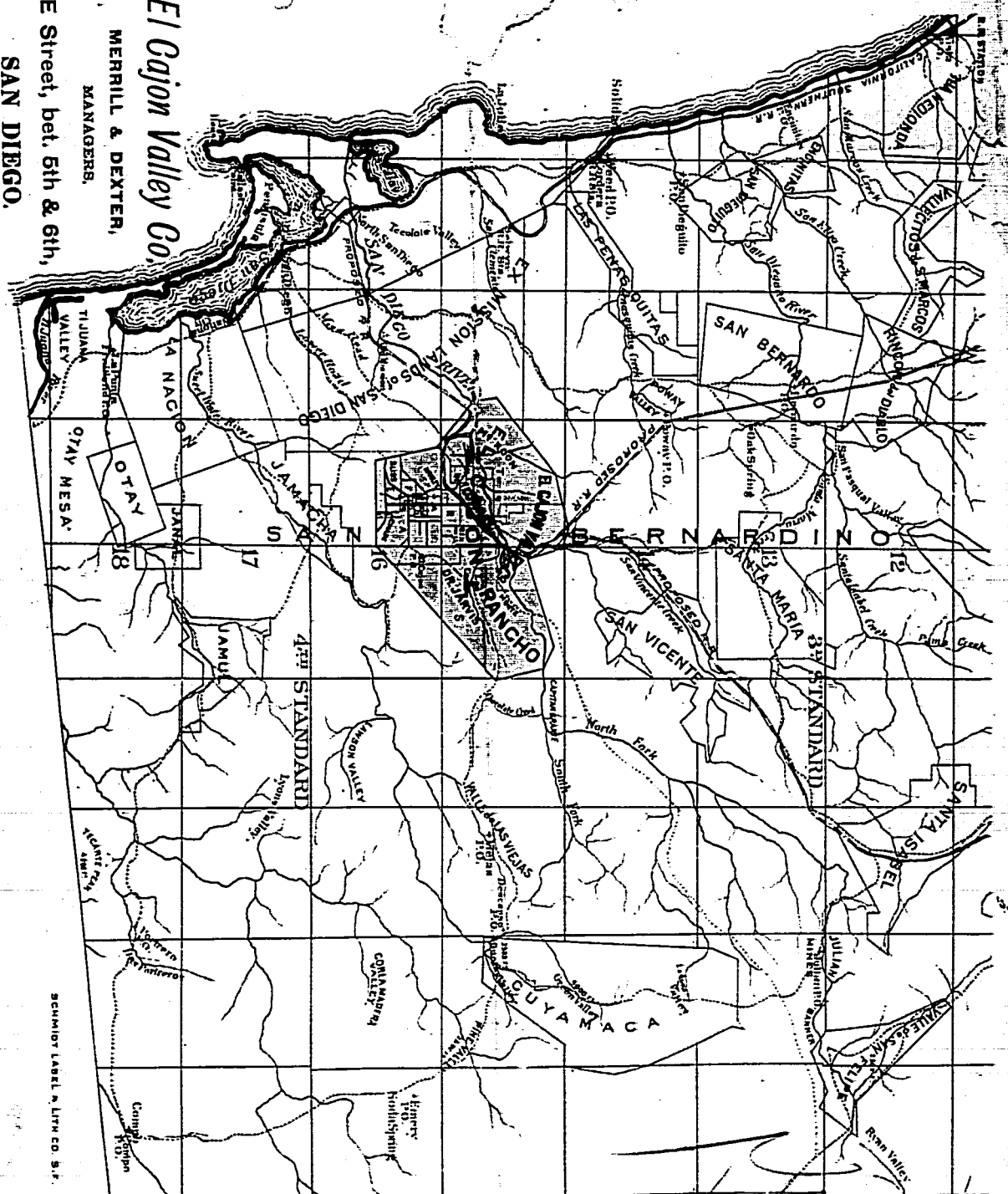
Have you seen Marnie Evans yet?

I should like to lease to some good party for 2 years lots D, E, F, & G of Block 17, Horton's Addition in whole or in part to one person or more as it happens. Would it not be well to put up a notice on them.

Send nothing to me here later than Monday morning

Yours re
E. W. Morse

Ernest Merrill
1881



El Cajon Valley Co.

MERRILL & DEXTER,
MANAGERS.

E Street, bet. 5th & 6th,
SAN DIEGO.

Alpine Nov-30, 1886

Friend McCalay

I think \$1000. is too much to pay for 1/2 of the Draser lots.

Did you mean to say that lot "C" of '86, without any improve want sold for \$4000? If so could lot "A" of the Draser Estate be sold at some figures - the price to me seems exorbitant. I suppose they intend to make a front on D St.

