

Thomas Whaley & E.W. Morse

AT&F Railway Negotiations -

1879 Q 74 S.F. Ruben.

negotiation & trying to
get people interested
to support the
project



Thomas Whaley Esq
North San Diego
California
U.S.A.



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

Thos Whaley Esq.
E. M. Willis & Co
413 Montgomery St
J. P. Schmitz, San Francisco
1032 Market St. Cal

The address of the party mentioned in my
letter of yesterday is 1052 Market st. wholesale
liquor. He owns considerable property in San
Diego I believe, and ought to donate there, too lots.
He is said to be a pious, generous man and
will probably do so.

E. H. Morse



San Diego 11-15-79
Friend V. Halcy

Yours of 10th at hand
The slips you send and the
despatches seem to state the
case too strongly. We hope the
matter will turn out well
but the Commissioners have not
yet expressed themselves "well
pleased" with anything except
the day & climate, and of
course it was a foregone con-
-clusion that they would be
pleased ^{with} there. On the contrary
they have intimated that the
value of the lands do not yet
come up to their expectations.
But we are getting new
donations every day and
before this month is out hope
we can make a better showing.
They have not sent a corps of
engineers in the field, and
we have not the slightest idea
that they intend to do so. But

Mr Morley the Engineer has gone
out to look at the country
and expects to be gone several
weeks, he has two guides with
him but no instruments except
^{Barometric} aneroid barometer.

I have met the gutterson every day
driven out with them several times, safer
on the bay than the train, and talked
business for hours at a time, and yet
what the final result will be is
as uncertain to me now as it was
two months ago. I hope we shall
be successful. I believe we shall
but I have great fears that neither
the route nor the lands will be
satisfactory, in which case, it
will be some years yet before they
or anyone else will build us a
railroad.

Glad you saw Smith - hope he
will donate those 2 lots.

J. F. Hooper declines to give anything
himself, hope you can influence him to let
Cuyler Thely & Co. to donate some as they own a
great many lots.

After Steamer if K. L. H. succeeded
in doing anything with Sinkholes.

Cepron says Bancroft fairly
promised him he would act liberally.
Can you accomplish anything by calling
on him again?

Yours &c E. W. Morse

Headed 129/19

San Diego Oct 25/79

Thos Whaley Esq.

Yours of 21st just at hand
Mr Horton left here for San Diego
on the 19th hope you have
seen him - he is in very good
spirits -

Capt Grant misunderstands
the situation, like a good many
others. The Otisore Fish
& S. D. Railroad Co. simply
have promised, if we (the people
of San Diego) will donate them
5000 acres of land well located
in the City, and 10000 acres of
Marine Branch lying on the
bay and also the right of
way through the County to
Yuma, that they will send
their agents to look at us
- the location of the land re, the
harbor, feasibility of the route &c

and if everything is satisfactory
then, within 4 months they will
commence work and will
complete & equip in running
order 40 miles of road from
the bay of San Diego eastward.

There is absolutely
nothing tangible in all this,
and yet real estate here has
jumped up from 10 to 50 per cent.

I am glad Dr. A. has so good a
position.

I saw the Call.
V. Pres. Brown telegraphed that
nothing was decided at the meeting - they
would hold another soon when he thought
the whole policy of the Texas & Pacific would
be finally determined upon.

We are getting subscriptions
of lands & money as rapidly as possible
in order to have the agents of the
A. T. & P. R. come out and see the country.

The people generally are subscribing quite
liberally, but as usual we occasionally
strike a man too mean to give anything.

They are only asked to sign a paper
agreeing to give after the road is
completed.

Hope you have seen Barton
- he is forgotten - You must write
to him occasionally if you don't write.
If you write him take a little pains with
your writing. Yours &c. Morse

San Diego Nov 3/79
Yours of 30th recd. at hand this
morning. I enclose some ^{black} photo
renew receipts. The deed
should be an ordinary "Grant
deed" without conditions.

I haven't time to write
more fully will only say
that Mr Wilbur I suppose
arrives in San Francisco
to night.

Get what money
& lands you can from
these outsiders. I wrote
Geo. F. Hooper - hope you will
see him also.

We want lands so that the
Railroad Co can make interest
on their investment in the building
of the road through the enhanced
value of these lands by their
expenditure of the millions
required to build their road.
When we asked them to come

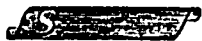
here & commonwealth they said
you are 5 or 6 years ahead of time
but we are railroad builders &
only want interest on our investment
show us how we can make the
interest & we will commence
now." By giving them good
lands they make more than
their interest.

To the Whaling
E. V. Mann

I send you
a letter
& a letter

P. Microphyg. - latter *Microphal.* ^{has lots} Man in his compz.

A. T. & S. F. R. R.



San Diego, Cal......1879.

ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1881

*Upon and in consideration of the completion and full equipment of
Twenty Miles of Railroad from the Bay of San Diego eastward,
on or before the 1st day of January, 1881, by the*

ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD COMPANY,

as its representative, I promise to pay to C. W. Morse, or order,

Dollars

in lawful money of the United States.

A. T. & S. F. R. R.



San Diego, Cal......1877.

— ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1881 —

*Upon and in consideration of the completion and full equipment of
Twenty Miles of Railroad from the Bay of San Diego eastward,
on or before the 1st day of January, 1881, by the*

ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD COMPANY,

or its representative, I promise to pay to C. W. Morse, or order,

Dollars

in lawful money of the United States.

A. T. & S. F. R. R.



San Diego, Cal. 1877.

ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1881

*Upon and in consideration of the completion and full equipment of
Twenty Miles of Railroad from the Bay of San Diego eastward,
on or before the 1st day of January, 1881, by the*

ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD COMPANY,

as its representative, I promise to pay to C. W. Morse, or order,

Dollars

in lawful money of the United States.

A. T. & S. F. R. R.

San Diego, Cal. 1879.

ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1881

Upon and in consideration of the completion and full equipment of
Twenty Miles of Railroad from the Bay of San Diego eastward,
on or before the 1st day of January, 1881, by the

ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD COMPANY,

or its representative, I promise to pay to C. W. Morse, or order,

Dollars

in lawful money of the United States.

San Diego Nov 3^d 1879
Thos. Whaley Esq. of San Diego
authorized in behalf of the
Men's Committee of San Diego, to
solicit lands and money in
accordance with the conditions
expressed upon the reverse side
of this paper. E. W. Morse
{ Chairman Business
Men's Committee

Received, at San Diego, this, the
day of _____, A. D. 1877, the following in-
strument in writing, to wit:

Grant Deed from
grantor, to **George B. Wilbur,** grantee, dated
1877, for the following described Real
Estate, to wit:

It is expressly understood and agreed,
that the said deed is deposited by the said grantor with
the Consolidated Bank of San Diego, In Escrow, to be
delivered to said grantee only upon a full and complete
compliance with the following conditions:

That the ATCHISON, TOPEKA, AND SANTA FE RAILROAD COMPANY,
as its Representative, is to construct, fully complete, equip
and operate, twenty miles of railroad eastwardly, starting
from the Bay of San Diego, within one year from and
after the first day of January, 1880.

In case of a failure on the part of said grantee to
fully comply with the foregoing conditions, said deed to
be returned to the grantor.

San Diego Nov 3. 1879

Thos. Whaley Esq. of San Diego is authorized to
on behalf of the "Business Men's Committee" of
San Diego to solicit lands and money in
accordance with the conditions expressed
upon the reverse side of this paper.

E. W. Morse

{ Chairman Business Men's
Committee

San Diego Nov 5. 1879

Friend Whaley

I send you on the 3^d some
blank notes ^{authority to get} & a short letter stating that the committee
from the A.T. & S.T. N.R. would reach S.F. that night.

They will be here on Saturday. They are to look at
the lands we offer them, and also examine the feasibility
of the route to Yuma. Our fate will soon be decided.

Will you please urge Judge Hyde and others to
send forward their deeds.

We have selected several blocks partly on
Mannrop & Schiller's & partly on Cleveland's addition
we have secured all of blocks 47 except two
lots Nos 19 & 20, which are owned by
John Peter Smith of San Francisco ^{1032 Market St.} - don't know
his particular address. He purchased them from Mrs
Maria C. Brown. Will you see if they can be
bought at what price - of course we could have
them condemned (using the name of the L.R. Co. if
they are ever needed for that purpose) but it would be
better to buy them for \$25⁰⁰ or even \$40⁰⁰ apiece, now.

There is a big speculation in the Peninsula but I don't
think anyone here can swing it - I shall mention
it to a wealthy friend of mine & if he takes hold of it
you can make something.