It is not good policy to tie ones hands up in unseizable property. I do not want to buy such except at a very low figure.

Five thousand dollars for the 3 lots looks high to me even with a good title.

Mr Draser is laboring under a misapprehension of our Cal. Law when he says "a quit claim deed from each of the five heirs would be as good a title as could be had, and save expense." Such deeds would not confer a good record title, in our state, which can only be had by the necessary legal proceedings in the Probate Court, involving heavy expense - I think from \$200. to \$300.

Mr Alex. B. Draser's deed to me would convey

no ~~the~~ small title upon which
I could sell.

How would it do to make
a proposition of this kind.

We (or E.W.M.) will give \$500.
for them with interest - equal to
\$400. for each $\frac{1}{2}$ - payable upon legal
proof of them being no indebtedness
against the estate. He (E.W.M.) will
carry them. The Probate proceedings
at his own expense - the heirs to aid
him by such information as may
be required therein.

There having been no administration
in this State, these lots are subject
to the debts, if any, against the
estate.

as I look at it I don't think
I should be willing to give
\$500. only to accommodate you
to get hold of them.

I think you had better write
Fraser, giving him the foregoing ideas
- an undivided interest is written
to sell or improve upon - I or we
could put up about 2 good houses
on D. st. that would suit well - if
we had a little.

Yours
E.W.M.

Your letter of Sunday (25th)

I did not expect
to go in so soon.

If pleasant I must
go to Julian tomorrow
where I shall be detained
at least one day, so that
it will be impossible
for me to reach town
before the 5th or 6th,

I shall perhaps, from
Julian, go in by the
stage road via Ballona
and Santa Maria, instead
of coming back here but
"Quere Dabe". It will all
depend somewhat on the weather.

It is very fine here now - the
thermometer usually 57° at sunrise.
It was 54° when Dalton was out
here. "Sedgwick is good".

Tell Reed he must hold over a
few days. Powell made, we supposed, sufficient
surveys to connect the detached masses, then his
existence - but no surveys on the mesa. E. W. Morse

Alpine

San Diego Co., Cal.

Nov. 30th 1856

Mrs. Whaley

I have just
received a singular
letter from Mrs. Anita
Epith de Grant, inquiring
if they have any interest
in the Tithe Property
She says that Mr Grant
has lately told them that
he had ceased to pay
taxes & had ~~lost~~ lost
his interest in the property
— a great surprise to
them that Mr Grant
did not continue to pay
taxes &c.

Dec 1st

I just received from

Office Nov 27. 1886

Friend Whaley

I saw this ad. in Union,
" \$25000. to loan cheap interest &
" Address "C" Postoffice "

I addressed "C" stating
that a friend of mine wanted to
borrow that sum and would give
^{real estate} security worth \$100000. and by
conferring with you the preliminaries
could be arranged.

I do not suppose there is anything
in the ad., or only a few thousand
dollars at most, but I would
like to borrow that amount \$20000, or
\$25000, (no less) at 9% for 2 years on
the 10 lots in block 17 and half lot bet.
D & E. on 5th. So if any one
calls on you, you can arrange the
preliminaries and send a messenger
for me. But do not mention
my name unless you know they
mean business.

Yours

E. J. [unclear]

think it probable there is any fifty thousand in it for them, but there is nothing like aiming high.

The city will be full of Eastern visitors this winter and if their advertising takes, and I place great reliance on their experience in such matters, they will get good prices & realize a handsome profit.

I can see the necessity of my having an attorney in town to sign Deeds.

I presume Mr. Howard would act if requested to do so, but I think it would be better for you to do so, you would always be on hand, and would therefore suit the Land Bureau best. I would prefer to have you act, than anyone else, and see no objection to your doing so. Better make out a special P. A. authorizing you sell & convey lots in S150 and the Woods tract. I think a special P. A. would be better than a general P. A. to sell & convey real estate. You might ask Lane as to the wording of it, if you think best, or get him to draft it properly & it will be an important document to be recorded.

As I can come in, in one day it is very probable I could be in there upon any specified day if I know in season & it was good weather. But the P. A. had better be executed.

If on consultation a general P. A. should be thought best I would execute such, but I think a special would carry greater weight.

Most Obedt for paps! Carlson is an ass.

Yours truly
E. W. Morse

Alameda San Diego Co. Cal^a

Men. Whole of Letter

Yours of 7th is received.

I discovered soon after my letter had gone that I was somewhat mixed on dots - it should have been 5th instead of 4th. This section is not well supplied with social facilities, although on the main and well travelled road from the "Cajon" to

~~Wagon, Decatur, Stoneville, Coopersville & Jackson~~
There should be, if not a daily, then a tri-weekly. This section is rapidly settling up; land here has a value, arable land settles at \$25 = to \$50 = an acre.