I had long ago
offered Ogerson 1/3 of the Lower Cal^a land to fix it up
he has strong hopes - I have none -

Eleven or 12 M. I am very busy these times
John F. Smith, Wheelwright Mr. V. Holmes, as for Ingoma & Co. do not know Geo. Jones, Geo. Gale,
Anton Smith, male John, Salvo, Green St. 1814 St. Morse

San Diego Nov 11. 78

Friend Wheeler,

I yours of 8th at hand. I am glad you saw Wilcox for I had written him a long letter & received no answer. Capron told me on his return that Bancroft was anxious to do something, threatened him for calling on him &c what does his refusal mean?

18. S. Parks or 18. Laurel St. Jos. E. Gordon represents John Bunsley, who owns a large amount of property here - it is peck's in his wife's name - and I think it was on this account that Capron wished you to see him.

Chas. A. Wetmore still owns largely here and has promised to send me a deed for lots - please remind him of it.

Jos. Conkoe who kept store so long in Old Town, lives somewhere in San Francisco I think out in the direction of the Mission, still owns considerable property in San Diego, Pueblo lots some very good ones near mouth of "Pecolote" valley. I think Capron gave you the name of Elizabet Stanwood she is the heir of P. L. Webb who obtained the bulk of W. H. Davis' property here. The property was owned to Estate of P. L. Webb for several years but now to Elizabet Stanwood. H. H. Dougherty is her agent here - I will get her address from him.

<u>S. L. W. Prosenstock</u> owns	15	lots in Mission St. ad =
<u>Simons, Jacobs & Co</u>	15	" " " "
<u>M. J. Doacks</u>	15	" " " "
<u>San. N. Allen</u>	28	" " with <u>W. S. Chapman</u>
<u>John Solheim</u>	24	" " " "

Levi Kimball of Oakland (brother of the Vinton
Ranch Kimballs) owns nearly 40 acres of valuable land
adjoining Sherman's addition. He has no interest in
Vinton's Ranch and therefore ought to donate
handsomely. I don't think of any other
San Francisco parties that you have not mentioned.

The Engineer took Wheeler & Copeland
with him out to day to examine the route.
He will look at the Direct, the Warner Pass, and
a route below the line. They like our bay
but don't think the lands we offer are very
valuable. They will remain here several
weeks and in the mean time we are getting
all the lands we can.

Yours &c
Morse

Wm. S. Rogers - 7/11/1872

Palmdale Dec 17
20
Friend Whaley

San Diego Nov 14, 1889.

I was to day looking over the ancient books and I find that Mrs. Mary L. Ginn owns a large number of lots. She was the wife of S. S. Sauborn & married a man by the name of Ginn and they now reside in ~~San Francisco~~ Oakland. Her address is simply Mary L. Ginn, Oakland. Her name is pronounced with 'g' hard like 'g' in give, not like 'j' in gin.

You did very well with John Peter Smith, but the lots are not worth over \$10⁰⁰ except only on the prospect of a Railroad - the Committee have no public money that they can invest, and they do not care at present to risk their own in such purchases, but we have until the 11th Dec to think of it & time may improve before then. At present they are very much mixed. The Railroad Commissioners are well pleased with our boy & the climate - the route is being examined by their engineers - and as to the lands offered them, they are not so valuable as they expected, and we have a few cursed idiots or traitors amongst us who are every day slandering the place, the people and the lands to these men. It may not influence them and as they are shrewd sensible men we hope it will not, but if not, it is not the fault of these idiots & traitors. I think it is doubtful, very doubtful if we succeed, by all of us doing our very best, and yet these parties for their own private ends seem to be doing their best to defeat the whole enterprise. This Co. will not commence work here unless they feel confident they can get the intent

on their investment, in some way. They say they
are railroad builders, not stock speculators, they
build Railroads for the investment, to make a
fair intent, and they will not build unless
they think they can get intent. If the lands can
be sold for enough as the work progresses to pay
the intent all right, but unless they can be
made to believe this they will not commence.

And yet the idiots I have spoken of, are telling them
continually that the 10000 acres of that Kimball off
are worth ten and ^{that} ours are no better!!!!

If they make any contract at all with us it will
be, to build 40 miles the first year and 50 each year
thereafter till a junction is effected.

Yours in haste Morse

A fair copy of my letter to "The National" Nation
and published in the paper a brief account to

~~the National~~ ~~the National~~ ~~the National~~ ~~the National~~ ~~the National~~
a notice of my work in the field of art
and design.

San Diego Nov 18. 1879

Thos. Walsh Esq.

Dear Sir,

Will you be
kind enough to say to Judge
Hyde that not knowing his
address I enclosed his note
to you. Will you have it
delivered.