On the coldest morning since I have been here the thermometer registered 44° for ordinary mornings it is usually about 50°. Although the grape vines have generally been killed in the Cajon yet here there has been no frost and the old settlers claim that they never have any.

~~It rained a few drops last night, and this morning~~
much like rain to day.

I think the climate here is benefitting me. I do not cough so much as in lower, and I think if I can remain here a month or so it will disappear altogether.

I think Peorett's ideas about 1150 are very good. I have not doubted they would make several thousand, five or six, possibly ten thousand, and I hope, but can not

be cheap for the Prager lots.

I don't admire the plan of sending
an agent to Los Angeles to advertise
San Diego very much. I should like
first to hear something more about
the details.

Please look after block 56

~~from Wash (conveying account) especially~~

I enclose the Probate papers
Pessen estate - I will bring
in the P/O.

Wrote a heavy rain here
for 2 days, wet down thoroughly
a foot. Warm & pleasant

Yours
Alvord

Aug 15 to
Sept 1st
3 1/2 acres

15 1/2 acres
1/2 acre

Do Baro Babitt
1/2 acre

1/2 acre
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Alpine P.O.
San Diego Co. Cal.
Nov 24. 1886

Friend Malin,

Yours of 20th by Love came
and I have look right at it.
I don't believe Cleveland will
ever get so good an offer again.

I think the sales on 1880 were
very fair; Pennell's ideas and yours
also were too high. The first payment
to me becomes due on the 1st Jan. and
I shall expect the money. What proportion
of the sales made by them should they pay
over to us upon the signing of the deeds
and agreement? All these matters
should be understood before signing.

The J. P. lately elected here has
not qualified and I will have to
go in to town - will be there on
Friday or Saturday if possible.

I notice your reference to
another of Charles' tricks

I think \$1000. or even \$1200. - would

Building getting along?
Have they got up to the sidewalk
or so as to have the sidewalk
covered?

Can a Corrugated Iron
building be made to look well
on lot #11. I don't think
it is good policy to ask high
rents, our city is not yet
big enough for very high rents
- if we put them high we
force renters to other localities.

The question should be, not
how much can we get, but how
low can we afford to place the
rent.

I would like to borrow
\$25,000. on title of real estate worth
\$100,000. at 4 or 5 percent for 2 or 3 years.

I would put it all in to improvements.
It would seem to be an easy matter
for renters to get it from Eastern parties.

Yours truly

E. W. Morse

Alpine Nov 20, 1886

Friend Whaley

Have you made any progress in letting me out of the firm. You ought to be able to look over the town and find the right party, or parties. If it were not for the 1150 transaction and perhaps other matters, we might all agree to dissolve and put the business up at auction amongst ourselves to go to the highest bidder. I don't think I would bid very high. The real estate might be left, with an agreement that neither should sell without first giving the partners the option, and that it should be sold when either two so decided. Or the real estate might be put up at same time with the business & sold to highest bidder. Perhaps any one signing themselves

"successors to M. W. & D." could
act in the 1150 matter, but I
don't know as they could.

say "Whaley & Whaley, successors
to Morse Whaley & Dalton" or
"Whaley, Pierce & Co". or anything else.

By the bye since seeing
Chases article on the Railroad
Defect, I am more strongly,
if possible, opposed to having
his opinion on title to 1150
printed and attached to a tract.

For scribbling checks
and downright lying it caps the
climax. "How and when did he
"contribute & sacrifice thousands in
aid of this railroad interference"

If he contributed & sacrificed thousands
then I certainly must have contributed
& sacrificed millions - where -
he ~~must~~ does well to join the
two words for he unquestionably
has (unwillingly, though) sacrificed

thousands by his refusal to contribute and his unreasoning opposition to the Railroad Committee.

He promised to contribute ten thousand dollars but miserably failed in the performance.

I see he is in the Occaaside + San Diego R.R. Co. Knowing him so well I can see that his object is to feather the Levi Chase nest - he will be their attorney and of course he will find or make litigation whenever possible and corporations pay heavy fees.

I remember the San Diego & Los Angeles R.R. Co., of which he was atty, when he charged a fee of \$1000. for doing what he had offered to do for nothing and worth about twenty five dollars if done by Luce or Worles.

"Let there be no Chase in mine if you please".

How is the Pierce-Morse

Building getting along?
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or so as to have the side-walk
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E. W. Morse.

San Diego Cal. Jan 9 /86.