I wrote what
you say in regard to speculation
in real estate with the judge &
yourself - all right -
certainly there will be a speculation
in real estate such as has never
been seen on this coast if

the
people commence building their road
east from San Diego. But they say we are
at least 2 years ahead of time and they
can't see how they are to get there unless
for there 2 or 3 years.

I hope we may
deceed with them but I have great
doubts. If we could give them the Texas
Pacific lands I think they would be satisfied
Yours
E. H. Moore

Cleveland address 228 Cuyahoga St.

Recd Nov 22/99
Recd 1 Photo

San Diego Nov 18/99
What about getting a new copy of 15th Cat haul.

Wetmore has sent us his note, but delays his deed, though I have been pushing him up with Mortal cards.

I was told we could get nothing from Geo. F. Hooper as he had turned miser. He thinks his tide lots are worthless & I presume they are, but we will take deeds of anything that is offered.

Wetmore's character for generosity is very bad. Surely the Recorder ought to remember him.

I could not learn where the W. H. Davis lots had gone, glad you have traced them up & hope you will get the 6 lots, they ought to give more than that.

I wrote to W. H. Emory (Grand Emory) of Washington and he offers $\frac{1}{4}$ of all his lots to be selected equally, in Middletown.

Mrs Brewster has written to her agent here (Mr. Wash) to ask his advice about giving lots. She owns a great many in Middletown & at La Playa & Pueblo's lots. - hope you will be able to see her.

The Macbray you speak of, is over making a very wealthy & very miserly man - he gives 12 lots in Middletown & considerable through the Bank here however.

Shels does make a generous proposition
please express to him our thanks, we will
not hesitate to avail ourselves of his kind
offer if we can influence the matter.

Suit was commenced against the Tex
& Pacific some 3 years ago, - first from
time to time till last term of the Court
when it was pushed, and a few days ago
the counsel for the T & P applied to have
the case transferred to the U.S. District
Court, and to day Cleveland left on the
steamer with the papers to enter it in
the U.S. Court, San Francisco.

Our attorneys think it will be sent back
Cleveland thinks not. The case is a very
doctified one, but our chances we think
are very much better in the State Courts, and
would be decided within a few months,
while if it goes to the Supreme Court of the
U.S. it will hang on for at least 4 or 5 years
as all cases do. The proposition to the
T. & P. R.R. is to give them $\frac{1}{2}$ the T. & P. lands
if we can get them back, the other half to be
used by the city to pay off its debt, build wharves
Houses &c.

I really believe if
they could have the half of these lands turned
over to them now, and the engineers report of
the route being satisfactory, that they would
at once divide favorably and go to work.

The great difficulty seems to be, to get
interest on their investment here for the next
2 or 3 or 4 years. If we could make this
matter of interest I am I feel certain of a

favorable result, but that is the risk
with the lands we are offering them,
City. The City authorities have employed
attorneys Hotchkiss, Gatewood & Leach
I shall inform them of our offers.

The same 3 or 4 men who I mentioned in a previous letter say they are
determined to prevent those lands from going
to any other Railroad Co. They are the same idiots who
favor a northern route in preference to the
direct eastern route.

I notice what you say as to the Warner Pass route as
compared to the direct route. Any body
but an idiot can see that our only safety
lies in the direct route. A road coming
in via Warner Pass or San Bernardino
must cross the S. P. road and at that
crossing we lose all the passengers, 200
passengers per day each one of whom would
spend at least \$5.00 per day here and many of
them stop for weeks.

The aforesaid
idiots have employed H. C. Willey (Hinchman's
son in law) & Chalrus Scott to show the
Engineer of the C. P. S. P. Co. the Warner Pass
and San Bernardino routes. I presume Fox
will be one of the party. They have represented
to them that their route is better as to grades,
the country they pass through &c and a great deal
better for San Diego, because it will bring in
more local business &c. They won't admit
that if we get the direct route, we are sure
to get the San Bernardino line, thus giving us
2 Railroads instead of one, to help pay taxes &c

The men who control the A.T. & S.F. Co
are not sharpas or business but strictly
business men, so far as we can see.

These Communists refused passed over
the C.N. & S.P. roads. The C.N. people
cant touch them, thank God for that.

All our Committee and 75% of
all the people desire the direct route, and
we shall do our best to get it. The opposition
though small in number is persistent &
has some strong backing from interested
parties ~~in the country~~ ^{in the country} and in Los Angeles. Gov. Canning
offers to give \$60,000. cash if they will go through
Warrens ranch it is said. Also rumored that
Capt Wilcox, owning San Ysabel ranch, Capt
Johnson and also Don Juan Forster (who
would expect the road from Warrens Pass to
follow down the San Luis river to the ocean
at San Luis Rey) will all give largely in
lands and money.

Hoping for the best

Yours &c
E.W. Moore

P.S. A few years ago McCoy invested in San Antonio
rail \$17,500. for a piece of property - has now
been offered \$14,500. it has been much lower -
he is now in a quandary whether to sell &
invest here or not. It is surely a
quandary - but I think if a person can
wait for 5 or 6 years, & not feel it, that
now is a good time to invest here, but then
if there were some us + make no sign, and
cable will go down, down, down, down, down

Recd
mo 24.79

San Diego Nov 21/79

Friend Whaley

I mentioned, to day,
the "Peninsula" to my dear
friend, as I suggested.

He appears quite interested
says he thinks it would be a good
thing to hold, whether we get
a P.M. now or not. He thinks
with all of us we will get one
some day.

He inquires the
lowest price and whether the
other half would be owned by a
business man or a dead head.

He made quite a respectable
vibble at to day - is going to come
across in the morning to look at it.

You must be very careful in your
negotiations or the party will think the
inquiry is caused by some railroad movement
here.

Yours, Mervin

you suggested to her is not too much, though very fair - I thank God we don't find many of H. H. Bancroft's. Capron says he will write to him.

The Map of Middletown made by order of the Court (Jackson) shows all the land from New San Diego to Old Town commencing numbering the blocks at the New Town line & continuing to the Old San Diego line without regard to reservations.

The Reservation of Middletown as much as any other part of the land, and she owns her proportion there also.

I had understood that John Bently, failed that this property went into some fields hands and finally came back to Mrs Bently, saved from the wreck. His interest was one of the original "one tenths" and a fourth of another "tenth" - I think she must now own from 200 to 300 lots in Middletown.

Considering this and all her other property, your suggestion was not too much! The deeds of lots to the Texas Pacific were in Maj. Chavis hands - they wrote for them last week & I presume they have been sent her.

There are no lithographic copies of the Jackson Map - possibly I can borrow a photo. (on a small scale) of it & send you - they cost 22¢. I will look around in the morning & see what I can find.

Glad to receive your slips though we
had seen some of them. I suppose you
see the Union or I would send it to you
occasionally.

I agree with you that Railroad
progress in the East, ~~passing~~ good to San
Diego some time in the future, but we
want it now not 3 or 4 years hence.
I received a letter from Kelschheld yesterday
He still has firm faith that Scott will build
to San Diego, that he will soon commence work
here. Our A.T. & S.P. friends say Scott
can not & never will build to San Diego &
that Gould will not build his Southern
Utah for at least 3 or 4 years, to San Diego
but he may then &c.

Have received Fink's note for \$500.
I think Judge Hyde would like to be
here, on a/c of his interest in the San Mission
H.R. & I presume that caused the telegram
T.J. Higgins telegraphed on this a/c.
The Castle & Bernard deeds came in
to day.

I am tired - have written about
a dozen letters to day - and done lots of
other things

Yours

Morse

P.S. I suggest that you call on Mr.

S. T. Phillips - he owns some very fine
property here, valuable property, Arnold
knows his address. It might seem rather
checking if you knew he was private secretary
of the President of the C.P. - but you don't know
that.

San Diego Nov 25, 1879

Friend Whaley

My "Peninsula" friend wishes to know what the whole can be purchased for. How many acres in the grant, and how much is sand beach & tide land. He says he has heard that the Patent embraces all the tide lands - hundreds of acres - and the long narrow worthless neck of sand beach running to the head of the bay - many acres more. The State claims all these tide lands, so there would be a conflict of title at once.

The N. B. Commissioners have gone to San Bernardino with the Engineer to look at the routes by San Bernardino & by Warner's Pass. It makes us all feel a little nervous especially after reading the San Diego papers on the combination of the A.T. & S.F. with the St. Louis & Jack Rivers R.R.

It is dull enough here now, but if the A.T. & S.F. should give us the "go by" God knows what will become of us, I don't.

I don't know of anything for you here, there are dozens of applications for every possible chance. Still, if you were here you might possibly find something but I can't see what it

could be. There must of course
be more chances in S.F. than here
now. Let there be a start here
and you then could have a good
thing here, with Horton or Sledge Fyke
or somebody else. Your knowledge of
Real Estate, localities, titles, & persons
would be valuable, and give you
opportunities to find some "good things"
you of 21st & 22d received.