M. Richard Esq. 16 Howard St. S. F. Cal

Dear Sir,

Yours of 5th received day before yesterday but I was not able to see Parson before this morning. He says that his cash bid to furnish coal to Rangeview was considerably less than \$15. The price you offer to furnish him, coal, at, and was underbid by the Pac. Road Co who furnishes it at \$9. per ton. He will furnish you all the coal you want at \$15. per ton and will put in any bid, but he says you will have the R. R. Co to contend against. He says that you and he might arrange, providing there should be no opposition by the Pac. Co. that he is not going to back against you but is determined to do so against the R. R. Co. even though he should lose money.

I proposed, that instead of your sending down coal, you would purchase from him at a fair price you to put in bid without opposition from him, and then divide profits. He says you would be underbid by the R. R. Co and that neither he nor you would get it or make any thing, whilst his object was to beat the R. R. Co.

let that new machine of yours
work you down "match" this:

George sends his regards
^{and} her love. with the hope of hear-
-ing from you soon.

Yours affectionately
Bertha P. Scott.

3.

My last achievement was the making of a gingham wrapper. (30) George, the spilling of ^{the} ^{and} using my handkerchief for blotting paper. He has been diligently scrubbing the article in the wash bowl, but the color gets brighter the more he scrubs. I don't think we shall remain here much longer, but have not decided when our change of base will be. So you may direct my next letter the same as usual. Keep the sign of that garter your goal to be reached, and do not

2.

I am glad you wrote me what you did about Aunt Daupher. for it prompted me to write to her. I knew I ought to. and had ^{been} dreading to for a long time for I knew she would feel very much injured and provoked and not without some cause too. I intended to go down and visit her for I went away just as much as anything I ever did. but at the last it happened so I could not. I can imagine just how she expressed herself. but I guess it will be all the same a hundred years hence. (2)

I have not heard from Ella since she started for the mountains. but probably she is settled and initiated to her new life before this. am waiting for her P.O. address to write her. I almost envy her her summer's work. How do you like your new business? You can send me a letter often I now visit you? It has been pretty warm here for the last few

days, but that disagreeable wind is
always blowing dust into one's eyes and
ears, taking off his hat, and making
him feel like a pugilist generally.
Guess I shall give up restaurant life
for awhile and try foraging here for
and a change. By the time we get back
to the house after a meal, especially
supper, I feel as though it was "flooded
out of me" and then we can't get much
of a variety either. Fruits and vegetables
are at flood tide now. Its nice to go
through the markets and see such
a variety of everything that was ever
thought of being ^{caught} ~~caught~~ either dead or
alive. So you thought my letter did not
seem like Eur. why, my dear! I don't
know, what could I talk about, unless
it was about my life in the City! There's
nothing I could say about ^{my} Ford and
Master" for you know him, and as
for Theology and moralizing I feel
incompetent for any thing so perplexing

San Francisco, Calif.
203 Turk Street.
June 13, 1886

Dear William.

Your brief letter of recent date was gladly received and if I can "collect together" fragments of paper enough to answer, will do so. Though if I should leave you abruptly in the middle of a sentence you must understand that I'm not taking a "French leave," but that the paper has "give out," and the story will be "concluded in my next."

Elba wrote me that you had gone to Oceanside, but I did ^{not} know you had penetrated so far into the wilds of S. D. Co. until your letter came.

I would like to have seen one of your party - I heartily assure you. No one would have enjoyed it more.

I know. Doesn't Helen Merriman
live out there in that part of the
country? I suppose you visited her too.
(2) Is her little rosy cheeked brother
at home? if so, I'll bet he was glad
Miss Lillian was free to lavish her
pretty graces once more. (1)

How is Oceanside this summer. are
there more cool-weather-sickers pitching
their tents than last-year?

How nice it will be for you and Mrs.
W. now that Frank had a house there.

I thought last year when I used to
ride down with Aunt on the milk
wagon, that surely we will come here
next summer anyhow. Ah, little we know
what a year will bring forth. (2)

I think our experiences have been
about as strange as any two girls
could be, don't you?

You indeed have had a variety of
experiences and the sweetest of all I
know is the best one.

+

Miss Lillian C. Whaley
San Diego
California





1206 Jackson St.
San Francisco, Aug 15/86.

Dear Brother George:


I have purposely
delayed writing to you un-
til we had gone to some
of the theatres and heard
some of the music, so that
I could tell you of it, but
have had to give up the idea
as we planned twice to go
to the theatre and each time
something happened to prevent.
But we will go yet, and I
will get hold of some of the

now music. I'll send it to you. Martin borrowed a guitar for me and day before yesterday I strung it. I wish it were good & more and tells me I have a wonderful voice, and ought to have it re-tuned. She is smart, lively, witty and nice and altogether a clear, good little old lady. She speaks of you often and would like very much to see you. Martin is a great singer though her voice is breaking. She goes gaily through the paper and every body feels well and happy. You told me it would take a year for me to get over working and it has. I have enjoyed

every moment of the time since. I left her Daisy and expect to get out the remainder of it in pretty the same way. He had a picture of the trip from San Diego to S. F. Everything and everybody was in good spirits and had much to say. We were perfectly lovely. He picked a little (didn't catch any, though.) very, walked, jotted, ate, slept, and a package of paper, and wrote, and wrote and lots of all of the notes about the trip. I hope he has been in the go ever since our arrival. I have to get the strands of pearls that became up and down the