I will write to Mrs Ginn. Wetmore's father
is here, brought down deed & the map he spoke
of to you. - He will take it back & then Mrs.
Ginn can see it, and make her selection.

Mrs Bewley is a business woman
I think. Gen & Emily gives $\frac{1}{4}$ of all his
Middletown lots ^{of average value} & he owes over 100.

Mrs Bewley must have a list of lots as set
off to John Bewley in the Middletown suit.
Mr Noel is her agent here - I will get
him to send list tomorrow, but I don't
know what can be done about a map
as there are none except some photographic
copies.

The lots & blocks in Middletown
according to Jackson's map under the
Secres of partition do not correspond in any
particular with the lots & blocks of any former
map, which were wholly ignored in the
partition. All lots within the U.S. claim
at the Playa are either not assessed at all
or else shamefully at \$1⁰⁰ each.

As she owns so much property, the location

Recd Dec 1791
Recd Dec 1791

San Diego Nov 27. 1879

Friend Whaley

I enclosed find a list
of Mrs Bensley's lots in San Diego
made out by her agent Mr
Chas P. Wall and handed
me to send to you for her.

I have been ~~conspiring~~
twice already & I suppose will
have to see him two or three
times more before I can get him
to make selection for Alexander
& Littlefield. Few people have
any idea of the labor devolving
on me in this matter - I have to
see some people a dozen times
before finishing, and letters
innumerable and persistent.
I made application to one man
East, he refused, because he had

been fooled by Scott & lost his land
I replied that because he did not
do that business on plain business
principles he deserved to lose, that
we meant business this time and
suggested that he could not afford
to act foolish, ^{the 2^d time} by utterly refusing
to help us, - and course of course
brought a letter offering some 20 lots.

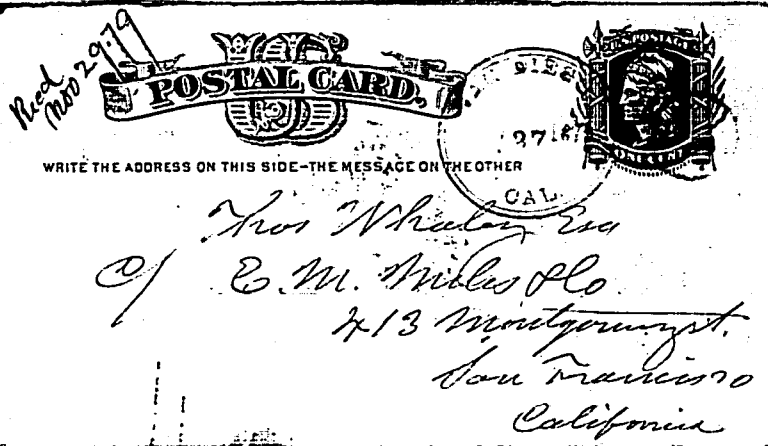
The Chronicle of 24th in financial
article, is a little fairer towards San
Diego than I have seen in the Tribune etc.

I see that the A. T. & Pacific agents
are looking at the Cajon Pass
route of San Bernardino - I don't like
the looks of this - too much of the
old Atlantic & Pacific 35th favorable
route, for us.

I think I wrote you that we had
demanded from Scott to fulfill his promise
and return our lands. He has just answered
by telegram, that he had been about, & will reply by
letter.

Dilworth writes he is confident
Scott will commence work here in the
spring, but don't believe the A. T. & P. Co.
will build to San Diego.

Yours truly E. W. Morse.



I send you a "Middletown" snap by
this mail - it is a borrowed one -
Mr Noel will send a list of Mrs. B's. to-
morrow. You may need a glass to see
some of the numbers

E.W.M.



Rec'd Dec 8
Cura

San Diego Dec 5th 1879

Friend Whaley

I have been out of town & on my return find several letters from you. The Committee appreciate your services and thank you for your efforts in the good cause, you will deserve full credit for any donation from thus thereby especially.

The "Reservation" is a portion of the Middleton tract - it was necessarily separated in the deed but no distinction is made on the map. Presumably Breun has received his intent there as well as in the upper part of Middleton.

I am sorry to hear of my friend Fred's Sawyer's death. I do not suppose his administrator could do anything regarding his former donation.

I do not think Levi W. Kimball owns any intent in the National Ranch - I mean an undivided intent with the other brothers - he does own a small tract of segregated land there, and may have done something to assist his brothers, though I have never heard of it, but as he owns some valuable land in the City limits I thought he ought to do something for San Diego, but as he thinks he has done enough, that ends it.