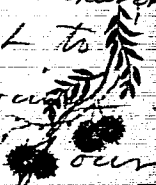
streets; and though it gets a little tiresome sometimes dodging along to get out of their way, I enjoy the whole scene, though I would not care to live in the city. We have ridden on the cable cars and they are just fine. We are way up on the hill and my ankles fairly ache sometimes with climbing; but I like the place and the people and as we are near ^{to} Grandma it is a good arrangement all around.

The Chinamen in the city are a regular nasty pest and nuisance and they have the best streets in town, driving the white



people up on the hills. It is disgusting to me to see them and I'm beginning to despise all Chinamen in account of these here.

Last Thursday we went out to Lone Mountain Cemetery. I enjoyed that day more than any since our arrival and mean to go again. It is a lovely place, filled with rare, choice flowers and the vaults, tombs, monuments, etc. are magnificent. Today (Sunday) we go to church with Auntie. We expect to hear some good singing. I intend visiting all our



shambles, and also the several
Syringues.

Yesterday we walked
up (we still remember the name
of the street) and saw the
palatial residences of Prince
Brockton, Olopekine, Shingora
and others. The houses, and
grounds are magnificent -
most palaces in design &
finish.

Yesterday afternoon
we visited the celebrated
Cenotaph "The Battle of Water-
loo." It was the grandest thing
I have ever seen, without ex-
ception. Imagine yourself stand-
ing on a raised "platform" with
the ground sloping away from
you for about half a mile
but that distance, the panorama

on display. It represents the
scene of the Battle of Waterloo
and the spectator can see
on all sides on his right
landscape, stretching away
for two miles, with farms -
houses, churches, both French
& English armies, with horse-
men on his right horse at
the right going orders, the
war rick; while Wellington
on the right is ordering
his men to victory. Between
the two is the left of Napoleon
The French cavalry are seen
driven by Marshal Ney along
ing full upon the English, while
just below, about half a mile
The spectator is the grand
panoramic view and the French
Empire several making a

last desperate charge upon
the English. The farms, villages,
houses, men, soldiers, uniforms,
blazing fires, bombs and the
woody landscape are in per-
fect imitation of nature, and
one needs but to go here to
witness the Battle of Waterloo
in the nineteenth century.

~~for a moment's time~~
delusion is produced by
paintings & strong magnifying
glasses & reflectors. It is en-
chanting and I wish you could
have been here to see it.

How is everybody at
home and how is Mamma's
garden. Take good care of it. This
place is full of rare lovely flowers.
Love to Father (I wrote him yesterday)
to Mrs Stewart & family. A big share for
you and write soon to your loving ^{father} ~~mother~~ ^{will} ~~and~~

San Francisco Jan 23rd 1894.

Dear Anna,

Your young of the 13th has been received, & I would have written before, but had no good news to write about. Mother has been very sick with Dysentery. She is better of that & now she can hardly stir from Rheumatism in her back & in fact all over her body.

We never had such dull holidays, but I suppose you all had a good time.

A least I hope for where Sam & America is rather
that our young folks dull, that is to say for
It is generally lively we business not much better,
I am we are always hoping if
they will & much have many improve, still things
I don't blame them they seem on the whole better
will have to take down since the holidays.
Mother says

some more. I have just
taken a dose of medicine. she feels very sick, as
it begins to give her times. she is certainly not
no matter I am stand at well. she has a hard
aged a while. time of it & suffers very
We have had much

a great deal of rain the We are glad to
winter, about 16 inches. how; that you are feeling
so-far I say. No doubt better. Or the old man
it will do a great deal any better towards you
of good. I don't think than he was, I hope
very much & pleasantly you can get along with them

Did you get the package
I sent by Wells & Fargo?
you did not mention
it in your last.

What has
become of George? you do
not speak of him. I hope
nothing unpleasant has
occurred concerning him,
poor boy. Give him our
love. how does he get
along with his Violin. Does
he like it as much as
ever? The poor Frenchman
I think the folks in San
Diego ought to give him
a Violin.

I must close my letter
for I don't know what
to say more. Give our
love to the children they
might send a few lines
I think but no matter.
Mother & I join in love
to you & hope to hear
from you soon.

Believe me as
ever,

Sunday, Your affectionate
P.S. Sister

Mother wants Amelia
you to ask Mr Lebratt if
he knew a Mr LeFolle in
New York, he played
in the theatres
On the Violin

There is no doubt, some
mystery about him.
He is to be pitied, don't
you think so.

So at last
you will have the
fast road I hope it
will benefit you all.
Sooner or later you have
waited long enough. God
knows.

The Eastern Mail
has been delayed on
account of the snow
that will be avoided
in the Southern route
which will be so much
gained, for San Diego
after waiting so long.

San Diego. Aug 14th 1886.

Dear Daughter Lillian,

Your very interesting letter of the 10th inst was duly received and read with pleasure by George and me. I am glad to hear that you are enjoying yourselves so much and trust that you will take in all the sights making a record of them to be perused by your friends on your return, and have no doubt but that the account will prove highly interesting to them and to me. I am seated at the high desk in the office writing by gas light after the cares of a rather warm day. I do not feel much in the humor for it and shall make it short as possible. You will welcome the tickets in your nest and will enquire of Rock fellows whether you are the fortunate victim of the Sewing-machine as you seem to think you may be. The tuby rose is blooming and looks beautiful. My intention was to have enclosed one to you but came from home this morning forgetting to bring it. Geor. so far has attended so far to watering the garden and things are growing and look finely. Recently the water company issued an order that water could not be used for irrigation through hose under penalty of having water shut off, the supply at present being insufficient but it may be used in buckets. So that it will not be quite such an easy job for George. I have purchased for George a new watch he agreeing to wear Oursanders watch every except but doubt if the wire couple long. Frank thinks he will take it easy for awhile - Complaining that he does

not feel well. He has rented his office for a while
to Tom Gould formerly interested in the news-
paper business here with Ben Tammann. He
thinks of enlarging the paper and will take pro-
cession soon. Frank came down Monday &
announced his Friday morning, so I had not
been very late down. George goes to various res-
taurants and to Mrs Moore's. He is making
money in business, still continues to borrow. He
purchased the lot next door to 1st Nat Bank, with
Baker from Phillips for \$20,000 and in intention
to put a building similar to the Bank down,
and move our office there. Pearce has returned
and was commenced making down his next
week sales of lots in 120 acres in P.L. 1150 and
expects to make a good deal of money from the
operation. About 1000 G & R's have been
here and more expected the 18th inst.

Tell me when a mania put the ticket the artist
gave her - will then send her address to hurry
him up to finish Violet's picture so as to bring
it down with him when he comes. Pearce
issued the accident proceeds of \$9.00 minus
an which I suppose I must pay as he says
you raised them. You missed me of
your birthday Sept 4th. I may perhaps
send you something "Ela a pualo." - Chase
down beer - up to pay besides. Squaring

up indebtedness of the old firm about \$100.
but expect to get through all and perhaps
have something left for you.

Sath. Sunday I was over to Coronada
Beach - enjoyed myself. The ferry boat
has arrived & the auto will soon be here
and then there will be more pleasure in
going over there. Tomorrow Sunday,

the Coconino and I are going to Pevas-
quitas to see that ranch which is being
offered for sale. I have a great deal
more to write about but have not the time.

You can ask your grandma and
aunt, how they would like to return
with you to see our home and beautiful
free city, and let me know what they
think about it. You speak of returning
by the car. At this season you
would find it rather close travelling
and not so comfortable on board the
Steamer besides travelling direct and so
rapidly. would afford you no means for
your diary - better branch out and
around San Francisco when you will see
a great deal more. I enclose you a
letter received to day. With love to ma-
ma, grandma, aunts and you, I
believe in you affectionately father
our Maqui had a grand funeral. Those halcyon