Wetmore may be right as to routes; don't think he now has any intent north of the city, nothing on his tax list - he sold to the Company years ago.

Felsenfeld has not been retained in the East in the interest on at the expense of the people of San Diego for 3 years past. He is "fooling" no one here, and having few if any of our citizens have any hope from Scott. Felsenfeld is not in our confidence and can not therefore complicate matters so there is no "screw loose there". Felsenfeld has offered to donate property to our enterprise & I expect his deal soon - he thinks the A.P. & S.P. will certainly build to San Diego as well as to Guaymas.

The Commissioners & Engineer have returned from San Bernardino the Engineer also visited Warner Pass - he followed the San Luis Rey river from Warner down to the ocean 45 miles northwest of here. He says but very little about the routes on the country except in general terms. Sometimes we think they favor the

northern route, but they try to be non committal.
At their meeting at my office to day they met a delegate from
Lower California, who described a good route to the river
and who offered large tracts of land as concessions.
Such a road could easily strike their Guaymas branch.

I wish Judge Hyde had arrived sooner.
I very much doubt if the Southern Pacific & Texas Pacific have combined
unless they have done so within a few days. What can the
Southern Pacific gain by it? It is the only road reaching El Paso
from the West and can give it's freight to any one of half a
dozen roads that will take the coal. What Arnold said to
you all looks very reasonable. And of course I understand
where he gets such ideas. The Central Pacific never intends
to pay one dollar of interest or principal of the money loaned them
by the Gov't, but the Sherman bill has squeezed them terribly,
and it seems to me they will never let the 1st mortgage bondholders
foreclose & take the road their crying out the Gov't claim and
as they hold them over bonds, it will be a sure way to ruin
the Gov't & they still own the road.

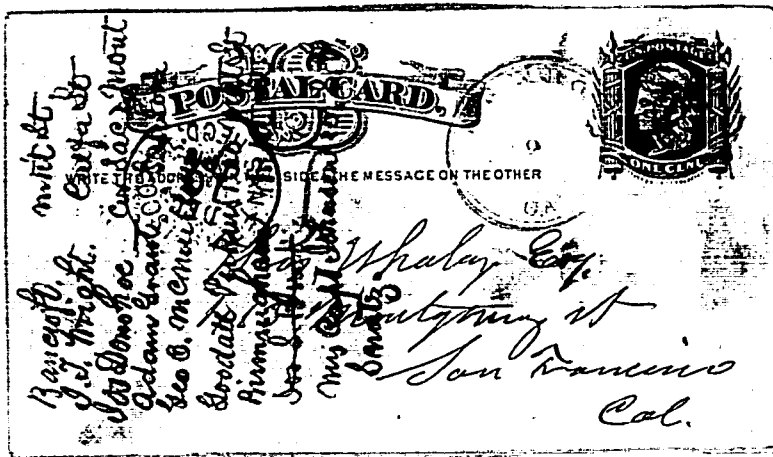
Do not fear that anyone here is waiting on Scott, if both roads
stood on equal show you out of 10 I would prefer the Atchafalaya road.
Scott's letter has arrived - you will see it in tomorrow's letter - he
offers to surrender one half the lands conditionally, to any Co. that
will build 100 miles east from San Diego, but says he intends to
build himself to San Diego.

You did very well indeed in the Beverly matter - that is provided
we get the deed. I wish she had offered some in the Boston
part of Middletown, but it is all satisfactory and of course should
be left to her judgment.
Sorghum made out deeds & sent to Littlefield, as the property
stands in his name & not in Alex. Under.

I have no doubt the Boston matter mentioned by Granis are
connected with the C.P. & T.P. Co. and will keep the matter open
till the terminus question is decided. Keep posted
with Granis on this matter & when he reaches the sale, you
may be sure, the matter is all right for San Diego.
I will see if an offer can be made by my friend. It was absurd
to think alfalfa would grow on this land. We can see the map
& all about the tide lands here.

Mr Morley the Engineer leaves in a day or two for Guaymas
to commence work there. Another Engineer may be
sent here. The Commissioners may leave for Boston in
a few days - they will not make known their report
before leaving. I feel more confident than ever before
that we are to have a railroad from some point.

Yours More



Benjamin A. Wright
Adam Grant
Geo. C. McNeill
Goodale
Rimington
Mrs. J. J. Smith

Whaley Corp.
San Francisco
Cal.

POSTAL CARD
ONE CENT
PAID

TELL THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER SIDE

San Francisco
Cal.

Mr J. S. Gordon of Gordon Hazard & Co goes up
on the steamer tomorrow. He stops at the
Russ House. You may wish to see him as
he is one of our Committee. He will probably
wish to see J. P. Smith & get his offer extended
as time is out on the 11th. I have urged him
to see Bancroft, and you can probably suggest
some others for him to see.
Matters are progressing fairly, but too much
northwesterly, but no decision yet.

E. V. M.

RECEIVED
JUN 10 1850

San Diego Dec 17/99
Friend Vernal

Neddy Hyde went up on
yesterday's steamer - hopes to meet
you - he accomplished nothing
satisfactory I think -

Miss Ginn has sent her
note for \$250. & promises a deed
for lots as soon as she selects
them.

am glad the S. P. is
waking up, hope they will reach
here before the A. T. & S. P. starts out
with it might force them to take
the more direct route.

Some Eastern people believe
that certain combinations have been
formed by & with the Texas Pacific
Co. which will build
the Texas Pacific to El Paso, force
the S. P. to sell out to them & then
build on the direct line from Yuma
to San Diego. Kelso wrote
me a few days ago that Gen. & Dodge
had taken the contract to complete
the road to El Paso and that Gould
was interested in it. "it never
rains but it pours" and possibly
we may get a shower of railroads.

Can't imagine where Mrs
Bawley's timber land is unless it is on
the San Jacinto mountains - if so
the road is likely to go near the foot
of them - or might do so. Bishop
Allamans was quite a land speculator

he bought the Picuris ranch in
this County - had his brother on it
a long time - there is a little town
on this ranch but not 15000 acres
not over 800 I think, perhaps not so
much. It is on the San Luis Rey
river. I have been over every foot of
it.

Our dog got lost and not yet returned.
If necessary to get (Bischel's) ~~lot~~
lot we can compensate them & so
they will give him over \$500 =

No new developments here
and estate feels better, some 50
or 60 lots on Monrovia & Schiller's
additions have changed hands within
a few days at \$850 and \$600 a lot.
The suburbs however, are I believe
with one exception, all our own
people, no outsiders see anything
yet.

The town is very quiet, all as
usual in the line of legitimate
business.

Yours truly
E. W. Moore.

San Diego, Calif. March 1850

Com: C. A. Garrison

New York.

Dear Sir,

Permit me the honor to introduce to you the bearer,
Frank A. Kimball Esq, one of our most prominent ^{business} citizens,
the senior partner of Messrs Kimball Bros, proprietors of the National
Ranch, a large and valuable property located upon the Bay of
San Diego adjoining the town.

Our people, reposing the greatest confidence in his
integrity and business qualifications, have commissioned him to
pursue East, to negotiate with capitalists for the construction of a
Rail Road from this point to connect with some one of the many
roads, now seeking the most favorable outlet on the Pacific
Coast, hoping thereby to compete ^{more profitably} for the commerce of the world,
than it can at present be done, with the aid of Steamers, from
San Francisco.

Aware of your well earned reputation as a rail-
road and steamship projector, and of your large interests
in Western Rail Roads, I confidently recommend our

Mr. Kimball to your kind consideration, and would bespeak for him sufficient of your valuable time as to permit him to explain fully (which he will do most conscientiously) the object of his mission.

He will give you much valuable and reliable information respecting our harbor, climate, lower sites - and demonstrate the practicability and advisability of making this port the terminus of a great transcontinental railway - besides offering such valuable inducements in the way of franchises, depot grounds, land grants and the right of way through this City and County to Port Union, that perhaps you may be disposed to take hold of the enterprise, or at least recommend it to the favorable consideration of some of your wealthy acquaintances. Gould or Vanderbilt, for instance, might do so.

Any attention or facilities extended to our Mr. Kimball for the prosecution of the object of his mission will be duly appreciated and remembered by

Yours Very Respectfully,
Wm. McChesney.

P.S. I recd. with pleasure the severe intimation which I had with you sending the unsuccessful negotiation of the sale of the lot near of Springfield, for timber of our friend Mr. Corinne Young. I remember to you request to call upon you previous to negotiation to Crutcher, but offer you otherwise (Wm. 1870) as an option. Could I have seen one freely, it might have been suitably advantageous. I think of those ranches, and the thousands of head of cattle, and wonder if you will not say our benefit from them, being as you estimate, to the amount of \$250,000. Can I help you, I think to you, now? Wm. McChesney and Co.