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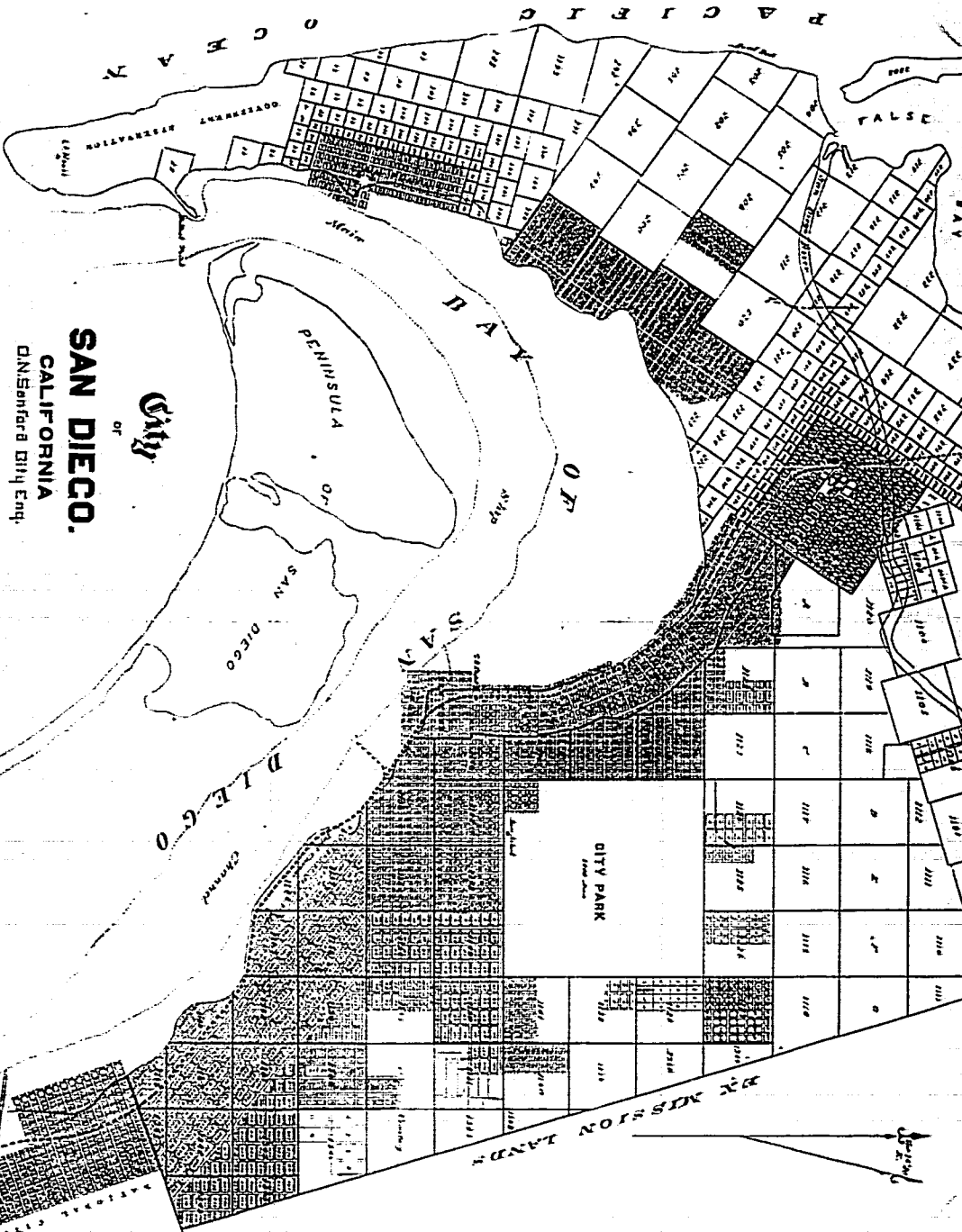
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SUCCESSORS TO,

San Diego, Cal., June 12th 1886.

Dear Daughter Lillian.

I saw Parker to-day about the four photographs (the group of four) they are not done for the reason he was waiting to hear if the proof was satisfactory to Miss Merriam. I told him I presumed it was and for him to get them ready. He promises to have them done on Thursday and if I can think of it will send them by the train in the evening. Parker said Miss M. was to decide about a photograph of herself taken singly, a proof of which she took out to show to her Mother. You can let me know about this when you write.

Mamma received a letter from you a few days ago. We are pleased to hear you are enjoying yourself and hope you will return home all right. George is now off the Doctor's hands, further improvement will depend upon himself. With love and hoping to see you soon as you have finished your visit from Papa.
M. Whaley.



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218 and 220 SANSOME STREET.

Dear Daughter Sept 1st 1886

Dear Daughter

I was too late to mail my letter last evening and therefore spent it and enclosed a few additional lines. The drawing for the Sunday evening took place to-day. 258 was the lucky number and as you did not hold it you may find consolation in knowing that I made the last payment upon the Paper Notes and that it is paid provided you learn how the same as an effect in type writing. I remember that the 1st of September is the anniversary of your birth day and so enclosed a draft to your mother for \$50. and she will give you for a present what she can spare. It was on Occasion Sunday and Monday. Mamma and Mabel are well. we took some long walks together. Your Aunt and Uncle from San Francisco and Kate and her daughter are

the camping and may remain a week or
two longer. But most of the campers have
left for home. Henry's frocks are very
comfortable having household furniture
and a floor to their tent. Cannon thinks
they will move down to San Diego sometime
about the first of October and wishes me to
secure a house for her. George attends
to watering the garden - it looks well
and not suffering for water. He has
not worn his good clothes yet. Miss
Manchard wanted her quarter guinea book.
I told him to take it up to her Sunday.
He did so going as he generally looks!
This is disagreeable. I don't know what I
shall do with him - and now that I have
the money or effort to have I would spare a quail
if by doing so, I could make something out of him.
I think the best thing I could do is get him a com-
panion, some young man, well bred who can influ-
ence him to act differently from what he does.
Maybe by constant association an ambition
might be ~~accomplished~~ ^{awakened} in
him that might bring him out all right.

Julia
(Sola)

Gertrude Arquette lives on Duok St between
Johnson and Taylor. I suppose this is where
the McCoy's live. A young man Leigh Bow-
man came to see me some time, Shubbery re.
He inquired if you and mama were the ladies
who were stopping at the house when he boarded
in Los Angeles about a year ago. He mentioned
the name of the boarding house keeper and told him you were
One thing more - do not let E. have or even see
Wolfs pictures - it would do good and do
like that monument be shipped. There
the one to procure a monument for her. I
think of a family monument, a duplicate of
ours in Greenwood Cemetery to the memory of
my father and mother and their children, as
soon as I can afford it.

Business is a little dull, but will revive in
a month or two. The proof sheets of our maps
of 1100 have been received and we are about to
advocate our first. Sam. Lot in Reed & Hubbs
addition have been advanced to \$350 and ours are
worth as much. Do you see things a fortune
for the firm and for us. If you think of it get
the price required for the Snows each and
yours Julia

The State Investment and Insurance Company,

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218 and 220 SANSOME STREET.

Must close, or I shall fuss
myself in the same fix as last
night, too late for the mail.
I hope after what I have written
you will not long complain
in any way that indoubtless friend
Edson. Tell him he is no good,
and means no good, and if you ex-
pect to please, and to drop him. This
is plenty of indecous people in
this world without associating with
obvious doubtful characters, particu-
larly those we know to be such and who
have already done us harm. The man must
certainly be a dangerous demon, who hav-
ing done the wrong which heeds can regain
your friendship and means. This would
have conceived such a thing possible!
I am shocked beyond measure. Must
close, so with love from your affectionate
H. R. D. H. L.

San Francisco,
Sept. 15, 1886.

Dear Father:-

Your kind letter enclosing check for \$25.00 safely to hand. Thank you very much for the money. It has enabled me to get a few really necessary articles which I could not very well have done without. My teeth are fixed, my pictures taken (just got them today. I had better wait now until our return, instead of sending one to you as the time is so near.) and other things nearly

arranged. We start from
here Friday, nothing more
wanting. Our stay has
been very pleasant, but
I feel a little bit tired
and shall be glad to get
back. I'd like to come a-
gain soon, if only for
music. The instruction is
splendid in this city.

Poor Grandma is
beginning to realize we
are going and to fret
over it. Poor old lady! I
hope all will be well with
her.

So, ho! for Saw Sea
next Friday. Arrive Sunday
eve or Monday Morn. Good bye
till then and love to you and
George from loving daughter L. G. M.

G. L.

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~~Washington D.C. 1885~~
July 1st

My Dear Uncle

You will
no doubt be to hear
from such a remote corner
of the east as Washington.
but as my husband who
is a civil engineer is
anxious to make a break
for some other quarters
of the U. S. I write to
know what the prospect
is in your town.

and what you think
of us moving to California.
I think I would like it
in San Diego. Mr Evans
is now on the Penn. Rail Road
as asst. supt. from here he

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Could furnish best references
from any of the officials
connected with that Co.
Mr Evans is anxious to
make money and as there
here but political machine
there are of course very little
prospect here for making money.
I do not want you to misunder-
stand me. it is because I
have always longed to come
to California. that I address
you.

Mr Evans has some
friends there connected with
some law Co. who recently
left Washington to take
charge of that office.
Mother wrote you several

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times but her letters were
all sent back. We could
never understand what was
the reason. I was out to
Pompton N. J. last summer
to see your brother. There
I heard of the sad fate
of your daughter Violet.
We all felt very badly
for you as she was your
favorite child.

I suppose you know Tom Wood
is dead and Lina is
married again. she married
a Mr. Bailey.

Will Kent died about
a year ago. Mary is living
out at Pompton with her
father.

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Dolly and her husband
Went to Florida but found
things very different from
what they expected. They
have settled in a place
called Ridge Wood.

Mother left here for Brooklyn
last week she had been
here making a visit.

Robbie is here with me
until the first of Sept.
I suppose you sorely
remember him. he was a
colly when you left us.
I will not write you a
very long letter this time
altho we hope to hear from
you soon than I can
write you more for I have

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so much to tell you
please let me know
what the prospect is and
what you would advise.
Your loving niece
Helen E. Evans
nee Parrott

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